St Michaels

All Saints

Christ Church

The Church of England in
Lyndhurst, Emery Down and Minstead
Parish Directory

All our ministries and groups have the three-fold aim of working in three dimensions: UP-IN-OUT: 'Up' to and from Jesus; 'In' to and from ourselves; and 'Out' to and from others.

We describe this as:

*Trust*ing Christ  
*Transform*ing Church  
*Transform*ing Community

St Michael and All Angels, Lyndhurst

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PCC Secretary: Suzanne Middletone  
Children: Vacant  
Restoration & Renewal: Ann Rogers  
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PCC Treasurer: Michael Wright  
Parents & Todds: Valerie Bruce  
Fabric: 

Wednesday Group: Rev’d Dr James Bruce

Christ Church, Emery Down

Wardens: Sara Hall & Michael Combe  
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All Saints, Minstead

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Pursue your dream

‘Be strong and courageous.’

**Joshua 1:9**

When it came time for Joshua to take the place of Moses, God said to him, ‘Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.’ And today God is saying the same to you. He wants you to pursue the dream He has put in your heart! Alfred D. Souza wrote: ‘For a long time it had seemed to me that life was about to begin - real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, and a debt to be paid. Then, life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life.’ When you encounter obstacles, you discover things about yourself you never knew. You discover the depth of your faith in God - and in yourself. Every problem introduces you to yourself. Obstacles are merely a call to strengthen your position, not surrender your dream. When you look back on your life, you’ll regret the things you didn’t do more than the ones you did. So, when your dream looks impossible, trust God and act as though it’s impossible to fail. Why? Because ‘with God all things are possible’ (Mark 10:27 NKJV). That means if you’re going to climb Mount Everest, make sure to bring the flag with you. Don’t listen to those who tell you, ‘It can’t be done that way.’ Or to those who say, ‘You’re taking too big a chance.’ Ignore what people say can’t be done and focus on what God says can be done.

**Luke 16:16-31, Ps 89-90**
### Church Services in All Three of Our Churches – September 2017

#### 3rd September
- **9.30 am** Holy Communion
  - *Minstead Church*
- **11.00 am** Holy Communion, Young Church and Coffee
  - *Lyndhurst Church*
- **10.30 am** YouChurch
  - *Emery Down Church*

#### 10th September
- **10.30 am** Holy Communion and Christening Service
  - *Emery Down Church*
- **10.30 am** Coffee then Compassion Sunday Worship
  - *Lyndhurst Church*
- **4.15 pm** Discussion Group with tea & cake
  - *Minstead Church*
- **6.00 pm** Evensong
  - *Minstead Church*

#### 17th September
- **9.30 am** Holy Communion
  - *Minstead Church*
- **11.00 am** Holy Communion, Young Church and Coffee
  - *Lyndhurst Church*
- **6.00 pm** Sunday at Six
  - *Emery Down Church*

#### 24th September
- **10.30 am** Holy Communion
  - *Emery Down Church*
- **10.30 am** Coffee then Altogether Worship for Harvest
  - *Lyndhurst Church*
- **10.30 am** Harvest Festival
  - *Minstead Church*

Visit [www.newforestparishes.com](http://www.newforestparishes.com) for more information

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**Compassion Sunday**

10th September starting with coffee at 10.30. Come and celebrate the lives of the children who we have sponsored in Byumba and other areas. Some short anecdotes from the sponsors themselves.
Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen
2.30pm matinee
Sat 16th September 2017

Captain Noah
and his Floating Zoo
Curiouser and Curiouser!
Animal Crackers

Conductor - Jamie W. Hall

St Michael & All Angels
Lyndhurst

Raising funds for the church restoration, a delightful programme of humorous and engaging musical stories that children of all ages will relish!

Themed refreshments

£7 or £2 for children to 15 yrs.
Tickets - all unreserved from:
Anne Rogers - Tel: 02380 283175
or via www.romseychoir.org.uk

ECS
Romsey Choral Society

Registered Charity: 205350
Do you know someone who has gone through, or is going through a difficult time, and would appreciate a contact from someone who has a sympathetic ear? Yes?

Then ring Peggy Nicholls on 023 8028 2378

She has a team of trained sympathetic ears who she can call upon, and one of them will be glad to call or visit for a chat or just listen.

These Lay Pastors offer confidentiality

including Minstead, Emery Down, Bank & Brook

**Lyndhurst Neighbourcare** drivers provide a valuable service to help people without family or friends immediately available to assist, to attend surgery, dental or hospital appointments. We also enable people to do essential shopping, banking or other necessary errands. Our drivers really enjoy meeting the people they drive.

**WILL YOU HELP US TO KEEP THIS SERVICE RUNNING?**

Just an hour or two per month could help someone who needs this service.

