

# **The PARISHES' PAPER**

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***HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
FOR 2024***

*The magazine for St Peter's Church, Dalwood; St Giles's Church, Kilmington; St Michael's Church, Shute;  
St Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland; and St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe*

## JANUARY 2024

Date	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute + Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
<b>Wed 3rd</b>	9.30am Said Communion Hosted by St Peter's Church, Dalwood				
<b>Sun 7th</b>	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St John the Baptist Church YARCOMBE EX14 9BN with Baptism				
<b>Tues 9th</b>	9.30am Said Communion Hosted by St Giles's Church, Kilmington				
<b>Sun 14th</b>	3pm Christingle service	11am Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion Shute	11am Morning Worship	11am All age Worship
<b>Wed 17th</b>	9.30am Said Communion Hosted by St Peter's Church, Dalwood				
<b>Sun 21st</b>	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Worship in Whitford	11am All age Worship	6.30pm Evening Worship
<b>Tues 23rd</b>	9.30am Said Communion Hosted by St Giles's Church, Kilmington				
<b>Sun 28th</b>	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Morning Worship 2pm Baptism	6.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion with Baptism
<b>Sun 4th Feb</b>	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St. Michael's Church SHUTE EX13 7QW				



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# HOPE. A WORD FOR THE NEW YEAR

REV JULIE LOMAS

**HOPE.** This is my 'word for the year' for 2024. I have chosen it as a single word to motivate and encourage me to focus on what is important in this season of my life as I live among you, work with you and seek to serve you with joy.

I generally do choose a word for the year, but I have not made it public before now. So what has changed?

Not so long ago, I was asked to give a short talk in Dalwood and I referred to myself as a "dealer" – I hasten to add, I am not a wheeler dealer, a car dealer, an antiques dealer, and neither am I a drug dealer. I am a dealer in faith, hope and love which St Paul describes in his letter to the Corinthians as the things that remain when all else has disappeared – you can read his words in 1 Corinthians 13 v 13: "And now faith, hope and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is love."

Of these three words, 'hope' is the one that has leapt off the page at me, and so for the next 12 months, I am going to keep it in a prominent position around the house, in the car, by my toothbrush and every time I see it I will be reminded that hope is a verb – a doing word, active and yet grounded at the same time.

And the reason for my hope? None other than the person of Jesus whose birth we have just celebrated. When I think about it, that is true if I had chosen faith or love as well, but for some reason it is hope that I will carry with me for the next 366 days (as it's a leap year!). I wonder what your word is going to be?



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# MY FAVOURITE HYMN

In this feature each month, a different person will share with us their favourite hymn and reasons why. This month, **Doreen Parris, of Yarcombe**, chooses **Father, I Place into Your Hands...**

I FIND this simply worded hymn both encouraging and comforting.

As I go through life it covers many of the situations that I have met along the way, time does not allow me to do everything and things are often beyond my control.

So this hymn helps strengthen my faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

*Father, I place into Your hands  
The things I cannot do  
Father, I place into Your hands  
The times that I've been through  
Father, I place into Your hands*

*The way that I should go  
For I know I always can trust You*

*Father, I place into Your hands  
My friends and family  
Father, I place into Your hands  
The things that trouble me  
Father, I place into Your hands  
The person I would be  
For I know I always can trust You*

*Father, we love to SEEK Your face  
We love to hear Your voice  
Father, we love to sing Your praise  
And in Your name rejoice*

*Father, we love to walk with You  
And in Your presence rest  
For we know we always can trust You*

*Father, I want to be with You  
And do the things You do  
Father, I want to speak the words  
That You are speaking too  
Father, I want to love the ones  
That You will draw to You  
For I know that I am one with You.*

● Songwriters: Jenny Hewer  
Father I Place into Your Hands lyrics ©  
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## Bible readings January

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Genesis 1:1-5	Mark 1: 4-11
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	1 Samuel 3: 1-10	John 1: 43-end
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Genesis 14: 17-20	John 2: 1-11
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Deuteronomy 18: 15-20	Mark 1: 21-28
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31	John 1: 1-14

## From the registers...

### Funerals

The funeral of **Susan Bridges** took place on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

The service of thanksgiving for the life of **Olga Rosamund Judith Gill** (also known as Judy) took place on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

*We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.*

### Christenings

The baptism of **Beatrice Mahony** took place on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at St Michael and All Angels Church, Stockland.

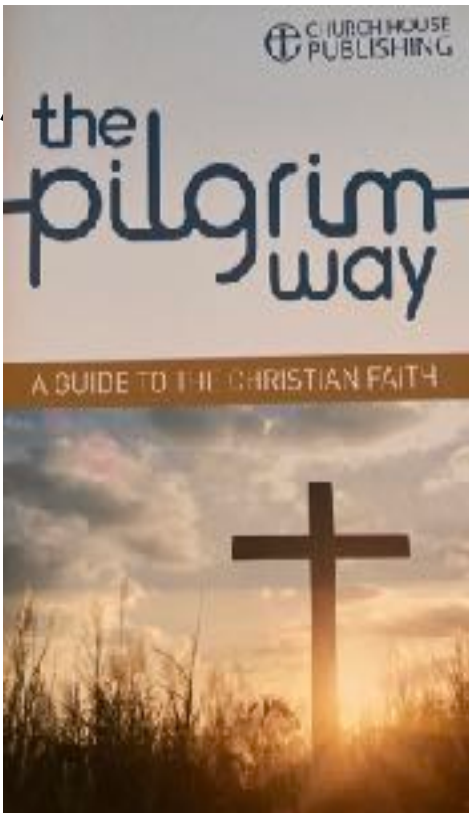




THE baptism of Beatrice Mahony took place on Sunday, November 19th at St Michael and All Angels Church, Stockland

*Credit: Katherine Newman Photography*

## QUESTIONS ENCOURAGED AT PILGRIM WAY COURSE



STARTING on Monday, February 19th, and for the following five weeks, the place to be from 7-8.30pm is at The Vicarage in Kilmington.

Rev Julie Lomas and her husband, Steve, are opening up their home to welcome the believers and the doubters, the sceptical and the reassured.

This is what The Pilgrim Way is all about – a time and place where questions are encouraged, doubts are permitted, discussion is required, and where we can learn and grow alongside each other, as pilgrims making progress through our lives.

This course will be particularly helpful to anyone thinking about being confirmed in 2024, and for anyone who just wishes to enjoy a warm welcome, a hot chocolate and some delicious nibbles, then this is for you as well.

Please let Rev Julie know if you are able to come along. The dates are all on Mondays: February 19th and 26th; March 4th, 11th and 18th.

