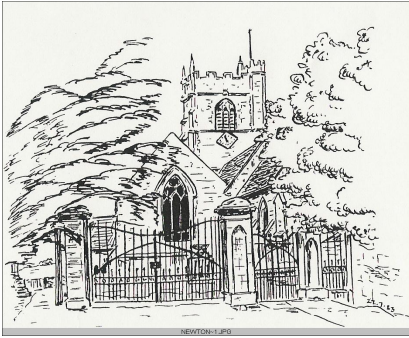


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**HOLY TRINITY, NEWTON ST LOE**

## DIARY

### MARCH

Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		8.00pm	May Day Meeting – Parish Room
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Corston & Newton Lent Group, Corston Church
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer (CW)
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	PCC
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Corston & Newton Lent Group, Parish room
		7.30pm	Demonstration of Luxury Chocolate Making, Village Hall
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Family Service for Mothering Sunday
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Corston & Newton Lent Group, Corston Church
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Corston & Newton Lent Group, Parish Room
Palm Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Family Communion
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		9.00pm	Compline

### APRIL

Maundy Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Holy Communion, Corston
Good Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Music and Meditation – <i>details below</i>
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Day	4 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Family Service followed by Holy Communion

### ‘RUTTER’S REQUIEM’

Newton and Farmborough Choirs are combining to sing ‘Rutter’s Requiem’ on Good Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, in Newton Church, at 7.30pm.

### SAUSAGE SUPPER

followed by a demonstration of  
**LUXURY CHOCOLATE MAKING**  
will be held at Newton St Loe Village Hall on  
**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30pm**  
Proceeds to Church Funds  
Tickets £7 from Trevor Ewins (872189)

## NEWTON ST LOE QUESTIONNAIRE 2009

A brief summary of the replies received (27 from village residents – 27 from non-residents) is given below. A copy of the full analysis is available from the Parish Office (872275).

These results have been discussed at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council and will continue to be 'built into' planning for the future – both in terms of forms of worship and changes in the church building. Although a few replies reflected very different opinions, there was general agreement on most aspects of the future of Holy Trinity Church.

**Services:** There is a clear wish for our worship to look more effectively at the needs of younger generations. Ways of planning more involvement in the main services, as well as placing a stronger emphasis on the potential importance of the Sunday School, are already being considered.

Perhaps not surprisingly, it was the 'special' services (Remembrance Day, Christmas and Easter) which received most support. Our policy of maintaining a regular monthly pattern of services continues to give opportunities for a range of hymns, using the *Ancient and Modern book* as well as others chosen from *Mission Praise* and *Hymns for Today* to suit the service – Common Worship for the first Sunday in the month, second Sunday Family Service, third Sunday the traditional 1662 service and Holy Communion with a choir on the fourth Sunday.

**Church fabric:** Many of the views expressed reflect an appreciation of the "wonderful church", while suggesting ways in which the building could become more "integrated with the village". It is encouraging to realise that some of the fabric changes proposed in the plans we have submitted for consideration, to the Diocesan Office, should offer major opportunities in the future.

As well as a renovation of the heating system, the plans include provision of a toilet and kitchen in the church.

In order to offer more flexible use of the church building, both by congregations and community groups, a plan is also under consideration to replace the fixed pews in the north aisle with chairs.

The most urgent need, however, is to deal with the vestry's subsidence. A new lightweight structure is planned to house the organ blower and the vestry will be moved to the ground floor of the bell tower, with a new floor built above for the ringers.

All this means that, to ensure that our church continues to be available and well equipped to meet future needs – both for regular worship and such special occasions as christenings, weddings and funerals – a major fund-raising project will be necessary. However, the largely positive nature of the responses to the questionnaire shows how much the church is valued and needed. Our goodwill now needs to be transformed into action!

Gerry Hones