

Beaulieu Exbury & East Boldre News

Bringing you the news and activities of the
Churches and Village Organisations

Regular Services

Beaulieu Abbey Church

1st Sunday

9:30am Sung Communion

2nd Sunday

9:30am Holy Communion

4:30pm Choral Evensong

3rd Sunday

9:30am Sung Communion

4th Sunday

9:30am Sung Communion BCP

Wednesday

10:30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Chapel, Buckler's Hard

Every Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion BCP

St Paul's Church, East Boldre

1st Sunday

11:15am Morning Prayer

3rd Sunday

11:15am Holy Communion

St Katharine's Church, Exbury

2nd Sunday

11.15am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday

11.15am Holy Communion

When there is a **5th Sunday in the month** there will be: **10:00am - United Benefice Service which will rotate around the three parish churches.**

For further details see

Calendar or Notice Board

During the winter months, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb and March, Evensong will start at 4:30 pm

Contacts

Rector: Fr. John White

Telephone: 01590 612183

Benefice Office

The Benefice Office is inside the Abbey Church Its address is:

Beaulieu Abbey Church

Palace Lane,

Beaulieu

Brockenhurst,

Hampshire SO42 7YG

T: 01590 612242

E: office@beaulieuchurches.org.uk

Office Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays

10am - 3.30pm & Fridays 1.00pm -

4.00pm. Excludes Bank Holidays.

You may leave phone messages any time, they are checked daily.

Church Wardens

Beaulieu

Peter Melhuish

Tel: 023 8178 8034

email pjmelhuish@hotmail.com

Adam Mills

Tel: 01590 616 329

email: turftech@turftrax.co.uk

Exbury

Mr David Hughes

Telephone: 023 8084 3613

Mr Brian Hernaman

Telephone: 023 8089 7528

Email: brian.hernaman@care4free.net

East Boldre

Dr Graham Sterling

Telephone: 01590 612 378

Designed and Printed by

TLC Online Calshot 023 8024 3044

Not the Rector's letter!

Your Rector, Fr. John, asked me a while ago if I would be willing to write this letter to you in his absence to which I agreed gladly.

What trust he has! This may stem from the fact that we both attended St. Stephen's House theological college in Oxford for our training for the priesthood. However, I digress.

On the Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist, in October, I delivered the sermon on that day at Beaulieu parish church at which I was also Celebrant.

The focus of that sermon was the Saint himself, but Fr. John opened up some possibilities for the focus of this newsletter to you in this monthly publication for November.

The Church's calendar for the month offers several themes as a chosen subject:- November 1st is the Feast of All Saints; 2nd November, the Commemoration of All Souls.

Remembrance Sunday is another important occasion.

The Feast of Christ the King falls always on the Sunday immediately before Advent Sunday being the first Sunday of the Church's new year and this glorious celebration offers some excellent hymns for this day, if we are permitted to sing hymns again in November!

With both All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday being in the month of November, Christian minds are drawn to the inextricable link between life and death - between surrender and sacrifice - between the Cross and Salvation.

It is the Holy Saints of God who are our inspiration and pattern for our lives as Christian men and women:- those chosen of God to serve Him in unique ways, for each one of us can identify in one way or another with the Saints.

It is so easy for us to forget that they were born as fully human as were you and I.

They were rarely faultless in the beginning but through the gift of the Holy Spirit, each became filled with the Divine presence of the Lord by the gifts of His Most Holy Spirit.

We may find it difficult at times to relate in ways that are as deeply meaningful as to the Saints.

Today these Holy men and women may seem somewhat distant from us in this twenty-first Century, but they were, in their calling, just like you and me! I believe that this reality offers us both hope and encouragement for if we were to explore the lives of the Saints, I am convinced that would discover one with whom we could identify most closely. Their lives offer hope for us!

The Commemoration of The Faithful Departed on November 2nd. (All Souls' Day), rekindles our love for all those who have gone before us, but this also serves to reunite us with them in a unity with the Father.

Throughout the year and on every day in our churches and in prayer we recall and commemorate, by name, those whom we have loved and known whilst we shared lives together, here on earth On Sundays

congregations will hear the words of the names of all those for whom a particular week encapsulates their remembrance - the 'Years Mind.' It is then, especially, that the Church on earth and the Church in Heaven are united as one in Christ.

On Remembrance Sunday, each year and on Armistice Day, 11th. November, we bring before God all who have died through human conflict, whether in the Armed Forces or civilian and, perhaps, it is all that more important to do so during these troubled times on planet earth, the images of which fill our television screens constantly.

This, combined with the on-going anxieties created by the world-wide coronavirus epidemic, are a constant challenge to our faith in Christ and the real hope He promises us all of a life of unending joy with Him when we too are called.

In our churches on the Sunday before Advent Sunday, many churches will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

For many of us, when we think of a cross, our mental image will be of a plain cross without embellishment but that represents only the Cross of Easter Day!

No 'Corpus' or Body Christ for He is Risen! Only on a retreat to the Community of the Resurrection in Yorkshire many years ago, during Holy Week, did I come to experience the liturgy of that special time with the brethren, ordinands and guests and to relive the momentous events that culminated in a most memorable celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At dawn on that Easter Day the large chapel became illuminated throughout, the great organ sounded forth and the sonorous boom of the bell rang forth. All present turned to share the Peace with one another, and the 'Gloria' was sung with great gusto!

That moment became a turning point in my life and I am still convinced that it became a first step to considering Ordination to the Priesthood.

In 1978 I entered the Church as an ordained man in the Anglican tradition.

This may not seem of especial interest but being born of Scottish parents in the West Midlands, attending a Church of England primary and junior schools, a Methodist Sunday school and grammar school my theological training in what was undoubtedly in the Anglo-Catholic tradition was instrumental in my discovering the many pathways for the Christian!

In all those years since my Ordination I have discovered that what I experience through prayer and worship in any parish church on a Sunday is quite different to what I encounter when I reach out to God in other places.

