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ALL CHURCH SERVICES



FEBRUARY 2023

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Wed 1	9.30am Said Communion				
Sun 5	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St Michael & All Angels Church STOCKLAND (Note: new time)				
Tues 7		9.30am Said Communion			
Sat 11		3-5pm Celebrate Together			
Sun 12	11am Family Service	11am Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion (BCP)	11am Morning Worship	11am Family Service
Wed 15	9.30am Said Communion				
Sun 19	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion		11am Family Service	6.30pm Evening Worship
Tues 21		9.30am Said Communion			
Wed 22	7pm Mission Community service for Ash Wednesday hosted by St Giles's Church, KILMINGTON				
Sun 26	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Wed 1 March	9.30am Said Communion				
Sun 5	10:30 Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St John the Baptist Church, YARCOMBE (Note: new time)				

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11"

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BEYOND THE BOX

REV JULIE LOMAS

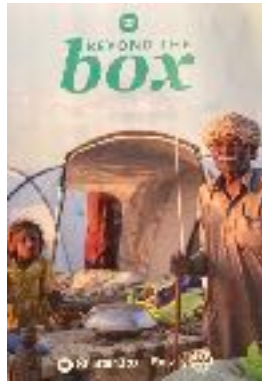
A FEW years ago my brother and I were introduced to the work of ShelterBox. This Westcountry charity is based in Truro and, in case you are not aware of their work, take a look at what they do — shelterbox.org.

ShelterBox is a charity that delivers aid to families devastated by conflict or disaster, to give them durable shelter and the tools to rebuild communities.

The idea of providing everything needed to begin rebuilding lives after disaster in a sturdy green box appealed to both of us and so our interest was kindled, and continues. The reason for mentioning this is that their regular information magazine is called *Beyond the Box*, and that phrase got me thinking.

I would like us all to think about what lies beyond another box. The box that is often wooden, adorned with a stunning flower arrangement and borne on the shoulders of strong men. I speak of the coffin. What lies 'beyond' this box? As Christians we believe there is life beyond this box, and it is this hope that we reflect upon during the funeral services in our churches and at the crematorium.

There we hear words of comfort and prayers; there we sing hymns and we take part in the rituals which help us all to remember that "we are by



dust and to dust we shall return". We are reminded of the promises of God, made known through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, that death is not the end, and so during the funeral service we say these words:

*God our creator and redeemer,
by your power Christ conquered
death*

*and entered into glory.
Confident of his victory
and claiming his promises,
we entrust N to your mercy
in the name of Jesus our Lord,
who died and is alive
and reigns with you,
now and for ever.
Amen.*

During the month of February, I wonder if we can have some honest

conversations about what is beyond the box? Whether we are believers, or seekers, or have no faith at all, one of the best things we can do is talk about death and dying with our loved ones, let them know of our thoughts and wishes, whether we want to be buried or cremated, what music we like and any favourite passages from the Bible that might be read when our time comes.

For those of us who are grieving at this time, we are here for you, and whilst acknowledging we cannot take away your loss, sorrow or grief, we can come alongside you, offer you a place of shelter in your time of need and help you find what you need now that you are left to carry on. Do contact any of the ministry team or members of the pastoral teams in our villages, or one of the other agencies that are in place locally to offer you support and care in your time of need.

If you have been affected in any way by this article please do not hesitate to get in touch. Equally, if there is anything you are unsure about, please contact me for a conversation.

In memory of the late Chris Eddy, of Dalwood, who died on January 15th as I was writing this article — she was always confident of life beyond the box.

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PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALMS 37 PART ONE — chosen by DAVID WILSDON

YOU cannot read the whole of Psalm 37 without understanding what is its main theme.

Said to be written in the Wisdom tradition, it makes it abundantly clear that, in the long run, the wicked shall perish and the righteous shall be upheld by the Lord.

So forcibly is this theme pursued, that some statements seem excessively naive; however, this is more than made up for by the quantity of beautiful and memorable verses.

Here is the first half of the psalm; Part Two will follow in next month's issue.

PSALM 37 — PART ONE

1. Fret not because of evildoers; be not jealous of those who do wrong.

2. For they shall soon wither like grass and like the green herb fade away.

3. Trust in the Lord and be doing good; dwell in the land and be nourished with truth.

4. Let your delight be in the Lord and he will give you your heart's desire.

5. Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.

6. He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.

7. Be still before the Lord and wait for him; do not fret over those that prosper as they follow their evil schemes.

8. Refrain from anger and abandon wrath; do not fret, lest you be moved to do evil.

9. For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

10. Yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; you will search for their place and find them gone.

11. But the lowly shall possess the land and shall delight in abundance of peace.

12. The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash at them with their teeth.

13. The Lord shall laugh at the wicked, for he sees that their day is coming.

14. The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow to strike down the poor and needy, to slaughter those who walk in truth.

15. Their sword shall go through their own heart and their bows shall be broken.

16. The little that the righteous have is better than great riches of the wicked.

17. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.

