



**Parishes of Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston with Bryanston  
and the Upper Tarrant (Gunville, Hinton, Monkton with  
Launceston)**



**Rector Designate  
(Priest in Charge)**



## Introduction by the Bishop of Sherborne

This newly shaped post offers an excellent opportunity for the right candidate to contribute their particular skills within a wider context to oversee the work of these churches on the rural north and north-east edges of Blandford.

We are looking for a Rector designate who can take these congregations on the next stage of their journey together, to meet the challenges of rural and suburban ministry.



Congregations in this new benefice have, through interim ministry, been developing ministry and mission together and a Scheme is currently lodged with the Church Commissioners to formally bring these parishes together under the new name of 'The Long Barrow Benefice'. The Pimperne Long Barrow being a significant geographical feature.

Firm foundations have been built in recent years including the development of lay ministry through Lay Worship Leaders and Lay Pastoral Assistants, which has enabled each community and each church to play to their strengths. Each church is unique, and further sharing of worship and resources are to be encouraged in order to respond to local needs. A worship pattern has also been established which currently utilises the gifts and experience of some local retired clergy.

We have also been aware for a number of years of the growth outwards of Blandford into the surrounding area, and therefore within the deanery there has been a growing informal collaboration between neighbouring incumbents. There are plans for a significant housing development the Pimperne side of the Blandford by-pass and the thought is that as a final part of pastoral re-organisation a Group Ministry may be formed between this new benefice, Blandford itself, and the newly formed Two Rivers benefice to the west and south of the town. This would encourage continued mutual support of the clergy, and the sharing of resources across parish and benefice boundaries to respond to missional need.

We are looking for a Rector with a heart for rural ministry, a love of village life, with a mission mindset and who enjoys engaging with all ages, through schools, informal and formal worship. A team player who will relish working with committed congregations, church wardens and lay leaders to bring out the best in them and enable further growth.

Rural ministry in Dorset is both joyful and challenging, hence the need to build collaborative groupings of parishes to share resources, maintain well-being amongst lay and ordained leaders and realistically plan for the future. The Archdeacon and I are fully supportive of the Milton and Blandford deanery in the changes that have been made and have both been actively involved with the consultation up to now, this support will continue.

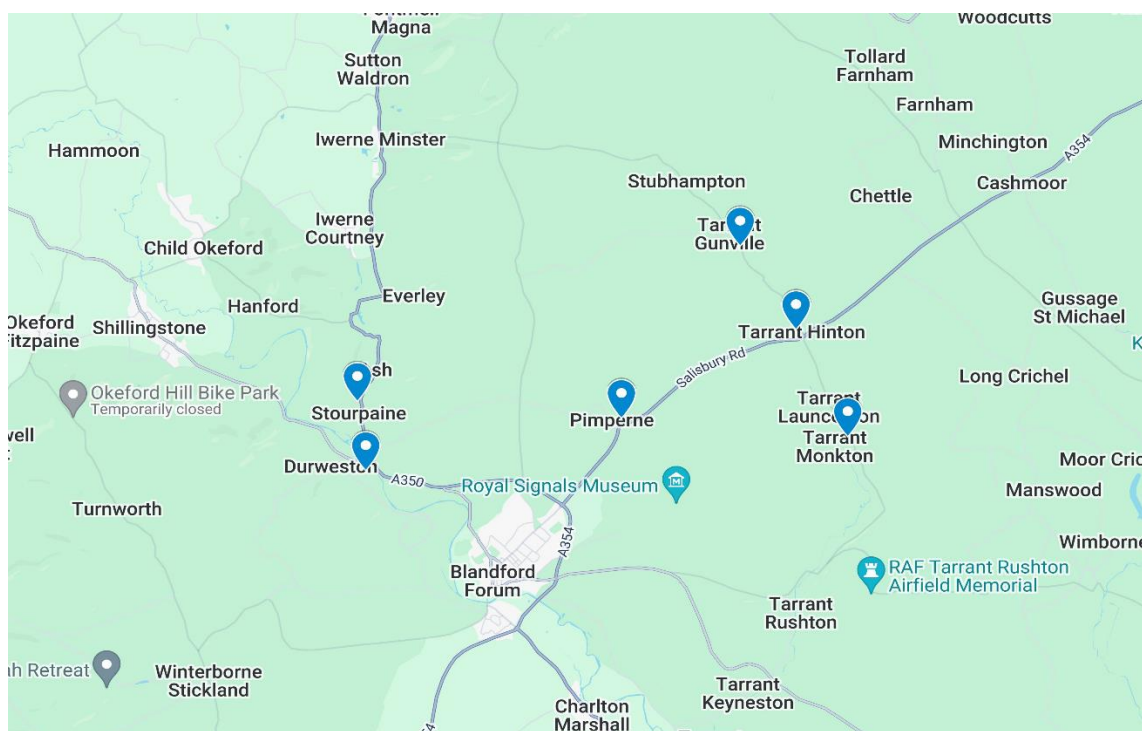
Should you wish to know more about this post please do not hesitate to contact me

