



The Benefice of
Eggardon & Colmers

PEWS NEWS

26 July 2026

Eighth Sunday after
Trinity/James the Apostle

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SERVICES

Sunday 26 July	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Sunday 26 July	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Symondsbury
Sunday 26 July	6.30pm	Evensong	Askerswell
Sunday 26 July	6.30pm	Evensong	North Poorton
Sunday 2 August	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Powerstock
Sunday 2 August	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders
Sunday 9 August	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Symondsbury
Sunday 9 August	9.30am	Eucharist	North Poorton
Sunday 9 August	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Askerswell
Sunday 16 August	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Loders
Sunday 16 August	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 16 August	6.30pm	Holy Communion	Broad oak

Click on this [link](#) if you would like to see who is taking each service.



The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SEA SUNDAY SERVICE – THIS SUNDAY 26 JULY SYMONSDBURY

This Sunday we will be celebrating Sea Sunday in our Benefice Communion service at Symondsbury, and everyone is invited to join us. This is a time set aside in the Church Year to pray for our merchant seafarers and to give thanks for their crucial work.

It has been a particularly difficult year for the men and women who bring us 90% of everything we own and use, and Reverend Carole, who works for maritime charity Sailors' Society, will be leading the service and telling us some of the lived stories behind the headlines around the Straits of Hormuz and what the Society does every day to support the world's 1.9 million seafarers and their families.



The service is family-friendly, and the stories are well worth listening to, so it's ideal to bring along neighbours, guests and friends.

We will also be encouraging people to bring surfboards, wetsuits and body boards, in fact anything they use in the sea, and we'll bless them for the year ahead!

See you on Sunday 11 am at St John the Baptist, Symondsbury.

Oh No, More Seeds | Rev Chat Podcast 303

The Revs peck at more of Jesus' seed related parables.

Click on the link to view.



BIRTHS/DEATHS/MARRIAGES

This Saturday, we have the wedding of Caitlin and Paul at St John the Baptist, Symondsburry.

POWERSTOCK FETE THIS SATURDAY 25 JULY 2-5PM

*COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THE POWERSTOCK FETE
THIS SATURDAY 25 JULY 2-5PM*

*ENTRY £2.50
UNDER 16'S FREE!*



POWERSTOCK
Country Fete

Saturday 25 July 2-5pm

VINTAGE VEHICLES **NOVELTY** **Bridport Steel Band**
MAGIC & FUN SCIENCE **DOG SHOW**
SKITTLES **BBQ • BAR • ICES • TEAS**
WOODLAND CRAFTS

TOMBOLA • GAMES **SILENT AUCTION**
BOUNCY CASTLE **TUG O' WAR**

ALL SORTS OF INTERESTING STALLS AND MUCH MORE!

