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*Cover photo: Bluebells in St. Mark's Churchyard in full flower
by Sally.*

We hope you enjoy this month's Messenger. We are always
looking for copy - please get in touch if you have any ideas
for future issues.



Letter from Vanessa

Dear Friends

So, our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming up on 25th May. Now, I know what you are all thinking – that is the least inspiring start to a parish magazine letter for some months – however, that is probably because you haven't yet seen our annual report!

Our Annual report for 2024 is packed full of amazing things that have been going on across our Benefice during the year, and it is a real celebration of the hard work that all our fabulous volunteers put in. We are so grateful for everyone's support, love and care for all our churches. Whether it's building works, grant applications, running toddler groups, making coffee, leading Forest Church, cleaning, lunch club – there are so many things happening that say something of God's love to our wider community.

We are aware, though, of the pressure this causes for limited numbers of volunteers. To help this, we have been looking at ways of streamlining our governance, and so we are currently in a formal consultation to move from three PCC's across our Benefice to just one. (A PCC is a Church Council – rather like a school governing body) You can read more about this in the pages that follow and there is also a notice on the front door of the church. Anyone may make representations either for or against this scheme, preferably by email, to the church commissioners no later than midnight on Monday 9th June. Please do be in touch if you would like further information, I am very happy to chat this through with anyone who might be interested.

In the meantime – look out for copies of the Annual Report, coming soon to the back of the church, and perhaps read it in the sunshine, sat on Claire's bench!

Vanessa



Weekly service pattern

Sunday Services

	All Saints	St Mark	St Denys	St John
1st Sunday	11:00 Messy Church	09:30 Tidy Church	09:30 BCP Matins or Communion	11:00 Communion or Morning Prayer
2nd Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion	09:30 informal Morning Prayer	
3rd Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion or Morning prayer	09:30 BCP Matins or Communion	
4th Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		
5th Sunday	11:00 Communion	09:30 Communion		

Midweek Services

When	Where	What
Tuesday, 10:30	St Mark, Ampfield	Small group Communion in St Mark's room, followed by coffee
Wednesday, 19:00	All Saints, North Baddesley	Communion in a peaceful candle lit space in the midst of your busy week

Need a break from the hurly burly of life?

St. Mark's is open daily



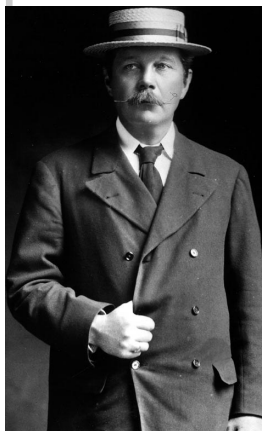
MORE ON SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

by

Alan Edwards

After graduating from Edinburgh University, he set up a doctor's practice in Portsmouth. Born in Edinburgh, on 22 May 1859, he was one of 10 brothers and sisters and was allegedly the apple of his mother's eye. The Practice was in Elm Grove, Southsea. It was, however, at least initially, hardly a lucrative profession. An article in the Portsmouth Times in July 1955, suggests "he could afford only to furnish his house in a meagre and sparse fashion". Bizarrely, although he bought a bedstead he didn't buy a mattress and bed clothes. It seems an apocryphal story, or perhaps he was just eccentric. It seems his financial situation improved when he married. It was a happy union. He was able to send his younger brother to school and employ domestic help in the kitchen. His eccentricity was accentuated by his buying so much furniture for the waiting room that there was barely enough room for patients. The family spent their holidays on the Isle of Wight.

He threw himself into community activities, especially in the sporting arena. He started at Southsea Bowling Club, before moving onto cricket and



eventually football. Six feet two inches tall, and fifteen stone with no surplus flesh, (he was as they now say a "big unit"), he was a more than competent goalkeeper, and full back, who seems to have possessed the kick of a mule, as he launched several attacks from defence. It is often written that he was Portsmouth FC's goalkeeper, but this is not the case. He played for a forerunner of the eventual club. To maintain his status as a "gentleman", he played under the name of AC Smith.

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His cricket was with Portsmouth Borough, the leading club in the city, from 1884 until 1890. His main claim to fame is that his one wicket in first-class cricket, on one of his rare appearances for MCC, was that of WG Grace, a fellow practising doctor. Grace was well past his century at the time. Whether he gave his wicket away deliberately is not recorded. It would have been out of character if he did.