One such place is the small inner Hebridean island of Iona which lies just off the south-western tip of the Isle of Mull. It is to this Holy Isle that I have led many retreats for over forty years.

What I do and say and what I feel and experience on those occasions is far removed from my life within a parochial situation, except to say that I have been touched by the Holy Spirit in so many ways that have been so well enhanced within the silence and

beauty of that place. Iona is that 'thin place' where there is little to separate Man from God.

Ancient rocks and beaches of silver sands, with the ever-restless waves of sapphire-coloured seas washing its shoreline, was home to the Irish Celtic Saint Columba, (Irish: Colum Cille), Abbot of Iona, from ad. 563-597.

It is my spiritual home.
If you have found this contribution to you magazine this month lacking

in 'local' information, forgive me, but I hope that other contributors may have filled the gaps! May this month of November be good to you and may your faith uphold you at all times.

We all remain part of the Church both on earth and in Heaven and together with the Saints and all the Faithful departed and we proclaim:- "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!"

Fr. Iain Morrison.

Calendar November 2020

Please note - for the time being, and without the presence of singing and a robed choir, monthly Evensong will be suspended. Due to ever changing Coronavirus social distancing restrictions please see the weekly Bulletin for up-to-date details.

Sunday 1st November - All Saints Day

9.30am Abbey Church | Holy Communion

11.15am St Paul's, East Boldre | Morning Prayer

Wednesday 4th November

10.30am Via Zoom Coffee & Chat followed by Shortened Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

10.00am Abbey Church | Service Of Remembrance

Wednesday 11th November - Armistice Day

10.30am | Via Zoom Coffee & Chat - followed by Shortened Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th November

9.30am Abbey Church | Holy Communion

11.15am St Paul's, East Boldre | Holy Communion

Wednesday 18th November

10.30am | Via Zoom Coffee & Chat followed by Shortened Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd November Christ the King

9.30am Abbey Church | Holy Communion

11.15am St Katharine's, Exbury | Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th November

10.30am | Via Zoom Coffee & Chat followed by Shortened Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th November Advent Sunday

8.00am Buckler's Hard | Holy Communion

10.00am Abbey Church | Combined Benefice Service

From The 2020 Registers

No baptisms or weddings in October

Funerals:

Friday 2nd October 2020,

Test Valley Crematorium,
Sydney Jackson, Funeral.

OBITUARY FOR SYDNEY JACKSON

Francis Sydney Jackson (always known as Sydney or Syd) was born in Liverpool in 1926, winning a scholarship to Liverpool Collegiate School when he was eleven.

He went on to gain a creditable School Certificate despite having been evacuated to north Wales in the early part of the war. As soon as he was eighteen he joined the Fleet Air Arm, serving in the UK and Malta.

Following his discharge in 1947, he resumed his academic career, gaining a degree in chemistry from Sheffield University and a diploma in chemical engineering from Battersea Polytechnic.

In 1951, aged 25, Sydney joined Esso Petroleum at Fawley. The company took the training of graduate entrants very seriously, so for the next few years he found himself working in most departments of the refinery. It was during this time that he met his future wife Margaret, whom he married in 1961.

They had a son, Nicholas, in 1962, and a daughter, Sally, in 1964.

Sydney was clearly marked out for a senior management role, becoming Fleet Manager in charge of Esso tankers worldwide in 1967, and Marine Operations Manager in 1972. Other jobs followed; they included a spell in the United States and a testing job at Milford Haven, where as Refinery Manager he oversaw the closure of that plant.

In 1986, after 35 years of service with Esso Petroleum, Sydney retired.



A year later he was appointed Chairman of Dorset Health Authority, but was soon persuaded to take a year off to go to Saudi Arabia to start up a brand new oil refinery at Rabigh Bay. Back in the UK in 1990, he took up the post of Chairman of Bournemouth Hospital, serving there for six years until his final 'retirement' in 1996.

Now aged 70, Sydney might have been expected to take life a little easier, tending the large garden at his home in Buckler's Hard and enjoying the company of his family.

But his boundless energy, coupled with a strong determination to be useful within the community, led him to two new avenues of service: Beaulieu Abbey Church and the Beaulieu Village Fete.

Sydney and Margaret had been loyal congregants of the church at Beaulieu

since coming to live at Buckler's Hard in 1976.

Sydney was also a custodian of the chapel at Buckler's Hard, a member of the parochial church council, a church warden and a rigorous manager of the church finances.

Eventually, he was asked to help revitalise the summer fetes in Beaulieu, where both the church and the village ran separate events, support for which was on the wane.

Sydney carried out a survey within the community, as a result of which the two fetes were amalgamated.

A fete committee was set up with the Hon Ralph (now Lord) Montagu as chairman and Sydney as his coordinator, their aim being to raise funds and organise an enjoyable annual event for the village.

The formula proved highly successful.

Sydney had the gift of managing volunteers with the utmost courtesy while ensuring that the event as a whole ran extremely efficiently.

Even after standing down as fete coordinator, he continued to assist in many ways and even stored and maintained the large village-owned marquee himself.

In addition to his clear managerial and financial skills, Sydney also had a great sense of humour and capacity to astonish.

In the 1950s he was a valued member of the Esso Music and Drama Group, building the scenery and 'scraping' (as he put it) the violin.

As an amateur poet, he composed

many a humorous citation for departing colleagues, bringing a good deal of hilarity to their farewell parties.

On the stage, his pièce de résistance was a rendition of the Rolf Harris classic 'Jake the Peg' at the Beaulieu Christmas Show, where it brought the house down.

Sydney and Margaret spent their final years at Westcliff Hall Care Home in Hythe.

Margaret passed away in 2019 and Sydney himself died peacefully on 10 September, six days before his 94th birthday.

His funeral service was held at the Test Valley Crematorium on October 2.

