



The Benefice of
Eggardon & Colmers

PEWS NEWS

22 February 2026
First Sunday of Lent
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SERVICES

Sunday 22 February	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Sunday 22 February	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Symondsburry
Sunday 22 February	6.30pm	Evensong	Askerswell
Sunday 22 February	6.30pm	Evensong	North Poorton
Sunday 1 March	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Powerstock
Sunday 1 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders
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	Symondsburry
Sunday 15 March	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Loders
Sunday 15 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 15 March	6.30pm	Holy Communion	Broad oak
Sunday 22 March	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Sunday 22 March	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Symondsburry
Sunday 22 March	6.30pm	Evensong	Askerswell
Sunday 22 March	6.30pm	Evensong	North Poorton

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



The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your
Spirit;

and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

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.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**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



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



[Adorable Creatures | Rev Chat Podcast 287](#)

Temptation, and the hungry time Jesus spent in the wilderness.

Click on the link above to view.

BIRTHS/DEATHS/MARRIAGES

It is with sadness that we share the news that
Doris Whichelo has passed away.

A Thanksgiving Service will take place at St Michael & All Angels,
Askerswell on Thursday 5 March at 12 noon.

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:

21 February

14 March

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

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) and he will send you a link, so you are able to join in. Thank you.

CAKE – WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

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Our next café is on Wednesday 4 March

From 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Venue: Askerswell Village Hall, DT2 9EW

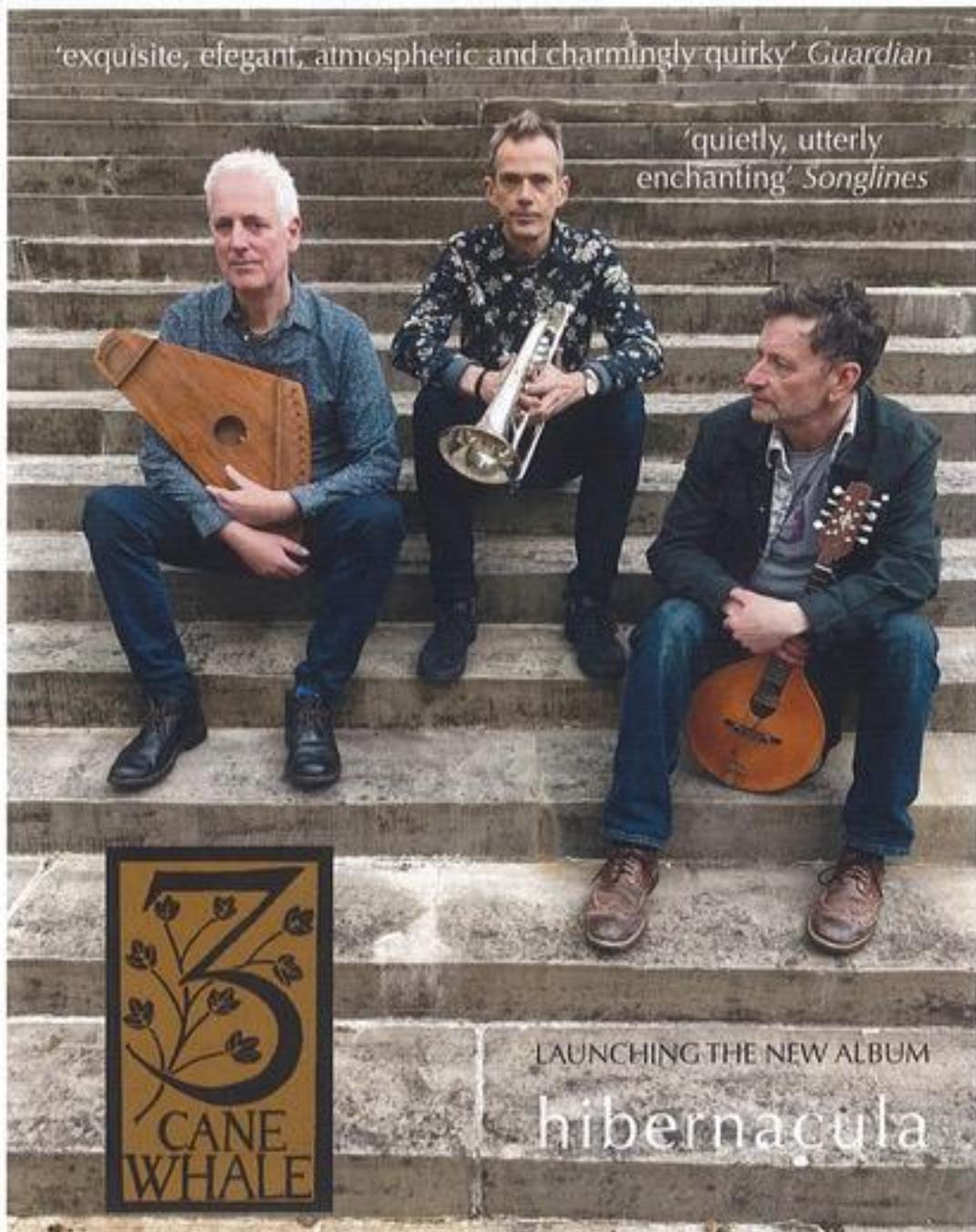
Theme: The Lord's Prayer

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

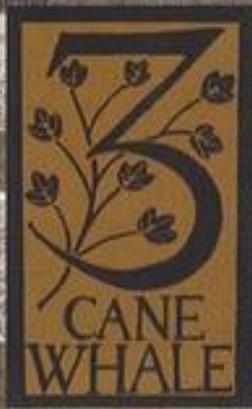
Everyone welcome!

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

or Matthew Solon: 07775 590579 / matthew.solon@fticonsulting.com

Doors & bar available from 7pm

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“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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