Throughout his early years, he yearned to be an author. Apparently, his father's contacts included Thackeray, Scott and Wordsworth. After he left Hampshire, he often guested for many prominent cricket clubs. One of those was the Allahakbarries (the reference books state that the name is Arabic for "God Help Us"!) whose ranks included EW Hornung, his brother-in law and author of the Raffles detective stories, JM Barrie (whose bowling was so slow that he sometimes ran down the pitch to collect the ball en route to the batsman), the future England captain and Hollywood actor, Charles Aubrey Smith, and one of the most fascinating men of the early 20th Century, Hesketh Vernon Hesketh Prichard (a ground-breaking explorer, author, naturalist, fast bowler and war hero who made a genuine contribution to winning the battle of the trenches - more next month).

He wrote 21 books whilst living in Portsmouth, including the first two Sherlock Holmes books, *A Study in Scarlet* and *The Sign of Four* . Whilst in the City, he joined the Portsmouth Literary and Scientific Society, whose President was ... Dr. Watson. Conan Doyle was a man with a phenomenal memory, imagination, and capacity for work, exemplified, by his literary output. He eventually left Hampshire in 1891 to live in the Haslemere area in Surrey.

There is a fine permanent Sherlock Holmes Exhibition in Portsmouth City Library.

Bibliography
Sherlock Holmes Was A Portsmouth Keeper
by Kevin Smith
Cricket Archive Website





Can you identify this plant
from St. Mark's churchyard?

Go to p.21 for the answer.

“Bigotry tries to keep truth safe in its
hands

With a grip that kills it.”

Rabindranath Tagore, poet (1928)

“Whatever you may be sure of, be sure of
this: that you are dreadfully like other
people.”

American poet James Russell Lowell

Ron & Stella's Quiz Night

1. What is a group of Goldfinches known as?
2. Do Sponges have hearts?
3. How many stripes does Adidas have?
4. Oktoberfest in Germany is celebrated with what drink?
5. What is the world's fifth largest religion?
6. What is the name of the sea located between Tunisia and Italy?
7. In which year did Four Weddings and a Funeral Premier? (1) 1994
(2) 1995 (3) 1996
8. Who played the character of Jack Dawson in the movie Titanic?
9. What colour is the tongue of a Giraffe?
10. Which marsupial is known for sleeping most of the day?



Ron Cobb

Answers on p. 21

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riends of
Chapel
Wood
by
Graham Roads

What we get up to in our monthly get-togethers can often be very much weather-dependent; April's working party was a good example. Our

original plan was to have a bonfire to get rid of the piles of arisings scattered around the bonfire pit. However, after such a long spell of without rain, there was a small risk that a bonfire might prove difficult to contain, and, as a result, we were encouraged to err on the side of caution.

As it happened, this change of plan allowed us to think up a new game, one we had not played for years. We decided to try to dig up some of the rhododendron roots in the area overlooking the pond. To do this we needed the right kit, a degree of determination and, most importantly, some younger and fitter volunteers.



It is a fact of life that those of us who were energetic enthusiasts 10 years ago are now better suited to doing the crossword than excavating rhodo roots. We were lucky that a couple of the younger and stronger members of the group were available that morning (well, everything is relative!).

On occasions such as this, an elementary bit of physics can be helpful. It need be no more extensive than a working knowledge of how the ancients Britons moved whacking great bits of stone around - but that can be invaluable! We had some good kit - a couple of ratchet power-pullers, miles of rope and sturdy blocks - and we had loads of confidence - what could possibly go wrong?

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We soon discovered. The first challenge was to remember how it all worked. It must be 15 years ago we last did anything like this. We started with some constructive, if lengthy, discussions on tying knots. They all seemed to hinge on the fact that a bunny must come out of his hole, hop around a tree and return into his hole again. A basic concept, you might think, but one that, without pictures, can be strangely frustrating.

Eventually, we managed to get it all together; well, not quite all, the principles behind the block and tackle continue to elude us. Still, the ratchet worked very well, once we got it up the right way. Bits of rhodo root began suddenly to appear from everywhere. The pile of excavated material grew and grew. We were so absorbed that we forgot all about coffee, we almost forgot about lunch. Never known before, definitely something worth doing again.



If you fancy the idea of joining some like-minded neighbours for a few hours once a month, just turn up in the St. Mark's car park at 09:45 on the second Saturday of every month. The Friends are a good bunch. Tools are provided. It is a good way to have a bit of fun and help our community at the same time!