His family hope to arrange a Service of Thanksgiving for Sydney's life, when Covid-19 regulations permit.

Yolanda Silvester RIP

Yolanda had been a passionate and devoted member of the Mother's Union.

One of the tasks she undertook during the 1980 and 90s was attending baptisms at the Abbey Church.

In her role as 'parish godmother', she encouraged links between families and their parish church, continuing to send cards and good wishes.

Following her death, among Yolander's possessions was discovered a 1975 order of service for Beaulieu School Carol Service.

We give thanks for her life and years of faithful service.

Fr John.

A Multi-Monastic Musical Memory

Philip Baxter | Former Director of Music

In one respect the monastic world has been my environment for many years though I never intended taking vows. The nearest I've been to poverty, chastity and obedience is just a passing glance at poverty!

In my early life I spent many school holidays at the Society of the Sacred Mission at Kelham in Nottinghamshire.

It was an Anglican monastery where the monks were also tutors to Anglican ordinands, my elder brother being one such ordinand.

They adopted all the medieval Sarum traditions including the liturgical calendar, robes and chant (plainsong hymns, antiphons and psalms etc.). It was there, at the highest standard, I developed a keen interest in plainsong.

My later academic studies focused on the Reformation and the Dissolution of the Monasteries, and in turn the liturgy and music of the monasteries, a subject I later taught at Oxford.

In more practical terms I have been on the organist staff of no fewer than six monasteries or rather the resultant parish churches of former monasteries.

My first was at the great Benedictine abbey at Selby in Yorkshire where I was a Tenor Songman and Assistant Organist. William the Conqueror contributed to its building when sailing up the Ouse to York in 1069 to oversee the 'Harrying of the North'.

Playing the four manual Hill in the

wake of Fernando Germani's recital reputation there was both frightening and exhilarating.

From Yorkshire I moved to Salisbury and in addition to my duties to cathedral and diocese I was organist at Amesbury Abbey (strictly speaking it was a priory not an abbey), a Saxon foundation, and later somewhere hiding the tomb of King Henry III's Queen Eleanor of Provence, daughter-in-law of King John, Beaulieu's founder.

In the south of France, a few miles up the Rhone from Marseille, in the eighth century sailed Gilles of Greece (pronounced Jeel who became our Saint Giles).

He was born of a wealthy Greek family but sadly was lame and thus an outcast and had to leave.

His 'prodigal son's wealth' bought him a site up the Rhone where he built a hermitage. Unlike the Prodigal, his generosity to others and particular care for lame beggars earned him canonisation as St Gilles and because his hermitage was outside the city walls (as the lame and all beggars were committed) the tradition followed of many churches built outside city walls being dedicated to St Giles (note London, Oxford etc).

The site procured Europe's second pilgrimage status after Rome; that is until a century later when the abbot of Compostella envied the pilgrimage income and proceeded to outdo Gilles with a higher status corpse!

After the hermitage lapsed a huge Benedictine abbey was built inside the bastide walls now famous for its Romanesque west front with Grecian-style carved relief. Gilles' remains were translated into the crypt.

After the Revolution the quire was ruined and the nave became the parish church. Pilgrimages continue to this day and I was proud to be organiste-titulaire there for five years.

On returning to UK I took the post of Director of Music at Bolton Abbey by the river Wharfe in the Yorkshire Dales; probably the most beautiful setting of any church in England.

It was an Augustinian Priory (again the description 'abbey' was a later misnomer through a deliberate if temporary lack of understanding of the monastic world) so strictly speaking the clergy were regular canons residing semi-communally under rules but not monks.

Its most unfortunate period was the 1318 Scottish raids after Bannockburn when the marauding Scots turned-out the canons and took the priory as their base for ruining Yorkshire (yet again!).

The cellar full of food and wine, and dormitories of comfortable beds were clearly too good an opportunity to pass-by.

Again, at the Reformation the quire was ruined and the nave became the parish church.

After Bolton Abbey I took the post of Director of Music at Malton Priory east of York. It is the only remaining church of the only truly British order of Gilbertines, founded in the 12th century by Gilbert of Sempringham

in Lincolnshire. Once more, the quire was ruined and the nave is the former parish church, now a partner church in Malton benefice.

Needless to say in all these priories we sang plainsong Compline and Vespers to music similar to that of their earlier residents.

And so to Beaulieu. The abbey had featured in my Dissolution studies as one of several founded by a king.

Despite King John's monastic leanings, he and the whole church were excommunicated by the Pope, and the church was closed for several years.

That puts the Coronavirus in perspective! How nice it would have been had at least the nave been left for our use today. Nevertheless we have sung a little plainsong here and there to reflect the heritage from those Cistercian monks.

I wouldn't want to see another dissolution in the Church, but I do think it's time for another Reformation; but that's another huge argument! Enough for me to say it has been a huge honour and privilege to have been able to 'crown' my career in this wonderful royal foundation.





Fabric Update From Beaulieu

The observant among you will have noticed that the church no longer sprouts great clumps of vegetation. Known as Valerian, or break stone, we had a great deal which had seeded in our walls and buttresses creating holes in the pointing.

We took the decision, that whilst the church was quiet, this was the time to tackle this problem.

With the expert help of our stone mason, the plant growth was destroyed by a herbicide and then all the gaps in the masonry repaired from an impressive bright red "Cherry Picker".

A deed well done.

However, and there always is an however, with a Grade 1 listed building when working off height, our stone mason observed two unpleasant and significant 'holes' on the the South West Buttress which

he photographed and sent to our Diocesan Architect.

It appears we have collapsed rubble in the buttress which has caused both the Kneeler Stones and the Coping Stones to slip.

We were advised this required urgent repair before the onset of winter.

We are so very blessed that our forebears built up a Preservation Fund.

Very soon, scaffolding will surround that buttress and the repairs started.

We know this is recent damage, photographs taken at the last Quinquennial inspection did not show this movement.

Perhaps by the time you read this, the work will be completed and no one would be any the wiser!!

