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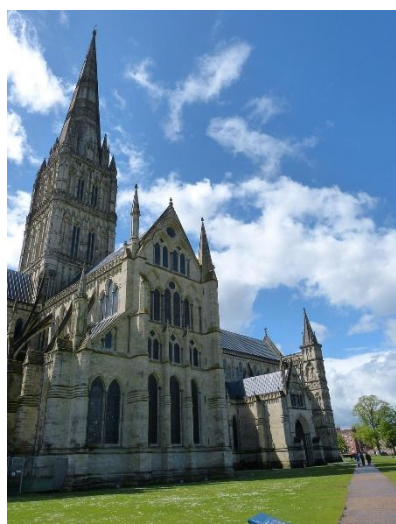
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Letter from the Vicar

Dear friends,

News will have probably filtered through to you by now that on 1st October at Evensong, I was installed as a Non-Residentiary Canon of Salisbury Cathedral. It feels a privilege to have been asked and to have had the ministry I offer – and I can only hope that I do my best - recognised in this way. While formal duties are minimal (two meetings of the College of Canons a year and an occasional invite to do something at the Cathedral), with it comes a hope that the Canons will discuss and guide, support and promote the work of the Cathedral amongst others. So I thought I'd write here about the valuable role of our Cathedral.



Even if you have seen it countless times, there is something about approaching Salisbury Cathedral across the Close, seeing the spire rising above the trees, and then walking through the doors into the great space of the nave. It is a beautiful and extraordinary building. But perhaps one of the things we can easily forget is that Salisbury Cathedral is not simply *a* cathedral. It is *our* cathedral. That means that it belongs to all of us. The Diocese of Salisbury is a Christian community of churches, schools and chaplaincies serving around a million people. The cathedral is the place where the Bishop has their seat (the *cathedra*) and from which their ministry to the whole diocese is expressed.

That relationship between cathedral, bishop and diocese is more significant than we might sometimes realise. The Cathedral's own constitution describes it beautifully: it is the 'household of faith' from which the ministry and mission in the diocese proceed. Its purpose is not simply to look after a magnificent medieval building, impressive though that building is. It is there to support the life and mission of the Church across the diocese.

We are very naturally focused on our own parish. That is as it should be. St John's is our Christian home, the place where we worship, baptise, marry and say farewell to those we love. It is where we meet one another, grow in faith and where we pray for our community and try to serve it.

But we are not an isolated church. When we say the Creed and proclaim that we believe in 'one holy catholic and apostolic Church' we are saying something about the breadth of our belonging. We are part of something much bigger than ourselves. Salisbury Cathedral is one of the places where that wider belonging becomes visible.



There are diocesan services held there throughout the year, where clergy and lay people gather. Ordinations take place there, as does the Chrism Mass of Maundy Thursday, when clergy renew their ordination vows. Lay ministries are licensed or recognised in special services. The College of Canons embodies the relationship between the Cathedral, the Bishop and the wider diocese, and includes people whose experience and ministry come from many different parts of our diocesan life.

But the Cathedral's contribution to the diocese is much broader than simply providing a place in which people can gather. At the heart of it all is worship. Salisbury Cathedral is a place where prayer is offered every day. Its choral tradition stretches back more than 700 years, and the Cathedral Choir continues to sing the daily offices, with Evensong during term time and regular sung worship on Sundays. The choir also takes its music beyond the Cathedral, including visits to churches within the diocese. That is something worth celebrating.



Then there is the welcome. Salisbury Cathedral receives more than a quarter of a million visitors each year. Some arrive because they are interested in history or architecture. Some are tourists visiting Salisbury, or come for a concert or exhibition. Some come because they are looking for somewhere quiet. And some come because, although they might not put it into these words, they are looking for God. That makes the Cathedral an extraordinary place for mission.

The Cathedral describes itself as a place where faith can be 'inspired, nurtured, and discovered'. That seems to me a particularly helpful way of thinking about its role. Not everyone who walks through those doors would describe themselves as a Christian or come intending to pray. But the building, its worship, music, art and welcome can create opportunities for people to encounter something of the Christian faith. It is mission which complements what we do in our parish churches.

In our parishes, we have something the Cathedral cannot have: deep, local, personal relationships with a particular community. We know the schools, care homes, the families and local organisations. We see people at moments of joy and sorrow. We can be present in people's ordinary lives.

