



PEWS NEWS

24 May 2026
Pentecost
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SERVICES

Sunday 24 May	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Sunday 24 May	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Symondsburry
Sunday 24 May	6.30pm	Evensong	Askerswell
Sunday 24 May	6.30pm	Evensong	North Poorton
Sunday 31 May	6.30pm	Rogation Service	Broadoak
Sunday 7 June	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Powerstock
Sunday 7 June	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders
Sunday 14 June	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Symondsburry
Sunday 14 June	9.30am	Eucharist	North Poorton
Sunday 14 June	10.30am	Morning Worship	Dottery
Sunday 14 June	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Askerswell
Sunday 21 June	9.30am	Midsomer Mass of St Cedd	Loders
Sunday 21 June	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 21 June	6.30pm	Holy Communion	Broadoak

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



The Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

MESSAGE FROM THE RT REVD KAREN GORHAM

Thank you for all you are doing in your local community. Finally, at a time when community cohesion is under threat, it is important that we stand together as faith leaders and condemn any form of violence and hatred towards others, including the rise of antisemitism which seeks to divide rather than unite. We continue to pray for our government, local counsellors and play our part in creating good, loving and peaceful communities in which all can flourish.

A prayer

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

**The Rt Revd Karen Gorham
Acting Bishop of Salisbury**

IN OUR PRAYERS

This week we have Pam Fooks in our thoughts and prayers.



[A Crazy Bunch | Rev Chat Podcast 294](#)

We're back with the apostles and the events of the first Pentecost.
Click on the link above to view.



BIRTHS/DEATHS/MARRIAGES

This weekend we have the wedding of Anna and Oliver at St Mary the Virgin, Powerstock and we would like to wish them much happiness for their life together.

It was with sadness that we share the news of the passing of George Huxter. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 27 May at 12.30pm, Symondsburry

EYPE CENTRE FOR THE ARTS – EXHIBITON WITH A SEA VIEW



Exhibition with a sea view – Dorset based artist Stephen Bishop

“Picture a man standing on the edge of a cliff looking out to sea. Then zoom in and become my eyes, with all the senses tingling – that’s me. Everything I do is trying to bring a magical experience to you the viewer.”
Stated Stephen Bishop.

The exhibition opens from Saturday 23 May to Sunday 7 June. Venue no. 186 in the Dorset Art Weeks 2026. Open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. For more details see www.stephenbishop.art

Click on this [link](#) to find out what else is on over the summer!

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER VIA ZOOM 8.00AM



On a 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 (revcgrasske@gmail.com) and he will send you a link, so you are able to join in. Thank you.

Deanery Synod Elections

Could you represent your church?

Deanery Synod members bring the voice of their parish into conversations across the deanery and help shape the life of the Church locally and nationally.

If you are on your church's electoral roll, you can stand for election at your church's APCM meeting. Find out more by talking to a leader in your church or visiting:

salisbury.anglican.org/deanery-synod-elections



The Symondsbury APC Meeting will take place after the Benefice Eucharist service this Sunday.

Have you ever wondered what happens at Cake?

Come and join us at our informal birthday tea, meet the members and find out more. Everyone welcome.

Liz Guard 01308 485463

You are warmly invited to
'CAKE'S 10th Birthday Tea'



Wednesday June 3rd

2.30 - 4pm

ASKERSWELL

Village Hall Garden

DT2 9EW



**Take part in Churches Count on Nature!
6-14 June**

Churches Count on Nature (CCoN) is an annual event where people explore their churchyards and record the plant and animal species they encounter. CCoN is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, the Church of England, the Church in Wales, and A Rocha UK, and churches of any denomination are invited to take part.

We're encouraging churches to connect with local schools, wildlife groups and those in the local community who might not have visited before, to discover their churchyards.

[Register your event or activity](#) on the Caring for God's Acre website, or explore the [map of events](#) to head along to one happening near you. There are also resources on the Caring for God's Acre website to support you in hosting an event or activity.

Make sure to **register by 23 May** to receive the free resources sent by post, in time for your event.



POWERSTOCK

Country Fete

Saturday 25 July 2-5pm

VINTAGE VEHICLES

NOVELTY

Bridport

Steel Band

MAGIC
& FUN
SCIENCE



SKITTLES

DOG SHOW

BBQ • BAR • ICES • TEAS

WOODLAND CRAFTS

TOMBOLA • GAMES SILENT AUCTION

BOUNCY CASTLE TUG O' WAR

ALL SORTS OF INTERESTING STALLS AND MUCH MORE!

The Weir Sports Field, NETTLECOMBE DT6 3SY Entry: £2.50. Under 16s free.

“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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