SMB

**Why not volunteer
with the HIOWAA?**

**Contact
volunteers@hiowaa.org
or visit the website:
www.hiowaa.org
for more information.**



Looking to let your property?

R
RIDGEWAYRENTS

We are a professional yet friendly
letting agent offering sound advice and
fully referenced tenants. Full management
available at competitive rates.

rightmove 

01590 647930

101 High Street

Lymington, SO41 9AP

www.ridgewayrents.co.uk



Mandy Steer

S.A.C DIP RFHP

Mobile Foot Clinic offering treatments in the privacy of your own home.
Appointments available Five Days a week.
Based around the New Forest area.



Services Available

Athletes Foot • Callus • Corns • Cracked Heels
Ingrowing Toenails • Thickening of the Nail
Nail Trimming / Filing • Verruca's

Mandy Steer

S.A.C DIP RFHP

Registered Foot Health Practitioner

01590 612 302

07907 114 365



BUFFET  **BELLE**

Ethical About Food
Buffets | Teas | Parties | Funerals
Based in Milford-On-Sea



07901 951034



sarah@buffetbelle.com



buffetbelle.com



Follow us on Facebook

Harvest at Beaulieu

A different year, a different celebration of Harvest.

We, after all, live and worship in a rural parish where many still earn their living from the land.

However, Honeypot, the Charity that supports child carers is at present not offering holiday breaks in the New Forest so, they regretfully, did not require fresh produce to freeze or turn into soups and stews.

We did not want any waste so, this year we asked for harvest products in dried and tinned form that could be divided between the two local food banks.

Flower arrangers have to operate differently, we bring our arrangements already done in vases and place them on windowsills.

We wondered what the church would look like with no fresh fruit, vegetables and pumpkins and marrows!!

It still looked wonderful.

Everyone was SO generous and both the Waterside Food Bank and Lymington Basics Food Bank received a car load each of gifts for them to share out.

It was a true Harvest celebration!!



Plans for the Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service

The Churchyard of Beaulieu Abbey Church,
Sunday November 8, 2020



This year's Remembrance service is inevitably impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and the regulations that follow that. Indeed, at the time of writing (October 10, just five weeks away), a number of uncertainties remain. However, if at all possible, a Remembrance Service will go ahead at the Beaulieu War Memorial, in the Abbey Church churchyard.

Detailed planning may continue right up to the event itself!! But there are already some indicators which seem fairly clear:-

- The service will be held entirely outside, with the War Memorial as its focus. There will be no covered accommodation
- It will be a short service. Likely start time is 10.45. There will be no sung hymns
- Masks will need to be worn
- Wreaths will be laid
- A collection will be taken on behalf of the Royal British Legion

- Social distancing will be required
- There will be provision for the disabled to attend

We will use the Church Notice facility on the Benefice website <https://beaulieuchurches.org.uk/churches/church-notice/832-remembrance-sunday-november-8-2020> to keep readers informed of developments in the planning process.

Please look at it frequently, especially in the days closest to November 8. There may well be changes enforced by government or Diocesan regulations.

If in doubt, please contact the undersigned, by email.
Many thanks for your patience in these strange times.

Peter J Melhuish
Church Warden

(pjmeltuish@hotmail.com)

You are cordially invited to the COVID-safe Annual Exhibition of the EAST BOLDRE PAINTERS

to be held at EAST BOLDRE VILLAGE HALL on

Friday November 27th from 5pm to 7pm
Saturday November 28th from 10am to 4pm
Sunday November 29th from 10am to 4pm

Original work by local artists | paintings | gifts | Christmas cards | crafts.
Card or cash payments accepted | Free entry | free parking.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Beaulieu Estate News

Peter Stagg, Head of Landscape , writes,

What a summer we have just had, and although the days are still balmy the leaves on the trees are just starting to change colour: always a spectacular sight and one I never tire of seeing.

In the estate woodlands, the sika stags are whistling and the fallow bucks are grunting, heralding the start of the rut whilst announcing to other males that they have staked a claim to their territories and the does and hinds within them; always a sure sign that autumn has well and truly arrived!

On the nature reserve at Needs Ore, many of the summer migrants appear to be in no hurry to leave, though I doubt it will be long before they do. We had hoped to be able to reopen the observation hides across the reserve, but due to the second wave of Covid-19 which has brought further restrictions, this will not be possible for the foreseeable future. All permit-holders and visitors to the reserve are therefore kindly reminded to continue to practice social distancing.

The first of the Brent geese will soon be arriving after a remarkable journey from Arctic Russia, with numbers increasing daily. There are also good numbers of wildfowl - mainly widgeon and teal, along with a few pintail already here.

The cattle, sheep and ponies continue to graze the fields across Warren Farm to get the grass sward to a suitable

height for the overwintering Brent when they finally arrive.

There have recently been several reported sightings of the avocets that were hatched and ringed on the reserve at various sites across the country. The table below, produced by Graham Giddens, illustrates how far some of the winged progeny from the Needs Ore reserve travel.

Early July 2015 Ringed as a chick at Needs Ore Reserve, Hampshire.

Mid-July 2015 Seen at Titchfield Haven with its parents.

December 2015 Seen at Poole Harbour, Dorset, in a wintering flock.

February to April 2016 Seen at Newport, Gwent, Wales.

May to July 2016 Seen at Titchfield Haven.

August 2016 Seen at Poole Harbour, in a flock of 700+.

April 2017 Seen at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire

May 2017 Seen at Needs Ore, nesting (4 eggs) but nest failed.

June 2017 Seen at Titchfield Haven.

July 2017 Seen at Newport, Gwent, Wales.

October 2017 Seen at Poole Harbour, in a flock of 600+.

