



The Benefice of  
Eggardon & Colmers

# PEWS NEWS

8 March 2026  
Third Sunday of Lent  
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## SERVICES

Sunday 8 March	9.30am	Eucharist	North Poorton
Sunday 8 March	10.30am	Morning Worship	Dottery
Sunday 8 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Askerswell
Sunday 8 March	4.00pm	Contemplative Church	Symondsbury
Sunday 15 March	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Loders
Sunday 15 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 15 March	6.30pm	Holy Communion	Broadoak
Sunday 22 March	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Sunday 22 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Symondsbury
Sunday 22 March	6.30pm	Evensong	Askerswell
Sunday 22 March	6.30pm	Evensong	North Poorton
Sunday 29 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders

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



### *The Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Contemplative Church in Silence and Song

If you are planning to attend the Contemplative Service this Sunday at Symondsburry the details are below.



Meet at 3.30pm in Hazlemead, to start walking to Symondsburry at 3.45pm. Led by Lorna Johnson. The church service starts at 4pm, led by Rev Deb Smith & Rev Chris Grasske.



For those who choose to walk to the service you will be given a subject to contemplate on the walk, and walkers should bring an object to place at the front for meditation. The service in church will involve singing, silence, meditation and candle lighting.



[Thirst Quenchers | Rev Chat Podcast 288](#)

Definitely not the story of Jesus and the woman at the well.

Click on the link above to view.

## MELPLASH SHOW – PLAN A STAND

This year we will be having a bigger stand at the Melplash show and we are looking for volunteers to help create a fabulous, professional pitch! This will take effort and planning. So, we are having a 'Plan A Stand' informal gathering at Coffee No.1 in Bridport on Saturday 7 March. Rev Chris will be there from 10.00am.

If you would like to be involved but you aren't free on that date, just email Chris and let him know. Thank you.

## LENT COURSE

*This year the Church of England's Lent theme "is a 'rhythm of life' – habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of God's saving love at Easter"*

This is a series of daily reflections to be followed individually, and it is the Lent course being followed within our Benefice and by the Beaminster Team.

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**DRAW  
NEAR**  
LIFE-GIVING  
HABITS FOR LENT

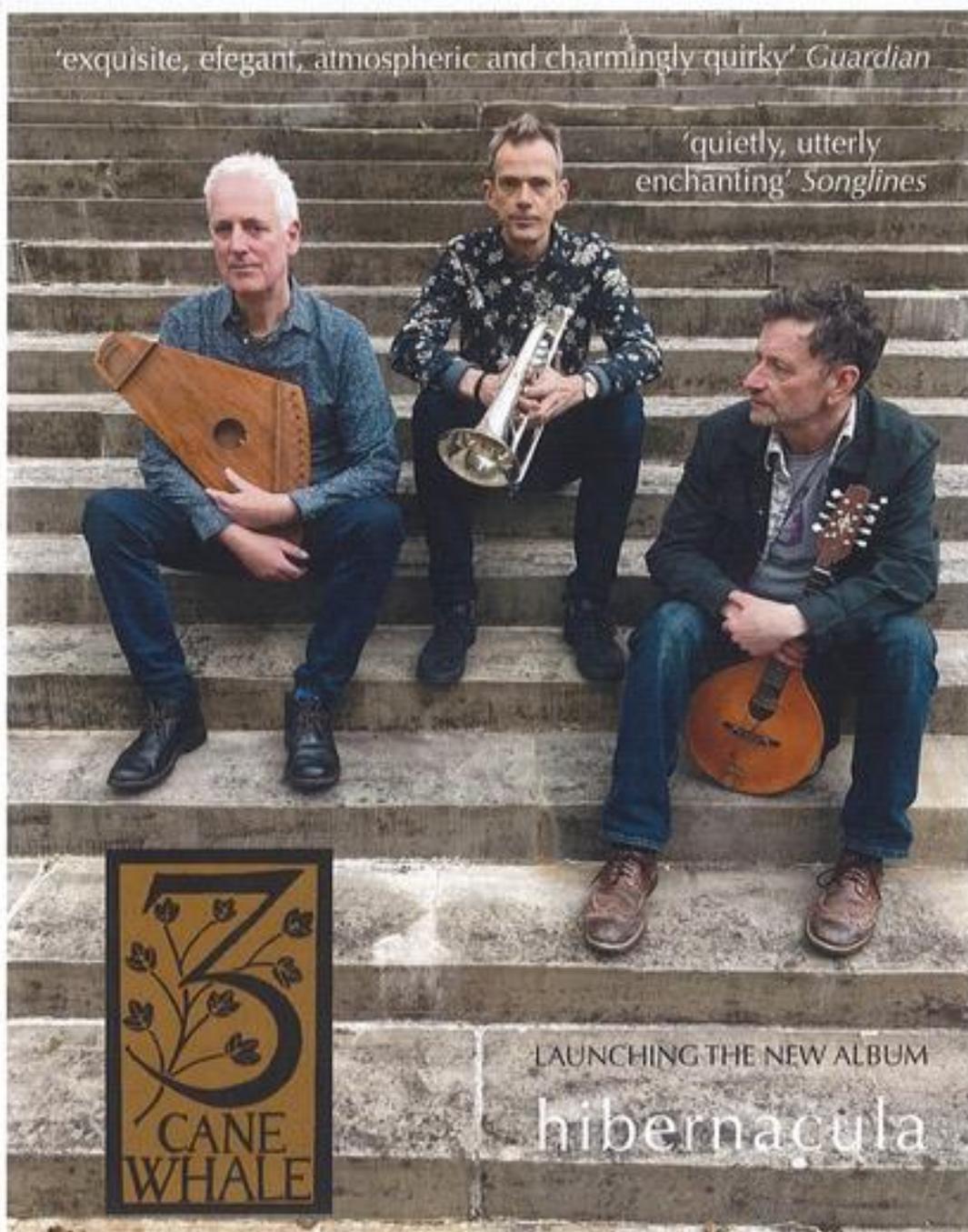
Draw closer to God this Lent with our new daily devotional – plus a special version for children to share the journey.