The Cathedral has a different mission as a place where the Church meets people who might never walk into a parish church. It can offer a first encounter with Christian worship or prayer. It can welcome visitors from around the world and provide space for schools, music, art, discussion and public events. And, significantly, it can help us to think about what it means to be the Church in the wider world. The Cathedral's current vision includes hospitality, creativity, faith, justice and care for creation. It is seeking to be a place where people can encounter God, but also a place willing to engage with the questions and challenges of the world around it. Salisbury Cathedral is not there instead of our parish churches. It is there alongside them. It is one expression of the same Church to which we belong. There is something rather wonderful about that.

St John's congregation may sometimes feel we are on our own, with so much to do and not enough people to do it. But when we gather on a Sunday morning, it is encouraging to remember we are part of something vast: a diocese stretching across a large part of southern England and beyond, and a Church stretching across the world and down the centuries. It is not simply a remarkable building. It is *our* Cathedral. It's good to remember it will always will be part of our story.

With my love

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Helen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Come & See! Family Work at St John's!



Muddy Church held its first Harvest Festival in September and learnt all about how climate change is affecting harvests and the production of food, and considered again our God-given responsibility to look after the earth and its resources. We also made a big scarecrow for the church Harvest Festival, little lollipop scarecrows to take home, Harvest thanksgiving cards and wreaths. In October we are looking forward to planting more bulbs in the churchyard and drinking hot chocolate!



Our next Café Breakfast Church takes place on Saturday 21st November at the slightly later time of 10.30am and will run until 12pm. This is our special, popular Christmas wreath-making event, in which we combine with Muddy Church so everyone can share in the fun. Do come and join us - and you get breakfast too!



Creationtide and Wet Nose Sunday

As the season of Creationtide draws to a close at the end of September, we continue, nevertheless, to work for our Eco Gold Award and to all become more responsible about our stewardship of earth's precious resources and ecosystems. As part of our care for all creation, we were thrilled to celebrate Wet Nose Sunday once again, with the blessing of the animals service. A wonderful, fun but also godly reminder that we are fellow creatures with all who live on God's good earth!



Eco Tip: Win on Waste

Re-using and recycling resources is something we can all do to reduce our impact on the planet. Win on Waste is back at Broadstone Library on 31st October 10am - 12 and they will put your unwanted stuff to good use for good causes. You can take old laptops, mobile phones, buttons, coins, bank notes, jewellery in any condition, Marigold gloves, electric wires, odd puzzle pieces, keys, padlocks, bras in any condition etc etc! There is a full list of what you can take and who will benefit on the poster in Northreach (also attached). Let's Win on Waste!



AUTUMN LADIES TRESSES At least 10 flowering spikes of Autumn Ladies Tresses orchid were counted in the south lawn after the rain finally arrived! Photo taken by Peter Hoar.

SWIFT BOXES Have been put up on the north side of the Church!



THE ECO GANG

Zoe Phillips begins training as an LLM

LLM stands for Licensed Lay Minister and is a really valuable and recognised ministry in the Church of England. LLMs remain lay people, but are trained to preach, serve, do pastoral ministry, take home communions, lead non-Eucharistic services, teach study groups and even take funerals. It is a fully vocational route in its own right.

I am thrilled that Zoe Phillip, a member of St John's congregation for quite a few years now, has been accepted for the two year training course which this entails. This started in September, and is based at Sarum College in a partnership with me as her Training Incumbent.

Over the next couple of years you will see Zoe begin do a few things in church as part of her training. But we thought it would be lovely for you all have a chance to get to know her better now. So here is a little write-up about Zoe, in her own words.

Revd Helen Bailey



Hello everyone!

My name is Zoe Phillips; I am forty years old and I am married to my husband Steve. We live in Canford Heath and have a little Daschund dog called Alice! I am a secondary school science teacher: over the years my work has taken me deeply into the areas of Special Needs Secondary teaching, post 16 education and pastoral/senior safeguarding care in secondary schools. In a previous career I worked as a field archaeologist for Bournemouth University!

I have been a member of the vibrant community of St John's Church in Broadstone for around six years. You may have seen me reading, serving on Sundays or at one of the many events which runs throughout the year.

