

FELLOWSHIP & FUNDRAISING: –

All Saints PCC Nominated Charity this year is Morning Star, (Salisbury) which seeks to bring hope to broken lives by working with those who are homeless and vulnerable.

You can donate to the work of this charity at any service in our four churches up to the end of this year by using the Nominated Charity envelopes.

Dear Lord...

Would you like someone to pray for you, or for someone you are concerned for? There will be a space to seek Prayer for Healing and Wholeness on Sunday 21st October within the morning services at Rockbourne and Martin (see Service Schedule for details).

Autumn Evensong. This special service will be held at St Leonard's Church, Whitsbury on Sunday 28th October at 5.00pm

A Service of Prayer and Remembrance will be held on Sunday 3rd November at 3pm in All Saints Church, Martin. Please join us in a quiet and dignified context as we remember and give thanks for our loved ones who have died.

Cream Teas by the River. The organisers would like to thank everyone who came from far and wide to support this important fundraising event and of course all those who helped to make it possible. Almost £780 was raised for the upkeep of St George's Church which is a great result considering we had two wet afternoons.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday 15th December. A Christmas Concert with the Hyde Band will be held in aid of St George's Church, Damerham at 7.00pm. The tickets at £12.50 will include welcome drinks and snacks. There will be a raffle and the retiring collection will be distributed among all four churches in our Benefice.

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Funerals	St George, Damerham	
	24 th August	Sybil Beale (Ashes)
	All Saints, Martin	
	16 th August	Peter Lister
	22 nd August	Peter Lister (Ashes)
	St Andrew, Rockbourne	
	15 th August	Joan Parsons (Ashes)
	29 th August	Patricia James

For all pastoral enquiries including baptisms, marriages, funerals and other related matters, please contact the Rector, Rev'd Les Player, The Rectory, Mill End, Damerham, SP6 3HU (01725) 518642. For information concerning individual parishes including matters of a general nature, please contact the Churchwarden: -

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Please send contributions for the next Courier to the Editor, Midge Connell meconnell53@gmail.com. The deadline is 7th November 2018. The Courier, with the benefit of a bit of colour printing, can be delivered by email, please contact the Editor to be added to this list.

NB. Please note the new email address for the Editor and the changed contact details for the new Church Wardens in Martin.

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A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Recently a fire devastated the Bank Buildings, an Edwardian department store in Belfast; a building I saw whilst on holiday this summer. The fire received wide coverage in the national press and TV and is a significant loss to the city. Yet at almost the same time an equally devastating fire occurred in Brazil's National Museum. It received relatively little coverage in much of the national press and TV. Unlike the fire in Belfast, the National Museum in Brazil (which was originally a royal palace) was not filled with clothing stock, but with world treasures; a magnificent Roman fresco that had survived the eruption at Pompeii, a sarcophagus from Egypt, statues from ancient Greece and a vast collection of South American archaeological treasures. The collection, built up initially by the Portuguese royal family, was the finest and most extensive collection in South America and included dinosaur remains, neo-classical statuary, paintings and furniture. And yet it was largely overlooked. It seems to reflect the higher worth that many of us give to those things that we feel are ours: our people, our possessions, our culture, compared to the worth we set on those things which are beyond us: other peoples, other cultures, other histories. The lost artefacts in the museum in Brazil are a loss to us all.

Jesus taught that we must love our neighbour as ourselves. In School this half term the theme for our collective worship is Generosity. We've begun to explore this theme by recognising that to love our neighbour means making space for them; allowing them to have a voice, celebrating their worth and not just our own. We all need to learn to make room for our neighbours, so that they too are valued and have a voice. Otherwise, we all end up poorer.

Rev'd Les Player

'Remember, Remember, the 5th of November' not only is it 'Guy Fawkes Night', but if you turn on University Challenge at 8.30pm on BBC 2 you may hear a local village named by one of the contestants, representing Keble College, Oxford!