Bishop Karen (01747 811960)

### Summary of the Benefice

The Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston with Bryanston and Upper Tarrants Benefice is a group of six parishes within a beautiful area of North Dorset, whose largest town is nearby Blandford Forum. We are part of the Milton and Blandford Deanery. The Parishes are:

Stourpaine	Durweston with Bryanston	Pimperne
Tarrant Gunville	Tarrant Hinton	Tarrant Monkton with Launceston



### Benefice Activities across the Parishes:

**Currently include:** Charitable Giving, Pop-up Café, Bible Study, Lent Groups, Flower Group, Breakfast Services, Dog Show, Craft Fayre & other ‘events’, Singing together, Children’s clubs, Annual Fetes and Coffee Mornings – not an exclusive list.

**Potential future Activities:** Encouragement and growth of Faith, e.g. Alpha Course, Drama, more Music and creative activities, understanding of ‘Share’ and giving, Expansion of Breakfast Church, encouraging more helpers – again not an exclusive list.

**Schools:** Within the Benefice there are two faith schools, they are in Durweston and Pimperne. Good relationships have been established with the schools, with regular Assemblies and “Open the Book”, as well as celebration of the Church festivals. Bryanston Prep and Bryanston School form part of the benefice, Bryanston Church is in the school grounds and is overseen by the school and fulltime school chaplain. The school chaplain is a member of the deanery chapter and there are good relationships with those schools.

## **Benefice Vision/Mission Statement**

A benefice which seeks to develop and grow opportunities to make Jesus known in existing congregations and to further encourage discipleship within our parishes. We seek to maintain and expand our excellent relationships with local schools and between parishes. Our aim: to welcome everyone into the sanctuary of God’s love will be achieved by expanding on community activity and outreach. Supporting and nurturing our clergy and parishioners, recognising and valuing the high levels of involvement, time and dedication of the laity which is essential for the future in this cohesive Benefice.

## **The Successful Applicant will be:**

### **A ‘People Person’**

- Able to engage with all ages and those at all stages of faith.
- Who wants to join in and work with others collaboratively
- With effective communication skills and essentially with a good sense of humour.

### **Have strong leadership skills**

- Who can recognise when it is appropriate to delegate responsibilities
- Who can influence, lead and support change when necessary
- Able to identify skills and develop potential in others.

### **Strong leader of worship**

- Confident and experienced in different styles of worship.
- Able to facilitate and train others to lead worship.
- Will lead us on in mission and outreach, especially to our school families and any potential new housing

### **Love of the Countryside**

- A person who loves the countryside and understands the specific needs of a rural benefice.

- Who is willing to participate in the various parish activities and
- Must be able to drive.

