



THE WINDRUSH BENEFICE

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(the Rector is always pleased to learn of anyone who might be helped by a visit at home or in hospital, or who would like to receive holy communion at home)

NEWSLETTER for MAY 2017

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

The uplifting hymn from which these words come, sung to Handel's inspirational music from his oratorio *Judas Maccabæus*, will have formed the staple of Easter Day services up and down the country. It is not surprising that it is also one of the most popular hymns chosen for funeral services, and it is good that in this way we can potentially be reminded of the Easter message throughout the year. For in the public mind, with March and April now behind us, so too is Easter (probably with some relief on the part of those who have gone to work on an excess of Easter eggs!).

The Church calendar emphasises, though, how during this month Easter is still very much part of the present. The gospels, and the opening chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, record that for forty

days from ‘the day of resurrection’ (to quote the first line of another popular Easter hymn), Christ continued to appear to his followers, encouraging and teaching them. There are the heart-warming stories of appearances to two disciples on the road to Emmaus on that first Easter day, to the apostles in a locked room of a house in Jerusalem that same evening and again a week later, and also much later the memorable story of his standing on the shore of Lake Galilee and telling the disciples who had been fishing unsuccessfully all night to ‘cast the net to the right side of the boat’ (successfully) instead.

St. John in his gospel emphasises one very important point regarding this period of forty days (a number with a particular resonance and significance in the Old Testament as well as the New). It is simply that the inspiration of the *risen* Christ that began with his appearance to Mary Magdalene spread quickly to include his disciples and closest followers and continued to act as a living, renewed force within them during those few weeks. And St. John stresses that that inspiration is able to provide *all* people with the means to live a fuller, more caring life.

Jesus’s post-Resurrection appearances are recorded as culminating in his Ascension, forty days after Easter. That will be commemorated this year by a service of Holy Communion at Great Barrington on 25 May. So if you are searching for inspiration

With every blessing,

Nick•

PARISH RECORDS

Funeral & Burial

10 April	Eva Margaret Henley	Aldsworth
	David Cyril Margetts	Sherborne

BENEFICE JOTTINGS

We are sorry to report the deaths of **Eva Margaret Henley (1932-2017)**, and **David Cyril Margetts (1926-2017)** on 27 and 28 March respectively. Margaret had for many years worked for Lord Sherborne and lived quietly in retirement in Sherborne; David, well known locally for his plant stall outside his home in Haycroft Road and at the weekly Northleach Market, had moved twelve months ago to be nearer his daughter in Yorkshire. May they both rest in peace.

Windrush's answer to Usain Bolt



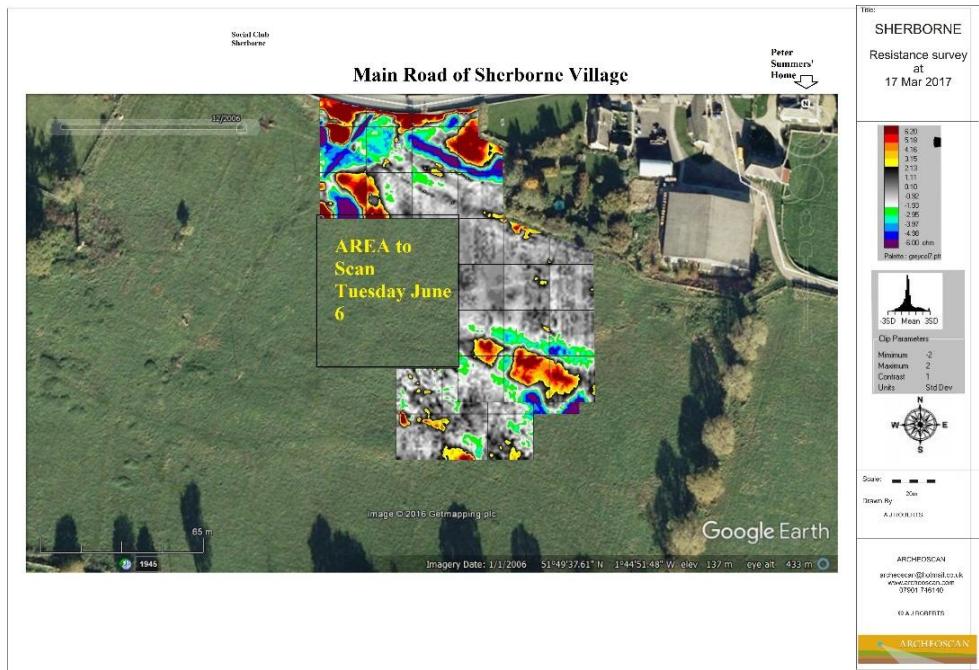
Ann Hillary, who was married in St Peter's, Windrush, and whose father is buried in the churchyard, undertook the Jurassic Coastal Challenge in March to help to raise funds for the floor Appeal. This involved running three extended marathons on three successive days, and she finished a very creditable 86th out of the 176 competitors. Many congratulations to her on this achievement and equally for managing to raise £1881 for the Appeal. A truly superhuman effort!