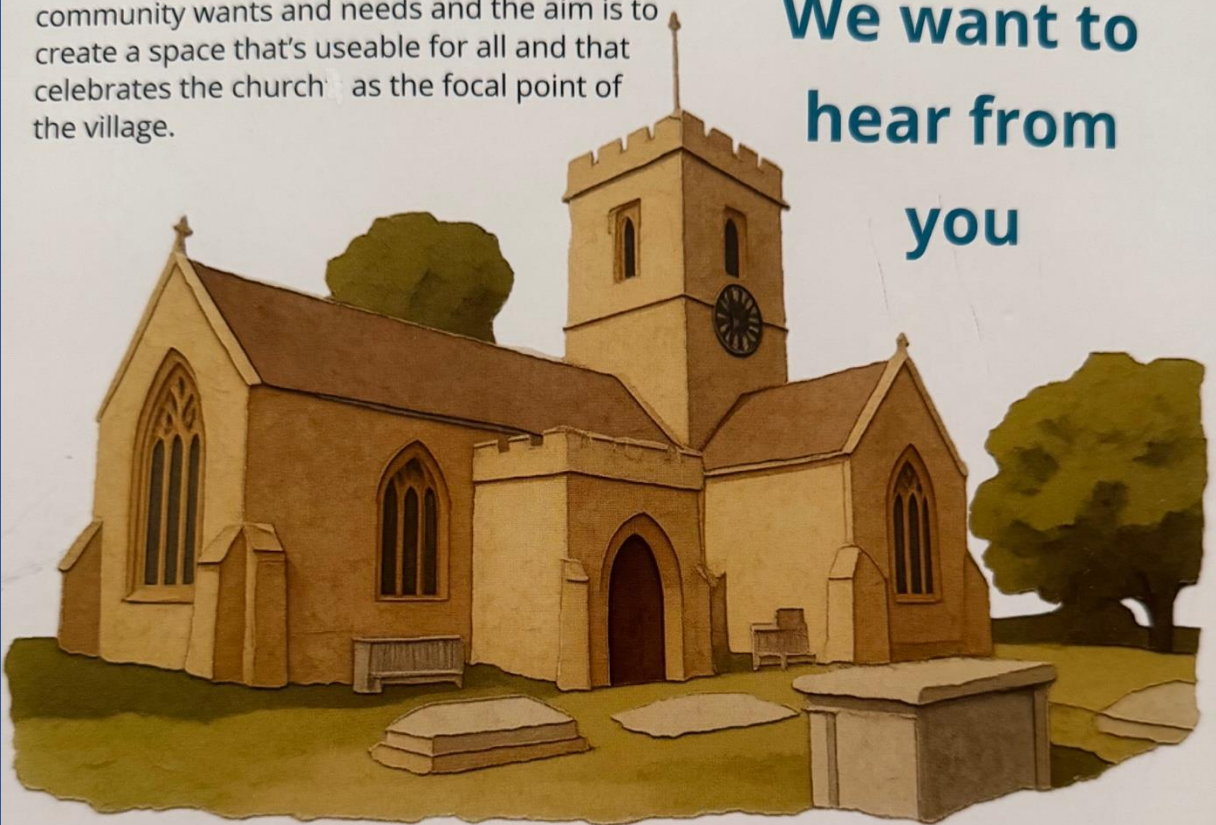
The Weir Sports Field, NETTLECOMBE DT6 3SY Entry: £2.50. Under 16s free.

St John the Baptist | Symondsburry Church

St John the Baptist is looking to adapt and modernise the church building so it can become a versatile space and hub of activity for villagers, parishioners and visitors.

The modernisation will respond to what the community wants and needs and the aim is to create a space that's useable for all and that celebrates the church as the focal point of the village.

**We want to
hear from
you**



**Have your say on the future of
St John the Baptist Church, Symondsburry
We'd love to hear your views.**
surveyhero.com/c/Symondsburry

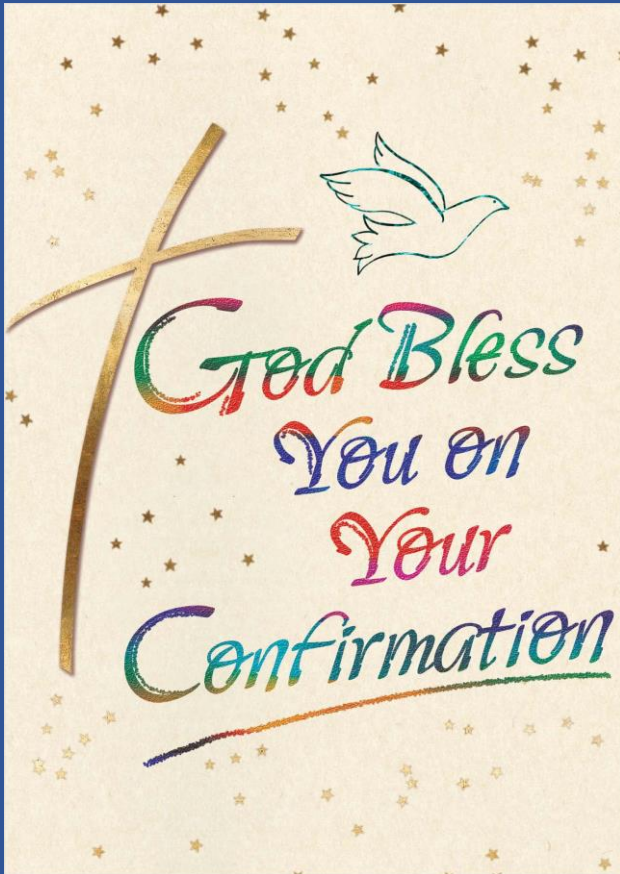


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CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR CHILDREN

Rev Cally Burch from Bridport is running **Confirmation Classes for Children** and any interested young candidates from our Parish are welcome to join in.