## **The Successful Applicant can expect:**

### **A Dynamic, Supportive Benefice**

- A warm welcome from hard working and experienced and confident PCC's
- A willingness to explore future development and change
- A strong team of Licenced Lay Ministers and Lay Worship Leaders who already help and are willing to continue
- A budget commitment for administrative help.
- A commitment from the parishes to support the new incumbent and their family.
- A Rectory initially in Tarrant Hinton but with a diocesan commitment to buy a more convenient parsonage in Pimperne when one becomes available.



# STOURPAINE

Stourpaine is located in the shadow of Hod Hill, Dorset's largest hillfort, at the confluence of the little River Iwerne and the River Stour. The village lies on the main A350 between Blandford and Shaftesbury, 3 miles north of Blandford. The 2021 census shows the population as 642 residents not a far cry from the 658 recorded in 1867. The village is spread across the A350 with the majority of the older houses being to the west.



Stourpaine is a welcoming and a lively community, with a diverse population in terms of age with many young families. Although the village does not have a shop, there is a peripatetic Post Office operating at the community hub in the Village Hall on a Tuesday morning. The White Horse pub remains a successful and popular venue. The modern and well used Village Hall is next to excellent sports pitches including a Pétanque pitch and Tennis courts. There are also two play parks with equipment for children of all ages.

A range of clubs and societies are on offer, including table tennis, tennis, gardening, craft, angling and book appreciation. A variety of classes are run at the Village Hall including Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi.



Approximately 4 times a year a small committee puts on “The Big Breakfast in the village hall – an opportunity for villagers, as well as users of the Trailway, to get together in a community and social environment. Stourpaine is a supportive enthusiastic community with a strong sense of identity.

Our worshipping community and active membership is fairly small, but we are immensely proud of our church and its heritage. Our brilliant organist accompanies the 11am Communion and Evensong services and also supports us with special services. A small music group plays for the monthly informal services. There is a rota for readers, servers, intercessors, sidesmen and for hospitality after services. The Flower Group and “Holy Dusters” are, as always, active and enthusiastic with many visitors commenting on how well our church is kept. There are two churchwardens, three Lay Worship Leaders, a Lay Pastoral Assistant and an enthusiastic band of bellringers.

Our village churches are all blessed with opportunities to realise the Diocesan vision and priorities ‘To Make Jesus Known’ because we engage with our local communities in very direct and personal ways. Our church is thoroughly involved in the community we are called to serve. The key fundraising event organised and run by the church – the annual Spring Fair – involves many from the community, not obvious churchgoers but who are church supporters. Pop up cafes are held at the church on Sunday afternoons in the summer months, they attract a good number of villagers as well as walkers and cyclists from the Trailway. Our organist arranges musical soirees held in the PSD Benefice churches. The last one held in Holy Trinity Stourpaine had an audience of at least 90.

In the two Benefice schools, Stourpaine church members take an active part in the Open the Book programme and Stourpaine congregation provides one member of the Standards and Ethics Board of Durweston Primary VA School. We run a Summer Activity scheme (indoors and outdoors) for village children on a number of days in August. This is hugely popular and enables a wonderful opportunity for Mission with parents and children.

# PIMPERNE

Pimperne is an old village, which could well have begun its existence with the Saxons circa AD 700. The name itself is attributed to the Celtic 'pimp pre' meaning five trees. The Parish covers some 3430 acres and lies mostly on chalk between 170 and 400 feet above sea level. The local area is rich in antiquities with the remains of some 17 barrows of the Bronze Age, an Iron Age settlement and traces of Celtic fields. The land was farmed in Roman times and in the Saxon era the valley was cleared of trees. The old Saxon open fields lay mainly either side of the main road between Pimperne and Blandford. The village was recorded in the Domesday Book as 'Pinpre' and having '20 Teams, 18 Plough Gangs and 92 males'.