Over the last decade or so, I have felt the Lord calling me to find a church in which I could really make an impact for Him and help use my gifts of teaching and encouragement to help others deepen their faith also. Following a great deal of exploring in my options, I am thankful to the Lord for providing this incredible opportunity through a place I now consider to be my 'home church' of St John's.

In September this year I began my formal training to become a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM – sometimes known as a reader) for St John's and therefore will have greater opportunities to support the faith lives of all who attend. It will be an honour and privilege to spend time deepening my own faith (and hopefully supporting others) as part of my learning journey with Sarum college.

The course lasts for two years, so there will be plenty of opportunity to make mistakes, find successes and hopefully have a positive impact on many parishioners. Please do come and say hello if you see me around!

With blessings,

Zoe Phillips

Occasional Offices from September



Baptism & Confirmation

20th September Francesca Rosalind Clements

Funerals

4th September Mike Thornton (St John's Church)

29^h September Barbara Corbett (St John's Church)

Service Readings in October

Date	Sunday	OT	Psalm	NT	Gospel
Sun 4 th Oct	Harvest Festival	Deuteronomy 28.1-14	Psalm 65	2 Corinthians 9.6-end	Luke 12.16-30
Sun 11 th Oct	19 after Trinity	Isaiah 25.1-9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4.1-9	Matthew 22.1-14
Sun 18 th Oct	Luke the Evangelist	Isaiah 35.3-6	Psalm 147.1-7	2 Timothy 4.5-17	Luke 10.1-9
Sun 25 th Oct	Last Sunday after Trinity	Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18	Psalm 1	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8	Matthew 22.34-end

Diary Round-up: Events at St John's in October



Thurs 1st Oct

8.45am Morning Prayer in Church
10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
5.30pm Installation of Revd Helen as Honorary Canon, Evensong Salisbury Cathedral

Sat 3rd Oct

7pm Harvest Supper

Sun 4th Oct

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist – Bring Harvest Gifts

Mon 5th Oct

10.30am Housegroup in NorthReach

Wed 7th Oct

10.30am Eucharist

Thurs 8th Oct

8.45am Morning Prayer in Church
10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
7.30pm St John's Fellowship

9th October

10.30am Funeral of Noreen Grigg at Harbour View

Sat 10th Oct

2pm – 4pm Craft & Chat

Sun 11th Oct

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist, Prisoner Sunday with speaker Carole Goddard LLM, followed by Fairtrade stall

Mon 12th Oct

Office open from 9am – 10am & 12.30 – 2.30pm

Tues 13th Oct

7.30pm Events Committee in Parish Hall

Wed 14th Oct

10.30am Eucharist
12.30pm Funeral of Sheila Tasker

Thurs 15th Oct

8.45am Morning Prayer in Church
10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
10.45am Service at Links Care Home

Fri 16th Oct

11am Service at The Potteries Care Home
1pm Children's Work meeting at the vicarage

Sat 17th Oct

10.30am – 12 noon Muddy Church

Sun 18th Oct

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist

Mon 19th Oct

10.30am – 12 noon Housegroup 2

Wed 21st Oct

10.30am Eucharist

Thurs 22 nd Oct	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Sun 25 th Oct	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist
Wed 28 th Oct	Parish Office Closed 10.30am Eucharist
Thurs 29 th Oct	Parish Office Closed 8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Fri 30 th Oct	Parish Office Closed
Sun 1 st Nov	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist 3pm All Souls Memorial Service
Mon 2 nd Nov	Parish Office Reopens

St John's News from the Pews

A more detailed look at what is happening in and around the church...

NEW IS THERE ROOM AT YOUR TABLE? A few people have observed to me recently how difficult it can be when over coffee or at events we group into pre-existing friendship groups and leave no room at the table for newcomers or people who feel on the edge. We are a really welcoming church normally, but need to be careful about not just functioning in 'cliques' that quite unintentionally exclude others from joining. Could we all be mindful of this? If you spot a newcomer or someone who may have been at church for years but who looks like they are not talking with anyone, please invite them to your table. Could we all be aware of this and make a real effort to each be the person who spots the person or family without anyone to chat with, and make the first move? Just say hello and ask if they would like to join your table. Thank you. *Revd Helen*

AMENDED HARVEST SUPPER THIS SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER AT 7PM As usual, please bring your own drinks and glasses.

