

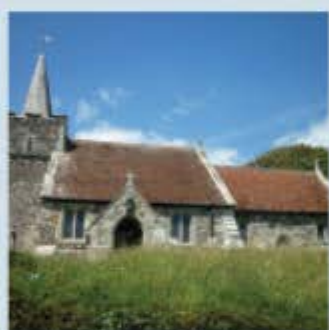
Newsletter

Brook & Mottistone churches

Autumn 2014



St Mary the Virgin
Brook



St Peter & St Paul
Mottistone

CHURCH SERVICES

Brook and Mottistone monthly service rota

1st Sunday of the month
Evensong at Brook, 6pm

2nd Sunday of the month
Sung Holy Communion at Mottistone,
9.25am

3rd Sunday of the month
Evensong at Mottistone, 6pm

4th Sunday of the month
Sung Holy Communion at Brook,
9.25am

In months where there is a 5th Sunday,
services rotate around the five churches
of the parishes.

Who is the church for?

It is there for everybody: for the occasional attendee at Christmas and Harvest, at weddings and funerals for interested holiday visitors, the volunteers who care for the churches and churchyards. A place of calm and safety, to sing, pray or simply talk to someone.

What does the Vicar do between Sundays?

Sunday services are just the small tip of a hectic working week. The Vicar heads up a devoted Ministry team working hard for all residents and visitors in our local community. The present team includes one and a half (!) full-time clergy and a youth worker, supported part-time by two licensed lay ministers, one Age UK outreach worker and two administrators, for parish office and accounts.

opening day at The Exchange community office



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Weekly visits, a support group for parents and a monthly service for the whole of Brighstone school



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What does the Team actually do?

Holds two Sunday services and four weekday services in each church every month (Tuesdays at Brook, Fridays at Mottistone)

Keeps both churches open 365 days a year - much appreciated by visitors

Provides special baptism, wedding and funeral services for local families

Holds annual village celebrations like Carols, Harvest, Remembrance, Songs of Praise, Lifeboat and other events in and sometimes out of church, attended by up to 5,000 people from the local community per year

Makes home visits regularly for the sick and housebound (including giving of Holy Communion)

Conducts monthly service of Holy Communion at Brighstone Grange residential home

Holds regular Bible study and fellowship groups at the Grange and in Brook village and other venues across the group of parishes

Helps raise over £10k a year by hosting or running local events for The Children's Society, Earl Mountbatten Hospice, British Red Cross, Daisy Bus, Foodbank, RNLI, Christian Aid (and more)

Enables online pastoral support through prayers, answering of requests for prayer or visiting, and transcripts of all sermons at www.fivechurches.org

Who pays for all this?

A handful of churchgoers and local supporters pay for clergy salaries, pensions and housing, and all church running costs. **Brook & Mottistone church income has been falling £6,000 short of its regular (non-building) spending in 2014.**

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*Thank you
for your
support*

Surely the Church of England pays for repairs?

Unfortunately not. On top of regular running costs, around £17,500 of repairs are needed every year just to maintain our two church buildings. Repairing the leaking spire at Brook church this autumn will cost an estimated £5,500. As major repairs can't be afforded out of church income, they have to be funded either from past legacies or special Appeals. (Accessibility improvements at Mottistone costing £10,000, were legacy-funded).

What can I do to help?

Make a Gift. If you are a UK taxpayer and already give to the church occasionally, will you join those who give regularly by banker's order and Gift Aid? This is the best way to help cover future running costs.

Make a Legacy. Past legacies have literally saved our churches but these are being used up. If you have a family connection with Brook or with Mottistone church, or if you would like to remember the life of a loved one, we can give confidential, professional advice on how to do this through your will.

Please use the simple forms enclosed

Will you volunteer some of your time and skill or if possible, regular financial support?
Your help really will make a difference!

PLEASE CONTACT NICK OR RODNEY TO FIND OUT MORE.

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Christmas time celebrations for friends and families

Friday 12th December: Concert Chrissie Acland's choir & Brighstone Belles.
Brighstone, 7.30pm

Sunday 14th: Christmas Tree Festival service at Mottistone, 9.25am

Saturday 20th: Carols and mince pies at the Seely Hall Brook, 6pm

Sunday 21st: Service of 9 lessons and Carols at Mottistone, 6pm

Wednesday 24th: Family Christingles, candles and carols at Brook, 5pm

Midnight Mass service at Shorwell, 11.30pm

Thursday 25th December: Carols and Crib Blessing at Shorwell, 10.30am
Family Communion services at Brighstone and at Chale, 10.30am

And finally, very special thanks to...

All the cooks for giving and making such a delicious Seely Hall Harvest lunch on 5th October,

The person who gave 1,200 daffodils for Brook churchyard, and to Max and Libby for planting them

Rosie Moore of Mottistone for designing this new-look, Newsletter 4, and those who sponsored it.

launching the new access route



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