Find out more via  
[cofe.io/DrawNear](http://cofe.io/DrawNear)



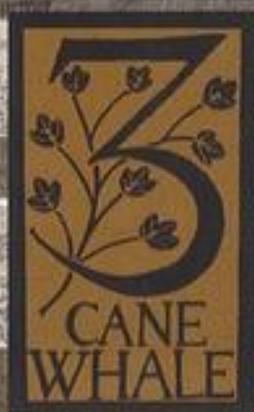
For more information on Lent from the Church of England, click on the following [link](#).

POWERSTOCK HUT FRIDAY 13 MARCH 7.30PM



'exquisite, elegant, atmospheric and charmingly quirky' *Guardian*

'quietly, utterly  
enchanting' *Songlines*



LAUNCHING THE NEW ALBUM

hibernacula

**POWERSTOCK HUT**  
**Friday 13 March, 7:30pm**

£12.50, £6 (u18s), £35 (family) at [artsreach.co.uk](http://artsreach.co.uk)

or Matthew Solon: 07775 590579 / [matthew.solon@fticonsulting.com](mailto:matthew.solon@fticonsulting.com)

Doors & bar available from 7pm

**Artsreach**

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## A Quiet Day for Lent

Lent invites us to slow down, make space and listen for God.  
Why not give one day back to Him this year?  
You may be surprised how much difference it makes.

*From previous participants:*

*"It ministered to the soul."*

*"I found the day fed me."*

*"Just what I needed amid all  
the busyness at home!"*

Choose from one of  
three Saturdays:



28 March

These gentle and informal Quiet Days are open to all. They provide you with room to reflect on Bible passages in fresh ways, drawing once again on excerpts from Rageh Omaar's acclaimed BBC documentary series.

After exploring the crucifixion and resurrection last year, we now turn to the Gospel miracles.

In a small, intimate group, we have a chance to look at these familiar stories through the eyes of the first-century world; through Jesus himself, His disciples, His critics and those who encountered Him.

And reflect together: "What do these miracles mean for me today?"

Each Quiet Day includes worship, film excerpts, group reflection, quiet personal time, and a shared lunch. Weather permitting, there will also be time to walk the local lanes and enjoy sea views.

The day takes place at Revd Carole's home in Fishpond Bottom.

Numbers are limited, so to book your place or just to find out more  
email: [carolepeters@aol.com](mailto:carolepeters@aol.com)

The 14 March course is now full, but Carole still has spaces available on 28 March.

Thank you.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER VIA ZOOM 8.00AM



Each 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 ([revcggrasske@gmail.com](mailto:revcggrasske@gmail.com)) and he will send you a link, so you are able to join in. Thank you.

## CAKE – WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

# CAKE

Our next café is on Wednesday  
1 April

From 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Venue: Askerswell Village Hall,

DT2 9EW

**Theme: Darkness to Light.**

[lizguard@ymail.com](mailto:lizguard@ymail.com)

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

*Everyone welcome!*



## SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER



Below we have the details of our services during Holy Week. Easter Sunday is much more meaningful if you have attended some of the other services, so do come along during Holy Week if you can.

Palm Sunday 29 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders
Tuesday 31 March	7pm	Compline	Powerstock
Wednesday 1 April	7pm	Compline	Loders
Maundy Thursday 2 April	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist & Seder Meal	Askerswell
Good Friday 3 April	12-3pm	Good Friday Meditation	Symondsbury
Easter Saturday 4 April	7pm	Easter Vigil & First Communion of Easter	Broad oak
Easter Sunday 5 April	9.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion	Dottery
Easter Sunday 5 April	9.30am	Easter Eucharist	Askerswell
Easter Sunday 5 April	11.00am	Easter Eucharist	Loders
Easter Sunday 5 April	11.00am	Easter Eucharist	Powerstock
Easter Sunday 5 April	6.30pm	Easter Eucharist	Eype

**Pint & Ponder**  
**Three Horseshoes Inn**  
**Powerstock**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April from 7pm**



The topic of conversation will be  
'Has Social Media had its day?'

## “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 Symondsburry 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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