The church was well established at this time, although the present building dates from 1870s, when it was completely rebuilt under the patronage of Lord Portman. Remnants of the Norman church survive incorporated into the new building. The church tower is the earliest exterior part and dates from the 15<sup>th</sup> century. There are 5 bells in the tower. They were rehung in 2005 with the option to fit two more bells, one of which would be a service bell. The church organ was also refurbished some 18 years ago. There is an aging but active mixed congregation of between 20-30 people for most Sunday Eucharist services, swelling on Festival Days, and a core of 6 people for morning prayer and Compline on Zoom.

The church fabric is in good condition, although work is needed, and an average spend of £7k per annum over the next 5 years is envisaged in order to satisfy a recent quinquennial report. The Church was rewired in 2010 and in 2023, new LED light fixtures and a new sound system were installed. In 2014 an efficient gas boiler replaced the old oil burner and new steps to the top graveyard have been added to improve access. The church is financially solvent. Coffee Mornings and a Christmas fair help boost church funds. The Ryland Room was built in 2010 next to the church and is used for refreshments after each service and it is available for leasing to village groups. It is also used for our monthly lunch club outreach.

The village has an approximate adult population of 1000 and while its roots are in farming, it has become more of a dormitory village for workers in the surrounding towns. It has a very small industrial estate within the boundaries of the village envelope. There is a good mix of housing in the village, from old to new and large to small with a reasonable number of Housing Association properties for local people. The Church has a very good relationship with the local C of E (VC) Primary School. With an excellent reputation and approximately 205 pupils, coming from Pimperne, the surrounding villages and Blandford, it moved into new premises in 2015, opened by HRH Princess Anne. The schools' last OFSTED inspection rated it as Good and in 2023 it received an excellent SIAMS report. The school has a solid Christian ethos with the Church providing 2 foundation governors as well as a vacancy for the incumbent as ex-officio governor. A visiting benefice team provides a weekly morning assembly; 'Open the Book' dramas at least twice a term; 'Experience Easter' and 'Experience Church' annually in the church. The church is also used for the school's annual Christmas and Harvest Festival services and for special occasions such as end of term/year services



Pimperne has a very good village hall, built about 30 years ago and is the centre for many village activities. It also hosts an outreach post office once a week. At the other end of the village on the main road stands the village sports field and pavilion, formally opened in August 1996 this provides the venue for the village football and cricket teams. The village also has a popular fitness centre and cafe at Stud Farm, and has one pub/hotel, the Anvil, providing food, drink and accommodation.

# DURWESTON WITH BRYANSTON

The two villages share the Grade 2\* listed St Nicholas church, which is located in Durweston next to the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust Primary school (116 pupils and 13 pre-school children). Both villages are Conservation Areas and have populations of around 400 each. They stand 2 miles apart and 2 miles south and west of Blandford.



There are two regular services a month; on the first (11am Holy Communion) , and third Sunday (BCP Evensong) where attendances average 7. The Primary school holds 4, one-hour assemblies each week in church as well as concerts, nativity plays and other festival events.

“The vicar is an important person to the children of Durweston CE Primary

School. We look forward to their assemblies, welcome them into school and use them as an invaluable resource for RE lessons. In the past, in addition to leading regular assemblies, our vicar has organised and led our Christingle service at Candlemas and a whole school communion at Easter. Once, the vicar ran a Ukelele club for us! We invite the vicar to all our major services and events. We have always looked upon the vicar as our friend and advocate. The vicar has also been the Staff governor, looking out for the wellbeing of all those who work here.” *Nicola Brook, Head Teacher Durweston CE Primary School*

Each Thursday morning there is a community run 'St Nicks café' with about 40 regulars and a dozen volunteers who provide cooked, on-site meals using organic, local produce. Now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year it generates about £60 per week nett towards church funds.

The churchyard is in regular use. It is managed by a single volunteer, promoting wildflowers and insects and is a rated participant in the Living Churchyard scheme. The church has 15<sup>th</sup> Century origins. It underwent a major overhaul and extension in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century funded by the then patron Lord Portman. As a consequence the church boasts a Hill's organ, a bell tower with 6 re cast bells and some important arts and crafts wood panels and stained glass. The acoustics are particularly good, and the combination of these assets means the church is a popular venue for concerts, visiting ringing bands and other events.