18. The Lord knows the days of the godly, and their inheritance shall stand for ever.

19. They shall not be put to shame in the perilous time, and in days of famine they shall have enough.

20. But the wicked shall perish; like the glory of the meadows the enemies of the Lord shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

Bible readings February 2023

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 5 th	Isaiah 58: 1 - 12	Matthew 5: 13 – 20
Sun 12 th	Deuteronomy 30: 15 -	Matthew 5: 21 - 37
Sun 19 th	Exodus 24: 12 - 18	Matthew 17: 1 - 9
Sun 26 th Lent 1	Genesis 2: 15 – 17; 3:	Matthew 4: 1-11
Sun 5 th March Lent 2	Genesis 12: 1 – 4a	John 3: 1 – 17

From the registers

Funerals

The funeral of **Richard Hutchings** ("Dick") took place on January 10th at St Peter's Church, Dalwood

The funeral of **Ruby Every** took place on January 11th at St Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland

The funeral of **Ken Chapple** took place on January 12th at St Giles's Church, Kilminster

The funeral of **Julia Porter** took place on January 13th at St Peter's Church, Dalwood

The funeral of **Frank Bartlett** took place on January 18th at St Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland, followed by burial at St John's Church, Membury

We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends

Book team tells amazing days story

By Mary Harrison

AMAZING Days: The Story of the Very First Christmas was the title of the booklet that the Open the Book team read and performed for our primary schools children, before and after Christmas.

Each child was also given a copy of this wonderfully illustrated and easy to read booklet. Some new recruits were drafted in to play shepherds, angels, wise men and Mary and Joseph, to bring the story to life.

The children sat beautifully through the story and participated when asked. We were warmly welcomed at each performance and we all look forward to sharing bible stories with you again soon.



KILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEN	WHAT
Sundays 10.30am	Worship Service with Communion on the first Sunday of the month
Tuesdays 10am-12noon	Post Office
Tuesdays from 10am-12noon	Warm Welcome Space & Community Cafe
Tuesday, February 7th 10.30am	Messy Sparklers
Tuesday, February 21st 12.30pm	Community Contact Lunch
Wednesdays 9.30am	Tummies, Toddlers and Tinies
Wednesday, February 1st 10am	Men's Home Group at The Beacon
Thursdays 1.45pm	Just For You Ladies' Bible Study Group
Thursdays from 7pm	Alpha Course (starts with hot meal)
Saturday 18th 8am	Men's Breakfast
Saturday 25th 8.30am	Women's Breakfast

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Earth experience

EXETER Cathedral will be welcoming a seven-metre representation of Planet Earth next month. It has been created by internationally-acclaimed artist Luke Jerram, and is a giant internally-lit globe which will suspend from the cathedral's nave ceiling.

Jerram has named it Gaia, after the personification of Earth in Greek mythology. Gaia has been designed with accurate, high-resolution NASA imagery of the Earth's surface, and it will be accompanied with surround sound composition by BAFTA award-winning composer, Dan Jones.

Luke said: "For most of us, this will be the most intimate, personal and close encounter we will ever have with the whole of our planet. I hope visitors to Gaia get to see Earth as if from space; an incredibly beautiful and precious place. An ecosystem we urgently need to look after — our only home."

To mark the arrival of Gaia, there are themed activities planned for February at Exeter Cathedral, including an Under the Earth silent disco, displays from the cathedral's historic library and interactive prayer stations in the chapels. Gaia is on display at Exeter Cathedral from the February 1st-27th and tickets cost £5 per person, including entry to the cathedral (under-18s free) — www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk.

It's beginning to look a lot like Lent

IN addition to the usual range of Sunday and midweek services the following will also be offered to anyone who would like to join in.

1. Ash Wednesday, 7pm on 22nd February, a service of Communion with ashing at St Giles Church Kilmington.

2. Growing in confidence as Christians - This devotional journey will help Christians grow deep, lasting faith confidence so they can make a difference with Jesus in daily life. Supported by material from LICC and co-led by Gill H and Revd Julie, 2 -3 pm on Thursdays beginning on 23rd February on zoom Meeting ID: 850 7049 2957 Passcode: 3HYcYc

3. Matthew on Mondays - 6 week "Book club" at the Vicarage, Kilmington looking at 5 chapters of Matthew's gospel each week starting on 27/2 from 7 - 8pm followed by refreshments.

4. Midweek compline - Wednesday evenings at 9pm compline beginning on 1st March on zoom Meeting ID: 849 9256 2213 Passcode: VVjDN2

5. Lent lunches - each Thursday beginning on 2nd March, a simple lunch served from 1pm at The Cricket Pavilion, Kilmington: all welcome, with donations gratefully received for the work of Tear Fund.

Rev Julie Lomas

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sent are a minimum of
1MB each to ensure we are
able to publish them -
thank you**

FOCUS ON FARMING

By Rev Julie Lomas

ON Sunday, January 8th, many churches in our Diocese recognised the day as "Plough Sunday" and took their church services onto farms and out into fields to mark the beginning of a new year, and the turning of the soil for the first planting of the season.

We are blessed in our Mission Community to be steeped in farming families, traditions and faith, and we do well to remember and pray for all our farmers and those they employ and care for during these testing times.

There are a number of organisations that exist specifically to provide support and care for farmers and we thought it would be good to be reminded of some of them.

If you know of others, or have personal experience of asking for and receiving support do let us know as it would be great to shine a light on what is out there.

As well as active Young Farmers' Clubs, you may also like to know about these organisations:

- The Farming Community Network: Telephone Helpline open 7am-11pm tel:03000 111 999

- Email helpline help@fcn.org.uk
- They offer help with farming, business, health, and family.

- The Farming Christian Link: www.farmingchristianlink.co.uk

On this Website you will find:

- Verses from the Bible that can be a help and guidance in your life
- Prayer support for you, your family and friends
- Free Books and literature available.
- Women's Circle with its own quarterly magazine
- A list of Agricultural and other shows that God willing we will be attending this year
- A list of other organisations for help and advice
- How you can contact us
- Who we are and how this ministry started

- The Devon Churches Rural Forum provides a wealth of information and this page might be particularly useful to tap into from time to time

The Farmer's Prayer

Our farmers, whose art's in fields,
Furnished is thy realm.
Thy harvest come,
Thy work is done,
In earth as it is in heavens.
Give us this day our fruit and veg,
And forgive their slow tractors,
As they forgive those who toot behind them.
Lead us not into set-aside,
But deliver us from weevils,
For thine is the subsidy,
For silos and bulers,
From halfer to leather.
Hearmen.