You do not have to commit to a regular time

~ you can refuse any job if it's not convenient

~ your driving expenses will be paid

If you would like to join our team of drivers*, to help in any other way, or just to make enquiries, please phone our Voicemail service on **0845 0945 818** and we'll get back to you.

Mary Sterry, Chairman, Lyndhurst Neighbourcare

*Subject to DBS checks
Hi

I know we are in the middle of summer although it is hard to believe when it seems to have rained for the past week! However we are looking ahead to the autumn, when we are already planning our Flu clinics. Here are some dates for your diaries!

Our walk in clinics this year are on:

Every 12 – 1.00 pm each day from the week commencing 18th September (for 3–4 weeks)

Wednesday 20th September from 2 – 4.30 pm

Wednesday 4th October 2 – 4.30 pm

There are also bookable appointments with our nurse, Meg, on the 14th September 12-2 pm, plus some bookable appointments during our Extended Hours sessions which are in the evenings, during September & October.

Flu vaccine is free to all patients over 65 years of age and any person (including children) who is in an ‘at risk group’ i.e. asthma, diabetes, pregnant, COPD etc. If you are in any doubt please give us a call.

We are still offering Shingles vaccines to patients born after 1 September 1942 and to those patients aged 78 or 79. We are unable to give it to you after your 80th birthday I’m afraid.

Pneumonia vaccine is also available (this is a once only vaccine) for those patients aged 65 or over or in an at risk group (excluding pregnancy).

A date for the Children’s Clinics (the nasal flu spray which is available for 2-4 year olds) will be announced later.

Staff Update
Prof Lyon-Maris will be stepping down as a Partner, after 22 years, as of the 1st October this year to allow him to increase his work at the University and internationally. He will, however, continue working at the surgery for 2 mornings a week.
Dr Kate Johnson, our GP Registrar has now moved on to the next stage of her training and we welcome back Dr Ruairi McNicholas. He has been working at the General Hospital in Paediatrics, for the past 6 months but is now with us again for a further 12 months. Dr Olivia Jagger has also returned to the hospital to continue her training but she will be returning to us in February 2018. Dr Hinton is still with us until April 2018.

Dr Sawhney, one of our Partners returned from maternity leave in May.

Meg Heneghan is working as a Practice Nurse 2 days a week to cover Sue Chadwick, whilst Helen Lomax and Liz Balfour are running their usual clinics.

Website
We have a new look website which is designed to be more tablet and Android phone friendly. We are encouraging as many patients as possible to have a look, complete our Friends & Family test and to register for our Online Services. You are able to make and cancel appointments, order your repeat medications and look at some basic health information at any time. You need to come to the surgery with some ID and then we will give you a password in order for you to register at home. www.lyndhurstsurgery.org.uk

Friends of Lyndhurst Surgery
We would like to thank FOLs for their ongoing support of the Surgery. They are holding a tombola outside the Workmen’s’ Club on Saturday 19th August 11-4 pm. Please come along and support us if you can. They have kindly purchased a new Hearing Aid loop for those patients with any hearing issues. This can be used at reception or during your consultation so please ask if you need it.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Best wishes

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What's On

1st Jan – 31st Dec 2017  Jane Austen – 200th anniversary of her death

Jane Austen, who died in Winchester on 18 July 1817, is buried in the Cathedral's north nave aisle. 2017 marks the 200th anniversary of her death. A series of events, tours, talks and exhibitions will be held throughout the year.

Full details of all events at the Cathedral and across the county are available on a dedicated website www.janeausten200.co.uk.

7th -10th Sept -  Heritage Open Day (Tours)

Cathedral Guides will be offering tours of the Cathedral Close, including buildings not normally open to the public. The tour itinerary will vary depending on the day and time of the tour as access to certain areas is restricted. Tours may include the Cathedral's brand new, award-winning, Wessex Learning Centre and apothecary garden.

Tours will run at 10 am and 2 pm everyday.

Tickets: Free (but must be booked via the Cathedral Box Office)

9th Sept  7.30pm – 9.30pm  "IF ONLY THEY DIDN’T SPEAK ENGLISH"

The renowned journalist, beamed into millions of living rooms from the White House Lawn almost daily, has experienced the ‘Greatest Country on Earth’ in a way others can only dream of, for the last few months sharing the ups and downs of Donald Trump’s extraordinary presidency with viewers across the country.

At the Friends of Winchester Cathedral’s Annual Lecture, Jon will use his many first-hand experiences – travelling aboard Air Force one, interviewing President Obama, questioning President Trump, gun shows, Missouri riots – to show that the USA is, now more than ever, a truly foreign land.

Tickets £22 (concessions for multiple purchases, students and Friends) are available from Winchester Cathedral Box Office, 01962 857275 or online at www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk.

