



**THE BIG  
PINK**

**Thursday 18th October  
10.30am**

**All Saints Church**

Carolyn, Josie and I are again arranging a Big Pink Cancer coffee morning, this time at All Saints, on the October 18<sup>th</sup> from 1030 until you go home. There will be a raffle so any donations for this would be most welcome as would a cake or two!

Please leave any donations in the Parish Office or give them to us at church.

There will be a sign up form in the meeting room to help us estimate numbers for this cheery event, all proceeds of which go to the cancer organisation BIG PINK FRIDAY.

**Roger**

## **Prayer & Fellowship Group**

At the Prayer & Fellowship Group meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Carolyn Johannesen came along to tell us how the Food Bank operates.

They come under the Ringwood Food Bank but operate locally, three days per week, run from the United Reform Church by volunteers.

Food is issued against a voucher according to the number of adults and children in the family. It was a most interesting talk and all our members brought along a contribution to the Bank.

Our next meeting will be on 18<sup>th</sup> October when we will have a Quiz – part of a fun afternoon with time to chat.

All are welcome.

**Jenny Burge**

## **Parish Retreat 2018**



Nine of us arrived, at almost the same time, at Alton Abbey in Hampshire on Friday afternoon 21<sup>st</sup> September. We were greeted by the Abbot and then asked to wait to be shown to our rooms. The ladies were all accommodated upstairs and the gentlemen downstairs and then we had a guided tour from Prior Andrew together with a history of the Abbey; built from 1901-1907 mostly by the monks themselves and from local, on-site materials. It is an amazing place with beautiful grounds. The rooms were comfortable, and as part of the Benedictine rule is hospitality, we were fed very well too, with all our varied dietary needs accommodated.

Deborah and I led our retreat programme based around 'A seven day retreat with Thomas Merton' by Esther De Waal, and including the daily office readings from Thomas Merton's Book of Hours.

We were also able to join in the daily offices with the monks and celebrate mass with them on Saturday together with High Mass on Sunday. There was lots of 'spare' time for personal prayer and reflection, and the feedback from the people who attended was very positive.

Sadly we had news of the death of Barry Martin on the Saturday morning, and as Abbot Giles was an old friend of his, they prayed for the repose of his soul for the rest of the weekend and held a requiem mass for him on Monday evening.

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We were in silence for the meals and most of the retreat until Sunday, then we had the opportunity to chat over Sunday Lunch and this was where we really got to know our hosts better and were assured they would be happy to welcome us back, anytime.

This was the first time we had been to the abbey for a retreat and it was a wonderful place for one. I think we all felt 'spiritually refreshed' by the end. A more in-depth review with comments from the participants will follow next month.

Pat



### All Saints Organist

Anne Turvil has been playing the organ at Sunday Services at All Saints Church for 30 years. To celebrate this, there was sherry and cakes after the service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September.



Thank you Anne!

### The Rotary KNIT a BIG Poppy Appeal



This year marks the 100th year anniversary of the end of the First World War. To help celebrate this special centenary, the Rotary Club of Verwood will be running a Knit a Big Poppy project to raise funds for the British Legion poppy appeal.

We hope to get local organisations and community members of Verwood to knit BIG red poppies and then one week prior to Remembrance Day this year (Sunday 11th November 2018) we will tie them to the railings of the Memorial Hall and Memorial Monument. We hope to have a grand display on show in Verwood for the Remembrance Day Service on Ferret Green!

If you would like to help with this project you can collect a pattern and wool from Irvings Estate Agency at any time



**L.I.F.T. Firework Party**

**Verwood Scout Hut**

**Friday 2nd November**

**7.30pm**

## Baptisms - October

David John Kennard  
Deon David John Kennard  
Laionie Kennard  
Brandon George Kennard  
Charlotte Josephine Kennard

## REST IN PEACE

Fred Thorne      Maud Atyeo  
Barry Martin      John Rogers

## Calendar of Events for October

Tuesday	2nd	Coffee Morning (weekly )	10.00am	Meeting Room
Wednesday	3rd	Ann's Wednesday Workout	10.00am	Meeting Room
Thursday	4th	Funeral of Maud Atyeo	12noon	All Saints'
Thursday	4th	Funeral of John Rogers	12noon	St Michael's
Thursday	4th	Worship Committee	7.45pm	Meeting Room
Friday	5th	LiFT - drinks & nibbles	7.30pm	Ali Milward's
Monday	8th	Funeral of Barry Martin	11.30am	St Michael's
Wednesday	10th	Ladies Group	2.00pm	27 Belmont Close
Tuesday	16th	Messy Church	3.30pm	Memorial Hall
Tuesday	16th	HFC Meeting	7.30pm	Meeting Room
Thursday	18th	The Big Pink Coffee Morning	10.30am	All Saints Church
Thursday	18th	Prayer & Fellowship	2.00pm	Meeting Room
Sunday	21st	Parish Sunday Lunch	12 noon	Parish Centre

### Service Times

Monday–Thursday : Morning Prayer - 08.00 St. Michael's  
Tuesday : Holy Communion - 6.30pm St. Michael's

### Sunday Services

Holy Communion : 8.00am, 9.30am & 10.00am (All Saints)

Networks : 11.15am

Evening Worship : 6.00pm

### Parish Office

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm

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Vicar: Revd. Deborah Matthews - 01202-823707 (Day off - Friday)



### Services this month

7th Baptisms  
14th Creative Church  
21st Puppets  
28th Communion