*Rev Julie Lomas*



WILL and Emily Bright, who were married in September in the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community

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## Fire up prayers

ON Advent Sunday, December 3rd, everyone who attended the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community service was handed an orange card.

Not to be mistaken for an actual orange (that's the Christingle service the week later), the orange card was an invitation to pray for the right person to be selected to take up the post of the FIRED-UP project worker.

There has been a great deal of interest in the post, and by the time the January issue of *The Parishes' Paper* goes to print, candidates will have been invited to attend an interview. The results of the recruitment process will be known and a more detailed report will follow in February. In the meantime, readers are invited to join in with the prayers for the project and for the successful candidate using the orange card.

*Rev Julie Lomas*



THE Open the Book team present to the children in Kilmington, from left, Anna Crabbe, Kathy Boyes-Lee and Stephen Boyes Lee

## EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT

THE Open the Book team once again visited all three Schools in the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community.

In November, they told the story of The Lost Coin from the Bible in Luke Chapter 15.

Anna Crabbe played the part of the women who lost the coin, Kathy Boyes-Lee narrated the story and Jesus was played by Stephen Boyes-Lee.

The children learned that there are lots of people in the world and

sometimes we can feel very unimportant amongst so many.

We can feel lost in the crowd but this story tells us that everyone is precious to God just like the lost coin was precious to the women in the bible passage.

The conclusion to this story was that every person in the world is precious to God even if they don't know Him or care about Him.

*Martin Nunns*

## Let us ensure there is peace on Earth

IN 1955, the song Let There be Peace on Earth, sung by a children's choir, became an instant hit, and is regularly sung to this day, especially at Christmas time.

As we look back over 2023, this song seems even more appropriate, with conflicts in Ukraine and, more recently, between Israel and Palestine dominating the headlines, not forgetting the unrest and strikes we have seen in our own country.

Peace has to start somewhere, and this song, instead of saying "Someone ought to do something about it", as we so often hear these days, puts the onus fairly and squarely on our shoulders saying, "Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me."

It goes on: "With God as our Father brothers all are we, let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony." This song

is speaking not only about the world stage but also our own locality, our relationships with our neighbours.

After all, Christmas and the new year is the time of the year when it is easiest to heal rifts and mend broken friendships.

At this time of the year, when we make our new year's resolutions, can we, with God's help, as the last part of the song says, resolve that: "With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me."

May we at the Dalwood Methodist Chapel take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful 2024.

*Roderick Ovey  
Dalwood Methodist Church*

**Pray for the FIRED-UP project**

As a reminder this stands for Families in Rural East Devon (FIRED) who will be supported to build UP their faith at home and in our churches, and in the wider community.

We seek God's will and pray for the right person to join us to:

- \* Engage rural families in regular contact with, and commitment to, the Christian faith.
- \* Encourage existing and recruit new volunteers, through self recruitment, training and ongoing support working.
- \* Develop and deliver a new, mobile, "Forest / Farm Church" and deliver regular "Faith At Home packs" to rural homes;
- \* Build up existing, and new intergenerational outreach into each village;
- \* Establish a local ministry for young people and teens with a focus on supporting mental, spiritual, emotional and physical health.

Prayer meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month, 2 – 3pm at the Vicarage.

Please also include these prayers in your own prayers at home and in our Churches each week.

Thank you, and may God bless you as you pray in faith

# Why I go to church...

THIS is actually a very good question to ask, because I certainly don't consciously put it into my mind before I do go!

I sort of regard it as my duty – for reasons which will become apparent – and I always feel that something has been missed if I don't go for some reason. But this question requires a serious and detailed response.

The fact is that I am a Christian and I believe that many years ago, when I was at Cambridge, I was called by Jesus to accept Him as my saviour.

I appreciate that that sounds rather creepy to modern ears, but I was confronted then, in 1967, with the astonishing realisation that it was not simply a question in the first place of me choosing Jesus or deciding to follow Jesus, but rather that God in Jesus Christ was calling me, and I remember thinking then, what an astonishing honour and privilege that was. I remember thinking, "Well, if

God calls me then I must obviously obey and do it," and I have not for one moment regretted it. It was and is actually a relief to be able to come to God in prayer in the many situations in my life – times of joy and times of sadness – and commit my life to Him.

However, I have to confess immediately that my Christian life has not all been plain sailing as there have been many occasions when the devil has put doubts and problems in my way – trying to lure me off the straight and narrow path.

I would not pretend for a moment that I have been a perfect follower, but somehow, I have – by God's grace – always been brought back by Him, and I have continued to do my best to be a good soldier.

I do not know all the answers but as someone once said about electricity – I'm not going to sit around in the dark until I do!

The truth is actually in that last

sentence because the important thing about being a Christian for me is that I (we) have been brought by God out of the darkness of despair, hopelessness and error, and now live in the light – in the eternal light of the reality of Jesus being the Saviour of the world.

That is an astonishing truth to celebrate and is why I go to church. There are obviously mysteries here and sometimes Christian beliefs leave me puzzled, but faith needs to be explored, questioned, researched and lived because I rarely come away from church with no lesson at all learned – especially with the Rev Julie Lomas at the helm!

It is, in summary, a pilgrimage and a very rewarding, stimulating and enjoyable one.

I invite any reader of these few words who does not come to church to come in – you will not be disappointed, you will be welcomed and you will find to your astonishment how your life can be changed for ever.

David Tyzak  
Yarcombe

## RIVERS RUN THROUGH US

Connecting people and nature to restore the River Axe

The River Axe was, until the latter half of the 1900s, one of the best surviving lowland rivers in England. But, over the last 40 years, it has declined and is now classified by Natural England as being in Unfavourable Condition for wildlife, and declining yet further as each year passes.

Pollution from agriculture, homes and businesses is at the root of the river's problems, made worse by climate change. Many agencies are working together to tackle these problems and restore the river, but improvements are slow and we need to accelerate the pace of change.