'One message' campaign for Five Alive on Safeguarding Sundays

By Rev Julie Lomas

ACROSS the Five Alive Mission Community this February, we are joining together with an awareness-raising campaign organised by Christian safeguarding charity Thirtyone:eight.

Each of our five parish churches are taking part to highlight the importance of creating safer places for all.

The theme this year is One Church, One Day, One Message. We will be joining thousands of other churches across the UK to share this message and demonstrate unity.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank and pray for those who have stepped up to co-ordinate safeguarding in our church so we can protect vulnerable people together.

We believe that safeguarding is an outworking of our faith in a loving and just God — the God who calls us to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves and to defend the rights of the vulnerable (Proverbs 31:8).

Justice and hope are at the heart of the Christian message. We invite you all to gather and celebrate those who work behind the scenes to protect vulnerable people and make our church a safer place for all.

We will be using resources provided by Thirtyone:eight in our service which will be age-appropriate and inclusive, using language that any children present can understand to explore safeguarding issues safely.

Please contact the Safeguarding Coordinator in your church for more information or if you'd like to see the activity materials beforehand.

We'd love to share a few

#SafeguardingSunday snaps for our social media channels so that Thirtyone:eight and all our followers can see what we've been doing to celebrate this important day and raise awareness. If you'd prefer not to be in any photos, or if you have a child/children in a group and do not want them to be in any photos, please let the Safeguarding Coordinator in your church know.

Your safeguarding co-ordinators are:

Kilmington - Alun Evans

alun.evans49@yahoo.co.uk

Dalwood - Caroline Nunns

carolinecunns@gmail.com

Shute & Whitford - Angela Choake

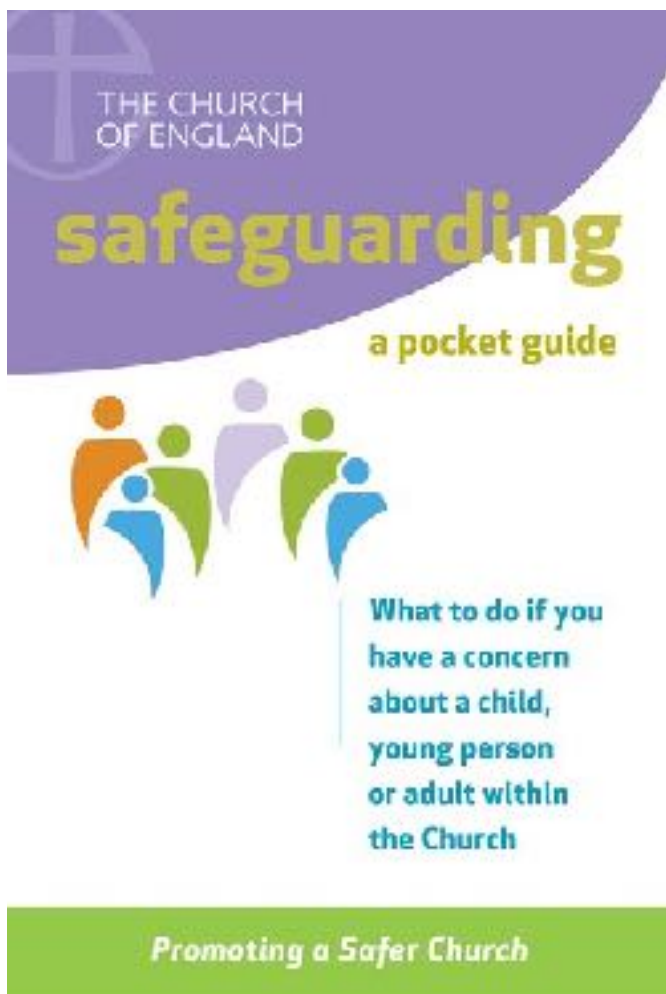
amchoake@outlook.com

Stockland - Andy Howard

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Yarcombe - Mary Smith

brianmarysmith@btinternet.com.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE



'I Have Heard About Your Faith'

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2023, 11.30am

(Written by the Christian women of Taiwan)



Beacon Baptist Centre, Whitford Road, Kilmington,
EX13 7RF

Everyone is very welcome



DALWOOD NEWS

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your village news
and photos to
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Remembering Beryl: a lovely lady and needlework expert

BERYL McKindoe died in December 2022. She lived in Dalwood for more than 10 years.

In 2016, she and her husband, Keith, moved to Sidmouth, they kept in touch with their friends in Dalwood, often visiting the village.

Beryl was the president of Dalwood's WI and a governor at Dalwood Primary School.

Beryl has left a special legacy in Dalwood; her needlework skills were exceptional. She, together with a team

of willing sewers and embroiderers, created the two beautiful wall hangings in the Dalwood Village Hall.

Beryl and Jan Wood, who also lived in Dalwood before moving north, created a wall hanging for the late Queen's Diamond Jubilee, this hangs in St Peter's Church.

Condolences are sent to her family; she was a lovely lady who will be sadly missed by many.

