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Cover picture of Foxgloves at St. Mark's by Sally Kerson

Dear Friends

As many of you know, after three great years, I will be leaving ACNB Church at the end of June to begin a new chapter in ministry. Writing this final newsletter is not easy, as my heart is filled with both gratitude and sadness.

When I arrived in 2023, I was warmly welcomed into the benefice - a place already rich in faith, friendship, and service. Over the past three years, we have shared so much together: joyful baptisms and weddings, solemn farewells to loved ones, my ordination and priesting, Christmas celebrations, early Easter mornings and countless ordinary Sundays and weekdays when we gathered simply to worship God and encourage one another. You have welcomed me with generosity, kindness, and patience, and for that I will always be grateful.

What I shall miss most is not the buildings, the services or the events, but the people: the familiar faces; the conversations and laughter over coffee before and after services; the dedication of our volunteers; the faithful prayers of our congregation; the many acts of kindness that often go unseen; and the sense of belonging that makes this parish so special.

Yet alongside the sadness, there is also hope. The life of the Church is built on faith that God continues to lead us into new chapters. While our paths may soon take different directions, the God who has guided us thus far remains faithful. Cont. ...

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Thank you for the privilege of serving you and for your friendship, your encouragement, and your support over these past three years. My life has been enriched beyond measure by being part of this family. I am excited about your future and know that the gifts, faith, and commitment that I have seen here will continue to flourish. I encourage you to continue to care for one another, to welcome newcomers, to support your church family, and to seek God's guidance in all things.

As I prepare to move on, please know that you will remain in my prayers. Thank you for the many ways you have enriched my life and ministry. The memories we have made together will remain with me always.

May God bless you, keep you, and guide you in the months and years ahead.

With gratitude, affection and every blessing,

Revd Ann Devereux

Cleric of Ampfield, Chilworth & North Baddesley, 2023 - 2026

You will be sadly missed Ann. Make sure you get hold of a copy of next month's Messenger where we will celebrate your time with us!

Castaway of the Month - Stephen Phillips

1. Downhearted Blues by Juanita Hall 1935
There's a feature on Radio 4's Saturday Live in which famous people chose their inheritance tracks - one they have from the past and one they'd pass on. This track by the famous blues singer reminds me of my mother doing her ironing and singing along as she tackled the mountain of linen.

2. Green River by Creedence Clearwater Revival 1969
I was born in 1956 and was late getting into pop culture. Too late for the swinging 60s this was the first single I bought in 1969. A few years ago Karen & I went to the O2 to see John Fogerty live banging out all the CCR favourites; a great night.

3. ***Led Zeppelin III***
My very first album was a 1970 Christmas present and my favourite track is the blues song 'Since I've been loving you' it's a typical Zeppelin song, starting slowly and building to a rocking finish. I saw Led Zeppelin twice - at Earls Court in 1975 and at their last UK gig at Knebworth in 1979.

4. Pop Music by M
Definitely not a favourite but very memorable. Karen & I spent our first 'weekend away' together in farmhouse b&b in 1979. I was 22 but looked 16. We went to Wells on one day and as we were walking down the main road an extremely drunk man dressed in a cavalier's costume was coming up the hill sing-ing at the top of his voice 'Pop, pop, pop music' it's stayed with us ever since. Ask Karen what she remembers about Wells.

5. I hate to see you cry by Alan Hull

Alan Hull died in November 1995 and is best known as the leader of the band Lindisfarne. We've followed the band all over the country and have been to many of their legendary City Hall Christmas gigs in their hometown Newcastle. Alan died at 50. How many great songs were left unwritten?

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6. God is Love to the tune of Hyffidol
This is my favourite hymn.
Our youngest son was 6 when the Dunblane school massacre happened. He was the same age as the children who were killed. I remember there being a memorial service on tv at which God is Love was sang. I couldn't stop the tears.

7. Signore Ascolta from Turandot
Quite simply the most beautiful aria I've heard. How that last note is held for so long I'll never know. Often overshadowed by its more famous Nessun Dorma and part of an opera with a gruesome plot. This piece deserves greater recognition.

8. Supper's Ready - Genesis
I went to secondary school in 1968 and was soon into all the famous '70s bands whose music endures to this day. Less so was Prog Rock; often seen as self indulgent. Peter Gabriel left Genesis in 1975 and they became more 'pop' Influenced after that. Suppers Ready, all 23 minutes of it, is for me their high point.