HARVEST FESTIVAL FOOD GIFTS Our Harvest Festival takes place on Sunday 4th October (Our Harvest Supper this Sat 3rd Oct) and once again we are inviting you to bring harvest goods to the service. All goods will be taken to Routes to Roots immediately after the 10am on Harvest Sunday. Please bring tinned goods, packet foods etc and ensure everything is in date. Many thanks!

HOUSEGROUP: WOMEN OF THE NATIVITY Housegroup will start in Northreach on the 5 Oct at 10:30 finishing around 12:00, everyone is welcome. We will meet fortnightly using a book by Paula Gooder based on 9 Women associated with the Nativity. For more information, see the sign-up sheets at the back of the Church to register interest or speak to Ken Pearce 07807402373.

NEW FELLOWSHIP MEETING ON 8th OCTOBER AT 7.30 PM, PARISH HALL "How sleep the brave, who sink to rest. By all their country's wishes blest!" wrote William Collins in 1746, but maybe he took too optimistic a view of human nature. Not many people remember the heroes and heroines of Dorset. Our talk on Thursday 8th Oct will go some way to putting that right when our speaker, David Beaton, tells us about "Dorset's Forgotten Heroines". David is the author of a meticulously researched book *Dorset's Forgotten Heroes*, telling of over one hundred men and women from Dorset who demonstrated exceptional courage but have been overlooked by history. Fellowship members will not want to miss this talk (small fee for non-members).

NEW MEMORIAL SERVICE Sunday 1st November at 3pm You are invited to this service to remember anyone you have loved and lost, no matter how long ago. There will be opportunity during the service to light a candle for them. Refreshments will be served afterwards. A sign-up sheet is at the back of church for you to add the names of those you would like read out during the service. Please write their name/s clearly in capital letters. Thank you.



NEW AID FOR UKRAINE CHRISTMAS APPEAL I heard at a meeting I attended this week that the situation for ordinary families in the Ukraine is dire; they have almost nothing. A consignment is due to be driven by van(s) to the Ukraine in November and they request any of the following items – small toys (knitted /soft toys are good), any warm clothes, sleeping bags, tinned food, toiletries, baby milk and nappies. I know that the St John's congregation is already very generous in donating to good causes – but this is an opportunity to serve our neighbours in war-torn Ukraine in a practical way. If you can help please bring items to St John's by Sunday 8th November. I will put a box at the back of the church for collection. If anyone would like to give a donation of money please let me know and I will find out how you can do that. Thank you so much. Val (Renyard)

NEW GARDENING DAY SAT 14th NOV All welcome to join us to tidy up the church grounds for the Christmas Fayre. There will be a range of the usual gardening jobs, tailored to suit all abilities e.g. sweeping, weeding, pruning. We start 9.30am and finish at 12.00, tidying up and packing away after that. Coffee, biscuits and doughnuts provided for mid-morning break as an enticement for you to join us. Come and go to suit you on the day, but please speak to me or let the Office know if you will join as so we can cater for you and sort out the jobs. Thank you. Ken Pearce

NEW PARISH HALL CLEAN SAT 14th NOV 9.30am – 12 NOON All welcome to also tidy the hall, ready for the busy Christmas period. Please let Gill know if you are able to come.

REMEDY OAK SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER Sign up list and menus are in Church on Sundays but otherwise in the office. Please give your menus and money to Caroline in the Parish Office. Cheques payable to St John the Baptist PCC.

NEW CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL SAT 5th & SUN 6th DECEMBER It's back and we need your Christmas tree entries! Entry forms available at the back of church. All you need to do is to decorate a tree, not more than 1 metre high. You can choose a theme – be as wild as you wish! All lights must be battery operated – see the entry form for details. We need entry forms filled in and handed into the office by Friday 20th November. Trees to be decorated by Fri 4th December.

INVITATION TO NOMINATE CHARITIES Each year St John's makes donations to carefully selected worthwhile charities. This longstanding tradition helps us to make a positive difference both within our local community and beyond. We invite electoral roll members to nominate charities we might support this year. These should be from one of three categories: local; national or international; environmental. Members are welcome to nominate charities from one, two or all three categories. Nominations should be in writing to the Parish Office (admin@stjohnschurchbroadstone.org.uk) no later than Sunday 11th October either by email or on paper. Ballot papers will then be prepared so that members can vote on which charities to support.