The annual running costs of the church, including its share are around £23,000 per year with around £55,000 in reserves (roughly half is restricted). The church more or less breaks even each year, thanks in large part to 12 or so regular donors, occasional financial support from The Portman Estate (in return for maintaining the church yard which contains a number of Portman family graves), other grant making bodies, weddings, funerals, concerts, café and fundraising events. All help to supplement service collections. Festival services and Remembrance services are usually well attended. There is a great affection for the church, not just in the villages but also further afield.





# TARRANT GUNVILLE With STUBHAMPTON



St Mary's Church sits adjacent to Gunville Manor. The present flint and stone church is Victorian (Early Norman evidence), with a painted chancel, and can seat between 100 and 200 people. It has a kitchen facility, toilet and a new, effective heating system.

Tarrant Gunville PCC is a loyal and supportive group whose aspiration is to give Christian support within the church building for the rites of passage as well as provision for at least two Services a month; and to combine with the neighbouring village of Tarrant Hinton alternately providing a bimonthly Breakfast Service in each other's village hall. Attendance averages between 10 and 20 people. There is a small Bible Study group which meets every fortnight.

Church Festivals are well attended by the wider village community: Easter, Harvest Festival, Christmas Carol Service, Christmas Day. Remembrance Sunday is celebrated within the church, connected with the memorial inside, and also attended by the villagers of Tarrant Hinton.

The village community are involved in the cleaning/flower rota as well as occasional churchyard upkeep days. The Church Fete is a highlight of the year with the whole Village supporting and enjoying the occasion; this provides vital fundraising for the Church and for village activities. The PCC organises Harvest Supper as well as twice a year running soup and roll lunches in aid of wider community projects, specifically recently for Blandford Food Bank. There is also a volunteer hospital/health drivers' group initiated by the church. Usually at least five collections, particularly Festival Services, are donated to charity.



Individual members of the PCC are involved with various village committees and social events which help foster social cohesion between church and community. Last year, the Coronation weekend began with a church service and bring and share lunch, which around a hundred people attended. The Community choir was a huge success and were singing lustily again at the Carol Service. The church also participates in the Ride and Stride Event for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust (last year, raising over £1,000).



Financially, the PCC is in a good position and was able to meet its Share in full in 2023. A Quinquennial inspection is due shortly which will require attention.

# TARRANT HINTON

Tarrant Hinton is a picturesque small village in the Tarrant Valley with approximately 80 houses some of which are on or adjacent to the A354, with most on the Gunville Road. The “Tarrant” is the river which runs through the village. Beautifully fringed with hundreds of Daffodils during the spring, and cow parsley during the summer, the river is a “winterbourne” with different levels at different times of year – but most summers it dries up.

There is a modern Village Hall, built by community effort and resources which is well used by the community. As well as having regular events at the village hall, until recently Tarrant Hinton was the site of the world-famous Great Dorset Steam Fair.

St Mary's church is situated in the middle of the village, half-way up Church Hill. We have services of varying formality each Sunday, including Hinton Half Hour with coffee before-hand: definitely a casual and friendly service of 30 minutes max!! We have a communion service at least once a month and we also participate jointly with our neighbours, Tarrant Gunville, in Breakfast Church, held monthly and alternating each month between our Village Halls.

If you are interested in church history or church architecture, you will be interested in our Easter Sepulchre. There are less than 30 of these in the country. In Tarrant Hinton it is an arched recess in the north wall of the chancel. In the past, from Good Friday to Easter Day the Crucifix and sacred elements were deposited in the sepulchre in commemoration of Christ's entombment and resurrection. Nowadays, we have a simple wooden cross and candlesticks placed there for our Good Friday reflective service and our Easter Day service.