Rivers Run Through Us (RRTU) is a project that's being developed by the three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) that include the waters that feed the River Axe: the Blackdown Hills, Dorset and East Devon. RRTU aims to harness the power of people working together in communities to support the changes needed. This could include:

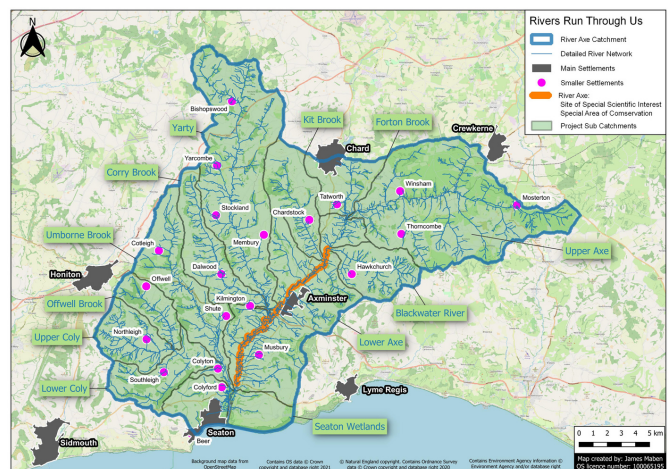
- Raising awareness of the issues facing the River Axe and why it matters.
- Bringing people together to share local knowledge and learn about how streams and rivers work in their area.
- Encouraging people to improve our knowledge about the river (eg through monitoring water quality or researching local heritage).
- Building bridges between communities – eg urban and rural communities, to identify shared goals and concerns.
- Developing local river improvement plans that identify opportunities for people to take action in their area.
- Supporting people – through training or access to expertise or practical resources – to implement these plans, eg through tree-planting, building debris dams, creating new wetlands.
- Enabling new access to the river for groups that face difficulties with transport or affordability or lack confidence in visiting the countryside.
- Organising events and activities that attract people to connect with the river.
- Enabling and supporting a network of community groups that can share resources and best practice, celebrate success and coordinate efforts.

### Help shape the project...

We (the 3 AONBs) are applying to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) and the Environment Agency for funding to support this work. If we're successful, the project could run for 5 years and would bring about a big change in the way people understand and relate to their local river in the Axe catchment.

During the autumn of 2023 we're talking to community groups across the area to find out how our ideas could fit with your interests and activities. **How can we design this project so it best meets local needs and delivers long-lasting change?**

We look forward to talking with you.



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# DALWOOD NEWS

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## Huge audience for young Ezra

I DOUBT if many of the audience of between 50 and 60 have often – if ever – seen such talent in one so young.

We were treated to excellent performances in November on both the piano, but more amazingly, the church organ by Ezra Jefferies, pictured, who is 12 years old.

Ezra is, as yet, of smaller stature and it was a revelation to see him manage all the foot and swell pedals as well as reaching all the stops on the organ.

The young musician played three pieces on the organ starting with Edward Greig's Norwegian Dance Number 2, which he played with excellent tone and feeling. This was followed by a piece by Petra Eben – Choral Partita Variation Number 3 and finishing with Bach's Toccata in D minor. All these pieces were played with confidence, exuberance and

precision and earned extended and justly deserved applause from the audience. The organ certainly benefitted from such a good workout.

Moving to the piano, Ezra was joined by another musician and they played two duets, a waltz and a slow foxtrot by Gerard Hengedveld delivered with enthusiasm and their obvious enjoyment.

Ezra, on his own, then gave an insight into his own taste in music by playing several jazz pieces, including the tongue twister Willie Wagglesticks Walkabout which required some very rapid fingering and a great deal of concentration. Other jazz pieces included Steam Train Blues, Spring Song and In a Hurry from the micro-jazz series by Christopher Norton. Ezra finished his recital with I dreamed a Dream from Les Miserables. Another extended round of applause

greeted Ezra which he accepted with a bow, a smile and a wave.

He was then in for a bit of a shock as he was subjected to an interview without warning. However, Ezra answered all the questions with confidence and humour. As a result, the audience learned that Ezra has been playing the piano from the age of seven and the church organ since eight-and-a-half. He has played in Salisbury Cathedral, Wimborne Minster and St Swithin's in Bridport. This is possible through the Pipe Up scheme which encourages youngsters to study church organ playing.

Dalwood Coffee Concert goes were amazed at the talent and skill shown and were very privileged to be entertained by this young man and look forward to a return performance. Ezra would no doubt be pleased to know that he attracted the biggest audience for a coffee concert this year and that over £300 was raised for charity ShelterBox.

*Stephen Boyes-Lee*



**QUIZ NIGHT**

**DALWOOD  
COMMUNITY  
SHOP  
FUNDRAISER**

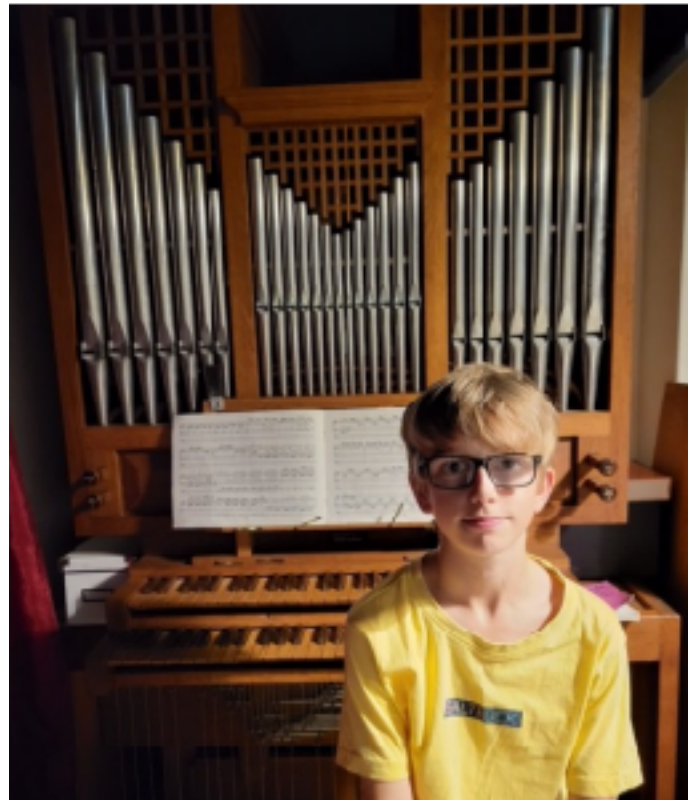
**Day : SATURDAY**  
**Date : 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024**  
**Time : 7.30pm**  
**Place : Dalwood Village Hall**



Quiz master      Teams up to **6** members

**???? £5** includes Nibbles      **????** Bar & Raffle      **????**

**????** Please join us if you can      **????**



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# DALWOOD NEWS

## Eco award for church with thanks to Peter

ST Peter's Church, Dalwood, has now attained its Bronze Eco Award in the Church of England scheme and Rev Julie Lomas presented the certificate to church warden Brian Eddy at the Mission Community service in December.

She also commended the efforts of Peter Major, who put in much work on this project.

Also, a certificate of Fair Trade status for St Peter's was presented to Nick



Harrison, of the PCC, at the same service.