Shelagh Fearnley

DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING

AT THE CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

10-30 AM - 12 NOON

WITH A "BRING AND BUY" STALL

IN AID OF

DEVON AIR AMBULANCE

**DO COME AND ENJOY A
CUPPA AND A CHAT!**



QUIZ NIGHT

**SATURDAY 25th FEBRUARY
VILLAGE HALL, 7pm start**



**TICKETS: £6 PER HEAD (includes a
Ploughman's), Pay Bar & Raffle. Contact
Mary Harrison 01404 831975 or purchase
from Village Shop. Max: 6 people per team**

Proceeds in aid of St Peter's Church

Believing in Christ for Posada

By Caroline Nunns

ON Christmas Eve afternoon, St Peter's Church was packed with excited children and their families for the Posada service. The children had been hosting the Holy Family as they travelled around the village on their way to the stable.

As Mary, Joseph — and the wee donkey — travelled on to their next hosts, the children were given a sheep to bring to the service. Other families had looked after shepherds and Wise Men — all travelling to the place where our Saviour was to be born.

During the singing of carols and readings from the Bible telling this old familiar story, the children brought forward their knitted figures to complete the scene.

Rev Julie Lomas then invited six



children to play a game of pass the parcel. Using the final verse of In the Bleak Mid Winter, as a guide, each unwrapped layer revealed a gift for Jesus with the final one being a jumper bearing the single word, 'believe' — the gift that we can all

give to Christ.

Many thanks go to Sara Vandore-MacKay, Cathrine Perry and Ian Wallace who gave the Bible readings and to Sue Drew who organised all the 'accommodation' for the Holy Family.



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Sunday: 8.30am - 12.30pm

POST OFFICE opening times

FRIDAY 10.00am - 12.00pm



Warm up winters days, come in
and see our range of delicious
home made curries and more.
See you soon you will be very
WELCOME

Could you buy **1** more item
when you shop ?

DALWOOD NEWS



CORRYDALE PLAYERS

Over the years we have made our audiences laugh. 2023 will celebrate 39 Years of Corrydale Shows

After three years absence due to the pandemic, we are planning to return in 2023, to present a Full Show that raises funds for Dalwood's Annual Country Fair.

Do you want to know more about joining in for 2023?

Please get in touch for a chat:

Shelagh 01404 881193, email bsfearnley@icloud.com

Brian 01404 831009, email: bandceddy@outlook.com

Sue 01404 881688, email sailingcoopers@aol.com/ or

Debbie 01404 831209, email : debbie_jowett@outlook.com

Or contact anyone you may know in the Corrydale Players to find out more.

We rehearse from April to August on a Tuesday evening in the Village Hall, 7.30pm – 9.00ish.

Our first meeting to plan the 2023 show (please come) is

Date: TUESDAY Feb 21st, 2023

Time: 7.30pm .

Place: Dalwood Village Hall

We need CAST ONSTAGE; will you join us?

Whilst we have backstage help with props, wardrobe, make up, lighting and sound, front of house, we always need more volunteers. No experience necessary just a sense of fun, energy and enthusiasm.

No age barriers from young to not so young

ALL VERY WELCOME

Corrydale Players need YOU...



KILMINGTON NEWS

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Story of Christmas and the Christingle

By Anna Crabbe

JUST before Christmas, the Christingle service was held in St Giles's Church, led by Gill Heighway and myself. Thanks go to Millers Farm Shop for kindly donating the oranges and for Ann Marsh and her team for preparing the Christingle.

During the service everyone made a Christingle and the candles were lit to create a warm glow symbolising the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps tell the Christian story.

The orange represents the world. The red ribbon symbolises the love and blood of Christ. The sweets and dried

fruit represent all of God's creations. The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Christingle celebrations have been taking place for over 50 years. The Children's Society's first service took place in Lincoln Cathedral in 1968 but Christingle goes back to the Moravian church in Germany. At a children's service on Marieborn in 1747, Bishop Johannes de Watteville looked for a simple way to explain the happiness that had come to people through Jesus and created a symbol — the Christingle — to do this.

Thanks go to all who came and supported this service which was a special time as the congregation prepared to celebrate the Christmas story.



THE congregation at St Giles's Church, Kilminster, lights the Christingles during the Christmastime service and George Herbert, above right, shows off his creation



A warm winter welcome awaits

A WARM welcome awaits all this winter at St Giles's Church, Kilminster — every Wednesday, 2pm to 4pm.

This event will be open until the end of February. Visitors will find a warm welcome, hot drinks, cake and a friendly chat — all for free.

There will be newspapers and crafts, or guests can bring their own book or just themselves. All are welcome as well as family, friends and neighbours. This is offered alongside the usual weekly Friday Coffee Shop from 10am-12noon. The team looks forward to welcoming all at St Giles's Church.

Glenis Squire

Celebrate The Lost Coin story

THE Celebrate Together team would like to invite all, to a special service on Saturday, February 11th where the theme will be The Lost Coin.

This is one of the regular Celebrate Together services where all are invited with special emphasis on those with learning difficulties, their support workers, their family and friends and those who are on their own.

The renowned tea after the service will also be provided. Please come and celebrate.

Elana-May Blackmore

Send us your community news, activities and nature photos of the Five Alive area

Kilminster correspondent Chris Thorne — chrisjonthorne69@gmail.com

Volunteers get stuck in at common work party — with more planned

By Christopher Thorne

WORK has once again started on Kilmington Common, thanks to Judith Simpson.

A two-hour session was held on Wednesday, January the 11th between 10am and 12noon. Judith sends thanks to all of those who came along to help.

The session started off with the sun shining which lasted for a good hour-and-a-half. A heavy hail storm then brought the session to an end. A good number of oak saplings were removed which were encroaching into the grass and more bramble roots were also dug up and disposed of.

There will be work parties on Wednesday, January the 25th; Wednesday, February 8th; and possibly Wednesday, February 22nd — all between the hours of 10am and 12noon. We pray that the weather will be nice for volunteers on all three days.