A village resident, the late Richard Foley produced "Tarrant Hinton, Profile of a Dorset Village 1900 - 2015". The book is sixty-four pages of fascinating facts and figures with many old and new photographs and reminiscences of village life. Our worshipping community of 12 has recently been depleted by the sad loss of 3 of our regular church members, all of whom died within a week in December 2023, and two of whom were PCC members. Although we have managed to pay our full Share in the past, we have Quinquennial actions to complete are now faced with the reality of ‘do we pay Share or Repair?’

Like many villages we also have our ‘hidden congregation’ made up of those individuals who do not regularly attend services, but who volunteer to help with tasks such as keeping the churchyard tidy,



helping with flowers or maintaining some of the soft furnishings. Whilst there is no School, Pub or Shop in Tarrant Hinton we have a thriving Village Hall – rebuilt by the efforts of the village residents which offers various classes and opportunities for socialising. We have recently had families with children move into the village some of whom have attended church and we are encouraging them to return. Our Breakfast Church also attracts people who are not usually part of our Church congregation. Our PCC (and our congregation) look forward to fostering closer links with our colleagues in the new benefice, particularly Pimperne, Stourpaine and Durweston whilst strengthening those we already have with our Upper Tarrants neighbours.

# TARRANT MONKTON WITH TARRANT LAUNCESTON



All Saints church Tarrant Monkton with Launceston until earlier this year enjoyed a joint PCC with Tarrants Rushton and Rawston. They have now moved to the Two Rivers Benefice and Monkton and Launceston have joined Durweston, Stourpaine, Pimperne and Tarrants Gunville and Hinton where we are becoming more involved with our new Benefice.



Tarrant Monkton, like all the Tarrants has the river running through. In Monkton the river goes over the road and is called the splash, which in winter is too deep for the average family car to drive through - there is an alternative route. At the splash there is a beautiful Packhorse Bridge, which is festooned in poppies for Remembrance Day. Tarrant Launceston consists of a large family farm where craft sessions and lectures are organised, and a collection of family houses adjoins Tarrant Monkton at the water splash.

All Saints is a friendly church open all day and every day. We are lucky in having a device which locks it at night. We have two services a month: Holy Communion and Worship for All. We hope to join the other Tarrants in their Breakfast services.

Beside the church is the Langton Arms pub with restaurant, B & B cottages and playground. The owner offers receptions for weddings and many other occasions.

The Royal Signals military camp is situated on the hill above the village and the soldiers are entitled to come to All Saints for weddings and Baptisms. They also send a squad to join us on Remembrance Sunday.

Although our congregations are small, they are well attended at Easter, Christmas, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday. The villagers are generous in supporting fund raising events. In the months of July and August there are Cream Teas by the river - adjacent to the splash, in winter we have Winter Warmers in the Church where someone with an interesting story comes to talk, starting with wine and refreshments. There is also an annual dog show in the Easter holidays which is popular.



We have always managed to pay the share and contribute to other charities for example RABI at Harvest Festival - this service is followed by lunch in the Village Hall with a talk by a local farmer. Likewise, Remembrance Sunday followed by a curry lunch and talk by a military person proceeds to a military charity. The carol Service where the children take part in a Nativity play and Christmas Day collections goes to The Children's Society. Tarrant Monkton and Launceston are surrounded by farmland with access to lovely walks.



## MISSION AND MINISTRY IN THE SIX PARISHES

The present post is one of the outcomes of the Deanery plan for pastoral reorganization and brings together six parishes hitherto distributed between two adjacent benefices, which have both been under the pastoral care of shared interim ministers. The fact that all six parishes have shared the same clergy, despite not being within the same benefice, has been paving the way for sharing a new incumbent. In addition, for the past two years, all six parishes have benefited from having the same Administrator and have built up useful experience in sharing that resource.