My Choice of Book:
'Blind Ambition' by John W. Dean. My specialised subject on Mastermind would be Watergate. John Dean was the special counsel to Nixon and was seen as the 'scapegoat' for the Watergate cover-up. This is his autobiography on the unravelling of events in 1972/3. I've read it so many times it's falling apart.

My Luxury:
Karen and I have just started art classes so it would have to be a sketchbook, pencils and pastels. We now take our sketchbooks with us wherever we go and sit for an hour. People often comment - good comments of course. No one has said 'that's rubbish' haha!

Thank you Stephen - though I think we could run to a new copy of the book for your stay on the Island.. If you would like share your choices of music for a desert island please contact Chris on:
cl.kerr@hotmail.com

BYGONE AMPFIELD
(AN-FELD).
by
F.H.Suckling

Reprinted from the "HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE"
of August 3rd., 1912.

Very picturesque is the old coaching road from Winchester to Salisbury, when, after passing the Pound at Hursley it plunges into a perfect avenue of over-arching trees; and, proceeding onwards , through varying tints of oak and beech, mounts the hill at Ratlake, to arrive amid woods of such vast antiquity that they are said to be "probably primeval, with a flora all their own". Then suddenly, without any warning, there peeps from between the trees the tapering spire of a church, where it keeps lonely watch above "God's acre in the wood" and over the graves of those who have been brought hither to await, in a scene of peace and beauty all its own, the final end of time. For here no sound breaks the quiet of this perfect spot - carved by John Keble from amongst the great old trees - save the song of bird or hum of bee, and the trickling of the fountain in the dell. And to a few who may come there, among the many who respond to the lure of the "cooling stream" to rest awhile upon the mossy seat, put there by those who reared the cross, and built the church, may occur the words, set up within another Hampshire church, by long dead hands, which read:-

"Brethren, turn ye not away
Ere ye earnestly do pray
For builders who in former days,
And of late this house did raise."

The article then goes on to describe life in "An-felde" (retained as "An-field" until very late in the eighteenth century) from the 15th century. Many familiar names are mentioned - Morley, Earle, Dowling, White, a farm called "Philpotts", Moody, Heathcote, Keble and many that are unfamiliar to me, but may be remembered by those who have lived in this area much longer than I.

The article ends with the following passage:

As to "The church within the wood," its story is almost too recent to be called history, for many still living remember to have heard of the bigotry that twice destroyed the fountain's cross, and that wrecked the first churchyard cross to be erected (near the upper gate) to Miss Louisa Arlett, a sweet young girl, who died of consumption at Woodley Cottage, in the house of her uncle, a Cambridge Don. Also, of the young mother at Jermyns, Mrs. Sergisson Smith, who died from an accidental dose of poison, sent to her in mistake by the Romsey chemist. She was followed to her grave in Ampfield churchyard (still distinguished by the double crest upon its stone) by a whole tribe of black-robed motherless children. Also of the first grave ever dug in the churchyard, for a Mr. Williams, of Wooley Green, whose daughter long reigned at Northend House as the wife of Captain Simeon Graves.

These with many more have gathered round the "steeple in the wood," so fast that already it has become necessary to penetrate further among the trees for a resting place for those who once inhabited by-gone Ampfield.

F. H. S

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F.H.Suckling

Florence Horatia Nelson Suckling (1848–1923) was a prominent English animal welfare activist, humane educator, and local Hampshire historian. Named after her family's connection to Admiral Horatio Nelson, she spent her life at Highwood House (now King Edward V1 Prep. school) in Romsey, campaigning against animal cruelty. Her father was Vice-Admiral Suckling, a midshipman at the Battle of Trafalgar. In 1838 he bought Highwood from Lord Palmerston to build a house, the family home. He died when Florence was 15.

In 1876 Florence, married her cousin, Thomas Suckling, a naval captain. They made their home at Highwood. They had one son, Robert William Shelton, born 1877 but he lived only two months due to cerebral meningitis. The house contained many portraits which encouraged Florence's research into local history and genealogy of family trees of the lords of nearby manors, Farley Chamberlain, Hursley, North Baddesley and Stanbridge Earls.

Florence Suckling died in Romsey on 10 December 1923, aged 75. She was buried at St Mark's Church, next to her husband. An obituary noted that she had "devoted practically the whole of her life in the cause of animals". In 1927, Edward G. Fairholme at the 50th annual meeting of the Winchester and Romsey Branch of the RSPCA proposed a memorial for Suckling.