Graham Roads





CHURCH FETE & DOG SHOW

**St. Mark's Church
Ampfield SO51 9BU**

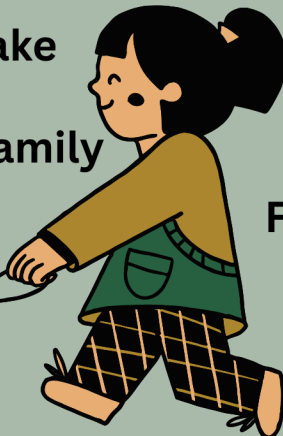
in Church Grounds and Chapel Wood

Saturday 14th June

11.30 am to 2.30 pm

Cream Teas and Cake

Games for all the family



Plant Stall

Raffle

Fun Dog Show

BBQ



dog show

chrisk@acnb-church.org



enquiries

philb@acnb-church.org

Benefice News

Clare Ludwell's Memorial Bench

After April's coffee morning Clare's bench was dedicated by Sally. It is situated in a sunny position on the south side of St. Mark's.

"Claire had a strong faith and for many years just loved and cared for St. Mark's, and all those involved with the Church. She welcomed people to the church warmly and put them at ease. She loved chatting. At Services she would always sit in the same pew at the back of the Church so she could greet any late-comers."

This is an extract from Jennie's tribute to Claire in the January 2022 issue of The Messenger. If you go to the Ampfield Parish Council website, (<http://www.ampfield.org.uk/> - (click on Newsletters), you can read the many tributes to Claire.



Benefice News

Friends of St. Mark's

We held our first event of the year on Easter Saturday. Despite the dreary weather at the start the coffee morning was well supported. We had stalls selling craft goods, jewellery, homemade jam, chutney and lovely cakes. We also had an egg hunt. We raised an encouraging £387.40. At the end of the event we held a dedication for the bench in memory of Claire Ludwell (see p.)for which the sun made an appearance! Our next event in a busy schedule is our ever popular **Quiz night** on **9th May** followed by a **Tea party** on the afternoon of **5th July**. Look out for our other events later in the year including the **Beggar's Banquet** folk evening on **24th September**, the annual Wine Tasting on **10th October** and a Beetle Drive on **14th November**.



Stephen

Friends for Lunch Wednesday 21st May

We celebrated our 10th anniversary in April with a special Italian-themed meal, see p. for a report. If you would like to join us in May please contact Pam on : Tel. 02380 411146 or Email - pamm@acnb-church.org for availability.



St. Mark's Stall at the Ampfield Market

We sell bric - a - brac, gifts and seasonal items to raise money for the maintenance of the buildings of St. Mark's. Jennie has made cards and fridge magnets with a picture of Ampfield Church - £1.50 for a card, or £5 for 4 cards, and £2 for a fridge magnet.

If you have anything to donate, please contact Chris on 01794 367104. We are happy to collect. Thank you for your support.

Pam and Chris



Benefice News

Pilgrim Course

Come and join us for our monthly Benefice discussion group! Every second Saturday morning in St Mark's room, 10:00 - 11:30 and every first Wednesday afternoon at All Saints, 2:30 - 3:30, with lovely coffee and cake. We will use a range of resource material to explore questions of faith. Our ethos is that we are exploring together, and there are no wrong answers - all are welcome to this relaxed and friendly group. First session is 12th October 2024 - do [get in touch](#) if you would like more information.

St. Mark's Minnows: Thursdays in St. Mark's Room 9.30 - 11am

Well! Easter and the school holidays have come and gone so quickly. This means that we were back to our Toddlers and Babies Group on the 24th April. All set up and coffee/tea pot on at 9.15am we awaited our wonderful Mums and Grandmas with their little ones. We were happy to welcome back 11 adults and 12 toddlers and babies.



There was lots to do:- playing in the sand, making flower pictures, play dough, jigsaws and much more. Phil was in the reading corner sharing a few books with the children. With mums chatting and babies playing on the carpet, it was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves. Snacks and drinks were enjoyed by those who wanted them. At 10.45 we all had bells and musical instruments, singing Nursery Rhymes which we all enjoyed (helpers and all)!! 11am was time for all to help pack up ready to go home, listening and still singing more Nursery Rhymes.

Thank you to all who came and helped too. If you would like to join us on a Thursday morning 9.15 - 11am (term time only) with your little one, please feel free to turn up, we look forward to seeing everyone next Thursday 8th May.