February 2019 Rings found in a peregrine nest in Bournemouth. (Likely to have been killed by a peregrine in 2018)

Elsewhere on the estate, the woodland team are clearing a site in Gurnet Fields (which was clear-felled



earlier in the year) of the brushwood which will be converted to chip for use as biofuel and the cordwood for firewood, prior to it being deer-fenced and planted with chestnut.

The landscape team have recently picked the apples from the estate orchards.

These have now been made into Beaulieu apple juice which this year is cloudy instead of the clear variety but retains its delicious taste and can be purchased from the Beaulieu shop.

Beaulieu events

Earlier in the year, the Covid-19 pandemic halted our 2020 events programme, including the Spring Autojumble, Hot Rod & Custom Show, Beaulieu Supercar Weekend and International Autojumble.

We had hoped that larger scale events would be able to return later in the year but recent developments have led us to conclude that this will not be possible. In consequence, the Beaulieu Fireworks Spectacular will not take place this year.

Happily, our Simply car rallies were able to re-start in July with relevant steps taken to ensure they were COVID-safe. A record-breaking 14 rallies have taken place over the

course of the summer and autumn with Simply Smart still to come.

These rallies were welcomed by visitors, with many taking the time to leave positive reviews across TripAdvisor and social media.

The focus now turns toward planning for 2021, when we hope all major events can return.



Beaulieu postman Dave Bussey

Dave Bussey, our postman and a familiar face in Beaulieu, sadly died on Tuesday following a period of illness.

He began working for the Royal Mail at the age of 16, delivering telegrams.

Dave had made deliveries in the Beaulieu area for several years and was particularly fond of the dogs he encountered on his 60 mile round (he said there were 52 of them).

His affection was evidently reciprocated by his canine friends, perhaps because he carried Bonios in his van!

Coastal footpath – call for evidence

Those who live near the river or foreshore will be aware of proposals for the English Coastal Path between Highcliffe and Calshot, the route for which was set out in a report produced by Natural England in 2017. A consultation took place which concluded in March 2018.

The report, with representations from the public, was then due to be reviewed by an independent planning inspector, who would make recommendations to the Secretary of State. It is clear, however, that the process has been delayed.

The report included 'sensitive feature appraisals' in which the effects of the path and spreading room on protected sites were considered.

This was widely seen to be a simplified version of the more comprehensive Habitats Regulation Assessment which Natural England demands of any other developer in a similar situation, but excused itself from undertaking.

A European Court judgment, unconnected with the coastal path, has subsequently established that

Natural England's approach was not adequate and the agency has now conceded that its appraisals will have to be revisited. It is now giving people an opportunity to submit new data or evidence pertaining to the species and habitats of the designated sites.

The estate will be submitting evidence pertaining to these. We will also reiterate our concern that the protection of sensitive sites affected by the coastal path proposals may be inadequate and that NE's methodology may not be sufficiently robust.

If you would like to receive more information on the submission we're preparing, please contact the estate office. The deadline for submissions is 27th October 2020.



Beaulieu Cricket Club

Howard Moore reports the ending of another season: "and what a different season it has been, with matches not allowed to start until mid-July. The league was suspended and clubs were advised to play friendlies, which we did – ten in all with varying degrees of success, mainly on Sunday afternoons."

"Games were subject to certain Covid restrictions such as regular hand-sanitizing, no teas and no general use of the pavilion. However, it all proved quite manageable and some good cricket was enjoyed. Not all the usual trophies were presented this year; however, the best batting award went to Jay Abraham, while Connor Jackson deservedly picked

up the best bowling trophy. Matt Boothman served as acting captain with distinction and a maturity beyond his years in the absence of the injured Brian Malone, the Sunday skipper and fixture secretary, whose tireless efforts to arrange games ensured that some cricket was played during these difficult times."

"Thanks are due to the many people who helped behind the scenes, without whose efforts no cricket would have been possible and also to all those who have supported the village cricket team in one way or another. We very much appreciate it. We now all look forward to next season when, hopefully, a full season's cricket will be possible."

Support your local Marina!

Every year the British Yachting Association invites yachtsmen and women to vote in a number of awards.

The Bucklers Hard Marina on the Beaulieu River is a candidate for the award of

'Marina of the Year'.

If you are a user of coastal marinas, you can vote by following this link www.britishyachtingawards.com/vote-now/



Every vote counts!!

News from Beaulieu Abbey Church:

October 2020

The first event of this period was the Ride and Stride 2020, which took place on the 12th of September.

The event is organised each year by the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust, and is a major fund raiser for funds to protect our amazing heritage of wonderful Church buildings.

Around a dozen members of our congregation walked, and one stalwart cycled.

Together, we raised close to £1,100, 50% of which comes back to our local churches. Photos show some of the group at rest, first in Beaulieu Abbey car park, ready to start, and then at the end, in the churchyard of St Pauls, East Boldre, and of an intent conversation between Derek Hewitt and organiser Alison Moore-Gwyn's grandson, Joseph.



After the exertions of the 'Ride n Stride', the next event was the 'APCM' on October 5. The APCM is known as the AGM (Annual General Meeting) of the Church.

In fact, there are two meetings, first

the Annual Parish or Vestry Meeting which elects the Church Wardens, and then the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which receives reports, accounts, etc.

The meetings had been delayed from their original date of March this year, due to the Cobvis-19 pandemic and lockdown.

There was a general sense of gratitude that the Abbey Church had weathered the storms of the virus quite well so far. There was also a deep sense of appreciation for the skills and leadership of our Rector, Father John White.



Normal weekly 9.30 Sunday services continue in the Abbey church, with the additional facility of a Zoom broadcast for those who cannot or for many reasons choose not to attend the 'live' service.

Zooming from your own home, with camera and microphone less than a metre away from face and mouth and with a strong broadband signal is simple.

Zooming in a medieval stone building of the size of the Abbey Church is a very different matter; many thanks to our versatile Benefice Administrator, Elizabeth Field, for managing the Zooming so well.