They will take place on Wednesdays at lunch time during the school holidays.



Venue: Cally's home address:
5 Garden Close,
Bridport DT6 3AJ

Time: 12.30pm start

Dates: 29 July then 5, 12, 19
and 26 August

In addition to the above there will be some adult classes on a Wednesday with Rev Cally Burch.

Please contact Rev Chris Grasske for more information if you are interested in joining the classes.

Thank you.



LODERS
FETE

Saturday
1st August

ENTRY £2

CHILDREN UNDER 12 GO FREE

Classic VEHICLE Display

FAMILY DOG SHOW

2-5pm

LODERS COURT, DT6 3RZ

- POP-UP BAR • TEA TENT • GRAND RAFFLE •
- TOMBOLA • COCONUT SHY & MUCH MORE!

MAGIC & ENTERTAINMENT FROM 'COUNT BACKWARDS'

MUSIC FROM THE LYME REGIS TOWN BAND

- FREE PARKING •

Raising funds for Loders Church and local community organisations



Kaleidoscope

“Eight multitude of colours in nature, from flowers to landscapes and seascapes, bringing them all together in a celebration of West Dorset.”

Kaleidoscope is on daily from July 23 to August 2, 10:30am – 4:30pm at Eype Church, near Bridport, DT6 6AR.

Artists will be there every day with some art available for sale. There's free parking, stunning coast views and the arts centre is very close to Eype beach – so come and make a day of it.

Artists, all living within 15 miles of Eype, have come together to celebrate the colours and landscapes of the Jurassic Coast in a new exhibition.

It features original prints, paintings and drawings by Alison Boyland, Sally Bowsher, Richard Corbett, Jane Coxhill, Deborah Harris, Tash Hayball, Kate Brookman and Hank Harp.

CAKE WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST

CAKE



Our next café is on Wednesday 5 August

From 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Venue: Askerswell Village Hall, DT2 9EW

Theme: Invisible Women

lizguard@ymail.com

Details and lifts from Liz Guard, Lay Pastoral Assistant,
01308 485463

Everyone welcome!

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER VIA ZOOM 8.00AM



On a Wednesday morning, Rev Chris holds a Morning Prayer Service over zoom starting at 8.00a.m.

If you are interested in joining this service, please contact Rev Chris by email (revcgrasske@gmail.com) and he will send you a link, so you are able to join in. Thank you.



Symondsburry Summer Fete

St John's Churchyard
Saturday 8th August
2.30– 5.30pm

Cream Teas



Cake Stall
Bottle Stall

Bric a Brac
Music & Games
and lots more....



Not to be missed!

*The Results of the Annual
Potato Growing Competition*

*Brought you by Dave Warren
and assisted by Harry Harrison*

*All Welcome! Bring your family & friends, a
pic-nic blanket and join the fun.
If the weather is wet, we'll be in the Church*

Proceeds of the Fete towards the restoration and
improvements to our Church



“SAY ONE FOR ME...”

If you have any concerns that you would like Rev Chris to pray for, he has a list of people and things that he prays for every day and would happily add your request to that list.

To be added to his prayer list, send him an email or text message with “Say one for me” in the subject heading.

07977 136750 or
revcgrasske@gmail.com



PRAYER TREES



We also have twisted willow ‘Prayer Trees’ in our four larger churches, where you can hang a prayer on the tree.

These are collected regularly and included in the prayers at ‘Cake’ before being passed on to Rev Chris.

CHURCH DONATIONS



We now have facilities at Loders to take contactless donations and at Askerswell, Powerstock and Symondsbury donations can be made through QR codes.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations that help support our churches.

LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

[Our Facebook](#)

[Our Website](#)

If you have any relevant newsworthy items for inclusion in future editions of The Pews News, please send them to our email address below. Ensure they arrive by Thursday 12 noon so we can get them published the same week. Thank you.

CONTACTS & INFORMATION

To receive your weekly **Pews News** and other updates from the Benefice, please email the administrator using the link here:

[Benefice Administrator Email](#)

Neighbourhood Watch: If you live in the Benefice and would like any help, advice or a chat, please contact the administrator who can arrange for someone from one of the local teams to get in touch.

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