In the past three years the six parishes have also been growing together in common worship and mission in various ways. For example, work in the two schools (including Open the Book, Experience Church, and weekly assemblies) draws on volunteers from all six parishes; and a 5th Sunday joint service, rotating among the six churches in turn for the past three years, has its worship enhanced by the combined choir and musicians, and by the lay ministry team. In 2023 four new Lay Worship Leaders were commissioned by Bishop Karen and last year four new Lay Pastoral Assistants were added to the team, which also includes 4 very experienced Licensed Lay Ministers (with PTO). All have been happy to exercise their ministries beyond their own parish boundaries.

Evident throughout this period has been the high level of determination among many committed and gifted individuals from the local churches, not only to make their own churches flourish but also to help one another. This has already created a spirit of resilience and resolve to meet the many challenges and opportunities which now face our rural parishes. With this appointment we now look forward to moving on from a period of tentative exploration and pastoral reorganization towards a more confident and joyful engagement in the mission to Make Jesus Known in our local communities.

### The current Tarrant Hinton Rectory



The Rectory lies in a quiet spot up a lane off the main street in Tarrant Hinton and is adjacent to the church. The property is a pleasant, spacious and well-built four-bedroomed detached house, with ample parking for several vehicles. The grounds are currently laid to lawn with some mature trees and shrubs and there is a small patio area leading off the living room.





The property has been well-maintained throughout. The entrance door leads into a porch area, then a hallway, with stairs to the first floor and doors leading to a large living room, accommodating both sitting and dining areas, a smaller reception room, a downstairs toilet and a kitchen with room for a table.



The kitchen has a large utility area leading off it. A study with both internal and external access doors was added to the ground floor about 20 years ago.



Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms, all of which can accommodate a double bed, and a family bathroom, with separate WC.

The property also has a single garage and the benefit of oil-fired central heating, double glazing and very good broadband access. There is a small shed in the garden.



## The Local Area

Tarrant Hinton Village Hall hosts a number of classes and clubs, as does the village hall at Tarrant Gunville, which is just up the Valley Road. Over the other side of the A354 lie the villages of the lower Tarrant Valley and there is a long tradition of all the Tarrant Valley parishes socialising together. Pubs can be found at Tarrant Monkton (The Langton Arms) and Tarrant Keyneston (True Lovers Knot), as well as at Farnham (The Museum Inn) and Gussage All Saints (The Drovers' Inn).

There are GP surgeries at Blandford and Sixpenny Handley and a Post Office in Blandford. A fish and chip van stops in the village on Wednesday evenings.

The Georgian town of Blandford Forum comprises several independent shops as well as M&S Food, Lidl, Morrisons and Tesco. There are a couple of farm shops in the Tarrant Valley and a Waitrose supermarket in Wimborne Minster.

The main A354 Salisbury to Blandford Road is a short distance away and from there the towns of Blandford Forum, Wimborne Minster, Poole and Salisbury can easily be accessed by car. Buses run along the A354 from Salisbury to Blandford, stopping in Tarrant Hinton a couple of times a day Monday to Saturday. There are railway stations at Poole and Salisbury.

The A354 leads south-west to Weymouth, Purbeck and the coast; Poole Harbour and Bournemouth beaches are a 40-minute drive to the south; the New Forest National Park is just a half hour's drive away as is Dorchester and West Dorset.

## **MILTON & BLANDFORD DEANERY**

The Milton & Blandford Deanery is in the Dorset Archdeaconry, itself within the Sherborne Area of the Salisbury Diocese, and is twinned with the Diocese of Rokon, South Sudan. The Deanery currently consists of 35 Parishes, arranged as 8 Benefices, but this arrangement has been changing in recent years according to the Deanery Plan of 2021 with pastoral reorganisation almost complete.

The Deanery covers a large geographical area with Blandford Forum at its centre, a market town of 10,000; the remaining parishes are rural. The population of the Deanery is approximately 26,000 and is growing due to significant new housing in and around Blandford Forum and Pimperne.

Within the Deanery there are: 8 Church of England Primary Schools, including one in Pimperne and another in Durweston) and 2 local authority primary schools. There is 1 maintained secondary school in the deanery (in Blandford), 3 Preparatory Schools and 3 Independent Schools (with Chaplains).