Finally this month, on the 10th of October in Winchester, Jane Barnecoat-Chongwe was licensed as an LLM (Licensed Lay Minister) in the Bishops Chapel, by the Bishop of Winchester.

Many congratulations to Jane, who is now authorised to assist Father John in taking some services throughout the Benefice.

Our photograph shows Jane at the end of the Licensing service, wearing her hard-earned stole.



New to holiday letting?

Talk to the experts and let our experienced team successfully market and let your holiday property.

Call or visit our office or see our website for more information.

01590 679655

www.newforestcottages.co.uk

101 High Street, Lymington, SO41 9AP

Creating memories
for over 40 years

New Forest
Cottages 
A Toad Hall COTTAGES COMPANY

Summary of the Annual Vestry and Parochial Meetings at Beaulieu Abbey Church Held 6th October 2020

Annual Vestry Meeting:

Elected Church Wardens Mr Peter Melhuish and Mr Adam Mills

Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

Father John gave his report as Chairman, reviewing 18 months of the life of the church.

He also thanked Elizabeth Field our administrator, Margaret Marshall co-ordinator of the Visitors group and all volunteers who make the church function efficiently. Thanks also Lincia Salter and Derek Hewitt for repairing vestments and to the church wardens, Fr Michael Joint, Rev Linda Mead and Fr Iain Morrison.

Electoral Roll: 2019 total was 127. 11 names have been added, 5 removed; total now 133. 36 are resident in the parish (27%) and 97 non resident (73%). Gloria Knight is taking over as Electoral Roll officer.

The PCC were elected, list of names will be on the church notice boards at Beaulieu Abbey Church and the group of sidespersons were re-elected for the coming year.

Finances were discussed, the accounts having been available to view in the church previously and annual accounts accepted.

Adam Mills gave a presentation regarding the anticipated financial situation going forward given the ongoing pandemic.

PCC Secretary reported that meetings had been well attended through the

year, with general agreement for all works and decision making. Margaret Marshall is taking over as PCC secretary from November 2020.

Deanery Synod meetings reported here and at each PCC meeting. Mission Action Plan will continue to be at the centre of our witness and worship, evolving as we move forward.

Other reports given included Fabric & Grounds, Church Wardens`, Social committee, Servers, Welcomers, Director of Music and Jelly Tots playgroup. All reports were adopted. Date of first full PCC Meeting: 11th November 2020, 6.30pm

The Treasurer and Secretary to be elected at that meeting. Committees and full list of PCC members to be posted on all church noticeboards.

Beaulieu Cricket Club

Another season has ended and what a different season it has been. We finally were allowed to start in mid-July.

The league was suspended and clubs were advised to play friendlies which we did – ten in all with varying degrees of success, mainly on Sunday afternoons.

Games were subject to certain Covid restrictions such as regular hand sanitizing, no teas and no general use of the pavilion, however, it all proved quite manageable and some good cricket was enjoyed by all.

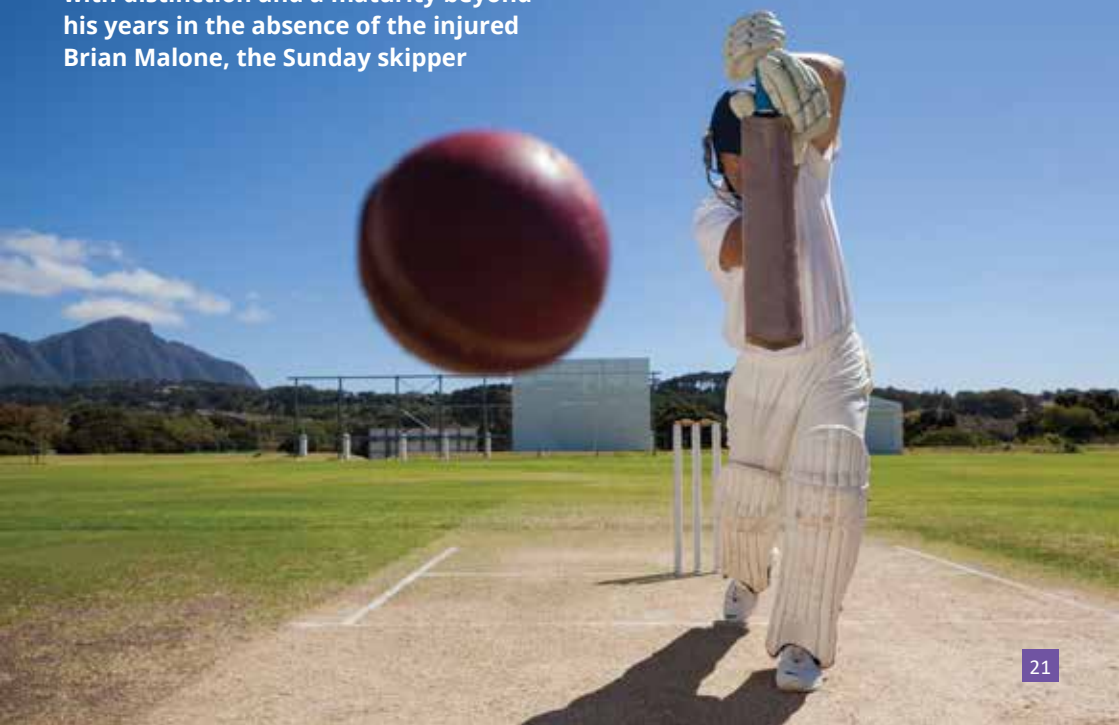
Not all the usual trophies were presented this year, however, the best batting award went to Jay Abraham whilst Connor Jackson deservedly picked up the best bowling trophy. Matt Boothman served as acting captain with distinction and a maturity beyond his years in the absence of the injured Brian Malone, the Sunday skipper

and fixture secretary, whose tireless efforts to arrange games ensured that some cricket was played during these difficult times.

Thanks are due to the many people who helped behind the scenes without whose efforts no cricket would have been possible and also to all those who have supported the village cricket team in one way or another. We very much appreciate it.