Anyone who would like to help would be most welcome. Judith would love to see lots of people present and willing to help. Sturdy gloves are a must and garden forks and pick axes would be very useful — if you have them. Judith advises that she is hoping to try and have some variety in the coming tasks. If you would like to help then please contact Judith via email at simpsonjudith71@gmail.com or on 01297 32694 — please call before 8pm only.

After February, going into March, the plan is to stay off the areas that have been worked on to allow some land recovery and to begin to observe what different plants are emerging.



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KILMINGTON NEWS



Handbells delight at village carol service

By Christopher Thorne

A WONDERFUL carol service was held at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, on Sunday, December 18th. The church was full with 97 people in attendance.

This yearly service is not to be missed and helps make the lead-up to Christmas so very enjoyable and festive. Mulled wine and mince pies were available afterwards and the newly-formed handbell ringing team rung out seasonal music. What a delight for all to hear, see and taste.



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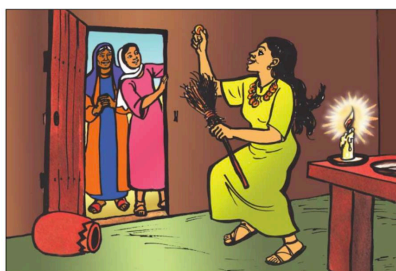
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Celebrate Together

St Giles Church

Kilmington

EX13 7RF



The Theme: "The Lost Coin"

Saturday 11th February 2023

At 3:00pm

**Invites you to a special service for all,
especially for people with learning difficulties,
their support workers, family and friends.**

Tea afterwards.

Please note that there is ample parking and level access,

For further information please ring

Christine Thorne 07814041059

THE PAVILION, KILMINGTON



Lent Lunches

From Thursday 2nd March

12.00 noon

Donations welcomed

Enjoy soup and rolls, and good company.

Cheese and biscuits to follow

**We will be supporting Tearfund and
The Children's Society**

**CONTACT: CHRISTINE THORNE ON
07814041059**



STOCKLAND NEWS

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PAUSE FOR PRAYER

A Prayer for Candlemas
Adapted from The Open Gate
by David Adam

Christ, Light of the World,
scatter our darkness;
let your healing spring up with the
dawn.

In the darkness around us
let our church be a still place of light,
a still place of love,
a still place of peace,
a still place of your presence.

And from the sacred place within us,
may your light flow,
may your love radiate,
may your peace reach out,
may your presence be known.

Make us, Lord, a sure place of your
light,
a sure place of your love,
a sure place of your presence.
Through us let your light shine,
let your love enfold,
let your peace fill,
let your presence be known.
Amen.

Contributed by Philippa Wilks

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HOST OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEW YEAR

I WOULD like to wish everyone a happy new year from all of us at Stockland Primary Academy.

We have all been very busy already. Class 1 is currently learning more about winter and they painted their own winter trees. Next week is all about birds and we will be taking part in the Big Schools' Bird Watch.

Class 2 has started the art unit on expressive painting and created some wonderful versions of Van Gogh's wheat fields. The pupils discussed the meaning of expression and the ways they could paint expressively and produced some stunning 'own' examples. Class 2 students also made some fabulous glove puppets before Christmas.

Class 3 pupils are currently learning how to play the ukulele and are very excited about going to Axminster

Gymnastics Centre for their gym sessions this term.

Class 4 children are looking forward to working with the choristers from Exeter Cathedral over three sessions later this term in music and preparing for another public speaking competition on We are all Equally Entitled to Human Rights without Discrimination — How Can Children Promote This?

As you can see, we are very busy and we have lots of exciting opportunities ahead.

We do currently have spaces for new children. If anyone would like to find out more, please make contact via email at stockland@redstartpartnership.co.uk.

Miss B Bendall
Head of School
Stockland Primary Academy



SOME examples of Class 2 artwork, inspired by Vincent van Gogh's painting of wheat fields

Locals brave the elements for New Year's Day walk

AFTER days of heavy rain there was a lull in the weather for the annual New Year's Day Walk.

The walkers, around 60, and many dogs, assembled in Stockland Victory Hall car park at 10.30am.

The route of approximately four miles went past the village school, Aller Farm, Higher and Lower Rodway, Temple Bar (why is it so named?), and

crossed the new bridge over the Cory, as the river was flooding the road and up to Horseplot.

The group then proceeded left towards Broadhayes and into the Shorebottom Turbary, passing Merrydown Cottage and up to the road to pass Horners, Husseys, Millhayes to Whitehayes, where David Allen gave a short talk on Turbary

management.

The walkers then entered the Huntshayes Turbary, passing the lovely pond belonging to Huntshayes. From here, it was all the way to the hall at 12.45pm for soup and cake, together with a bar. The profit of £407.25 goes to village hall funds

Bryan and Rowena Drew

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STOCKLAND NEWS

Persistence paid off to remember fallen with Commonwealth war graves signs

By Bryan Drew

AT last, through much persistent lobbying, the Commonwealth Commission has allowed those who died in the service of the Commonwealth and who are buried in the Stockland churchyard to be commemorated by the official war graves sign.

The commission only commemorates those who have died during the designated war years, while in Commonwealth military service or of causes attributable to service.

Local historian Bryan Drew, author of

A Journey Through the History of Stockland, draws attention to the new Commonwealth war graves signs on two of the three entrance gates to Stockland churchyard, one on the metal work of the gate surrounds at churchway and the other on the gate at the Podgelake entrance.

The two signs commemorate the fallen in the first and second world wars who are actually buried in Stockland churchyard.