The graves of the Suckling family in the churchyard of St. Mark's.

Friends of Chapel Wood by Graham Roads

For some time, we have promised ourselves we would update and repair the signs showing the main footpaths around Chapel Wood. We have two paths, one is a circular path around the wood, and the other is part of the Monarch's Way. The Monarch's Way is, allegedly, the path taken by King Charles II as he tried to escape capture following the Battle of Worcester. Both are marked by posts, which are gradually beginning to rot away.

Like much of our activities in the woodland, the real key to success is careful planning. We need to have materials, tools and woodlanders all together at the same time. In this case, we also needed to carve arrows on the posts, which would then point out the paths. Since our carving skills are largely untested, we asked The Romsey Men's Shed www.romseymensshed.org.uk They were super, within a week we had a ten new signposts ready to go.

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In order to hammer in the 6' posts, we borrowed a large post basher, which weighed c.50 kilos and took two of us to lift. Luckily, the steel basher had four handles so we could all help with the bashing process. We all lifted the basher into the air and then rammed it down on unsuspecting post. It was so heavy we could only manage 6 blows, before needing a short breather.

We should point out, his was not a quiet process. We found it helpful to record vocally the number of blows, in each set of 6. The noise, I suspect, could have been heard in Hursley, as each shout was accompanied by the crash of the basher on wood. Nine posts later, those of us still standing decided that a coffee break was called for. Unfortunately, we never quite found the enthusiasm to go back to work after our ~~short~~ break~~.~~ There is always next time!

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

Friends of St. Marks

Invite you to a

A Quiz Night

Friday 19th June at 7.30pm

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

Tickets £5 each including nibbles
(Cash Bar and Raffle)

Come as a team of six or join a team on the night

Tickets:
Tel: 07799 435715
bit.ly/4eqsEar

Ron and Stella's Quiz Night

1. If you were getting on a train at Paragon Station which city, are you in?

2. What was the name of Keith Harris' bird?

3. What can be a slight movement or a container for Arrows?

4. What has the chemical symbol Zn?

5. Which chess piece cannot move in a straight line?

6. What is the Spanish word for Fox and the name of a Masked Swordsman?

7. In which Australian state is the Gold Coast?

8. By what name is Mark McLoughlin of 'Wet Wet Wet' fame better known as?

9. 'The Nags Head' was the pub in which classic British comedy series?

10. Phillips, London and Ratchet are all types of what?

Answers on p.34

Ron Cobb

Benefice News
Ampfield

Ampfield Fete needs you!

St. Mark's Fete and Dog Show
Saturday 13th June 11.30 - 2.30

Plans are going well for this event. To make it a success we are looking for donations of a variety of items - jewellery, bottles, toiletries, plants, boxes/bars of chocolate, children's clothes, homemade jam/ chutney and cakes. Also there has been a request for plants for the plant stall and for the pots to be labelled. If you could kindly deliver any of these items on Friday morning 12th June to St. Marks Room, Ampfield it would be very much appreciated.

St. Mark's stall at the Ampfield Market
Next Market Saturday 6th June 10am - noon

We will be selling children's toys and china at the next market. If you wish to donate please contact Chris or Pam.

Pilgrim Group - Change of date to 27th June

Instead of the 13th June it will now be meeting on **Saturday 27th June** starting at 10am. The pilgrim groups are a relaxed way of looking at the bible and there is always a good discussion, plus cake!

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: Tel: 02380 365041; Email: jenniee@acnb-church.org.

Thank you so much. Jennie

Benefice News

Ampfield

Friends of St. Mark's

Quiz Night @ St. Marks, Ampfield Friday 19th June

If you are looking for another fun evening then come along to a quiz night in St. Marks Room, Ampfield. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased here.

Stephen

St Denys

St. Denys Lunchtime Recitals and Talks

Wednesday 17th June

The next Lunchtime recital will be the Bishop's Bells, who are a Handbell Ringers team from Bishops Waltham. They start at 1pm in the church and there is an opportunity to have a go yourself! Do come along and stop for refreshments afterwards.

St. John's

Churchyard Tidy-up St. Johns

Saturday 6th June 2pm - 4pm

There will be a tidy up of St. Johns, this date marks the start of "Love your Burial Ground Week", a celebratory week which has been running for many years. Caring for God's Acre has been encouraging all who help to look after churchyards, chapel yards and cemeteries to celebrate these fantastic places in the lovely month of June – in any way they choose! So if you are able to help please come along - even if it is only to serve refreshments.