Heather

Benefice News

North Baddesley Village Day - Saturday 17th May

As in previous years we have a pitch and are going to set up a few games and are looking for people to help on the day. If you can only spare an hour or so that would be wonderful. Please reply to this newsletter if you can help in anyway, particularly in setting up in the morning or taking down in the afternoon. Thank you.

Digital Hub - All Saints: Wednesdays 10.30am - 12 noon

If you know anyone who would like some extra help when using their laptops, tablets or phones then please pass on details about digital hub.

Social Hub - Wednesdays at All Saints 10am - 12 noon

Have a go at some crafts, do jigsaws or just relax with a book that has been borrowed from the Community Library (also open on a Wednesday morning) or just sit and chat. Free drinks and biscuits and sometimes other treats!

Welcome Café at All Saints Thursdays at 10am

The café is for any and everyone in the community to come and meet friends for a catch-up and enjoy great coffee. We particularly welcome those who find themselves lonely or bereaved.

Sunshine Saints

Fri: 10:00am - 11.30am at All Saints (term-time only)

Sunshine Saints is the toddler and baby group. It is an opportunity for the children to have fun playing together. There are snacks for the children and tea and coffee for those who accompany them, suggested donation: £2.

St. Denys - talks and recitals

1pm, Wednesday 14th May - Duncan McKellar

Our church architect is planning to entertain us with a fun, eclectic, folk-inspired vocal/guitar performance.

1pm, Wednesday 18th June - Jonathan Durrant, River Keeper

and Chairman of the Test & Itchen Association will be giving us a talk

"A Journey Down The River Test."

1pm, Wednesday 22nd October - The Southampton Salty Sea Dogs

Will be performing sea shanties and songs with a few jokes thrown in. Those of you who supported their performance last year will know just how much fun this motley crew are!

ST MARK'S MINNOWS

FUN AND FRIENDLY TODDLER GROUP

ST MARK'S CHURCH ROOM, AMPFIELD SO51 9BU



TERM TIME THURSDAYS

9.30 – 11AM

COFFEE ON FROM 9.15!



ACNB CHURCH

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN AMPFIELD,
CHILWORTH AND NORTH BADDESLEY

St Mark's Church
A3090 Ampfield SO51 9BU
search online for @acnbchurch

All Saints Church, North Baddesley

Invite you to an

80th Anniversary

VE DAY PARTY



Sunday 11th May

3 - 5pm

This is a free event but we do require to know numbers as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please use the QR code or contact
by email office@acnb-church.org or tel 023 80737617
if you would like to attend - Thank you



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The next Forest Church Service will take place on Sunday 18th May 3pm at St. Marks Church. The theme will be 'Musical Forest'. It is for all ages to explore faith and spirituality through creation. Please dress for the weather, if you feel you will want to sit down, please bring something to sit on. Tea and coffee will be available, and we are looking forward to connecting with God through our interactions with nature.

St. John the Baptist Churchyard Tidy-Up

Saturday 31st May from 2 - 4pm. There are quite a few jobs that need doing after the Winter and so looking forward to lots of help!

Bishop Philip visiting the Benefice on Sunday 20th July

We are really looking forward to his visit and there may be an opportunity for a Confirmation Service in the morning, therefore if you or anyone you know wishes to be confirmed please can you have a chat with Vanessa.



Friends of St. Marks

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 9th May

7pm to start at 7.30 pm

**St. Mark's Church Room, Ampfield
SO51 9BU**

**Tickets £5 each including nibbles
(Licensed Bar)**

<https://bit.ly/4i82R4S>

Available on line

(or call 07799 435715)



Answer to 'Can you identify this plant?'

I am sure we can call this small blue-purple flower a dog violet, it is probably *Viola Riviniana* but there are many slightly different forms as they cross-pollinate quite freely. It is not to be confused with the larger sweet scented viola so loved in Victorian times for it's scent and for crystallisation with sugar to make edible decorations for food items, such as cakes.



Violets have been much written about. Shelley wrote 'After the slumber of the year, the woodland violets re-appear'. Shakespeare, besides the lines 'I know a bank thereon the wild thyme blows. Where oxlips and the nodding violets grow', is said to have mentioned more than 15 times in his works. The violet is the food plant of the Fritillary butterfly including F. Highbrown, F. Pearl-bordered and F. Silver Washed. We are not the only ones to cherish the violet.

