
Wilton Parish News



SUMMER
2018



Welcome to our Summer issue and a Season of Celebration!

At the end of June we mark **St Peter's Day** - with services at St. Peter's Church (by Wilton House) - **Holy Communion** at **11am** on **Thursday 28th** and **Evensong** at 6pm on Sunday, **1st July**.

Also, on **Saturday 30th**, our Curate, **Caroline Titley**, will be **ordained Priest**.

You are very welcome to attend the Ordination Service in **Salisbury Cathedral** at **4.30pm**.

On **1st July** Wilton House hosts the 12th annual **"Walk for Wards"** - in aid of SDH's "Stars Appeal" - an opportunity to give thanks and pray for all involved in the Walk, and in Medical Care or Research.

Wilton Carnival takes place the following weekend, with a double celebration on **Sunday 9th July**.

In the **Parish Church**, the Revd. Caroline Titley will preside, for the first time, at the **10.45 Eucharist**.

After the service there will be a **Barbecue** in the church grounds. You are then welcome to stay on for a "ring-side view" of the **Carnival Procession** passing along West Street around **2pm**.

And then! From **13th - 15th July** we invite our **11 - 17 year olds** to join young people from other churches in our region for the annual **"Pulse Camp"** - including night hike, games, laser tag, and plenty of "food for thought"! Further details from the Rector.

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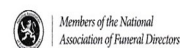
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One of Wilton's "best-kept secrets" is the little 13th century church of St. Peter, Fugglestone.

It now stands at the crossing of the roads to Salisbury and Wilton, but in the Middle Ages the village of Fugglestone was "sandwiched" between the Warminster/Salisbury Road and a second route, from Wilton to Quidhampton, to the South.

In addition to the Church there was a farm and the "Hospital of St Giles", founded by Henry 1's wife, Queen Adelicia, in 1159. The hospital survived until 1825, when the southern part of the village was enclosed within the grounds of Wilton House and the elderly residents of the hospital moved to the "new" and present St Giles' Almshouses, further along the Warminster Road.

In the seventeenth century, the priest-poet George Herbert was Rector of St. Peter's.

Between 1631 and 33, Herbert would have preached regularly to his congregation in St. Peter's, and it is during this time that he also wrote 'The Country Parson' and many of his poems.



St. Peter's Fugglestone - a church with a fine history, and a future?

Since 2013, activities in the church have been limited to "day light hours" as the Victorian gas-lighting was declared unsafe. (There is no electric alternative!) At the same time it became clear that other parts of the building needed significant repairs.

At a subsequent public meeting it was agreed that we wanted to keep St. Peter's as a church, but to explore ways of developing it to facilitate broader community use.

Now, with a new "village" on its doorstep, we hope to make this vision a reality!

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Wilton House Auxiliary Hospital

Many people know that, in WW2, the D Day landings were planned at Wilton House, but few know that it was also used as a hospital during the Great War.

Wounded soldiers were first treated near the front line, in tented hospitals or on trains and ships, then brought back to 'Blighty' through the port of Southampton. The great military hospitals such as Netley were enlarged to cope with thousands of patients, but because of the terrible numbers of casualties, there were soon not nearly enough beds to take them all. A plea was made to owners of large country houses to use some of their rooms as hospitals. Lady Beatrice Herbert, wife of the 15th Earl of Pembroke, organised the transformation of some of the ground floor rooms into wards and a large white marquee was also erected in the grounds for the army's use. The patients came by train to Wilton station and were transferred to Wilton House in one of the Army Service Corps' fleet of nine Model T Ford ambulances (delivered in 1915 to the Wilton Motor Transport depot in The Avenue).



They were treated by a team of Red Cross volunteer nurses (VADs) under the supervision of Sister Mabel Myring. The soldiers had a love/hate relationship with the strict, no-nonsense Sister, which they recorded in her autograph book. By a sketch of a little boy in uniform is written, "I felt so small, tiny as he – when Sister Myring first straffed me!" Others wrote poems about her. One Coldstream Guard finished his with the words "And yet she smiles at me, Despite her tyranny. Still I'd miss our Sister (One can miss a blister!) and I'm sure she'd miss me." A Canadian also wrote of her seeming hostility, but it ends, "But it was only for a little while, She was soon acquainted with my style. It was then I saw her sunny smiles, The kindest within a thousand miles."

Christine Matthews

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Confirmation is about:

Affirming the promises made at your Baptism.

Celebrating the unique person you are and your place in God's family.

Receiving the power of God's Spirit to help in everything you will be!

There is no "correct age" at which to be confirmed - we are ready whenever we are ready!

If you would like to join with other "explorers" (young people or adults) to find out if this might be for you, please contact the Rector, Revd. Mark Wood. (tel. 742571). Groups starting in September.



Our "class of '17" - confirmed last May by Bishop Edward.



What's on..

Details of all church services, and our monthly **"Diary Dates"** are displayed at our churches and the Parish Office (West Street).

Regular updates are also posted on **www.wiltonparish.co.uk** and on **Facebook** (Wilton Parish Church).

Young Singers needed!



During the summer term we are recruiting young singers (age 8+) for our new **youth choir** - who will sing at our main service, one Sunday morning each month, and on other special occasions.

If your son or daughter enjoys singing and would like to join in – singing together and improving vocal technique and music-reading skills - and is able to make Sunday morning rehearsals, please contact the Rector, Revd Mark Wood for further details. (Tel. 742571)

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