Benefice News

All Saints

Temporary Church Closure
3 weeks from the 29th June

Work is due to start on the interior of the church roof on 29th June. Unfortunately this does mean that we have to close the main church building for 3 weeks and cancel all services and activities. The office, vestry and meeting room will still be accessible as will Arthur's Play Space. There will be a sign up list for people needing and able to provide lifts to alternative Sunday services. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated during this period

Pilgrim Group - 10th June

Pilgrims will meet on Wednesday **10th June** starting at **2pm.** The pilgrim groups are a relaxed way of looking at the bible and there is always a good discussion, plus cake!

The Open Teapot - 14th June

The next one takes place on Sunday 14th June at 2.15pm. Come and join us for a cuppa and cake. The Memory Box Foundation will be bringing along lots of items from the past so we can all reminisce. Please do tell others about this afternoon, especially those who may be lonely on a Sunday afternoon.

Readers for All Saints

We are short of people to read the lessons on a Sunday morning at the 11am service. If you feel you can help with this then please reply to this email. There is a rota so it doesn't mean that you are committed to every week. Let us know if you are interested in helping.

Benefice News

Sunshine Saints - Toddler Group and Lunch Club Fridays 10am - 11.30 in term time

Sunshine Saints is our very popular North Baddesley baby and toddler group run on Friday mornings, 10am - 11:30 during term time at All Saints Church. The session consists of free play in the church, with refreshments offered to adults and snacks offered to children at 10:30. The suggested donation is £2 for a family for each session. Sunshine Saints is an opportunity for adults to meet and chat with other adults, and our helpers, and for their children to play in a safe and caring environment. We love to welcome our regular families and extend a warm welcome to new children, and their adults, who choose to join us.

Friday Lunch club

For children and their adults happens once a month after a Sunshine Saints session. Lunch is open to everyone who joins us at Sunshine Saints and these sessions are popular with our regular families. We provide a main dish, which often consists of jacket potatoes, cheese and beans, along with a pudding and fresh fruit.

Across the Benefice

.Romsey Festival: 4th - 19th July,

Windows into the Past exhibitions
in St Mark's and St John's
with a Recital at St. Denys (15th July)

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Benefice News

Forest Church

It was very hot by the afternoon of 24th May (Pentecost Sunday) but we managed to hold Forest Church without melting too much at St. Mark, Ampfield. The theme was 'Bees' and we learnt some fascinating facts about these wonderful creatures who help our ecosystem. There was a challenge of discovering which honey was the tastiest and the most expensive. Bees were made from paper and lollipop sticks. A word search and quiz were also a quiet activity to do in the heat. But the highlight of the afternoon was a 'bee trail' and the actions associated with them which everyone joined in and enjoyed.

A Poem by A

There wouldn't be sunflowers,
Wouldn't be peas,
Wouldn't be apples,
On apple trees,
If it weren't for fuzzy old,
Buzzy old bees,
Dusting pollen from their knees

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Church Fete and Dog Show

Saturday 13th June

11.30 am - 2.30 pm

St. Marks Church
Ampfield SO51 9BU

In Church Grounds and Chapel Wood

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Fun Dog Show
- Cream teas
- Cake stall
- BBQ
- Games for all
- Plant Stall
- Craft Stalls

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Benfice News

Bishop Rhiannon visits

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Rhiannon at ACNB on Pentecost Sunday at two of our churches St. Mark, Ampfield and All Saints, North Baddesley. She was very impressed that we celebrated Pentecost with candles being lit near to the end of the service, particularly as it was the churches' birthday! Bishop Rhiannon used an 'Acrostic' for her sermon spelling Pentecost.

We were really blessed to be joined by Bishop Rhiannon and especially learning about her pectoral cross, ring and mitre which all had special words written on them. She then stayed for a light lunch.

Sally

ST MARK'S MINNOWS
FUN AND FRIENDLY
BABY AND TODDLER GROUP!
TERM TIME THURSDAYS
9.30 - 11AM
COFFEE ON FROM 9.15!

