

REVISED AVC BENEFICE PATTERN OF WORSHIP



Proposed by Gary, September 21st, 2020, and accepted by the Four PCCs

In October 2019 we started an extensive consultation process to review the pattern of worship within the Four Parishes of the Avon Valley Churches (AVC). From that consultation, we devised a new pattern of worship which was due to start on May 1st 2020.

Reflecting on this pattern since Lockdown, and the way in which our worship has developed 'On-Line and In Church', I have proposed that we make some further changes.

The main one is that **ALL SUNDAY MID-MORNING SERVICES WILL BE AT 10.00a.m.**

- One of the comments which arose during the original Consultation Process was that it is not good for those who lead worship or for congregations if the leaders are dashing from one Church to another on a Sunday morning.
- Although we cannot guarantee a Service in every Church every Sunday, we could pretty much guarantee that the Morning Services would all be at the same time.
- If are to continue our on-line offering, and if we want that to be able to come from all of our Churches (rather than just choosing one as the 'recording studio'), then the Sunday Services need to be at the same time each Sunday.
- 10.00 has worked well since the end of July when we resumed worship in our lovely Churches.
- A by-product would be that we could only have as many Services as there are people to lead them, which was explicitly stated in the earlier Review Paper (The new 'Pattern... embodies these proposals, **but** it is only achievable if we have a strong and well-trained group of Lay Worship Leaders (BCMs) – otherwise we would need to plan to have fewer Services to make the pattern sustainable). This would disable the possibility that those leading Worship simply run round in ever-speeding up circles to cover Services across the Benefice.

- At present we have a number of people starting BCMs, and others exploring Ordination and Licensed Lay Ministries, and we have developed a strong core of ‘Thought for the Day’ Leaders, who may well be willing on occasion to lead Worship in Church. We need to encourage more people to discover their calling to lead Worship.
- The pattern of Services agreed in the May Plan remains the same.
- The Staff Team and Organists have been consulted, and are supportive of this plan.

I also propose that all of the Fordingbridge mid-week Communion services are at 10.00.

So, this is the amended pattern we shall be using from November 1st:

NEW PATTERN SUNDAY BY SUNDAY:

This is what the pattern for a typical month will look like – the monthly C of E Leadership at 10.45 at Sandleheath will be added if we adopt this pattern.

1st Sunday:

8.15 am	Fordingbridge	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Hyde	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Hale	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Fordingbridge	Allsorts
10.00 am	Breamore	Morning Service
10.45 am	Sandleheath	Morning Service (Methodist or CofE)
4.30 pm	Hyde	Youth Space
6.00 pm	Fordingbridge	Sanctus

2nd Sunday:

8.15 am	Hyde	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Fordingbridge	Sung Communion
10.00 am	Woodgreen	Morning Service
10.00 am	Breamore	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.45 am	Sandleheath	Morning Service (Methodist or CofE)
11.00 noon	Breamore	Baptisms – as needed
4.00 pm	Hyde	The 4.00 Slot (Worship and Tea)
6.00 pm	Fordingbridge	Evensong (BCP)

3rd Sunday:

8.15 am	Fordingbridge	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Fordingbridge	Morning Service
10.00 am	Hyde	Morning Service (<i>Eventually swapping with 4th Sunday</i>)
10.00 am	Hale	Morning Service
10.00 am	Breamore	Matins (BCP)
10.45 am	Sandleheath	Morning Service (Methodist or CofE)
11.30 am	Fordingbridge	Baptisms – as needed
4.00 pm	Fordingbridge	Baptism Meeting in Church
6.00 pm	Fordingbridge	Sanctus

4th Sunday:

8.15 am	Breamore	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Fordingbridge	Sung Communion
10.00 am	Hyde	Holy Communion (<i>Eventually swapping with 3rd Sunday</i>) (+Bible Course/Lunch)
10.00 am	Woodgreen	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Sandleheath	Morning Service (Methodist or CofE)
6.00 pm	Fordingbridge	Evensong (BCP)

5th Sunday: One Benefice Service or Event somewhere in the Benefice

10.45 am	Sandleheath	Morning Service (Methodist) – or join in Benefice Service?
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