Anon

Answers to Ron & Stella's Quiz Night

1. Charm
2. No
3. Three
4. Beer
5. Buddhism
6. Mediterranean
7. Answer (1) 1994
8. Leonardo DiCaprio
9. Purple
10. Koala

10 years of Friends for Lunch

In April we celebrated our tenth anniversary with an Italian themed lunch. We were inspired by everyone's love of Annie's lasagne and our diners stepped up, sporting items in red, white and green. 24 members enjoyed 'Lasagne al forno, La Bruchetta and Insalada', followed by Clare's delicious Tiramisù. Ron's Italian quiz was a great success and the hall was decked with the Italian flag.

'Friends for Lunch' was launched in April 2015. An inspection by Environmental Health resulted in a five star rating which we have maintained. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at St. Mark's Room, Ampfield.

Our main aim has been to serve healthy and tasty home-cooked meals in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. We hope to give older people an opportunity to eat in the company of others and our cooks and servers enjoy the experience as much as the diners.

Favourite meals are roasts, cottage pie and our summer buffet in June, all accompanied by a glass or two of wine. Over the years we have increased the size of the puds due to popular demand! In August we serve a cream tea. After lunch Ron hosts a fun quiz and everyone brings a small prize for the raffle. We finish with chocolates with tea or coffee.



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Happy 10th

Birthday
Friends for Lunch!
16th April 2025
MENU



Primo piatto:
Lasagne al Forno
La bruschetta
Insalada

Il Dessert:
Tiramis
DolciCaffè Tè





Our next lunch is on Wednesday
21st May, 12 noon for 12.30 —
please contact Pam on:
Tel. 02380 411146
Email - pamm@acnb-church.org
to book your place.



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Notice Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme

28 April 2025

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The Winchester Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee has prepared a draft Pastoral Scheme for:

The union of the parish of Ampfield, the parish of Chilworth and the parish of North Baddesley, being the three parishes which comprise the area of the benefice of Ampfield, Chilworth and North Baddesley in the diocese of Winchester, for the parish church of the parish of Ampfield and the parish church of the parish of North Baddesley to be parish churches of the new parish, and for the parish church of the parish of Chilworth to be a chapel of ease in the new parish.

The draft Scheme is on the Commissioners' website www.churchofengland.org/consultation or you may obtain a copy from me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.**

Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) by post or, preferably, by email to reach the Commissioners no later than midnight on **Monday 9 June 2025**. **Please send your representation to rex.andrew@churchofengland.org or letter marked FAO Rex Andrew, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ.**

* If they have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring 020 7898 1743 or email them to ensure it has been received. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and the Commissioners will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory for whom they can identify an address – "the primary petitioner".

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- * When making a representation, please indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (eg parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to their Committee regarding your representation if the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held regarding the case. Please ensure you provide contact information so that they can be in touch with you regarding later stages of the process.
- * If they receive representations against the draft Scheme, they will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will normally be published on the Commissioners' website if the matter needs to be considered by them.
- * If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Commissioners that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to their Committee. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.
- * When they acknowledge representations the Commissioners will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of their Committee's meetings. They will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- * The Commissioners' will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when they consider all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners' staff and any points raised at the meeting.
- * The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it.
- * If they so decide, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.
- * Please see the Commissioners' website www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the procedure.

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SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT SCHEME (NOT PART OF THE DRAFT SCHEME)

This draft Scheme provides for the union of the parish of Ampfield, the parish of Chilworth and the parish of North Baddesley, being the three parishes which comprise the area of the benefice of Ampfield, Chilworth and North Baddesley in the diocese of Winchester, for the parish church of the parish of Ampfield and the parish church of the parish of North Baddesley to be parish churches of the new parish, and for the parish church of the parish of Chilworth to be a chapel of ease in the new parish.

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this day of 20 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, the Right Reverend Philip, Bishop of Winchester, having consented thereto.

Union of parishes

1. The parish of Ampfield, the parish of Chilworth and the parish of North Baddesley, being the three parishes which comprise the area of the benefice of Ampfield, Chilworth and North Baddesley in the diocese of Winchester, shall be united to create a new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Ampfield, Chilworth and North Baddesley".

Churches

2. (1) The church of Saint Mark, being the parish church of the parish of Ampfield, and the church of Saint John the Baptist, being the parish church of the parish of North Baddesley, shall both be parish churches of the new parish.

(2) The church of Saint Denys, being the parish church of the parish of Chilworth, shall, upon the date on which this Scheme comes into operation, cease to be a parish church.

(3) Subject to any provisions of the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978 which apply thereto and any directions thereunder, any register books and records of that church which remain in parochial custody shall be dealt with as the Bishop shall direct.

