

April Newsletter

Article from Hilary Bond

News from the Parish ...

New Team Rectors and Team Vicar Recruitment

We hope you have heard the good news that the Revds. Neil Kelly and Deborah Swann have been selected as our new Team Rectors. They will be moving into the Rectory in June and will be inducted by the Bishop of Sherborne, Bishop Karen Gorham, on Sunday 6th July at 10am in Lady St Mary's Church.

We have also been authorised by the Diocese to start the process of recruiting a new Team Vicar. The Parish Profile will be revised and the post advertised, and we hope that interviews will be held in early July. Please pray that suitable people will apply, and that the person of God's choice will be appointed. The Team Vicar is selected by the Bishop and the Team Rectors following interviews including the Archdeacon and the Parish Churchwardens.

Church Electoral Roll

A new Electoral Roll has to be prepared this year and everyone who wants to be included needs to sign a new form. This happens every six years. In addition to the Electoral Roll Form there is a letter explaining why people might want to join the Electoral Roll and what this implies, and a second form to complete regarding data consent and privacy. These forms are being sent to all those on the existing roll by email, post or hand delivery and forms are also available in each church.

Joining the Electoral Roll is important if you consider yourself to be a member of one of our churches, and we would encourage you to fill in the forms as soon as possible after you receive them. If you want to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 21st May you must submit your form and put it in a box at the back of Lady St Mary's or Sandford Church, or give it to a Churchwarden or Local Warden or submit it to the Parish Office by Sunday 27th April at the latest. Applications received after this date can still join but will not be added to the Roll until after the APCM.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and Church Meetings to elect representatives

The APCM this year will be held on Wednesday 21st May at 7pm in the Parish Hall. In preparation for the APCM, individual church meetings will be held to elect PCC representatives, Local Wardens (or Churchwardens for East Holme), and members of church committees. There are only two vacancies on the PCC this year: one from St Martin

on the Walls Church and one Deanery Synod representative (who will be elected at the APCM). The dates and times of the meetings are as follows:

- St John the Evangelist, East Holme – Sunday 27th April at 11.15am
- St Martin on the Walls, Wareham – Wednesday 30th April at 12 Noon
- Sandford St Martin – Sunday 4th May at 10.15am
- St Nicholas Church, Arne – Sunday 4th May at 11.45am
- Lady St Mary, Wareham – Sunday 4th May at 12.15pm

Anyone who attends that church and is on the Electoral Roll for the Parish is entitled to vote and stand for election.

Parish Fund Raising Appeal ... Jewellery and Silverwares 2025

LOVE GOD, LOVE LIFE, LIVE GENEROUSLY, GIVE GENEROUSLY



The Reverend Michael and Gay Young are launching a Jewellery and Silverwares Appeal to give a much needed boost to our church finances.

Any item of interest, especially all old gold and silver jewellery, including gem-set pieces, costume jewellery, gold and silver watches, collectable silverwares, e.g. spoons, teapots, napkin rings, cased items, etc., and gold and silver coins, both British and foreign; scrap items such as one odd earring, cufflink, broken chains and worn out items, beyond repair – the list is endless.

Of course we are always delighted to accept any other collectable items from the field of antiques. Amounts raised can also be gift aided!

Every item will be carefully researched and anything deemed to be of high value will be referred back to the donor.



Please telephone Michael and Gay on 01929 552582 or email: myng110@gmail.com for details.

Thank you as ever for your continued generosity and support.

Diary of Events

March Outdoor Spirituality Events



April Dates

Everyone welcome to any or all of these.

Message hilary.bond@mac.com for more details, or just come

Men's Breakfast



The next Men's breakfast is on **Saturday 12th April 2025 at the Bear Hotel, South Street starting at 8.30am**. The guest speaker this month will be Sean Davey, Tree Surgeon. Whether you are a regular at men's breakfasts, or have never been before, you are most welcome to come along. **Please contact the Parish Office no later than the Wednesday**

before to book your place, on 01929 550905 or email:

parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk

Going Deeper: Everyone welcome!