The fallen are Lieutenant Leonard Shorrock, War Casualty Details 246450 CWGC; Private Fred Barton, CWD 4261; and Private Thornhill Gosling, WCD 16548 CWGC.

Although Private William George Gosling is mentioned on a headstone beside family members in the churchyard, he is buried at Chocques Military Cemetery in France. His name is on the war memorial plaque for the fallen with all the other men from the parish, within the church.

Thanks go to Rev Julie Lomas for her persistence in chasing this project up which Charles Holme and Bryan Drew have been pursuing for many years.

● *A Journey Through the History of Stockland* has now been reprinted and is available from Bryan via email at bryandrow@yahoo.co.uk.

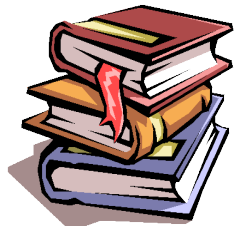


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STOCKLAND NEWS

News round-up

A ROUND-UP of December events otherwise unrecorded must include thanks for the Christmas tree placed in Stockland church to mark the celebrations of the month.

Such an eye-catching cheerful note — an excellent message embracing church and home.

December also brought the Stockland Primary Academy a new leader with Beccy Bendall's appointment as head. In the short time that Beccy has been at the school — initially as acting head — many changes have been implemented.

Perhaps one of the most important has been the clarity of the weekly timetable sent out to the pupils' parents — the weekly newsletter informing of all the day time learning activities, pupil successes, individuals' achievements, involvement with outside choirs, competitions entered, and sports opportunities.

It is so important that information about what happens in school where our local children spend many years of their young lives is known. Such provides a platform for discussion not only for parents and families but for the parish, to see it moving forward in such a positive way adds to the ownership of the school.

Praise goes to the Christmas card produced by one pupil who should be congratulated on a stunning card, pictured, with a simple, poignant message.

Then the final celebrations on Christmas Eve, followed all too quickly by New Year's Eve. Much of the community had gathered in the King's Arms to celebrate — to enjoy Christmas and then welcome the new year in. The King's Arms proved a veritable hub for the final celebrations of the year.

Gill Metcalfe



Some heavy reading for book clubbers and a lively festive meet

By Gill Metcalfe

STOCKLAND Book Club enjoyed a lively pre-Christmas meeting followed by a seasonal get-together lunch at the King's Arms on Saturday, December 18th.

The session started with a discussion of the key text, *Dominion* by CJ Sansom, a somewhat heavy tome of more than doorstep size which poses the 'what if' scenario of if Hitler had defeated during the Second World War and occupied the UK and made the country a satellite of Nazi Germany.

The narrative offers an absorbing, thoughtful, spy-politico thriller sited in the fog-ridden London of 1952: a London set in an alternative Britain defeated by Hitler (Second World War) which cunningly reanimates the post-war years as they might have been under the Nazis.

Adventure, espionage, and a poignant love story are all well encompassed by a terrific atmosphere and a well-argued what if historical thriller somewhat in the manner of Robert Harris's *Fatherland*. As with the latter, *Dominion* shakes historical preconceptions while also sending shivers down the spine in offering a detailed creation of a society that could so easily have existed.

Members reading over the past month also included *The Man in the High Castle* (Philip K Dick) which reiterated Sansom's what if scenario of defeat by Nazi Germany and the annexing of the USA; *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* (John Boyne) which furthered the war story reading in highlighting the inhumanity of the Holocaust offering two tragic 'accidents' of war in which the oppressor and the oppressed (innocent children) both suffer the consequences of Hitler's extermination programme. Ironically, the book ends with the phrase, "Of course

all of this happened a long time ago and nothing like that could ever happen again. Not in this day and age."

Other reads included *Old Filth* (Jane Gardam); detailing a life of long ago: that of Raj an orphan — one of the many young children sent 'home' from the east to be fostered and educated in England later becoming a revered judge.

The novel relates his story and memories, from his birth in what was then Malaya to the extremities of his old age. All these lead up to the narrative's conclusion — Judge Feathers (Raj) has committed a crime which he does not regret; however, he wants to confess to it before he dies: Feathers (Filth) finally feels 'clean'.

The Year of the Runaways (Sunjeev Sahota) follows on with the theme of migration and movement into a new and culturally different life focusing on the experiences of thirteen young men who flee from India and become migrant workers in Britain following their desperate search for the better life promised.

The Well Gardened Mind: Rediscovering Nature in the Modern World (Sue Stuart-Smith) was summarised as much more than a gardening book, much more a guide to mental health — thoroughly insightful about dealing with mental health.

The last book reviewed, *The Shepherd's Life: A Tale of the Lake District* (James Rebanks) recounts the changes and challenges of farming life in the Lake District affording the reader with a great respect and understanding of these. A softer read than those noted above.

Such a variety discussed in a short space of time — but so helpful in guiding future book choices for members. Seems a lot and such wider reading — really offers a taster of what might or might not be enjoyed.

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SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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Historic 17th Century bible sells for record auction price

By Bijan Omrani

AN historic 17th Century Bible from Shute has sold for £20,000 at an auction in Dublin.

The copy of the Geneva Bible was printed around 1615 and had originally been gifted by the Archbishop of Canterbury to Sir William Pole, the prominent historian of Devon, who lived in Shute House — now known as Shute Barton. The bible was given to him in recognition of his work with the poor.

Sir William gave the bible to his daughter, Elizabeth Pole, of Shute, who went to settle in Massachusetts in 1633, taking the bible there with her. Elizabeth led a remarkable life in the American colonies. She was instrumental in the foundation of Taunton, Massachusetts, and is thus credited with being the first woman to found a town in the United States. She also founded two iron-smelting works there, and as a result is also known as America's first businesswoman.