4th – 19th July

For almost 20 yrs our churches have taken part in Romsey Festival by organising events such as Flower Festivals, Art and History Exhibitions, concerts to name but a few. This year St. Mark, Ampfield and St. John the Baptist will be putting on exhibitions celebrating the magnificent church windows and how they connect to history and tell stories of people from the past. These exhibitions were displayed for the Heritage Open Days in 2024 and now there is another chance to view them if you missed seeing them before.

It is a privilege to be able to welcome visitors to explore the rich history and culture that our sacred places offer. The exhibitions are entitled "Windows into the Past" and will be on most days during the fortnight.

St. Mark:

https://www.romseyfestival.org/events/churchyard-trail-quiz-st-marks-ampfield/

St. John the Baptist:

https://www.romseyfestival.org/events/churchyard-trail-st-johns/

At **St. Denys** there is going to be a lunchtime recital by Tom Downes playing his violin accompanied by our organist Clive Gregory on Wednesday 15th July in St. Denys church at 1pm, followed by refreshments.

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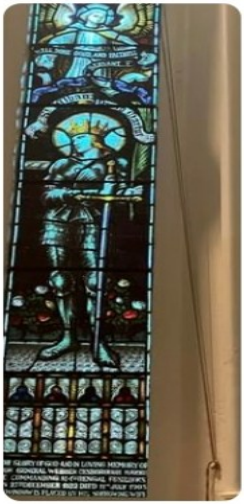
All these events are free but donations are always welcome which will go towards the upkeep of the churches. There are many other events throughout the festival in Romsey and the surrounding areas, so pick up a leaflet to find out more or go to https://ww.romseyfestival.org/



Vacancy Update

The first advert placed for a new Vicar at acnb closed without any applications. We have had reassuring emails from both Bishop Rhiannon and our Area Dean James Pitkin that this is currently not uncommon but it is obviously very disappointing. The new closing date for applications is 31st July and those involved are currently looking at diaries to organise short listing and interview dates. Please continue to pray that there will be applicants for this post. Sally

What's on in the Benefice every week

St. Mark's

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

All Welcome! Kettle's on from 9.15.

St. Mark's Fridge Magnets and cards

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. Available to buy at Ampfield Market or in church.

All Saints

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

We have expanded Wednesday mornings to include some support for those who have laptops, tablets or phones and need a little extra help on how to use them.

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 Cafe at All Saints Thursdays at 10am

The café is for any and everyone in the community, 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.

What's on in the Benefice every month

St. Mark's

Friends for Lunch:
3rd. Wednesday of the month

please contact Pam on : Tel. 02380 411146 or
Email - pammorf@virginmedia.com to book your place.

St. Mark's Stall at the Ampfield Market
1st. Saturday of the month

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

Pilgrim Course:
2nd Saturday of the month

This is an opportunity to ask questions about faith. Our ethos is that we are exploring together, and there are no wrong answers - all are welcome to this relaxed and friendly group. We continue to meet in St. Marks church room monthly. The Pilgrim groups are always accompanied by cake!

All Saints

Pilgrim Course:
Wednesdays 10th and 24th June 2pm - 3.30pm

Every second and fourth Wednesday afternoon.

From the Archives

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Thur.	1st	M.U. Corporate Communion 9.30 a.m. Diocesan Conference in Winchester
Sun.	4th	Trinity 2. Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Sun.	11th	S.Barnabas. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Family Service 9.45 a.m.
Fri.	16th	Missionary Festival in Romsey Abbey
Sat.	17th	CHURCH FETE at 2.45 p.m.
Sun.	18th	Trinity 4. Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Thur.	22nd	M.U. Outing to Selbourne. 1.30 p.m. from Ampfield House Bus Stop.
Sun.	25th	Trinity 5. Holy Communion 8 a.m. and 12 noon.
Thur.	29th	S. Peter. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

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CHURCH FETE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 17th IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN at 2.45 p.m.

We are sending you a leaflet about the Fete but I feel I ought to appeal to you to give Mr. Bramhall and all who have been working for the Fete every support on June 17th. They are working hard because they know the financial requirements of our church. The congregations in a scattered country parish are seldom large and special efforts, like the Fete, have to be undertaken so that we can pay our way.

Therefore on behalf of the P.C.C. I ask all parishioners and friends to come along and support us at the Fete. Just another word - I would appreciate it if a good number of men turned up to help us on the day and in particular to assist in putting stalls etc., away at the end of the afternoon.

