

*Weston Bampfylde and Little Weston*  
*Newsletter May 2024*

Although it is still chilly for the time of year we feel that as we come to the beginning of May we are nearly into summer, with holidays to look forward to, and lots of events for the warm summer months.

This newsletter contains church services for May, including an invitation to our Rogation Service, a parish letter from Julie, some events at "The Open Pathway" and a short report on our Annual Church meeting.

Do try to come to the Deanery Ascension Day service at Milborne Port on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>, it is always a special occasion in our Deanery

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## *Cam Vale Benefice Services May 2024*

### **Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am All age service at Queen Camel

10.00am Rogation service at Corton Denham

4.00pm Tea@Four at West Camel (Joint service with the Methodists)

### **Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>**

7.00pm Deanery Ascension Day service at Milborne Port

### **Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at West Camel

**10.00am Rogation service at Little Weston Farm** (please see separate notice)

10.00am Rogation service at Sutton Montis

### **Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Common Worship Holy Communion at Queen Camel

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at Sparkford

### **Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00am Benefice Together at Ten Service at Sutton Montis**

*Weston Bampfylde Church is open daily for private prayer or a quiet time from 10.00am to 4.00pm. All are welcome to use the church at these times*

## *Annual Church Meeting*

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> April. We had a very happy meeting when most of the posts were filled by the existing people. The few changes were that Peter Ebsworth was appointed churchwarden in the place of Alan Hoskins. He will take over the responsibilities of churchwarden after the Archdeacon's Visitation at the beginning of June. Alan was thanked for his two years as churchwarden.

Shirley Hoskins retired as a member of the Parochial Church Council and was thanked for her many years faithful service as a member of the PCC. We appointed two new members of the PCC, Charlotte and Jenny King Brain, and they were welcomed on to the committee.

We look forward to a happy and successful year.

## *Village Hall News*

The village hall committee have several events planned for the summer and autumn months. Please look out for fliers and other publicity as the dates have not been finalised.

Cheese and wine tasting evening in May/June.

Maintenance day 8<sup>th</sup> June

"Rate-a-plate" 13<sup>th</sup> July (A chance for male members of our community to show off their culinary skills)

BBQ and quiz in August

Pork and cider race night during the autumn

## *The Open Pathway*

The Round Table—Jesus Style Lunches were greatly enjoyed with lively discussions and donations were raised for the following charities chosen by a draw on the day:

Great Ormond Street new Children's Cancer Centre £75;

Candles for Ukraine £65; and The Lord's Larder £55.

Thank you to all who took part.

Christy is hoping to arrange similar lunches monthly at Maymorn, Laurel Lane, Queen Camel. Please contact her on 07564 935555 if you are interested in coming.

Discussions are open—no questions or opinions barred! 'Why, what, how and because' as well as 'what is spiritual?' are greatly welcomed. More news from "The Open Pathway over the page.

# **Open Pathway to Peace**

Charity 800412 ~ [findyourway@openpathwaycentre.org](mailto:findyourway@openpathwaycentre.org)

Christy & Daniel Francis, Laurel Lane, QC BA22 7NU Tel: 01935  
850266 We would love to hear from you and welcome you here.



**Come to Yoga classes, Friday mornings 9.30-11am, or book  
a relaxing, quiet, and private swim, in our pool.**

**Volunteers much needed with DIY, painting cooking and  
gardening skills after last year's flood. Please can you help?**

## **Courses & Events**

**Meditation 26-30 May or 1 to 1– for health, focus & space.**

**Sound Bath 30 April and monthly from then  
good for rest, relaxation, and toning.**

**A Healing Way of Life led by Daniel – 4-5 May.**

**Bede Griffiths Retreat with David Cole – 10-12 May.**

**Animal Energy Therapy Training with Daniel – 18-19 May.**

**Labyrinth Retreat, 'within and without' find your inner  
answers in sacred space led by Julie and Christy – 6/7 July.**

**Accommodation available throughout the year: B/B, Half  
Board or Full Board, & Personal Retreats.**

**Rooms for Meetings and Christening, Funeral or Wedding  
Receptions, small groups, or venue hire**

## *Parish Letter*

At last, we have seen the sun. It may have been mixed in with some showers and strong winds but it is glorious to feel the warmth flooding through our windows.

It's a very British thing to make so much talk about the weather. The regular articles in this magazine usually have a reference to how lovely it's been or how wet it's been. It's a safe topic, it's inclusive because it affects us all and it gets used as a conversation starter.

We all have 'weather' stories to tell.

Back in the day, on the other side of the world in a place which is much warmer than here, the weather wasn't the conversation which was on everyone's lips.

The main story everyone was talking about was an empty tomb.

The body had disappeared, not a sign of it unless you were one of those Jesus followers, you know those Galileans who had been disrupting the status quo within the hierarchy of the temple.

The man who was called 'King of the Jews', 'Son of God', some even went as far as using the word 'Messiah'. He'd been crucified and died alongside some criminals and now after leaving his dead body in a tomb, apparently it had come back to life and moved the stone and walked right out. Nail marks still in his hands and his feet.

Of course the authorities are playing it down. They don't want an outcry. Goodness knows what they'll do if they find him. Maybe crucify him again or send him packing as an outlaw. Where do you suppose he's hiding?

Would he die again if they did try it a second time? Who do you think he was? He did some pretty amazing stuff and to hear him talk, well, he spoke as gentle as a lamb but the authority in his voice and his knowledge, never heard anything like it. You know he cured Jean's son who had been blind since birth, and there were those lepers, he also created loads of baskets of fish and bread when there was that crowd up on the hills.

There was even talk that two ships nearly went down because they had caught so many fish after he told them to put their nets in again after a night's fishing and catching nothing.

And there was Lazarus, Mary and Martha's brother, did you hear what he did for him?

You know, maybe there was something special about him. Maybe there is something special about him.

If we could only find him and listen properly now. Pay more attention and heed his words. Maybe try and live in the way he was showing us, being grateful and expectant that God knows us more than we realise and wants to be a part of our lives.

Not sure the Romans would like that, but maybe that's the way to get rid of the Romans.

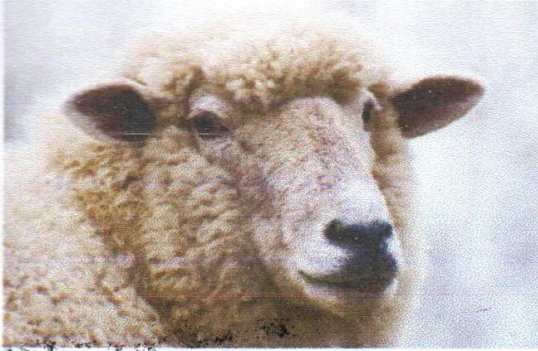
We need to start spreading the word. Get everyone talking about it. Let it be the talk of the town.

I bet we all have a Jesus story to tell.

Julie Ebsworth



Spring lambs behind Springfields



# **Rogation service**

**With blessing of fields, crops and animals**

**SUNDAY 12th May**

**Beginning at 10.00a.m.**

**At Little Weston Farm**

**Little Weston, Yeovil BA22 7HP**

**and then taking a short walk through  
the village  
followed by refreshments**

**Please bring shoes/boots suitable for walking**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Including well behaved dogs on leads**



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