Elizabeth Pole's memory is still revered

in Massachusetts as the town's founder. She is depicted on the town's seal, and also on a door panel in the town's oldest church, whose foundation she also assisted. Her grave survives in Taunton, Massachusetts, and the epitaph on her memorial, set up in the 18th Century, was written by Thomas Paine, who signed the Declaration of Independence.

After Elizabeth's death, the bible was returned to the Pole family in England, with who it remained until just after the Second World War, until it was sold to a private collector in Ireland. The auction in January is the first time that it has been on the market since then. It is believed to have been sold to a private collector.

Although the bible is now again out of public circulation, one can still visit Shute Barton and St Michael's Church, Shute, to appreciate where this remarkable woman who left a mark on global history spent her early life. In 2023, Shute Barton is open for public visits on the following dates: June 6th-7th; July 8th-9th; October 10th-11th; November 11th-12th. St Michael's Church is open every day for visits and private prayer.



ELIZABETH Pole's Geneva Bible, which has sold for £20,000 at an auction in Dublin

Credit: Bloomfield Auctions

Why plainsong?

LAST year saw the first full calendar year of the Shute Plainsong Choir uninterrupted by pandemic lockdowns. During this time, the choir has gone from strength-to-strength, singing a traditional service of evensong at 6.30pm on the fourth Sunday of every month.

The services combine Anglican plainsong settings of responses and psalms from the Book of Common Prayer with ancient hymns and introits in Latin, taken from the ancient traditions of Gregorian Chant. The services are opened and closed with organ voluntaries played by the virtuoso choirmaster, Peter Lea-Cox. Shute has thus been developing its role as the church in the Five Alive Mission Community that offers the most traditional style of worship.

One may ask what place these very ancient ways of worship and music have in the contemporary world, particularly as people try to make sense of their relationship with God and place in the world in an ever-changing present.

One answer to this comes from a holiday-maker staying at Shute Barton who came to a recent evensong service out of curiosity. Afterwards, she said, "I don't come from an Anglican tradition. I myself am a Presbyterian. But what I have found here is so different. All the time elsewhere we are being asked to do things, to say things, to think things. This is in everyday life, as well as in church! But here we weren't asked to do anything. We were just given space, to be, and to connect through the music with the deeper things."

This is very much what this choir hopes to offer. The modern world can be busy, trying and chaotic. The use of these ancient texts and music offer a sense of peaceful connection.

Everyone is welcome to the services at Shute, no matter their background. Services are always followed by refreshments from the hospitality of the church. Anyone interested in joining the choir, please contact bijan.omrani@btinternet.com — it is a not-too-challenging route into choral music!

Festive record

A VERY warm 'thank you' to Rev Julie Lomas and Jill Heighway for the beautiful service at Whitford Chapel on Christmas Eve.

My thanks to everyone for turning out in the pouring rain to make this a memorable occasion.

A huge crowd of 52 people and children attended, which is a record. Sitting, standing three deep at the back and even sitting on the floor at the communion rail! It was amazing.

Mulled wine was gallantly served by Rev Julie and her husband, Steve Lomas, after the service.

All in all, a night to remember. Thank you. It made my heart sing.

Maggie Patterson



THE recently-discovered handbells being rung at Shute church

Credit: Rev Julie Lomas

New old bells!

A **SPLENDID** set of 11 handbells has been discovered in a cupboard in Shute church.

A short video recording of a small group playing God Save the King on them which was shared via social media generated much interest, with nearly 3,000 people watching the clip!

If anyone is interested in joining a handbell choir please make contact with the Shute churchwarden – bijan.omrani@btinternet.com.

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Letter of thanks from Ukraine help charity for chapel's donation

By Bijan Omrani

THE wonderful congregation at the Christmas service at St Mary's Chapel in Whitford donated nearly £100 to church funds, and another £100 to the charity, Christian Response (www.cr2ee.org.uk), which has been helping to alleviate suffering in Ukraine and Moldova.

The director of the charity, Hugh Scudder, has written this letter of thanks to Rev Julie Lomas, which she has asked to be published here:

"I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful donation of £92.22 from your Christmas Eve collection which we received on January 10th. This will be of enormous help in our efforts to alleviate the suffering in Ukraine. Please thank everyone at Whitford Chapel for their generosity.

"Cr2ee has been working in Eastern Europe for over 30 years and sends aid, both monetary and humanitarian, regularly to Moldova. [In] the last year we have collected sufficient clothes, bedding, food and medical supplies to send seven lorries laden with around 14 tonnes of aid, five of which have gone to Moldova loaded with aid for both countries and two directly into Ukraine.

"We are indebted to supporters for supplying the goods and providing the funds to pay for the lorries. We have a fantastic team of volunteers who this year alone have diligently sorted through over 100 tonnes of donations. We are also thrilled by the number of people who come to help pack everything onto the lorry and grateful to our driver, Zamfir, who has had to endure sitting in his lorry for days at a time to cross the borders and who runs the risk of being attacked whilst in Ukraine.

"Alongside the aid lorries, we have been sending monetary aid every month to help support the people and enable them to buy things immediately rather than waiting for our next truck.

"The war in Ukraine is horrendous and has caused untold suffering not only in terms of loss of life, and life changing injuries, but also the loss of basic utilities such as electricity and water and the destruction of many homes, hospitals and schools. Many have fled into Moldova but there are still more refugees per capita there than in any other country. Moldova was already struggling to serve their own basic needs before this however, they are extremely generous people and opened their doors to offer food and shelter to the Ukrainian refugees.

"I have visited Moldova twice this year, and also been to the Ukraine three times, visiting people near the frontline and to a town which was hit by missiles the following day.

