



# ANGELS & SAINTS

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### **Our Vision for the Future**

This coming Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March is Ash Wednesday, which heralds the beginning of Lent. We will be holding 2 communion services at St Michaels at 10am and 7.30pm. Please try to come along to one of these services so that we begin Lent together.

This time of reflection and prayer as we prepare for Easter is a very appropriate time to think about where we, as the Body of Christ in this parish, need to be heading.

Where do you want to see your Church in the next few years?

What should we be doing?

How can you be part of the Church's future in Verwood and Three-Legged Cross?

Last Sunday I spoke about our vision for the church in the sermon at the 9.30 and 11.15 services. I want to remind you about this, and ensure that everyone is aware of the invitation to a meeting to share your thinking with each other. Please begin thinking and praying about it during this Lenten season.

#### **Dates of the vision day meetings in the church meeting room:**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am**

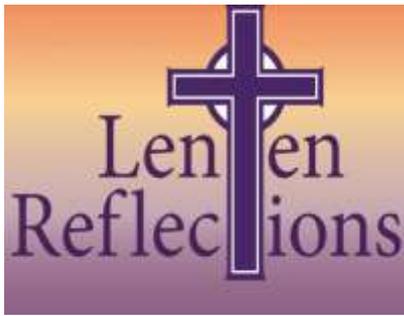
Lists will be on the notice board in the meeting room after Easter. Please sign up for the meeting you would like to attend, to give an idea of numbers for each meeting. I hope to see you at one of the meetings.

You may have lots of ideas, or just one thing that is important to you, or you may want to come along and listen, whatever the case you will be very welcome because your contribution is important.

Your responses will be fed in to our vision for this parish for the next few years. I cannot promise that we can incorporate everything but you will be heard, and we will see what, together with God's blessing, we are able to do.

For now, I pray that you may all have a holy and blessed Lent.

Love Deborah



### Poems and reflections at Evening Prayer during lent

For the first five Sundays of Lent we will be having a series of Lenten reflections on Sunday evenings at 6pm.

I will be using material from the book 'The Word in the Wilderness', by Malcolm Guite.

Through prayer and poetry, the Bible and music we will delve into the depths of the season together.

On the third Sunday of March (17<sup>th</sup>) at the Raise the Roof service, the theme will continue within the usual structure of songs and hot chocolate! (for those of us who haven't given up chocolate for lent of course!).

I hope that you will decide to join me for this time of reflection and preparation for the glorious season of Easter.

**Sunday evenings 6pm – 7pm to include time to share our response with each other after the service with a hot drink.**

#### Raise the Roof 17<sup>th</sup> March 6pm – 7.30pm

- 10<sup>th</sup> March Journey and pilgrimage
- 17<sup>th</sup> March Deepening the life of prayer
- 24<sup>th</sup> March Companioned journey
- 31<sup>st</sup> March Know thyself
- 7<sup>th</sup> April Prayer that pierces

### Ladies Group

This year the Ladies Group Lent Lunch is on 13th March and our Charity is the Little Princess Trust. The Trust provides human hair wigs for children and young adults up to 24 years old who, for whatever reason, have lost their hair.

The granddaughter of one of our members is soon to receive one of these wigs. If you cannot attend the Lent Lunch but would like to make a donation, please see one of our members; they will be pleased to accept it. The child concerned actually donated hair last year and if possible has said she will donate what is left of her hair to the Trust.

If you or someone you know is about to have 7" cut off, the Trust website will tell you how you can donate that. Better still come and join us at the lunch.

### Music Festival. Saturday 25th May



This will be a wonderful chance to share both music and many other talents to benefit our Church!

Please make a note in your diary and be ready to enjoy a lovely community occasion.

There will be many requests for help coming over the next few weeks and every offer will be very much appreciated!

Please pick up a leaflet that can be found in the meeting room.

Watch this space!