Another Sherborne archaeological dig

A first day of a geophysical survey in Upper Ground, Sherborne, revealed the likely presence of building foundations in the field (the red colouring marks the highest level of resistance, so there is certainly something of interest beneath the turf).

A second day of surveying is planned to take place on Tuesday, 6 June, and if anyone is interested in volunteering to help to set up the grids in 20m squares, please contact Diane Lovell on drdlovell@gmail.com.

The purpose of setting up the grids is to identify the most promising areas for exploration, so that the most efficient use can be made of the professional archaeologist's time. If all goes well, permission will be sought for a test trench to be dug over the course of a week-end during the summer. The archaeological dig that was conducted in 2013 in an area nearby uncovered a Roman corn dryer – what might be awaiting discovery in this part of the field?! Again, volunteers will be very welcome to help.



Benefice restorations

At the time of writing, work has now begun on relaying the floor in **Windrush** church – progress will be reported next month, but it is expected that the project will take another three months. A most generous donation of £7,500 has been offered by The Gloucestershire Environmental Trust Company, based near Highnam, and the Appeal organisers are most grateful to the Trust for this very helpful support.



A considerably smaller project has been completed in **Sherborne** church, thanks to similar generosity on the part of an anonymous donor. The group of figures on the rood screen, representing Mary (the mother of Jesus) and the apostle John at the foot of the cross on Good Friday have been spruced up, with the opportunity being taken to tone the colour of Mary's tunic to one that is more iconographically correct (rose as opposed to scarlet is traditionally associated with her). The work has been carried out by Art School graduate Malcolm Campbell, and the result is terrific! Many thanks indeed.

**Teatowels for sale –
in aid of Sherborne Church and Sherborne Pre-School**

Twelve year old Ferdy Penfold is developing a serious talent as an artist. He has produced this very attractive teatowel to help two local good causes. Available @£10 from Margaret Shaw at 39 Sherborne.



Gardening tips for May by Alan Abraham

Sow runner beans, French beans, courgettes, sweet corn and beetroot. Stake herbaceous plants and watch out for greenfly and slugs. Earth up early potatoes, plant dahlias, spray roses with fungicide, and apples and pears with fungicide against codling moth and sawfly larvae. Pinch out early flowering chrysanthemums. When sowing seed, I always give the seed drill a good soaking, and try to avoid overhead watering as it isn't the same as good old rain. And above all, enjoy yourself!

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7 May (Easter 4) hymns 517, 594, 589, 496

9.45am Service for May **Sherborne**

11.15am Eucharist **Aldsworth**

Sunday 14 May (Easter 5) hymns 585, 538 (odd vv.), 565, 589

9.30am Morning Praise **Windrush**

10.45am Holy Communion (1662) **Little Barrington**

Sunday 21 May (Easter 6) hymns 470, 250 (odd vv.), 380, 496

9.45am Holy Communion **Sherborne**

11.15am Rogation service **Aldsworth**

Ascension Day, Thursday 25 May hymns 166, 172, 563

7.30pm Benefice Eucharist **Great Barrington**

Sunday 28 May (Sunday after Ascension) hymns 167, 507, 163, 563

9.30am Eucharist **Windrush**

10.45am Matins (1662) **Little Barrington**

Sunday 4 June (Pentecost) hymns 174, 191, 175, 474

9.45am Matins **Sherborne**

11.15 am Eucharist **Aldsworth**

6pm Songs of Praise **Great Barrington**

Sunday 11 June (Trinity Sunday) hymns 516, 555, 380 (odd vv.), 612

9.30am Eucharist **Windrush**

10.45am Holy Communion (1662) **Little Barrington**

Sunday 18 June (Trinity 1) hymns 369 (om. 2), 621, 516, 612

9.45am Holy Communion **Sherborne**

11.15am Morning Praise **Aldsworth**

Sunday 25 June (St Peter & St Paul) hymns 1, 380 (odd vv.),

9.30am Morning Praise **Windrush** 490 (om. 4), 496

10.45am Holy Communion (1662) **Little Barrington**

EVENTS IN MAY

The Benefice's website is windrushbenefice.weebly.com and is now being maintained by Steven White. We are most grateful to him for taking on this responsibility.

Sunday 7 May, 9.45am Service for May in Sherborne Church

Saturday 13 May, 7pm Italian Supper Evening, Windrush Village Hall.

Tickets £12 from Joanna McKerlie, 844233 (returns only)

Sunday 21 May, 11.15am Rogation Service in Aldsworth parish,
commencing in church and followed by
refreshments

Sunday, 28 May, 9am – 12.30pm Farmers Market, Countrywide
Stores, Bourton-on-the-Water.

Fresh, high quality food direct from local farmers
and small producers. Expect to find seasonal fruit
and vegetables, lamb, beef, pork, poultry, free-
range eggs, local game, honey, preserves, cakes,
cheeses, fruit juice and plants, some organic
produce and more . . .

FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday 14 June, 2pm 'The Sherborne Princesses'. Repeat of Diane Lovell's fascinating presentation, in Sherborne Church

Saturday 8 July Sherborne Fête

Sunday 16 July Concert by Fretwork in Sherborne Church

Saturday 22 July Windrush Flower Show, Great Barrington

Sunday 6 August Lunch on the Green at Windrush.



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