



General  
Synod this  
Week

# ST MARY'S & ALL SAINTS NEWS

**12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

**THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

*Welcome to our service today! We meet in the name of Jesus Christ to celebrate what he has done for us, to listen to the word of God and to speak to God in prayer. Children are welcome at all of our services! At the 10.30, when it's not an all-age service, there is a crèche called Scramblers (0-3), Explorers (4-7) and Pathfinders (8+). Listen out for announcements about refreshments served after the service.*

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**The next social event is tea and cake at Edna's on the 9th March 2.30pm. She needs to know who is coming and would like offers of cakes. We will then get into the routine of going out to lunch on the last Thursday of the month which was the most convenient day of the month for most people. So March 31st at The Amberwood at Walkford and Mary Busby is the convenor. Names to her by Sunday 26th March.**



# South Downs National Park

Thank you to everyone who came to the Ben Nevis Challenge briefing on Friday night. Information shared on the evening, including films and PowerPoint displays, can be found on the Ben Nevis page of the benefice website.

The next planned training walk is on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. It's a 20 mile circular walk featuring two of the South Downs' biggest climbs, starting and finishing near Petersfield (at Ben's dad's house) where food will be provided after the walk. Meet at St Mary's Church car park at 8.00. Speak to Ben or James to request/offer transport.

**<https://brangore.org/ben-nevis-information/>**



# PARISH GIVING SCHEME

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY over the last year! We managed to pay our Bransgore and Thorney Hill parish share to the diocese of £53,734 in full! I know we've all worked hard to make this possible: funding our ministry here and the ministry of others in the diocese. Together with St Michael's Hinton, we've contributed a total of £67,690 to the mission of the diocese. Most of this has been achieved through your planned giving, through schemes like the Parish Giving Scheme. If you're not yet using the scheme and would like to, details for how to join are available in each church.

## **ATHENA ALICE SARGENT**

After a full 27 minute labour, Athena was born on Wednesday morning at 5.05am. She weighed 9lb 2oz and was delivered by Ben 10 minutes before the midwife was able to get to the vicarage. Because she was born so quickly, a bit of gunk remained in Athena's lungs and she initially found breathing not as easy as it should have been. Because of this, mum and baby went into hospital for a couple of days so that she could be monitored. They both came home on Saturday.

Please thank God for Athena's safe entry into the world and for the wonderful gift she is to the family.



**Bransgore  
New Forest**



**45 Minute Defibrillator Awareness Demonstration  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Bransgore Church of England Primary  
School  
5pm and again at 6pm  
Someone's life could depend on you!**

# REFORMATION 500

2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the European

Reformation, beginning when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to door of the church in Wittenburg. To reflect on this hugely influential moment in our history, we'll have a seven-part series of short talks starting at the evening service (6.30pm) on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**5<sup>th</sup> March – Did the Medieval Church need Reform?**

**19<sup>th</sup> March – Reformation:**

**What Happened?**

*Big Ideas of the Reformation:*

2<sup>nd</sup> April –**Scripture Alone**

16<sup>th</sup> April –**Faith Alone**

7<sup>th</sup> May –**Grace Alone**

21<sup>st</sup> May –**Christ Alone**

4<sup>th</sup> June –**Glory of God**

**Alone**