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# DALWOOD NEWS

## DISPLAY OF TRADITIONS

CHRISTMAS carols, dinners, stockings, cards, puddings, pantos, cupboards, crackers... you name it, if it is a UK Christmas tradition, it was represented in the display at St Peter's Church, Dalwood, at the beginning of December.

Yet again, the ingenuity, imagination and creative skills of adults and

children in and around the village was stunning, a real joy to behold.

Well done to everyone who took part and to Sue Drew and helpers for putting it all together. The weekend finished with a rousing selection of carols and Christmas songs, delicious mince pies and mulled wine. A great way to start the joyful season.





# KILMINGTON NEWS

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## Celebrating the Bethlehem journey

By Elana-May Blackmore

ON Saturday, December 9th, many gathered, yet again, for a wonderful Celebrate Together service.

With a Christmas theme, the congregation sang well-known Christmas hymns wonderfully conducted by Margaret Hurford.

There was a very special visitor in the form of a donkey. A real one? No, sadly not, but Christine and Christopher Thorne volunteered.

As the donkey wandered around the church, Little Donkey was sung, accompanied by instruments. Everyone enjoyed it, as all of the congregation were in their seats giggling.

There was a short story which was beautifully read by Christine, and everyone got involved with word prompts such as 'baby', where they had to coo and pretend to hold a baby.

Some dressed up as Mary and Joseph, they did a brilliant job sitting at the front during the talk.

The food was wonderful as usual, and everyone devoured it. Thanks go, as usual, to the tea ladies. The group is so blessed to have them, and everyone else who comes and makes this service possible – this includes those who come from all areas to join in with this special service.

Huge thanks goes to Gill Heighway for co-leading with me, she always helps me to come up with ideas for these services. My thanks also to Christine Mills who so kindly led the prayers.

The group is thankful to be able to continue Diana Mellows' legacy, she would be so proud, she had such a heart for the people and for the carers who attend these services.

If anyone would like to join this group they would be welcomed and there is level access and plenty of parking.

The next Celebrate Together service will be held on Saturday, February 10th at 3pm. For further information please call Christine Thorne on 07814 041059.



## A new festive and angelic poem

### The Christmas Angel

A brand new Poem by John Thorne

Every Christmas I sit on top of the tree  
Spreading love to all of the family  
When we all celebrate our Saviour's birth

At this special time which is filled with mirth

I remember the time in Bethlehem  
When a place to stay became a problem

So Christ was born in a meagre stable  
Proving God's love is fact not a fable  
A host of us Angels sang from up high  
And the Christmas star shone bright in the sky

We summoned the shepherds to come and pray

And to celebrate this wonderful day  
The Star guided Kings from far away lands

To the place where Jesus's manger stands

He came to earth to atone for our sin  
And open Heaven so all can come in  
He wants his people to spread peace and love

And to pray for guidance from God above

So lets cherish the Blessings that we share

And submit ourselves to God's tender care.



THE Royal British Legion (Kilmington Branch) coffee morning and fayre which was held on Saturday, December 2nd at Kilmington Village Hall



# KILMINGTON NEWS



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# STOCKLAND NEWS

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## PAUSE FOR PRAYER

New Year thoughts from  
Pope John XXIII

Consult not your fears,  
but your hopes and your dreams.  
Think not about your frustrations,  
but about your unfulfilled potential.  
Dwell not on what you tried and  
failed in,  
but what it is still possible to do.  
Now is the time to put aside past  
and present setbacks  
and failures and look with confidence  
to the new day called tomorrow  
*Contributed by Philippa Wilks*

## 100 Club winners

THE Stockland 100 Club December bumper draw lucky winners have been picked.

Winners are: number 5 – Bill and Cara Gilmour White, £50; number 59 – Anna Trott, £20; number 106 – L and D Bernhardt, £10; number 38 – Duncan Stevens, £10; number 72 – Katie Durrant, £10.

Congratulations to the winning number holders and thank you for supporting the 100 Club in 2023.

Subscriptions for 2024 are now due, if you would like to keep your same number or join for the first time, it's £10 per number payable by BACS or cash in named envelope to any village hall member committee. There are 11 monthly draws of £20, £10 and £5.

December is a bumper draw month of £50, £20, £10, £10, £10.

All proceeds to Stockland Victory Hall funds. Bank details for BACS payment: Stockland Victory Hall, sort code 30-92-40, account number 00655693, ref your initials and surname and HC.

For more information contact monica.parris@outlook.com.

## GET INVOLVED

Send your Stockland news,  
photos and events to village  
correspondent Gill Metcalfe:  
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## Pre-school's festive arrival

By Becky Ades

ON Saturday, December 2nd, Stockland's preschool parent committee ran a Santa's grotto for the children and at pre-school and the community as part of the Stockland Christmas market.

It was lovely to see previous children to pre-school and new children from the area making their way into Santa's grotto where they could take part in a lucky dip, Christmas tattoos, write letters and post them to Santa, make reindeer food complete with magic dust before meeting the man himself to tell them what they would like for Christmas, followed by a gift.

It was a fantastic event for the committee, staff and children and

wonderful to share the experience with all the families and raise funds for the local pre-school.

The pre-school has new opening hours and is now open Monday to Friday 8.45am-3.30pm term-time only for children aged two to four years and the committee runs a baby and toddler group on a Friday morning at the village hall. For more details, please contact 01404 881450 or email rebecca.a@stocklandpreschool.co.uk.



## Turbaries talk is exceptional evening

AN exceptional evening in November was supported by an exceptional turnout of local people. From their medieval history to the work of volunteers today, the story of the parishes' historical unique and wild areas, Stockland turbaries, unfolded throughout the evening's lecture delivered by the local experts David Allan and Peter Derryman.

The preservation of these areas – Bucehayes, Quantock, Shore Bottom and Featherlake – has been diligently pursued by them, alongside Geoff Pearce and a series of enthusiastic volunteers. Without such, many of the species and habitats would have, without a doubt, died out. The early years of saving and restoring the areas were related through filming showing the clearing of scrub and debris and invasive growth. The audience could easily recognise the youthful persona of

the evening's story tellers with a very young Andy Podbury at the helm of the digger carrying out pond construction and clearance. The film was completely absorbing as was the dialogue outlining the return and increase of species and use of habitats.

The question-and-answer session that followed was clearly welcomed by the audience which was absorbed by the accounts of the early days' trials and tribulations and now the necessary future commitments to the four areas.

However, restoration and preservation are ongoing, relentless tasks with the desperate need for more volunteers. The evening's lecture promoted much interest and the momentum gained suggested that there will be many more help to aid with the enormous task of preserving the turbary heritage.