### **From the Rural Dean.....**

This is an exciting time to be joining the Milton and Blandford Deanery as we move towards the end of an extensive period of pastoral reorganisation.

The Deanery has been working hard to support each other through the process. This means we are in a strong position collaboratively within the diocese, taking our vision of 'Making Jesus Known' and building on it together.

Long Barrow, as a newly formed benefice have come together and are discovering ways of working closely as a group of churches. They have a strong, supportive ministry team of lay leaders, including Churchwardens, Licensed Lay Ministers, Lay Worship Leaders and Lay Pastoral Assistants, keen to grow and develop.

Our clergy chapter currently meet face to face monthly, we are diverse in churchmanship, and I have always found the group to be incredibly supportive colleagues. Several of us meet weekly for Morning Prayer on ZOOM.

If you have any questions regarding this role, please do not hesitate to call me: The Reverend Jane Williams, Rural Dean on 01258 858604

**A Message from Rev. Chris Beaumont (Blandford Forum Parish Church) and Rev. Carolyn Couzens (Two Rivers Benefice):**

There is currently significant growth of Blandford Forum through new housing on the edge of town. The town is expanding into both Two Rivers Benefice and this Benefice. This brings with it new opportunities for mission. We are committed to doing this in a supportive way, collaborating in initiatives which affect more than one Benefice, and working in cooperation with one another to strengthen all that is going on locally. We look forward to serving with the new Incumbent of Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston with Bryanston and the Upper Tarrant in this way.

**Statistics and Finance**     **Figures show 2023 with 2022 in Brackets**

Parish	Weddings	Funerals	Baptisms	Elect. Roll	Worship Community
<b>Stourpaine</b>	<b>3 (1)</b>	<b>6 (1)</b>	<b>0 (4)</b>	<b>42 (46)</b>	<b>24 (15)</b>
<b>Durweston</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>4 (0)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>25 (38)</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Pimperne</b>	<b>0 (4)</b>	<b>2 (2)</b>	<b>1 (3)</b>	<b>43 (44)</b>	<b>21 (23)</b>
<b>T. Gunville</b>	<b>0 (2)</b>	<b>3 (4)</b>	<b>1 (0)</b>	<b>41 (45)</b>	<b>9 (11)</b>
<b>T. Hinton</b>	<b>0 (2)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>14 (13)</b>	<b>11 (12)</b>
<b>T. Monkton</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>2 (1)</b>	<b>0 (2)</b>	<b>26 (43)</b>	<b>6 (6)</b>

Share History 2022 & 2023

	2022			2023		
	requested	paid	% paid	requested	paid	% paid
<b>Pimperne</b>	19177	19177	100%	19753	17689	90%
<b>Stourpaine</b>	*24633	22000	89%	*25372	17520	69%
<b>Durweston &amp; Bryanston</b>	6282	6282	100%	6471	6471	100%
<b>Gunville</b>	4817	4817	100%	4961	4961	100%
<b>Hinton</b>	5112	5112	100%	5265	5265	100%
<b>Monkton</b>	2064	2064	100%	2126	2126	100%

\*This was as a result of a disputed calculation

This is our typical monthly service pattern. At present most of the non-eucharistic services are lay led by either our four LLMs or the team of trained Lay Worship Leaders.

<b>Village</b>	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 4</b>
Stourpaine	8am BCP Holy Communion	10am Informal Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	6pm Evening/Iona
Pimperne	9.15am Morning Worship	10.30am Holy Communion	9.15am Morning Worship	6pm Holy Communion
Durweston Bryanston	11am Holy Communion		6pm Evensong	
Tarrant G	9.15am Breakfast Church alternating monthly with the other Tarrant Churches	6pm Evensong	11am Holy Communion	
Tarrant H	As above	10.30am Hinton Half hour		11am Holy Communion
Tarrant M and L	As above	9am BCP Holy Communion		10.30am Worship for all