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CHOIR SUNDAY, JULY 2nd

Mr. Peter Morgan our choirmaster/organist is

From the Archives

arranging for the choir to sing special music at Mattins on Sunday, July 2nd. The choir will sing the cantata "Jesu, Joy and Treasure" by Buxtehude and works by Tallis, Batten, Eric Thiman, Christopher Tye and Handel. Please make a note of this date. The singing of the choir has given us so much pleasure and we are so indebted to Mr. Morgan for what he is doing that our response should be a full church to give them every encouragement.

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Holy Baptism

April 21st. Richard John Raymond, son of Raymond and June Cardy, 9 St. Mary's, Banning St. Romsey.

April 23rd. Nicola Ann, daughter of Peter and Ann Baker, 202 Hursley Rd., Chandlers Ford

April 23rd. Martin Sheringham, son of John and Susan Linsell, 30 Beechwood Crescent.

April 30th. Laura Frances, daughter of Brian and Stella Vear, Robin Hill, Hook Road.

Mothers' Union

We held our meeting in April in the W.I. Hall and after the opening prayers and notices some members read passages from the Bible that held some special meaning for them.

This month the Corporate Communion is on Thursday, 1st June, at 9.30 a.m.

Our outing on Thursday, 22nd June, will be to Selborne, Alton, visiting the birthplace and museum of Gilbert White, the naturalist, with tea at the Queen's Hotel. The coach will leave the bus-stop outside Ampfield House at 1.30 p.m. and collect people along the route.

The M.U. Stall at the Fete on June 17th will be a general stall and not confined to articles for the bathroom. Please give what you can.

J. Faber.

Weekly service pattern

Sunday Services

	All Saints	St Mark	St Denys	St John
1st Sunday	11:00 Messy Church	09:30 Café 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 from 10am - 4pm

The
Ampfield Market
(Established in 2000, now in its 26th year !)

Saturday 6th June
From 10am to 12noon
in Ampfield Village Hall
(SO51 9BJ)

Our Market has a great reputation, we regularly sell fresh fruit and veg supplied by Hansards in Awbridge and delicious bread and cakes supplied by Matts Bakery. Honey, preserves, plants and fresh flowers. Cards, wrapping paper and books. Collectables, unusual crafts and jewellery. Clothes, toys and puzzles. Bric a brac, seasonal treats and much, much more!

We serve fresh coffee and a wonderful selection of cakes throughout the morning.
Come along with friends and family to enjoy this Special monthly community event.

Parking and admission are always FREE.

All proceeds support the Village Hall. Registered charity no. 1057353
Contact Julie on 023 80254587 or Julie@ampfield.org.uk for table bookings etc.

Next date: Saturday 1st July

WHAT'S ON IN THE AMPFIELD VILLAGE HALL
SPRING 2026 – JOIN IN ONE!

MONDAYS

PILATES WITH HANNAH – Two sessions in the morning.
9.15am to 10.20am & 10.30am to 11.35am. 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.
NB. **NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS www.ampfieldparish.gov.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 Mel Cook on 07889 323037 (please note the new number) or email melcook@sky.com
New members always welcome.

WEDNESDAYS

NEW CLASS! YOGA MORNING with Yoga by Gaynor –!0.00 to 11am for details see Friday below
1st AMPFIELD BROWNIES meet every Wed. evening during term time. 6pm to 7.30pm Tel. Sue Moore 01794 523947
ROMSEY MODELLERS Build model kits? Want to get more from your hobby? Join this club on the 1st and 3rd. Wed. of each month 8pm to 10pm.
www.romseymodellers.co.uk

THURSDAYS

AMPFIELD ART GROUP meets Thurs. afternoons during term time 2pm to 4pm. Very friendly atmosphere. Beginners and those wishing to develop their skills welcome. Contact email: Julie@ampfield.org.uk

PILATES WITH HANNAH PLOMB - TWO SESSIONS.
6.15 to 7.20pm (improvers and Intermediate) &
EXTRA CLASS: 7.30 to 8.35pm (Beginners).
Mat classes. For details: see Monday above.

FRIDAYS

YOGA ON FRIDAY MORNINGS with YogaByGaynor 9.30 to 10.30am
All levels, Gentle, Vinyasa Flow Yoga. All welcome. Facebook: @yogaByGaynor OR Email: yogabygaynor@yahoo.com

SATURDAYS

VILLAGE MARKET (IN ITS 26th YEAR!) First Saturday of every month 10-12noon (except Jan. and Aug.). Entry free. Regularly on sale are fresh bread, rolls, jams, chutneys and pickles, cakes, plants and fresh flowers, cards, books, antiques, unusual crafts, jewellery, toys, seasonal surprises, bric a brac etc. Fresh coffee and delicious cakes are served all morning in the Garden Room. Interested in renting a table? Ring Julie on 02380 254587 or email Julie@ampfield.org.uk. This is a great event to meet up with people.