We now all look forward to next season when, hopefully, a full season's cricket will be possible.

Howard Moore





The Crossings re-opened

Over this year an extraordinary thing happened at the start of the pandemic. Local Authorities accommodated an estimated 90% of the homeless community, UK wide, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Government made £433 million available for rough sleeper services.

Currently 'move on' plans are being implemented for these estimated 15,000 people. All very interesting you may say but is this relevant to the Waterside area? We believe it is and many of these people may need help not to return to the street.

Together with many homeless charities nationwide we at the Waterside's homeless charity, The Crossings, are keen to be part of the solution.

The Crossings is not just for those who've been on the street. As a society

we're anticipating the effects of the pandemic will sadly be seen in job losses and evictions; those affected don't have the income they are used to and more concerning, are facing homelessness.

For some an online search and a solution can be found without any outside help. However, others may have challenges that make that difficult. We have found it's often a little help and a listening ear that makes a huge difference both practically and if someone is affected by isolation and/or mental health issues.

For one of our clients, we'll call her Helen for her anonymity, whom we met sleeping rough our support has meant she has been able to move on with her life.

On her first visit to us since reopening our Hythe Drop-In Centre in September, she achieved online in one visit what she had been trying to

do over the last 18 months.

She feels safe & accepted coming to us – that's success in our book!

A visit to our website shows the practical and relational support we offer. Primarily this is found at our weekly Drop-In in Hythe run by our Project Leader Andy & our friendly trained volunteer team.

Moving forward

A new initiative we're excited about is the establishment of an outreach service supporting rough sleepers across the Waterside.

Partnering with the NFDC, clients are referred to us and we make contact assisting them as they choose to engage.

Also, supporting those recently off the street to stay in their accommodation.

Another venture from November is the opening of our 2nd Drop-In Centre making us more visible and accessible across the Waterside.

Whether it's another like Helen or maybe someone you know who's struggling with the economic effects of the pandemic we are up and running. After all, we need each other more than ever.

Saturdays 10:00am - 1:00pm, St John's Hall, Hythe, SO45 6BP

Wednesdays 10:00am - 1:00pm, St John's Hall, Marchwood, SO40 4XF

Thecrossings.org.uk

m.07486 551272

Facebook@TheCrossingsWaterside

Your Contributions to the Magazine

If you would like to see your notices and articles in the Beaulieu, Exbury and East Boldre News, why not send them to us using email?

The address to send items is:
jaki@tlc-online.co.uk

For those without email, please continue to send your articles and notices to the Rectory Office by the 12th of the month.

Thank you.

Disclaimer

Individual points of view expressed in the contributions within the magazine are not necessarily those of Parochial Church Council, the Editor. The Beaulieu, Exbury & East Boldre News is designed and published by TLC Online for and on behalf of the Parochial Church Council. ©2020 Beaulieu Churches

Designed & Printed by

TLC Online

35 Tristan Close,

Calshot,

Southampton

Hampshire.

SO45 1BN

Telephone: 023 8024 3044

Email: jaki@tlc-online.co.uk

Web: www.tlc-online.co.uk

St Katharine's, Exbury - November 2020



Here we are in November and I am reminded of a poem by Elizabeth Coatsworth (1893 – 1986) an American writer of poems and fiction for children and adults. She describes this month as follows

“November comes, November goes,
With the last red berries, And the first
white snows.

With night coming early And dawn
coming late, And ice in the bucket And
frost by the gate.

The fires burn, The kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next Spring.”

Already we are hearing the
countdown to Christmas. What exactly
will our festive celebrations here at St
Katharine's look like?

We still need to make decisions about
a Carol Service where the singing
of carols is central to this popular
event. At the moment, as many of you
already know, we abstain from singing
in our Sunday services as part of the
Covid restrictions.

Another consideration is that social
distancing will be very difficult as
this special service finds the church
brimming to overflow such is its

popularity with the congregation.

The PCC will need to discuss these
issues and decisions reached about
our Christmas celebrations.

These will be included in the next
edition of this magazine.

We recently held our Annual
Parishioners and Parochial Church
meetings which had been postponed
from April due to the lockdown of St
Katharine's.

It was good to meet, despite face
covering, since our last PCC meeting in
January.

The first business to be concluded
was the nominations and return
appointments of both Mr David
Hughes and Mr Brian Hernaman as
Church Wardens.

The PCC was grateful to them both for
agreeing to continue to carry on with
these responsibilities.

All existing members of the PCC
agreed to continue in their roles.

Mr Jeremy Forsyth continues in his
roles as both Treasurer and the
Electoral Roll Officer. Whilst Mrs
Veronica House will continue as
Secretary to the PCC.

Father John thanked her and also
David, her husband, for his support.

Father John reflected on the period
since our last APCM in 2019 and
noted that it was with sadness that
the church had to be closed down in
March this year due to the Covid 19
virus.

The first event in this lockdown to be
cancelled was the Benefice Sedar Meal

due to have taken place in our church on Maundy Thursday.

He confirmed that the future of St Katharine's is still in the hands of the Diocese and that due to the Covid situation affecting everything the Diocese is currently having to face other pressing financial challenges.

Therefore, the future use of our church is still to be decided.

Father John also spoke of the use of technology during the lock down enabling those parishioners, who were able, to access a weekly benefice Sunday service via Zoom from the Abbey. Although our church is now open again for Sunday services this zoom facility is still available for those isolating.

Continuing to reflect on the twelve months from April 2019 until April 2020 there had been three weddings and two baptisms in St Katharine's.

There had also been two burial of ashes and a funeral during this period.

The year also marked the centenary of Exbury gardens. June the 6th marked the 75th Anniversary of "D Day", HMS Mastodon having played an important role in its planning and co-ordination.

The 11am service here in St Katharine's was well attended. The Abbey church choir sang and the Revd. Reg. Sweet, RN (Rtd) had preached.

