



ANGELS & SAINTS

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Welcome to...

Our New Youth & Children's Minister

Helen Jackson



Hi, my name is Helen and I am so excited to be joining the team at St Michael's, Verwood. I have just finished a year long internship at LOVECHURCH, Bournemouth where I was a youth intern leading the younger youth ministry. Upon completing my internship I wanted to stay working with children and youth, therefore was thrilled to be appointed into this role.

My love for the sea brought me from the Midlands to Bournemouth 3 years ago. I enjoy walking, great coffee and meeting new people through the combination of the two. If I'm not talking about Jesus then I will be talking about my two cats.

Young people and children have been at the centre of everything I have done so far, therefore I'm really looking forward to getting stuck in, meeting everyone and sharing more about my life with the St Michael's and All Saints' family.

Afternoon tea and chat for those who have been bereaved



2nd October at 2pm in the Church Meeting Room

This will be the first of these afternoon get-togethers. The plan is to hold them monthly if there is a demand for them.

We are inviting everyone who has recently lost a partner or loved one, whose funerals we have taken. However, please make anyone you know, who may like to come along, aware of the invitation.

Everyone will be welcome, and I hope that some of you will also donate some cakes or biscuits.

I look forward to seeing you.

Much love, Deborah

HARVEST



A 20-minute Service for those with memory loss and their family and friends

16th October, St Michael's Church, 10.30 am followed by refreshments

Singers and those who can bring cakes to share also very welcome!

We are planning to hold these short services 4 times a year

To celebrate Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Summer.

Vision Outcomes **A B**

Churches Together Verwood



OPEN CHURCH
Saturday 14th September
10am to 6pm

We are planning on using this opportunity to have the church open for prayer and refreshments to all who would like to visit during the day.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help at this event so that we can keep our church open for visitors.

If you would like to take part in the Ride + Stride itself, please see the details on the poster/letter to riders on the notice board, contact the Parish Office or find them on the Salisbury Diocese website.

Ladies Group

September sees our AGM. This year we are doing something a little different. We will hold our AGM at 2.0 p.m. at 27 Belmont Close and then we are having a talk by Jenny Cook from Morrisons on Cheese. Everyone is welcome to join us but if you will be joining us for the talk at 2.30 pm, can you please let Ann Pearl know on 01202 827632 as we have to let Jenny know how many there will be.



Please see the noticeboards in the Meeting Room for the latest information about the progress from the recent Vision Days.

Please pray and consider how you can help to support these ideas and our Vision for our church. Thank You.



Pet Blessing Service
Sunday 6th October, 3pm

All Creatures Great and Small whether it be fur, feather or fin (and their owners) are invited to our Annual Pet Blessing Service at 3pm on Sunday 6th October at St Michael's.

There will be a stall in the Meeting Room which will sell pet related items and there will also be tea, coffee and cakes. Proceeds will go to church funds.

Churches all over the world hold Animal or Pet Blessing services to celebrate the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. The Feast Day itself is 4th October and many churches refer to the nearest Sunday to it as St Francis Sunday.

The nice thing about pets is that they don't discriminate. People love them and like the idea of their pet being blessed—even some people who don't usually attend church themselves. So holding a Blessing of the Animals is a good opportunity for our church to connect with new people.

THE BIG PINK Thursday 17th October
10.30am
Coffee Morning All Saints Church

Carolyn, Josie and I are again arranging a Big Pink Cancer coffee morning, this time at All Saints, on 17th October from 10.30 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



Messy Church is a free monthly event on Tuesday afternoons for young families run by Churches Together in Verwood with helpers from many of the local churches. It takes place in the Memorial Hall normally on the third Tuesday of every month. Dates for the next few months are:

17th September, 15th October,
19th November and 17th December.

The October Messy Church will be a special celebration marking 10 years since it started here in Verwood. Messy Churches are now running all over this country and in many other countries too.

What happens at Messy Church?

Each session follows a similar format:

From 3.15pm Drinks and biscuits

3.30pm Short introduction to the theme for the session followed by an hour of different, mainly craft based, activities linked with the theme.

One of the activities normally involves making something out of wood with hammers and screwdrivers (always very popular!).

You decide which activities you want to do, in what order, and how long you want to spend doing each one.

4.30pm Short worship time with songs, a story and a prayer

4.45pm Buffet meal, usually involving jacket potatoes and a range of fillings, with a cake or chocolate biscuit to follow.

The event is free but there is an opportunity to make a donation towards the costs of the food and resources if you want to.

Visit the Facebook page for more information [search **Verwood Messy Church**].

Our **Aerobathon** held on 4th August raised the magnificent sum of **£800**. towards the work of the Verwood & Three Legged Cross Dementia Friendly Community Association (VDFCA).

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Ann

Parish Quiet Day Saturday 19th October 10am to 4pm



This year we are holding our Parish Quiet Day at the **Wisdom Centre** in **Romsey** on 19th October from 10am to 4pm.

A sandwich lunch and all refreshments will be provided and a donation towards the cost of £25 per person would be appreciated but is not mandatory, as we don't want people to feel they can't come because they can't afford it.

There are 14 places at the moment and we will have a sign-up list in the Meeting Room and at All Saints for people to indicate their interest. If more people would like to go we can change our booking for a bigger room, so really there is no limit!

A quiet day is an opportunity to spend quality time with God in prayer and meditation. There will be a guided session in the morning and the afternoon, but the rest of the time will be free to do as you would like. Read that book you have been meaning to but never have the time, listen to some music, but most importantly just be there and be open to God; immerse yourself in his presence.

There is parking at the Wisdom Centre but we will organise car-sharing to keep our carbon footprint down. It's about a 30 minute drive. If you have any queries, please ask Deborah or myself.

Pat Miles

Baptisms in September

Anna Florence Lichensteiger

REST IN PEACE

Ronald Roberts

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



Calendar of Events for September

Wednesday	4th	Ann's Wednesday Workout	10.30am	Meeting Room
Wednesday	4th	LPA Meeting	7.30pm	Vicarage
Thursday	5th	Worship Committee	7.30pm	25 Sleepbrook Close
Wednesday	11th	Ladies Group	2.00pm	27 Belmont Close
Tuesday	17th	Messy Church	3.30pm	Memorial Hall
Thursday	19th	All Saints Coffee Morning	10.30am	All Saints
Thursday	19th	Prayer & Fellowship Group	2.00pm	Meeting Room
Thursday	19th	Standing Committee	7.30pm	Potterne Farm Cottage
Sunday	29th	Big Brunch	11.15am	Parish Centre

October

Wednesday	2nd	Ann's Wednesday Workout	10.30am	Meeting Room
Wednesday	2nd	Bereavement Group	2.00pm	Meeting Room
Wednesday	2nd	Christian Action Committee	7.30pm	Meeting Room



Elvis Tribute show

5th October

Memorial Hall

Tickets on sale now £7.50 each from
Brian & Lesley Cox 01202 824885



Our next meetings:

Fri 4th October - Christmas Market
Planning and Craft.

Fri 1st November - Sugar Paste cake Decorating

Fri 6th December - Wreath Making & Party Games

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

1st Networks Christening

8th Creative Church

15th Puppets

22nd Holy Communion

29th Big Brunch