If Only They Didn’t Speak English by Jon Sopel will be published by BBC Books on 7th September 2017 and a book-signing will take place after the talk.
30th Sept - 1st Oct  Hampshire Harvest Festival

A fun-packed family event celebrating the County's food and farming. Join us for live music, children's have-a-go activities, vintage tractors, falconry displays, farm animals, horse-drawn wagon rides, Hampshire Fare market, local beers and ciders and, new for this year, an afternoon tea tent offering wonderful cakes, scones, tea and even a glass of fizz.

A special Evensong service celebrating harvest will take place in the Cathedral at 3.30pm on Sunday afternoon, all are welcome and full details will be available in the coming months.

This is a free event all are welcome.

Information for Scarecrow Competition

If you would like to take part in this year's Harvest Festival scarecrow competition please read and fill out the form below and return to Cheryl Bryan at Cheryl.Bryan@winchester-cathedral.org.uk.

Entry deadline is Friday 15th September 2017.

30th Sept 10.00am – 4.00pm  Calligraphy Workshop

Learn the art of Calligraphy under the expert tuition of the Cathedral Scribes.

The day will focus on studying The Uncial Hand. Equipment will be provided, but if students prefer they can bring their own.

Beginners are welcome. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

To be held in the Taylor Selwyn Room in the Education Centre, Inner Close.

Tickets: £25 available from the Cathedral Box Office, call 01962 857275

For full event listings and service listings please visit the website.
Letter from Italy is sent by Janet McCarraher, former resident of Minstead, now living in the Marches region of Italy.

September 2017

Lucifer seems to be living here and not able to move. I cannot begin to describe the temperatures which never seem to go below 35 day and night. We are all wilting with fans busily turning, doors open away from the sun and so we follow round the house all day opening and closing doors allowing what little breeze enter. One good thing washing dries almost before it comes out of the machine!

Things have changed quite a lot since I last wrote to you all. I have had to employ full time help in the house to help me with Malcolm. He has become very frail, sleeps a lot and cannot stand unaided. Therefore he cannot dress himself or take a shower. Adriano has joined the household and does much of that for me as Mac is just too heavy. The health service has provided me with many aids so we now have a wheelchair, commode, zimmer frames. The latter are a bit of a danger has he cannot control his speed and we have rushing through the house a great speed. Adriano is proving to be very helpful and he will take over much of the work outside for me too.

All this is better than going into a home – almost impossible as the waiting lists are miles long – so Mac can have his own things around him with the animals, his music and UK TV. It also means that I can get out a little in the evenings and for a coffee in the morning. I have to admit that I was getting very depressed so the new freedom is welcome.

The temperature in the pool is 34 – hardly refreshing but sadly I cannot get Mac down the stairs to use it. The risk of falling down stone steps is more than Adriano and I could take. I have been able to take our old Pica dog into the pool for a cool and she just stands in the water almost smiling. I can take them both down to the river which they love and splash about in the very low water. That gives me a walk too but it has to be late on in the afternoon.

My daughter Mary Jane came for 10 days which was lovely giving her a complete break but having to help me with Mac first! She took a day off for beauty treatment and when she got back into the car photographed the temperature at 50. For the first time ever I have had to refill the aircon in the car. Being very mean I hardly ever use it but it failed and when I went into the garage the man said ‘Don’t tell me… your air con is not working’ I was so grateful to him doing it for me there and then.

Everyone says that the wine harvest will be of a very high quality this year but I have no grapes at all. The olives are shrivelled and the figs look like raisins. However peaches and watermelon are plentiful. Maria up the road was busy making her passata yesterday – some 200 litres for the winter.

We send greetings to you all,

Janet
September 2017

New Forest Open Art Exhibition

15 July to 8 October

The ever popular Open Art Exhibition returns for another season to showcase the best of the creative New Forest - you can even vote for your favourite entry! In partnership with the National Park Authority and sponsored by ExxonMobil.
Intercessions

In the name of Jesus we pray for healing for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and for those who care for them

Joyce Upward, Joseph, Irene Neils, Strat Liddiard, Karen, Sara Hall, Laurie, Lucy, Jenny, Caroline Gailor, Betty Tripp, Mike Naylor, Derek White, Tracy Nicholls, Alice Pink, Barbara Mills, Loretta, Stan and Gill Gibbons, Ivy Webb, Paul Hanscombe, Crawford, Bill Spiller, Ralph and Zara Toop, Zac, The Lenaerts family, Diana Savill, Jasmine, Michael, Alison, Carol and Don Knott.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends especially

Michael Gammon and Heather Williams

Prayer for those who mourn

Father,
you know our hearts and share our sorrows.
We are hurt by our parting from those whom we loved:
when we are angry at the loss we have sustained,
when we long for words of comfort,
yet find them hard to hear,
turn our grief to truer living,
our affliction to firmer hope
in Jesus Christ our Lord. through Jesus Christ.

Amen