*Gill Metcalfe*

# STOCKLAND NEWS

## Stunning village event

By Gill Metcalfe

THE Stockland Victory Hall door was opened at 10am sharp to a queue for the Christmas fair.

The reputation of the event gleaned from last year had drawn quite a crowd anxious to get inside the hall and see the array of crafts and festive Christmas cakes and mince pies for sale. There was no question of being disappointed with the entire set up of the fair.

The committee had organised the event to an exceptionally high standard which the stall holders had emulated. Enter the hall – raffle tickets first and what a generous selection of prizes were on offer. And then the stalls: four rows of craft festooned tables plus the side room and then the kitchen open and catering for one and all.

Such a variety on sale – prize winning tea-cosies, local honey, Christmas wreaths, beautiful tree hanging ceramics, equally stunning material flags and tree ornaments, Christmas cards, stainless steel garden ware (the ferns exquisite), dried flower arrangements, Corymore knits, and cakes galore.

And in the middle of all this our own local postie joining the other stall holders with her wooden Christmas trees and gifts.

Not to exaggerate but the whole event was stunning. Well done to all the organisers and their helpers – it certainly lived up to a quality event.

The organisers said that, despite the chilly day for the market, folk were not deterred from supporting the festive fundraising event which raised a brilliant profit for Stockland Victory Hall's funds of £1,069 – far exceeding last year's amount raised.

The hall committee acknowledged the generous help received, themselves managing the village hall stall with donations of items, cakes, quiches and mince pies and with the setting up and clearing away all executed with much speed and efficiency.

A special mention was made for the Preschool's Santa's grotto team which made the event so special for the little ones. Thank you one and all for such appreciated support.

Fabulous fair – thinking already about Christmas 2024!



## Festive fodder

THE 1st Wednesday Ladies group got into the festive spirit with a Christmas lunch at the Sidmouth Arms, Upottery, in December.

Coming in from a chilly but sunny day – well what a warm welcome: tables all set, even with crackers at each setting, an open fire, hanging decorations, Christmas trees and lights; the spirit of Christmas abounded.

With drinks promptly prioritised, raffle tickets bought, all 25 seated, crackers pulled and paper hats donned by all, the first course arrived in no time: salmon, soup, pulled ham terrine and then the main courses were on the table – roast beef, roast turkey, hake with seasonal vegetables to select from – absolutely no fuss just all the plates arriving well-timed.

The room once filled with a crescendo of chatter fell into silence with only the sound of cutlery on plates to be heard. Then to follow – the mince pies and coffees rounding off an excellent event. This was just one of those events not to fault. Congratulations to the organiser – and thanks to all who have supported the group throughout the past year.

Gill Metcalfe



# STOCKLAND NEWS

## Best ever quiz night

IN the run-up to Christmas, quiz nights were abounded – but without a doubt the November wine and wisdom event held at Stockland Victory Hall must rank as one of the best ever of its kind – it was what a quiz should be: firstly fun, yes combative but mildly so and a veritable enjoyable night out.

Quiz chair Cathy Derryman had devised a well-balanced programme of 10 categories – geography, food and drink, nature, pot luck, sport, music, herbs, inter-mixed with a glossy photoshoot picture round and the ever-diabolical dingbats to provoke much team anguish in pursuit of the answer. Then the decision as to when to play the joker – a tactical one or one that might just help towards a respectable score? And to keep the teams going, a table buffet with a bottle of wine, sumptuous cheese board selection, generous supply of bread, grapes and savoury biscuits. Quiz organisation at its very best.

For those who missed the evening try these: what is the county flower of Devon?; name the orange section of a scallop; which Premier League football club has the smallest stadium?; what sport earns the title Queen of Sports?; to whom is the Venus Rose Bowl presented? Then the photo round – Sir Walter Raleigh or Sir Francis Drake followed by the herb round with each team presented with an envelope containing 10 herbs to be named (ingenious round Cathy); and then the Dingbat round had most teams stunned.

With the results faithfully recorded after each round completed, they then somewhat miraculously appeared on a leaderboard beamed onto the rear wall of the hall for all to see – who was ahead – but who had not played their joker? Who was about to leap forward with their score? As with all good competitions the scores were so close and finally 108 the winning score with two runners up of equal numbers with 105 and the next 104 – exactly the outcome for a fair competition.

And then the raffle – lots of prizes happily snapped up with £204 of funds raised directed to the most worthy Children in Need charity currently so much in the nation's generous support.

*Gill Metcalfe*

## SCHOOL'S WONDERLAND

DECEMBER 1st signalled the onset of Christmas fairs: Stockland Academy started the ball rolling with an early evening event in the front playground.

This was such a fun start to the season with lots of games, challenges and plenty of small presents to buy at exceptionally low prices.

Penguins, rats and rabbits featured strongly in the activities most visited and tried – how to project penguins from one glacier to another was a crowd puller whilst trapping the rat must have been a close runner up! Perhaps though the rabbits proved the most fun promoting such laughter as pink, green and blue floppy-eared bunnies raced down the track with the winner impossible to predict until the very last moment. Sensibly all purchases were made with tokens – no cash in sight and clearly the youngsters had measured out their

spending against them.

With pupils, parents and other family members crowding through the gates spot on opening it was hardly possible to conceive that only half-an-hour before staff and their helpers were frantically setting up stalls, laying out precious things to purchase and putting up decorations.

Somehow all was ready in time and as the evening drew in the area became a pure magical affair with Christmas lights everywhere and tinsel reflecting their glow.

Well done to all those who made it all possible – the Christmas feeling of good will and excitement certainly promoted by the school's adventure and indeed with the snow the previous day, a jewel of an evening in a chilly but winter wonderland.

*Gill Metcalfe*





# STOCKLAND NEWS



## Fantastic community event

ENORMOUS thanks goes to everyone who helped and supported The Stockland Village Christmas Lunch on Sunday, December 10th.

A hall full of jolly Stocklanders lined up for an afternoon of festive cheer. The hall beautifully decorated with seasonal foliage made for a very inviting welcome before the feast began. It was a very successful day with a happy, Christmassy atmosphere, but it really couldn't have happened without the endless help from so many lovely folk.

Firstly, as always a fantastic turnout on Saturday afternoon with many wielding knives and peelers, meant the veg prep was completed in no time! Thanks must also go to those who helped with table setting and cooking the birds to

perfection, plus expert carving and those who made all the trimmings, welcome drinks, quiz, barmen and the impromptu waiters and waitresses, we didn't hear of any soup spilt! Also, thanks goes to Mike and Emma Barnes for a generous donation towards the afternoon's proceedings.