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP WITH VANESSA. A range of crafts taught, meets monthly, normally on the second Saturday of each month from 10am to 4pm. A very relaxed day and delicious coffee provided. Details from Vanessa 01794 515490 or email Ampfieldcards@gmail.com .

SUNDAYS

SEWING SUNDAYS WITH MICHELLE. Small group of crafters, who meet once a month on a Sunday. Open to all who want to bring along their dress-making, knitting or other textile projects. If interested email Michelle michelleewaters@gmail.com Friendly group, offers advice, help pinning and fitting toiles + natter & cuppa

WEEKENDS: THE ORTHODOX PARISH OF St. SILOUAN of Mt. ATHOS now normally hold their services here **every 1st weekend of the month.** For details see their **new** website www.silouan-soton.org or ring 07518 417052 (English & Russian). A friendly non-political church. All welcome!

For general enquiries and hall bookings tel. Martin Hatley 07970 501050 Or visit our website: www.ampfieldvillagehall.org.uk Or E mail:
info@ampfieldvillagehall.org.uk

.Ampfield Art Class Gallery

Julie Trotter's Art Class takes place on Thursday afternoons, from 2-4pm at the Village Hall

Reuben -
David , charcoal/pencil.

Monarch butterfly -
Jerry , watercolour.

Cezanne's wife -
John, pastels.

Provence, field and mountain -
Atusha, watercolour.

Jellybean -
Phil, watercolour.

Ampfield Art Class Gallery

Walking in the Lakes - Hilary, acrylics.

Alex and Quin - David,
Charcoal/pencil.

Ruby Glow Helleborus -
Hilary, watercolour

Kingfisher -
Monica, watercolour.

Bus Shelter Renovation at Green Pond Lane

Ampfield Parish Council has arranged for the bus shelter at Green Pond Lane to be re-roofed and the guttering replaced. The old roof had several broken tiles, vegetation growing on it and needed replacing. The guttering was broken and not working. Thanks to a grant from Hampshire County Council, the work was recently completed.

Before

After

Chris Ling

Answers to Ron & Stella's Quiz Night

1. Hull
2. Orville
3. Quiver
4. Zinc
5. Knight
6. Zorro
7. Queensland
8. Marti Pellow
9. Only fools and horses
10. Screwdriver

Your Point of View?

Sitting in the doctor's waiting room, I noticed that most people passing through were wearing trainers. I started to count them and in half an hour, out of dozens of passers-by, I saw only three people wearing 'proper shoes'. What was this all about? As to suits and ties – well, a couple of the male doctors were wearing shirts and ties, the rest had open-necked shirts. When did this start to happen?

I wondered whether the Covid epidemic may have had an effect. Many people worked from home. People stopped going shopping and to pubs. Buses were empty, nothing was happening socially. When Covid ended, churches and community groups found that people were reluctant to sign up for social evenings and some people never returned to church congregations. At Friends for Lunch, our church lunch club for older people, it was two years before numbers returned to pre-Covid levels, sadly due partly to members dying. Online, exercise classes and instructions for workouts to do at home proliferate.

There was much academic speculation about the long-term effects of Covid as the epidemic subsided. Whilst some of this has not come to pass, new research by The British Academy is calling for evidence seeking to examine the long-term societal impact and reflect on lessons learned.

Has Covid had an enduring impact on your life? Join the debate and let us have your views.

Chris

A Prayer for Corpus Christi

Prayer during the Feast of Corpus Christi (4th June this year) celebrates the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This special day invites the faithful to reflect on the significance of communion and the gift of the body and blood of Christ. Through prayer, believers express gratitude and deepen their connection to this sacred mystery, fostering a sense of unity and reverence within the community.

Holy Father, we gather in gratitude for the gift of the Eucharist,
the body and blood of Christ,
which nourishes our souls and unites us as one body in faith.
We thank You for the love and sacrifice embodied in this sacred feast.
May we always cherish this divine mystery
and live out its call to love and serve one another.
Amen.

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