The latest update from the Church of England in most of Wiltshire and Dorset, plus bits of Hampshire and Devon. The e-Bulletin is sent to Clergy, Lay Ministers, PCC Secretaries, Churchwardens and others. Click here to view this email in your browser.

Goodbye e-Bulletin, hello Grapevine

This week's edition is our last e-Bulletin. Read More...

Looking Back

As we say goodbye to our e-Bulletin, we have taken a trip through the archives to remember just some of the news it brought you over the 13 years it has been published, and we have a few 'thank-yous' to say. Read More...

Rural Hope
Chuppa launched
A rural church hasn't let a lack of toilets and water prevent the offer of a cuppa and a catch up.
Read More…

Festival Church
Guidance and help with simplifying the process of becoming a Festival Church is now being offered by the Church of England. Read More…

A few spaces still available for the Rural Day
There are still a few spaces left on our first ever Rural Ministry and Mission Day in September, but you'll need to be quick! Read More…

Hope in Action
‘Because childhood can’t wait’

Home-Start North Dorset is appealing for support to help local struggling families.

Read More…

Flood Appeal

Our churches are being asked to devote their Harvest fundraising to help those caught up in the South East Asia floods. Read More…

From our Schools

Water Good Idea!

Pupils at Alderbury and West Grimstead Primary School in Salisbury are discovering more about the natural world in their new outdoor classroom. Read More…

Children and Young People
First CYP Community Hub launched in Dorset

The first of our Children and Young People’s Community Hubs has been launched in Shaftesbury. Read More…

Blackout 2019 is coming

Open Doors Youth is asking young people to switch off their screens for up to 48 hours to raise money and prayer for silenced, persecuted Christian women and girls. Read More…

Mothers’ Union

Bishop is first female Central Chaplain

Mothers’ Union has welcomed its first female Central Chaplain. Read More…

From around our Diocese
A Marketplace for Mission

Bradford on Avon's annual Church Street Market became a new mission opportunity this year when it came 'home'. Read More…

The Winding Road of Faith

A retired priest in Devizes has written an extraordinary road map of his life and journey of faith. Read More…

Diocesan golf team is above par

While it isn't exactly The Open, our Diocesan Golfers have won the Church Illustrated Cup in the annual Inter-Diocesan Golf Tournament. Read More…

New Priest for Atworth, Shaw and Whitley

Well over 200 people gathered in Christ Church, Shaw to witness the Bishop of Ramsbury, Dr Andrew Rumsey, license the Revd Jane Palmer as the new priest for the Benefice of Atworth, Shaw and Whitley. Read More…
The Best Dog

Bear, a black retriever, stole the show at the marriage of Lizzie Barry and Sam Green, celebrated at St Nicholas Worth Matravers on Saturday.

Read More…

Deepening Discipleship

2020 Iona Pilgrimage

The Diocese is organising a Pilgrimage to Iona.

Read More…

From the wider Church
'Don't overlook our mid-sized churches!' Mid-sized churches - defined as worshipping communities of between 20 and 60 - have been overlooked by the National Church Institutions, the Secretary-General of General Synod, William Nye, said this month. Read More…

RSCM International Summer School

If you are looking for a holiday with a difference this year, the Royal School of Church Music, RSCM, is offering its International Summer School to anyone who is interested in or loves church music. Read More…

One Small Prayer for Mankind

The Church of England is marking the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing with the publication of a special prayer, as events take place around the world to celebrate the event. Read More…
To incumbents and treasurers:
This is your final opportunity to enter your parish Finance Statistics for 2018 on the national website, if you have not already done so. Queries to Fiona Torrance via email or 01722 411922.

Do you know which Bible verse was read during the first Moon landing in 1969? Wonder no more, thanks to Philip Bromiley on Facebook. The answer is...

‘Home for Good’, the fostering and adoption charity, has been given a huge opportunity to try and unblock the system in the UK for welcoming Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.

Children approved to come to the UK under the Dubs Amendment are waiting many months in camps and in the streets, because no placements are available for them here. Home for Good are looking for individuals or families who would like to help. You will need a spare room, a generous spirit, a willingness to learn and a desire to make a difference. There is funding, support and training available.

Please email Emily Christou for more information.
Clergy Support - housing questionnaire
THANK YOU for your responses to date – we’ve had nearly 80% already! If you have not already done so, please submit responses by Sunday (28th July 2019), so we get the fullest picture possible.

Our wellbeing is essential to our ministry and mission as the people of God. As a precursor to the 2020 Wellbeing Survey, this survey aims to explore clergy priorities and attitude towards property maintenance and improvements, and help inform decisions for the 2021-2023 budget period. Your input is much appreciated!

PCCs and Churchwardens

Generating Income and Grant Applications: an ACAT Training Day at the Citygate Centre, Bournemouth BH8 8AS, on Saturday 7 September. This brand-new course has been written by Andrew Rainsford, former Parish Resources and Development Adviser at the Diocese of Bath and Wells, with the emphasis on the practical. £50 includes all course material, refreshments and a buffet lunch. Book here

What's On

Let's Celebrate!
Come along and celebrate our Licensed Lay Ministry- that's the invitation being issued across the Diocese. Read More...

Click here for our latest event updates.
Exploring Theology: Living with the Bible and Belief
Sarum College,
24 September 2019 - 23 June 2020

‘Exploring Theology’ is Sarum’s new flagship theology course, ideal for anyone within travelling distance of Salisbury who wishes to deepen their knowledge of and relationship with Christian Scriptures and teachings.
£10 per session, or £70 per term; £140 if you write essays.

Autumn 2019 - Old Testament - Hebrew Bible
Spring 2020 - New Testament
Summer 2020 - Living with the Bible
Leaflet here

Click here for diocesan courses.

From our Cathedral

Songs of the Forest in the South Transept
Following the release of his second album on our treasured Father Willis organ, our Assistant Director of Music John Challenger will be accompanying soprano Margaret Ravalde on the piano in our next South Transept Recital. Their performance on Wednesday 7 August will feature a range of lyrical music influenced by our beautiful countryside, including pieces by Schumann, Quilter
and Debussy.

**Spend a summer’s afternoon with Swing Unlimited**

Swing Unlimited Big Band will be returning to our West Lawns for lots of singing, dancing and fun for all the family next month. You are welcome to bring along your own picnic or you can enjoy our delicious BBQ, freshly prepared on site.

*For the latest Cathedral news, click here. Events and services are here.*

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**Resources**

**Church Support Hub News**

How can we make friends with strangers to the church and be a positive part of their faith journey? There are a few things on the Support Hub to help: a November conference, ‘taster’ services, being relatable, blessings for summer, and more ideas here.

**Turning a mess into something beautiful**

A meditation on Jesus with the Woman of Samaria, using Linked Hearts Möbius Strips, courtesy Fay Rowland on Facebook. [Read more](#).

**Resources for Creationtide**

You can download scores and listen to the anthem [here](#).
For more information go to www.creationtide.com.

**Resources now available** include helpful suggestions for linking Lectionary readings to care for Creation and concerns about climate crisis.

Other resources including daily reflections by email are available by signing up on the [EcoChurch Southwest website](http://www.creationtide.com).