Finally, last but not most certainly not least the amazing ladies in the kitchen – Amanda Buckley, Diana Saso, Jenny Whitley, Mel Pym and Lucy Bartlett, so efficient, hard working and always with a smile, this event really couldn't have been achieved without you.

How lucky we all are to live and be part of this wonderful Stockland community, wishing everyone a very happy Christmas.

*Kim Harvey and Emma Parris*



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## Chrysanthemums make a comeback

TRADITIONALLY, the Whitford Autumn Show was primarily held for the showing of chrysanthemums and, over the years, these have been much admired by the show judges, commenting that they are the best in the East Devon area.

Chrysanthemums are somewhat difficult to grow and require a lot of attention to achieve the beautiful full blooms to show.

In today's busy world, they are not so popular, which is why the autumn show was brought forward hoping that more entries for showing late autumnal flowers could be encouraged.

The locals did not disappoint. The gardeners stepped up to the challenge and some beautiful flowers, especially the dahlias and cosmos, were entered and displayed.

Chillies also seem to be in favour with the growers and there were some very interesting shapes and colours displayed.

Whitford Village Hall was transformed into an abundance of colour with an array of flowers, veggies, delicious looking bakery and most impressive were the children's displays.

Thanks go to Colyton Primary School for encouraging pupils to enter, as every class in the school wrote either a poem or made an autumnal collage. These were displayed on every wall in the hall to great effect.

The venue was filled with a happy buzz of people enjoying the show and



**ENTRIES for the Whitford Autumn Show**

*Credit: Maureen Davey*

looking amazed when they had won a prize. The afternoon was rounded off by awarding the prize-winning cups, followed by the auction of the produce, always a fun way to end the show.

Thanks goes to everyone who helped to create such an enjoyable afternoon.

The two shows that Whitford Produce Association organises take a lot of planning throughout the year and require a small army of volunteers to help and the group continues to be extremely grateful for all the support received.

If anyone would like to help, even in a small way or feel that they might like to have a go at exhibiting, please get in touch with the chairman – [maureendavey@btinternet.com](mailto:maureendavey@btinternet.com).

### Cup winners:

Andrew Gary Cup – Chris Loud/Andrew Solden; most prize money in chrysanthemum class.

Colyton Agricultural Society Cup – Chris Loud; overall winner of vegetables and fruit.

Ernie Gardner Cup – Andrew Solden; best chrysanthemum plant.

Donald Baker Cup – Chris Loud; for the vegetable section.

Mr and Mrs FWR Laverack Cup – Chris Loud/Maureen Davey; Homemade wines and beer.

Ladies Trophy – Jenny Bartlett; Cookery Class.

Nancy James Cup for Children under seven years – Seth Snowdon.

Betty Gardner Cup for Children eight-12 years – Patrick Bartlett.

*Maureen Davey  
Chairman of Whitford  
Produce Association*

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## Produce group annual meeting invite

THE Whitford Produce Association invites members and non-members to its annual meeting in Whitford Village Hall on Thursday, 25th January at 7.30pm.

As with all the group's annual meetings, a breakdown of the association throughout the year will be given and it is also anyone's opportunity to give feedback on the events, such as the summer and autumn shows.

The association committee would be

delighted to hear of any suggestions to make improvements.

The association always welcomes new members, but if anyone would prefer to be a helper instead at any of the events throughout the year, please do contact the chairman via email – [maureendavey@btinternet.com](mailto:maureendavey@btinternet.com).

*Maureen Davey  
Chairman of Whitford  
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# YARCOMBE NEWS

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## Sumptuous festive lunch

By Rebecca Bell

ON Sunday, December 3rd, Yarcombe Jubilee Hall was full to the brim with happy folk celebrating the start of the festive season with a sumptuous Christmas lunch.

Anyone who is over retirement age was invited to a free lunch – together with their spouse or partner, even if they were not of retirement age.

On arrival, a welcoming drink and appetiser was offered before sitting down to a wonderful three-course meal.

Turkey with all the trimmings, plus assorted vegetables and roast potatoes, followed by Christmas pudding and clotted cream or peach Pavlova, all

accompanied by red or white wine or fruit juice. Finally, coffee or tea was served with After Eight mint chocolates.

The repair works in the hall, now almost completed, did not distract from this joyful occasion and the Christmas tree, bunting, beautifully laid tables and floral arrangements added to the happy atmosphere.

Guests were very generous with their donations and also kindly supported the raffle.

Heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to Cindy Vining and her team for all their planning and hard work in the weeks before the meal and throughout the day itself, ensuring that the Christmas lunch, now in its 43rd year, was once again such a resounding success.

## Tuesday Club skittles full of festive cheer

ON a very cold, dark November evening – when it was very tempting to stay at home beside a warm fire – 11 members of the Tuesday Club travelled over the hill to The Sidmouth Arms in Upton to play a friendly skittles match with the Blackdown Ladies group.

The Sidmouth Arms was very inviting with its Christmas lights and decorations and the skittles alley was full of cheer as the two teams assembled.

Eight members from Yarcombe, plus

three cheer leaders, played/fought admirably, but were closely beaten.

It was all great fun with lots of laughs, cheering and chats throughout the evening. Finally, with hearty appetites, after such a strenuous workout, players settled down to a large offering of tasty sandwiches and French fries.

A very happy evening was had by all as the group looks forward to another friendly match in 2024.

Rebecca Bell

## Illuminating talk on food safety

THE Yarcombe Tuesday Club meeting held on November 14th in the village hall was a talk by Stuart Musgrove on the topic of food fraud through the ages and was attended by 17 members.

On arrival there were painters decorating inside the hall and Stuart jokingly said he had “never spoken on a building site before”.

Fortunately, the painters finished before his talk started at 2.30pm.

Originally an environmental health officer, Stuart moved to specialise in food law enforcement and is a consultant offering training and advice on all food law issues.

This means looking at the enforcement of food safety laws, so what is on the label, is in the food. He illustrated his talk with clear slides as he discussed the many different foods which could be adulterated in order to make money. For example, honey labelled as ‘pure’ could have sugar syrup added. He showed a clip from Yes, Minister about the Euro sausage – and then looked at the percentages of meat which actually are in some sausages.

It was a very illuminating talk, lasting an hour and a half (a little longer than usual) which meant the group was slightly late with tea and biscuits, but members were not troubled by this as they found his talk very interesting and informative, covering a wide range of related topics.

Afterwards, matters regarding the next meeting on December 12th were discussed. As last year’s December meeting was such a success, we decided to have another Christmas bring-and-share lunch buffet.