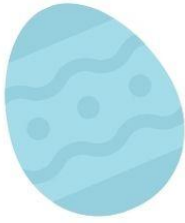


Do you want to deepen your faith, learn alongside others, and be encouraged in following Jesus Christ?

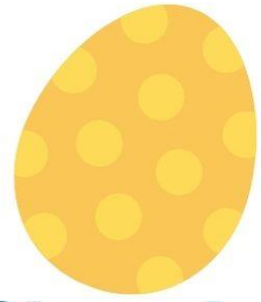
This month Going Deeper into ?

Come along to enjoy informal worship and prayer with refreshments to begin

6pm Sunday 13th April 2025 at Sandford St Martin's Church



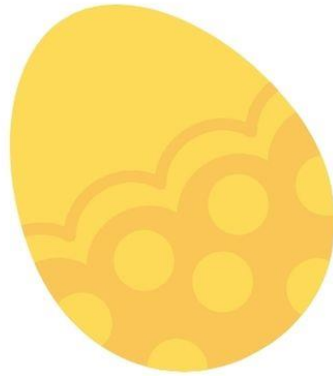
Raffle for local
days out and more!



Sandford St Martin's Church Easter Egg Hunt

Free Easter goody bag for every child *

Free
bouncy
castle
and face
painting



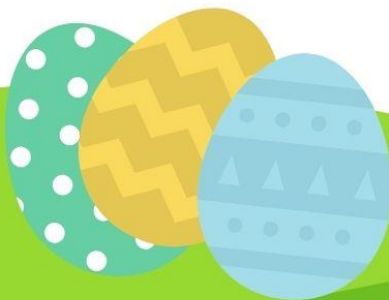
Refreshments and
homemade cakes

Free Easter Crafts,
games and kids
activities

Saturday 5th April 2pm - 4pm

Sandford St Martin's School

(indoors in bad weather)



* Up to 125 goody bags are available for children who take part in the Easter Egg Hunt, limited to one per child.

Organised by Sandford St Martin's Church
www.warehamchurches.org.uk
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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2025

Palm Sunday 13 th April	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am Holy Communion 9.00am Breakfast Church 10.30am Holy Communion 6.00pm Going Deeper	Lady St Mary Church Sandford St Martin's
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, of Holy Week 14th – 16th April	10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer with Gospel of the Passion) 7.00pm Compline (Monday and Wednesday) 7.00pm Stations of the Cross (Tuesday)	St John the Evangelist Lady St Mary Church
Wednesday of Holy Week 16th April	11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	St Martin on the Wall
Maundy Thursday 17th April	7.00pm Holy Communion (Common Worship) including stripping of the sanctuary and followed by a time of vigil listening to Stainer's Crucifixion.	Lady St Mary Church
Good Friday 18th April	11.00am Walk of Witness 2.00pm Reflections on the Cross	St Martin on the Wall Lady St Mary Church
EASTER DAY 20th April	6.00am Dawn Holy Communion 9.30am All Age Easter Communion 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am Easter Day Communion 10.00am Easter Day Communion 10.30am Easter Day Communion	Holme Priory, East Holme Sandford St Martin's Lady St Mary Church St John the Evangelist St Nicholas, Arne

We look forward to seeing you at our services

Forthcoming concert in Lady St Mary church ...

DAVID HEPWORTH & MARK ELLEN

Presenters of BBC Old Grey Whistle Test

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A ONE MAN SHOW

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'An audio visual tour through all our musical yesterdays from the 50's to the present day'

Coming **FRIDAY 4th APRIL** to the **THE PRIORY CHURCH OF LADY ST MARY, WAREHAM**

Book tickets at **AF joys** & at **loveitlocalmagazine.co.uk**

'Word in Your Ear' podcasters since '06

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The Parish Office is open to answer all face-to-face enquiries, telephone and email enquiries **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** 9am to 1pm

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