Ann Mayo



LIFT dates  
2019

5th April - NO LIFT

3rd May - Drinks and Nibbles  
@ Sue Hancocks House

7th June - Scavenger Hunt  
(start and finish TBA)

5th July - Family BBQ  
@ 54 Woodlinken Drive

I was delighted to be at St Michael's Hamworthy on February 9<sup>th</sup> with Claire Roberts as she was confirmed by Bishop Karen.



It was a very beautiful moving and uplifting service, followed by a wonderful supper provided by the Revd Tessa Nisbett and the parish of Hamworthy.

Eight members of our congregations were there to support Claire, and Louise Timmins acted as her Sponsor. On Sunday morning in the Networks Creative Church Service we used part of the liturgy to acknowledge the step that Claire has taken and to remind ourselves that we are all on a journey. Confirmation is one of those stages along the way that is good for all of us to mark.

I will be hoping to run a confirmation group at some point this year at St. Michael's. If anyone is interested in being confirmed. or wants to know more about it, please contact me—I am always pleased to hear from you.

Some of our older children have been received into communion but not yet gone on to be confirmed; maybe it is something for you to think and pray about. Others of you may want to come to a group if you were confirmed some time ago, to think about where you are now on your faith journeys. Everyone is welcome and I look forward to hearing from you.

But now we celebrate with Claire as she continues her journey in faith with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deborah



New Wine is moving to Peterborough this year—our church will still be going for the United Gathering Week 2 from 9am Sunday 4th August till 11pm Saturday 10th August. Most of us do not leave the show ground until the Sunday morning 11th August.

If you need any more information, please let me know or have a look at the New Wine website [new-wine.org](http://new-wine.org).

Yours in Christ, Love Barbara

### Electoral Roll 2019

The Church Electoral Roll is due for complete renewal.

Everyone who wishes to be on this roll must fill in an Electoral Roll form available from the Parish Office, Meeting Room or All Saints Church and return it in the box provided in the Meeting Room or Parish Office BEFORE 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019.



### Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches will be held again this year. The dates are shown below.

Please look out for the sign-up sheets and come along to join one of the lunches.

If you would like to host a lunch in the Meeting Room then please get in touch with the Parish Office.

Ladies Group	13th March
All Saints	THURSDAY 21st March
Prayer & Fellowship Group	27th March
LPA's and Deborah	3rd April
Brian Cox	10th April

## Baptisms in March

Darcie Rose Hanwell

REST IN PEACE

Robin Hood      George Wheatley  
Derek Wheels



### SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN from 1pm

A BIT OF A DO! Fundraiser

Everyone welcome

Food and drink, conversation, quiz and raffle

We look forward to seeing you

### Calendar of Events for March

Friday	1st	World Day of Prayer	2.00pm	St. Michael's
Tuesday	5th	Coffee Morning (weekly )	10.00am	Meeting Room
Wednesday	13th	Ann's Wednesday Workout	10.30am	Meeting Room
Wednesday	13th	Ladies Group Lent Lunch	1.00pm	Meeting Room
Sunday	17th	Parish Sunday Lunch	12 noon	Parish Centre
Tuesday	19th	Messy Church	3.30pm	Memorial Hall
Thursday	21st	All Saints Lent Lunch	12.30am	All Saints
Thursday	21st	Prayer & Fellowship Group	2.00pm	Meeting Room
Thursday	21st	LPA Meeting	7.30pm	Potterne Farm Cott
Wednesday	27th	Prayer & Fellowship Lent Lunch	1.00pm	Meeting Room
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Tuesday	2nd	Coffee Morning (weekly )	10.00am	Meeting Room
Wednesday	3rd	Ann's Wednesday Workout	10.30am	Meeting Room
Wednesday	3rd	LPA Lent Lunch	1.00pm	Meeting Room
Thursday	4th	Standing Committee	7.30pm	Potterne Farm Cott

#### 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

3rd Christening

10th Creative

17th Puppets

24th Holy Communion

31st Mothering Sunday  
Combined Service  
at 10am