Maureen Rich

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## ANNABEL'S TESTIMONY IS SHARED

ANNABEL Kent, pictured, wrote this testimony after she had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. She was 48. Known to many in and around Yarcombe for the Pilates classes she ran in the village hall and elsewhere, she was a picture of health and fitness to which others could only aspire with envy.

Becoming a born-again Christian brought peace and contentment even when she was nearing the end of her life...

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 3: 5-6).*

If you had asked me before I became a Christian what my biggest regret in life was, I might have said any number of things. But now I can say, with hesitation, that my biggest regret is, that I did not know Christ as my Lord and Saviour, as I know Him now. I did not enjoy a personal and intimate relationship with Him by faith, and by the grace of God. I spent far too many years without the Lord Jesus Christ as my guide and counsellor.

There came a glorious day in my life when I passed from spiritual death to spiritual life. *He put a new song in my mouth (Psalm 40:3).* And when you pass from death to life, the truth hits you that for so many years, I had been ignorant of His wonderful love and mercy.

It was such a relief, finally, to repent of all my wrongdoings, and to feel the guilt and burden of them lifted from me: for Jesus himself had taken them upon the cross on my behalf. I knew Christ was in that room with me; and the outpouring of His love in that moment was of a love like one that I had never experienced before.

*God commends His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)*



I realised also that I had not been seeking so much for happiness – because a sense, even of genuine human happiness, can often be found in the short term; but rather, I had been seeking for peace – a deep, inward and lasting peace that only Christ Jesus can give us.

That peace, once received, no person or circumstance of life (including facing a seemingly premature death), can ever take away. Such a peace is from God Himself, and surpasses all understanding.

*"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)*

Once you have truly met with the Lord, you never want to go back to the

things of this world.

*The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field which a man found and hid, and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Matthew 13:44)*

*I have no fear of death. Death has lost its sting (I Corinthians 15:55).*

I know that the Lord's sacrifice for me on the cross has paid the price for my eternal soul, and that, by entirely trusting in Him, He has secured a place for me in heaven.

The only way is through Christ, not by works, it is a free gift from God.

*I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)*

What must one do to be saved and gain that blessed assurance? It is really very simple. God promises that in the day and hour we search for Him with all of our heart, we shall surely find Him.

A person may know very little of the things of God, and may never have attended a church on a regular basis. But if that person knows their profound need of God, of His forgiveness and cleansing, then He invites them to come to Him, just as they are, with the unquestioning faith of a child, and to call upon His name.

*Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)*

*I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. (John 11:25)*

If you want to learn more about the way of salvation, here are two contacts: Rev Julie Lomas 01297 35004 and Pastor John Woollam 01404 861313.

**Annabel Kent**  
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# YARCOMBE NEWS

## Wonderful festive goodies and cheer

By Rebecca Bell

THERE was a wonderful display of Christmas goods for sale at the annual Yarcombe Christmas Market.

The venue was packed full of locals and visitors all scouring the hall to make their purchases and fill up their baskets with Christmas goodies.

Visitors were spoilt for choice with the tempting stalls, offering an assortment of festive cakes, Christmas tree decorations made by a local potter, traditional tasty sweet treats of homemade fudge and peppermint creams, the plant stall with wreaths and spring bulbs, calendars and cards for 2024 and all the regular stalls with their superb array of goods.

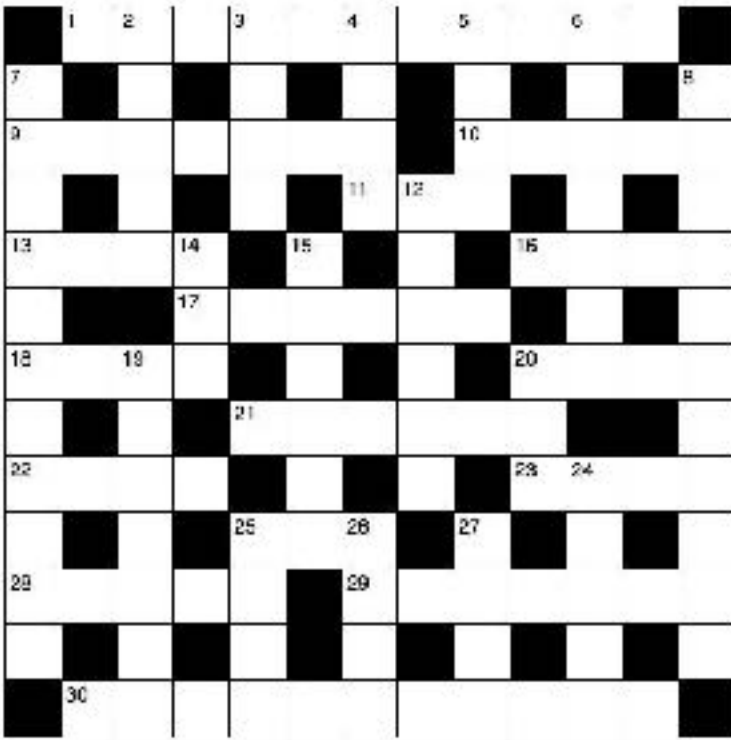
Visitors enjoyed a hot drink and a slice of cake or a mince pie as they chatted with friends, old and new, in a lovely festive atmosphere.



In God alone my soul quietly rests,  
for my hope comes from Him. Ps 62:5



# PARISH PUZZLE



## ACROSS

- 1 Paul said the wrath of God 'is being revealed from heaven' against this (Romans 1:18) (11)  
 9 Go smite (anag.) (7) 10 'But — I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee'(Matthew 26:32) (5)  
 11 'Take and —; this is my body' (Matthew 26:26) (3) 13 Type (2 Thessalonians 2:10) (4)  
 16 'Woe to those who — iniquity' (Micah 2:1) (4)  
 17 'How shall we — if we ignore such a great salvation?' (Hebrews 2:3) (6)  
 18 Opposite of evens (4)  
 20 Previously cited (Latin) (4)  
 21 'There is surely — of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife' (Genesis 20:11) (2,4)  
 22 The Thessalonians were warned to keep away from every brother who was this (2 Thessalonians 3:6) (4)  
 23 Beat (anag.) (4)  
 25 To trouble or afflict (Job 16:3) (3)  
 28 Part of a roof (1 Kings 7:9) (5)  
 29 Attain (Job 5:12) (7)  
 30 Insect noted for its gymnastic ability (Psalm 78:46) (11)
- ## DOWN
- 2 Smell (John 11:39) (5)  
 3 Lion's home (Jeremiah 25:38) (4)  
 4 'Jesus Christ is the — yesterday and today and for ever' (Hebrews 13:8) (4)  
 5 Tidy (4)  
 6 Made their home (Genesis 47:27) (7)  
 7 Their task was to carry the curtains of the tabernacle (Numbers 4:25–26) (11)  
 8 Timothy's was called Lois (2 Timothy 1:5) (11)  
 12 The Lover likened the fragrance of the Beloved's breath to these (Song of Songs 7:8) (6)  
 14 Times Educational Supplement (1,1,1)  
 15 Eight-tentacled sea creatures (6)  
 19 'And lead us not into temptation, but — us from the evil one'(Matthew 6:13) (7)  
 20 D.L. Moody's legendary song leader, — D. Sankey (3)  
 24 Rarely used musical note (5)  
 25 'Your will be done on earth — it — in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,2)  
 26 and 27 'The Lord Almighty will — them with a — , as when he struck down Midian at the rock of Oreb' (Isaiah 10:26) (4,4)  
 27 See 26 Down