Archdeaconry and deanery

3. The new parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Bournemouth and the deanery of Romsey.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

4. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Ann Margaret Devereux holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the parishes referred to in clause 1 hereof she shall, in consequence of the union of parishes effected by the Scheme hold that office subject to the same terms of service in the new parish of Ampfield, Chilworth and North Baddesley.

(2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any other person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the parishes referred to in clause 1 hereof he, she or they shall as consequence of the union of parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new parish of Ampfield, Chilworth and North Baddesley. Cont. ...

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Coming into operation of this Scheme

5. This Scheme shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the date of it being made by the Church Commissioners.

In witness of which this Scheme has been duly executed as a deed by the Church Commissioners.

SIGNED by the Right Reverend Philip, (Bishop of Winchester).

Executed as a Deed by the Church Commissioners for England

acting by two authorised signatories:

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Signature of Authorised Signatory

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Notes by the Diocesan office (not forming part of the draft Scheme) The rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

These proposals came about at the request of the PCCs of the three parishes concerned. A single parish structure is intended to bring renewed energy to the overall vision and governance across the benefice, and also to the local work in and around each of the three churches.

All three PCCs view these proposals as an opportunity to come together to seek new ways of offering ministry across the wider area, and of offering the next generations, a streamlined and healthy single parish benefice model.

Publication of this draft Scheme has been approved by the Church Commissioners but does not mean that they have taken a view on the merits of the diocesan case. If they receive representations against the draft Scheme, they will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop and ask for his views. Individual representatives will then receive copies of their correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to the Commissioners on the issues raised in their original letter in light of the diocesan response if they so wish.

If there are no representations against the draft Scheme, the Commissioners will make the Scheme and arrange for it to be brought into effect.

Clause 4(2)

The above clause has been included to ensure that any person holding an office of assistant curate (however described) shall as consequence of the union of the parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new parish of Ampfield, Chilworth and North Baddesley. Although there is currently no such unnamed office holder in post, this clause is included in case any such office holder is appointed before this Scheme comes into operation.



**Why didn't Noah go fishing?
He only had two worms.**

**Why couldn't they play cards on the Ark?
Noah was always standing on the deck.**

**Why were the horses aboard the ark Pessimistic?
They were always saying neigh.**

**Did all the animals on the ark come in pairs?
No the worms came in apples.**

**What animal could Noah not trust?
The Cheetah**



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Two sessions in the morning. Starting at 9.15 & 10.30am. Mixed ability mat class. Details at www.pilateswithaplomb.com

AMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

regularly meet on a Monday evening for their ordinary meetings, planning meetings and other meetings. Details at www.Ampfield.org.uk .

TUESDAYS

AMPFIELD BRIDGE CLUB

is a very popular club playing friendly duplicate bridge. It meets every Tuesday evening (except at Xmas time) from 7pm to 10pm. If you require a partner or want more information contact Janet Cox on 07879 915726 or email janetwallace1@hotmail.co.uk New members always welcome.

WEDNESDAYS

NEW CLASS! YOGA MORNING with Yoga by Gaynor

for details see Friday on next page

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cravendiana18@gmail.com

AMPFIELD ART GROUP

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4 May 9.30		Café Church					
11 May 9.30	Holy C	Stephen Heather C	Mark B Acts 9.36-43	Heather S Revelation 7.9-end	Ron	Chris	Clive
18 May 9.30	Holy C	Robyn Mark B	Jennie Acts 11.1-18	Ron Revelation 21.1-6	Jean	Jennie	Karen CDS
25 May 9.30	Holy C	Phil Jennie	Stephen-Acts 16.9-15	Robyn Revelation 21.10, 22 - 22.5	Sally	Karen	Clive

Please make sure you find someone to take your place if you are unable to do your turn, and annotate the rotas displayed in the vestry and the porch. Thanks for all your help.

Phil Budden



Flowers for May: Diane

Church Cleaning - If anyone would like to help with cleaning the Church (taking it in turns on our monthly rota) that would be very helpful. It is best to do this in pairs to be safe, and does not take very long to Hoover, sweep, and dust! If you would like to offer or chat about this please contact Jennie Edwards (details at the front of the Messenger). Thank you so much.



A Prayer for Pope Francis



Father in heaven, we praise your name
for all who have finished this life loving and trusting you,
for the example of their lives,
the life and grace you gave them
and the peace in which they rest.

We praise you today for your servant Francis
and for all that you did through him.

Meet us in our sadness
and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving,
for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend your servant Francis.
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.
Enfold him in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen



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