GARDENING TOOLS NEEDED Do you have a battery-operated hedge trimmer short and long handled or one that is adaptable, a battery strimmer, a larger mower or secateurs with long/extendable handles. If you can spare any of these items, please pop them into the Parish Office for our Gardening Group to keep the Church Grounds tidy. Many thanks!



CORFE MULLEN FOOD BANKS Food donations can be left in the Church Porch Mon - Fri 10am - 1pm & Sun 11.30am – 12.15pm. All given to St Nicholas' Corfe Mullen Foodbank for food for Broadstone individuals & families, and vouchers to Broadstone/Hillbourne Schools. They are very grateful for anything, but especially **Cereals;**

Tinned Meals and Sauces for meals - Visit parishofcorfemullen.church/foodbank to make cash donation or contact Sheila & Ken.

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE MORNING Free tea & coffee every Thursday morning, from 10am – 12noon. Come and enjoy a drink and a chat with old friends and new.

Further Afield

WOMEN'S DAY AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH Saturday 3rd October 9.30am – 3pm. A day for women to connect with each other and with God. £15 per person. To book a place go to www.parishofcorfemullen.church/threads or contact the Church on 01202 602948.

NEW POOLE WAU PRAYER MEETING Mon 5 Oct at 12.15 at St Clement's Church, St. Clement's Road, Poole BH15 3PD. Join us if you can. Bring your sandwiches if you wish, but also see this message from Rev. Lerys Campbell, the vicar. 'We are doing free lunches 12.30 - 1pm every weekday in our small hall for anyone who would like it, so if you would like to avail yourself of this, you're welcome to. We offer ham, cheese or vegan sandwiches with crisps and fruit.' They will be ready for 12.15 so if you want to pop over to the hall first before prayers in church please do.

BOURNEMOUTH WILLIAM TEMPLE ASSOCIATION Mon 5th Oct, Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. Starts 7.40pm but an optional dinner at 6.30pm beforehand.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH SALISBURY WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 7PM Join us to hear firsthand from Christian Aid's partners in South Sudan how communities are finding hope. Angelina Nyajima Simon Jial and Tut Mai Nguoth are visiting the UK to share vital messages of hope and change from their home country of South Sudan. Book your free place today at www.caid.org.uk/roadshow so we know how many to expect.

EVERYDAY NORMAL: REVD CANON SARAH JONES Canon Sarah was the first Trans woman to be ordained in the C of E in 2004. She's an excellent presenter with the right mix of funny and poignant in her story of her life as a Trans priest and woman. The evening is a chance for those who are curious, want to know more and understand Trans people a bit better to come along. Everyday Normal will be at: Salisbury Cathedral on Mon 19th Oct at 7pm, in Bournemouth at the Parish of Four Saints (St Luke's Winton) at 7.30pm on Wed 21st Oct, linking in with the University, and Holy Trinity Weymouth on Fri Oct 16th at 7.30 pm. **Admission by ticket only.** Tickets for Salisbury (£8) from: [Everyday Normal Sessions Talk – Revd Sarah Jones - Salisbury Cathedral](#) Tickets for St Luke's Winton (Free) from: <https://parishofwmc.churchsuite.com/events/ujx7zwnz>

CRAFTY CORNER AT ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH HALL 3rd Monday of the month, 2pm – 4pm. Bring a craft – tea and biscuits included.

CHITTER CHATTER CLUB Every Wed, 2.30pm–4pm at Cafe Gardenia.

TUESDAY CLUB on every week at the United Reformed Church Hall 10:45am–2pm. Contact Barrie on 01202 602256 or call into the Shop on Dunyeats Road. We are extending a warm welcome to new members!

And Finally...Prayer of the Month

Someone in our church spotted this prayer was used in Peterborough Cathedral whilst visiting. **Lord Jesus Christ, Lift us from doubt to faith, from despair to hope, from death to life. Take us, renew us and remake us, that we might live for You, and show forth your love to the world, now and for ever. Amen**



DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER EDITION SUBMISSIONS FRI 23 OCT.

Please email all items to admin@stjohnschurchbroadstone.org.uk,
AND a copy to Revd Helen at revdhelenbailey@gmail.com