ACROSS: 1, Godlessness; 9, Egotism; 10, After; 11, Eat; 13, Sort; 16, Plan; 17, Escape; 18, Odds; 20, Idem; 21, No fear; 22, Idle; 23, Abet; 25, All; 28, Eaves; 29, Achieve; 30, Grasshopper. DOWN: 2, Odour; 3, Lair; 4, Same; 5, Neat; 6, Settled; 7, Gershonites; 8, Grandmother; 12, Apples; 14, TES; 15, Octopl; 19, Deliver; 20, Ira; 24, Breve; 25, As is; 26, Lash; 27, Whip.



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By Kay Pike

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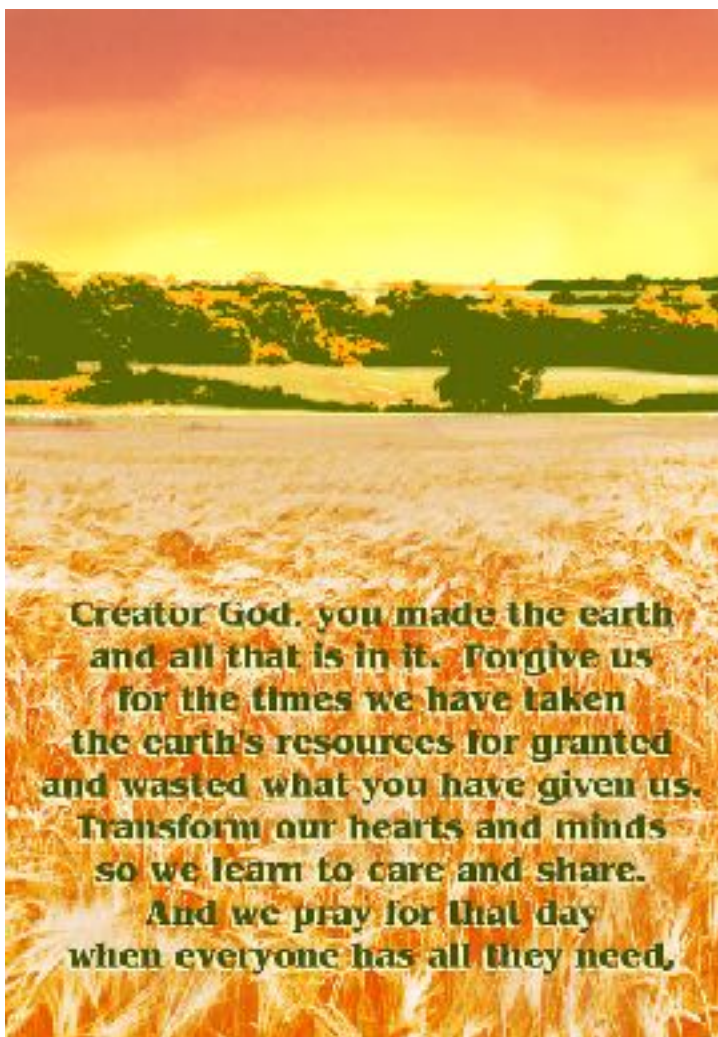


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Psalm 16: 11



Creator God, you made the earth  
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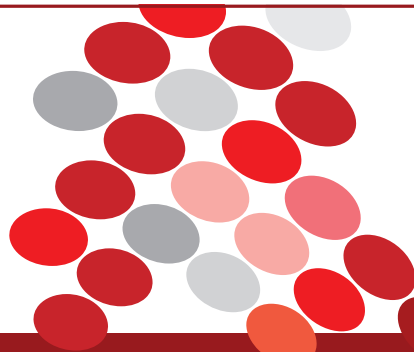
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Mondays 2pm-4pm Wednesdays, 10am-12pm,	St Giles' Church, Kilmington	Baby group every week including school holidays. Contact Mary Tyler 01297 34958.
Fridays, 10am-12pm	St Giles' Church, Kilmington	Coffee Shop
Fridays, 9:30am-11:30am	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland and Yarcombe Toddler Group - contact 07951 958327
Alternating Fridays, 6:30pm	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland Youth Club - every other Friday evening
Tuesday, January 2nd 10:30am	The Baptist Church, Kilmington	Messy Sparklers
Wednesday, January 3rd 9:30am	The Baptist Church, Kilmington	Men's Home Group (for prayer and Bible Study)
Tuesday, January 9th 2:30pm	The Minster, Axminster	Church Room - Mothers' Union AGM & Planning meeting. Contact Mary Harrison, 01404 831975 for details.
Wednesday, January 10th, 6.45 for 7.15pm	Kilmington Village Hall	KCC: "The Great Escaper (12a)" To Book email wattsjohn307@gmail.com
Thursday, January 11th 1.45pm for 2pm	Kilmington Village Hall	KCC: "The Great Escaper (12a)" Cream teas @ £3.50. Please order when booking seats.
Thursday, January 11th 7pm	The Baptist Church, Kilmington	Alpha 12 week Course. Details available at The Baptist Church, Kilmington (The Beacon).
Tuesday, January 16th 12:30pm	The Baptist Church, Kilmington	Community Contact Lunch
Wednesday, January 17th, 12:30pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Dalwood Community lunch. Bookings to be placed with Kathy Laing 01404 881601.
Thursday, January 18th 7pm	The Baptist Church, Kilmington	Youth Group
Saturday, January 20th 8am	The Baptist Church, Kilmington	Men's Breakfast
Saturday, January 20th 3pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Zoe Lambeth's "Vintage Jazz Collective" Quintet £12.50 t.mackenny111@btinternet.com
Saturday, January 27th 7-30pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Quiz night, see advert on page 8 for more details.

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