


Pews News Extra - Summer 2025

Confirmations This Autumn

We're thrilled to announce two upcoming **Confirmation Services**: we currently have at least 2 candidates.

 **Sturminster Marshall** – Saturday 20th September

 **Salisbury Cathedral** – Saturday 1st November

If you or someone in your household is considering confirmation, please contact Rev'd Lewis

New "Being With" Course Starting Soon

This autumn we'll be running the **Being With Course**, a 10 week thought-provoking, relational, and spiritually enriching journey into the Christian life. Ideal for seekers, the curious, and long-time believers alike.

 Weekly gatherings |  Start Date: 24th September




Church Finances – Can You Help?


If you feel led to support the church financially—whether through one-off gifts, standing orders, or legacy giving—please speak with your treasurer. Every bit truly matters as each PCC works hard to maintain both our historic buildings, but also our ministry across this area. Some of our parishes are really beginning to feel the pinch as costs increase in many areas. A big thank you to all who give to our churches financially and in many other ways.

"The Chosen" – Watch the Life of Jesus Together



This autumn we'll be hosting **screenings of *The Chosen***, the acclaimed series exploring the life and ministry of Jesus.

 Monthly viewings starting in September

 Location and times TBC - either The Old School Room or The Rectory depending on numbers. Please let Lewis know if you'd like to come along.



Hilfield Retreat – Interested?

We're exploring a **possible retreat at Hilfield Friary** in early 2026.
A time to rest, reconnect with God, and enjoy the beauty of Dorset countryside.
Interested? **Let Rev. Lewis know** if you'd like to know more



Rev'd Lewis Taking Sabbatical (June–Aug 2026)

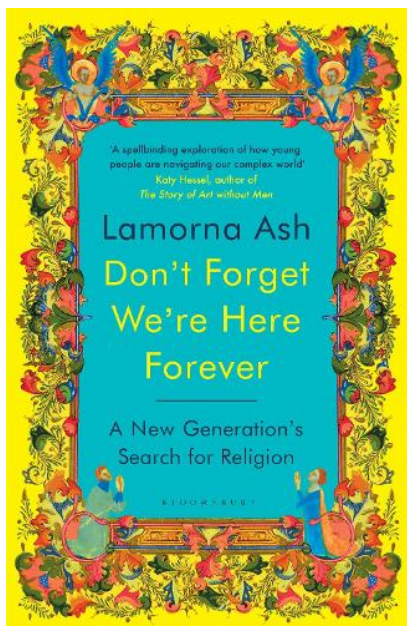
Lewis has been invited to take a sabbatical next summer (June–August 2026) for prayer, rest, and spiritual renewal.

The church will continue in good hands, with our wider clergy team, guest speakers and lay leaders.



Summer Reading

Looking for something meaningful to read under the summer sun (or rain)? Lewis read this book recently



Why are young people in Britain today turning to faith in our age of uncertainty?

Lamorna Ash was raised with about as much Christianity as most people in Britain these days: a basic knowledge of hymns and prayers received via a Church of England primary school education; occasional brushes with religious services. But once she started writing about her two friends' unexpected conversions, she began encountering a recurring phenomenon: in an age of disconnection and apathy, a new generation was discovering religion for itself.

In *Don't Forget We're Here Forever*, Ash embarks on a journey across Britain to meet those wrestling with Christianity today. Through interviews and her own deeply personal journey with religion, and from Evangelical youth festivals to Quaker meetings, a silent

Jesuit retreat along the Welsh coastline to a monastic community in the Inner Hebrides, she investigates what is driving Gen Z today to embrace Christianity. Written with lyrical beauty and sensitivity, this is a reminder of our universal need for nourishment of the soul.