



ANGELS & SAINTS

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A Bit of a Do!
Fundraising
in the Vicarage Garden



Saturday 29th June

12.30 - 4.30pm

Everyone welcome

Entrance
£1.00
Children free

Burgers
Sausages
Wine
Beer
Soft drinks
Raffle
Quiz
Plants
Cakes

Vision Day Meetings



On 21st June I will have been in Verwood as your Vicar for 2 years. During that time I have got to know you, and you have also got to know me. So I feel that now is a good time for us to think about our vision for this church for the 2020's.

By now you will all have heard about the Vision days. The meetings will not be lasting a day, just a couple of hours; it's not too much time to spare, so please do come along and contribute. Even if you don't come with any definite ideas, who knows what amazing plans we can come up with by using the opportunity to sit and talk about it over a tea or coffee.

The word Vision is an important one for the church - it is biblical and gives us a focus beyond our current situation. It is important that we as individuals and as a parish know what we would like to see for the future of the Church here in Verwood.

The Book of Revelation provides us with a great source of visionary material. I have spoken about us including some 'Blue Sky' thinking at our vision meetings. John's visions in Revelation give us an example of this. On a recent Sunday we heard about the holy city of Jerusalem coming down out of heaven. When brought to perfection, we will no longer need the things we rely on now. There will be no evil and the tree of life will bring healing to all nations. All rulers and kingdoms will bring honour and worship to God whose throne will be there.

I am not suggesting that we can come up with a vision like that, ours will have a more temporary and earthly nature, but that shouldn't stop us from dreaming big dreams. It is vision, together with prayer, that can help us to discern direction, and we pray for God's guidance for the journey we need to take.

I look forward to working alongside you in our common quest to serve and worship God in Verwood, as we open our hearts in faith to the Lord and pray for the coming of God's Kingdom

Deborah



ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

On May 4th we were privileged to be invited to Salisbury Cathedral by Bishop Nicholas and the Dean, accompanied by the Archdeacons, to share in a Eucharist of Thanksgiving and Commissioning of Parish Safeguarding Officers, together with the Training Team. Bishop Nicholas mentioned particularly the invaluable work of Heather Bland the Diocesan Advisor in leading the work and training of over 3000 volunteers so that we as a Church continue to learn how to better protect children, young persons and adults who are vulnerable.

Carol Weaver, our Safeguarding Officer, was present when we heard the Bishop in his introduction and sermon movingly acknowledge the often complex and difficult work, and thank all those who contribute on our behalf to making our Churches safe places for everyone. Importantly, during inspiring liturgy and hymns, we were able to pray for all Survivors of abuse; Families and church communities who have experienced such traumatic events; and for perpetrators and for those wrongfully accused. Bishop Nicholas also spoke of failure of the whole church in the past and that it is our duty to join to prevent any further abuse.

Elizabeth Ingram

Prayer & Fellowship

At the May Meeting of the Prayer and Fellowship Group we all made a beautiful flower arrangement with the help of Brenda Slade. At the June 20th meeting we will be holding a Quiz - all very welcome. Please see our Notice Board for future events.



www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Children's Society Walk and Explore 2019

By popular demand we will be holding our Children's Society walk again this year - on Saturday 7th September. We aim to visit two of our local golf courses on a 6-mile stroll to Woodlands (where tea/coffee and doughnuts will be available) and back.



The route will include some country footpaths and stony tracks - hopefully it will be dry, but stout shoes (or walking boots) are advisable.

All are welcome to join us, and if you could obtain any sponsorship that will be wonderful - since we started these walks (the first being in London in 2002) we have raised over £10,000 towards the work of the Children's Society.

Look out for the final details, which will be available in July. Thank you all for your support.

Carol

Vicarage Garden Party

I would really appreciate it if a few people could help with moving tables and setting up, serving drinks, the cake stall, plant stall, and helping clear away

Also any donations of Raffle prizes, Plants or Cakes would be gratefully received.

Deborah



Scavenger Hunt

Friday 7th June

8pm

We will be meeting at Verwood Sports & Social Club at 8pm and finishing at the same place.

The Scavenger Hunt should take approximately 1-1.5 hours and we will then be going into the club for a well-earned drink!

Our next meetings:

5th July - Family BBQ
@ 54 Woodlinken Drive

6th Sept—Christmas Market Planning
@ Tansy's House

4th Oct—Christmas Craft @ Ali's House



Dear Friends, thank you all for your messages of good wishes, prayers, cards and gifts that I received for my commissioning as a Lay Worship Leader. Thank you also to all those who came to support me on Monday night; it was a wonderful service and so lovely to have so many of my church family there.

Love **Barbara** x

MUSIC FESTIVAL – SATURDAY 25th MAY

Wow! What a wonderful day this was! The sun shone, the stalls were set up, the flowers and displays were arranged, the sandwiches and cakes were ready and the performers were scheduled!



All that was needed was for people to come and listen to the wide variety of music that was on offer, relax with some refreshment and soak up the lovely atmosphere – and they did, in vast numbers! It was amazing to see how many folk came from all over Verwood and beyond. The performances were given with real enthusiasm, and what a lot of different talents were on show! The audiences gave tremendous encouragement to all the acts, and I think we can agree that we all had a really happy day.

The weekend culminated with Tea and Cake followed by a sometimes moving and often uplifting Songs of Praise on the Sunday. The brilliant total raised for the Church has reached almost £1900.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to this event. It was a real team effort with everyone playing a part to make it such a success! It was a true demonstration of the body of Christ working as one. We shall have to do it again, but not for a little while!!

Ann Mayo



Baptisms in June

Leon Bouttell
Isla Rose Bouttell
Archie William Bouttell

REST IN PEACE

Edgar Woodward John Clark

If you or anyone you know is unwell and would like to be visited, please contact the Parish Office.



Calendar of Events for June

Tuesday	4th	Coffee Morning (weekly)	10.00am	Meeting Room
Wednesday	5th	Ann's Wednesday Workout	10.30am	Meeting Room
Thursday	6th	Vision Meeting	7.30pm	Meeting Room
Friday	7th	LIFT Scavenger Hunt	8.00pm	Verwood Social Club
Wednesday	12th	Ladies Group	2.00pm	27 Belmont Close
Thursday	13th	Christian Action Committee	7.45pm	Meeting Room
Saturday	15th	Vision Meeting	2.00pm	Meeting Room
Sunday	16th	Sunday Lunch	12noon	Parish Centre
Tuesday	18th	Messy Church	3.30pm	Memorial Hall
Wednesday	19th	Vision Meeting	10.30am	Meeting Room
Thursday	20th	Prayer & Fellowship Group	2.00pm	Meeting Room
Friday	21st	Trinity First School Summer Fayre	4.30pm	Trinity School
Saturday	22nd	Wedding Rose/Morris	2.30pm	St Michael's
Saturday	29th	A Bit of a Do! Fundraiser	12.30pm	Vicarage
Sunday	30th	Church BBQ	1.00pm	72 Lake Road

July

Tuesday	2nd	Coffee Morning (weekly)	10.00am	Meeting Room
Wednesday	3rd	Ann's Wednesday Workout	10.30am	Meeting Room

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

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Services this month

2nd Networks Christening

9th Creative Church

16th Puppets

23rd Holy Communion

30th Networks Praise