Following this a wreath was laid at the Anchor Memorial within Exbury Gardens.

The last fundraising event to have

taken place prior to lockdown had been a very successful Christmas Fayre which raised £1,500.

Speaking of finance Mr Jeremy Forsyth delivered his annual financial report.

Despite all the difficulties of church lockdown and the cancellation of fundraising events, our financial situation has held its own, this was due mainly to our contributions to the Diocesan Parish Share being paid only as and when this could be afforded.

We are also grateful for the donations we have received and thank all those who give so generously.

Jeremy was thanked for his role as treasurer and for keeping a professional watchful eye on our finances as well as supporting the church in so many other ways.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs Joan Willrich who had retired in December after providing organ accompaniment to all our services for over forty years.

She had been presented with flowers and a framed certificate marking her many years of devoted service.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs Lyn Forsyth recognising her skills in actively occupying any children during services.

Also, to all those who help and support the PCC when we hold fundraising events.

Mr John Willrich was thanked for his knowledge and skill in administration of the churchyard burial plots. Also thanked was Mrs Jayne Kerr for keeping the church clean for our use. Other thanks were expressed to the retired clergy who covered services

when Father John had taken leave.

Lastly but not least the PCC thanked Father John for his ministry, pastoral care, guidance and encouragement to all of his parishioners and the PCC assured him of their continued support.

Mrs Jane Barnicoat-Chongwe gave an update relating to safeguarding matters. She confirmed that in St Katharine's DBS certification was up to date.

A recent request had been made to the Safeguarding registry asking for confirmation as to when certificates needed to be renewed.

Jane will keep us informed. Jane's role as Benefice Safeguarding Officer is being taken over by Sophie Burton.

However, Jane will support Sophie whilst the transition takes place.

The annual fabric report was delivered by our church warden Mr Brian Hernaman who confirmed that routine maintenance had continued on the church building.

A new mowing plan for the churchyard had been drawn up to replace the 2017 one.

This now allows clear access to all the graves in the churchyard by means of mowing in June whilst allowing for preservation of certain areas of wild flowers not being mown until September.

The new plan is displayed on the porch notice board.

November is the month of remembrance and as most of you are

aware, each year the chapel within our little church becomes the focus for a special service.

This is when those from the village and with close connections to Exbury, who have fallen in the theatres of war, are remembered with a wreath laying ceremony.

This year due to the situation with covid restrictions it is unlikely that such a ceremony will take place.

However, I ask that you keep a close eye on our weekly newsletter for any further information regarding this.

So, whether we hold our usual ceremony or not we will still keep the memory of all who gave their lives so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have today.

I finish this article with these well-known words of Colonel John McCrea (1872-1918)

"In Flander's fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow
Loved, and were loved, and now we
lie,
In Flander's fields."



East Boldre NEWS

Shades of Autumn

A cool sunny October morning; on the grass between the kitchen window and the Manor Bank which is our garden boundary a small Muntjac is grazing peacefully, disturbed only briefly by a knock on the glass. Enter, from behind the trunk of a large oak a neighbour's Cat which 'freezes', unnoticed by the deer but on moving is detected.

The deer hesitates for a second or two, then charges and the pair disappear at speed into the nearby bracken.

Same time and place next morning, the Muntjac is undisturbed by a tap on the window: 'this is my domain and I am keeping it'. Bye the way, do Muntjac eat Acorns?

The latter are abundant this year and a further reminder of Autumn, together with the slightly ambiguous local sign "Slow Pigs on Road" !

Our main Church matter this month was our APCM on Thursday October 24th with participants distanced and masked in the body of the Church.

A gentle cool breeze from the open doors served to concentrate the mind. At the Vestry meeting Graham Sterling was re-elected Church Warden there being no other nominations.

Other officers and members of the PCC were likewise re-elected with Mick Wigfield as Treasurer.

Fr. John gave a comprehensive report of our activities over the year which was well received.

The financial report showed that following an agreed reduction in our CMF we remain solvent. The main item under fabric was the leaking lobby roof for repair of which an estimate was agreed. Jane Barnicoat-Chongwe gave a full safe-guarding report and was thanked for her hard work on this matter as she is now handing over to Sophie Burton.

She was wished well for her forthcoming licensing as a Lay Minister.

Finally, it was noted that due to Covid -19 restrictions no plans could at present be made for Christmas or Remembrance Services.

We proceed with optimism, but in some confusion!

G.M.S

£5 per class or £8 for both

introducing Monday Morning Classes

Ease yourself into the week with
9.30 to 10.30 stretch and tone

To target areas we all
want to work on, lengthen and loosen
for the week ahead.

Jumpstart your week with
10.30 to 11.30 Zumba.

Shake and shimmy through this
energy Pilates fun class for all

Call Lesley on 07771 881 443 to book
starting from 8 April 2019 at
East Boldre Village Hall



Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters



certified by the
UK Pest Control Association



LOCAL FAMILY-RUN PEST CONTROL



RATS ✓ MICE ✓ MOLES ✓ WASPS ✓ FLEAS ✓
FLIES ✓ WOODWORM ✓ SOLAR PANELS ✓ MOTHS ✓
LOFT CLEANING ✓ BIRD PROOFING ✓ BEETLES ✓

24HR SERVICE
07388 892414



01590 630 555 pestcontrol@pestsbirdsandbugs.co.uk
www.pestsbirdsandbugs.co.uk



F. W. HOUSE & SONS

Funeral Directors

Since 1898, the House family has undertaken all aspects of funeral arrangement for the parishioners of Beaulieu, Bucklers Hard, Exbury and East Boldre.

Today, this dependable and reliable service, incorporating a modern coach-built Rolls Royce hearse continues, under the direction of Nigel House and Veronica Hawthorne.

33-34 ST. THOMAS' STREET, LYMINGTON

Please telephone (01590) 673142

with confidence for guidance and support.