"The devastation there is indescribable, with the indiscriminate bombing many have been left with absolutely nothing. In Ukraine the electricity supply has been cut off to millions of homes and people have no means to heat the home or cook a meal.

"The attacks on the Ukrainian power stations also affected Moldova causing many power cuts.

"To add to all the difficulties in Moldova the harvest this year has failed dramatically causing huge problems and the price of electricity and gas has skyrocketed compounding their problems. They urgently need support. Your donation will be of enormous help to provide them, and the refugees, with funds to see them through the bitter winter ahead.

"The dual effort of monetary donations and humanitarian aid has enabled us to send money to alleviate their immediate problems and to send aid trucks full of items desperately needed. I cannot express how grateful they are.

"Cr2ee is a totally voluntary charity therefore no money is deducted to pay for salaries, pensions etc. This means we can use more to help others.

"Thank you again for your support without which we would not be able to continue."



YARCOMBE NEWS

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CHILDREN AND 'ENTHUSIASTIC' ADULTS JOIN NATIVITY SHOW

By Rebecca Bell

CHRISTMAS was celebrated at St John the Baptist, Yarcombe, with wonderful carol, crib and Christmas Day services.

The church was decorated throughout with stunning floral and imaginative seasonal displays by the very creative 'flower fairies', thanks go to them for all their beautiful work.

To start with, it was lovely to hear the bells being rung again at Christmas before the carol service, after their absence in previous years due to the pandemic.

It was wonderful to see the church full with friends, families and visitors from near and far. The lessons were read by Tony Newman, Philip Derryman, Holly Rich, Katie Thomson, Lucy Morgan and Jean Rich, all representing different parts of village life.

The children and 'enthusiastic' adults who took part in the Nativity Tableau made for a very memorable scene!

Favourite carols were once again sung with gusto.

Thank also go to Tony and Heather Newman for the delicious mulled wine and mince pies served after the service, as people enjoyed leisurely conversations.

On Thursday, December 22nd, Rev Julie Lomas led a crib service at Yarcombe Baby and Toddler Group. Although numbers attending were low,



it was a lovely time to remember the Christmas story seen through the eyes of the little ones, using beautifully knitted Nativity figures to act out the main events and sing songs including Little Donkey, Twinkle Twinkle, Away in

a Manger and The wheels on the bus.

To take the journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, of course!

On Christmas Day, Christ's birth was celebrated with another special service.

Special thanks goes to Rev Julie and to everyone who helped in the preparation and during and after all the services, it is very much appreciated.

Plenty of chat and future plans at January meet

THE Sidmouth Arms was a delightful venue for Yarcombe Tuesday Club's first meeting of the year on January 10th.

Lunch from a well varied menu was enjoyed by 18 members.

Taken in a beautifully furnished room, all to ourselves, made cosy by the warmth and glow of the wood burner.

A relaxing atmosphere leading to plenty of chatter and thoughts of activities that could be arranged for the coming months.

The food and service was excellent and timed to perfection. Thanks go to all staff at The Sidmouth Arms, members had a very pleasant afternoon.

Nina Simmons

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Young farmers enjoy the festive period in style — and raise funds

THE winter months are always busy for young farmers, enjoying Christmas festivities, getting involved with social, sports events and attending meetings.

Members were also getting on well practising for our Entertains performance, learning dance routines and lines, and making and painting scenery.

November saw a bus full of members enjoy a night at Crealy Ball on November 19th, a fun evening was had by all.

November 26th saw the return of the annual club wine and wisdom. A good night was had by all and £1805.45 was made on the night, to go to towards the club's chosen charity of the year, Hospiscare.

Members have been busy taking part in sport competitions with a bowling social at Hollywood bowl on November 28th, to choose the team for the county round which took place on the December 15th. The team came 6th out of 14 teams.

On November 29th, members took part in pub sports against Whimple. Unfortunately, Yarcombe lost the pool,

skittles and darts. Members have also taken part in mixed netball against other teams in East Devon on December 4th. The club also enjoyed a skittles social night at the Sidmouth Arms on December 19th.

During the month of December, many members enjoyed attending festive activities including two balls. A bus full of members enjoyed dressing up in their ball gowns and black-tie attire to attend Marshwood Ball at Freshwater Holiday Park on December 3rd. Then Devon Ball at Westpoint on December 17th, celebrating the season in style.

Other festive activities to report included the club Christmas meal on December 9th at the Sidmouth Arms.

Around 40 members attended and a great night ensued. Thanks go to the Sidmouth Arms for a superb meal.

The afternoon of December 11th was busy with 16 members helping out the Hine family, with the annual turkey plucking. An enjoyable afternoon and evening was had and turnout was good.

Tuesday, December 13th saw 10 members enjoying an evening making

wreaths with Sarah Broom and supported by the Laura Persey Trust. Thanks go to Sarah for teaching, members had a great evening making festive wreaths.

Once again, members went charity carol singing to three pubs in the local area on Friday, December 16th, where they were able to raise £280, for the chosen charity, Hospiscare.

Later in the Christmas to new year period, the club enjoyed a social day out to Taunton Races on December 30th where some were luckier than others!

Coming up will be the re-run of the Entertains performance on February 12th at Axminster Guildhall and Charity Tractor Run on February 26th.

If anyone has any further questions and would like to become involved with Young Farmers' Club, please contact chairman Will Vining on 07850 605542, or secretary Molly David on 07979 899726. Club meetings are held every other week in either Yarcombe or Upottery village halls, 8pm start.

*Yarcombe and District
Young Farmers' Club*

YARCOMBE WEATHER DECEMBER 2022

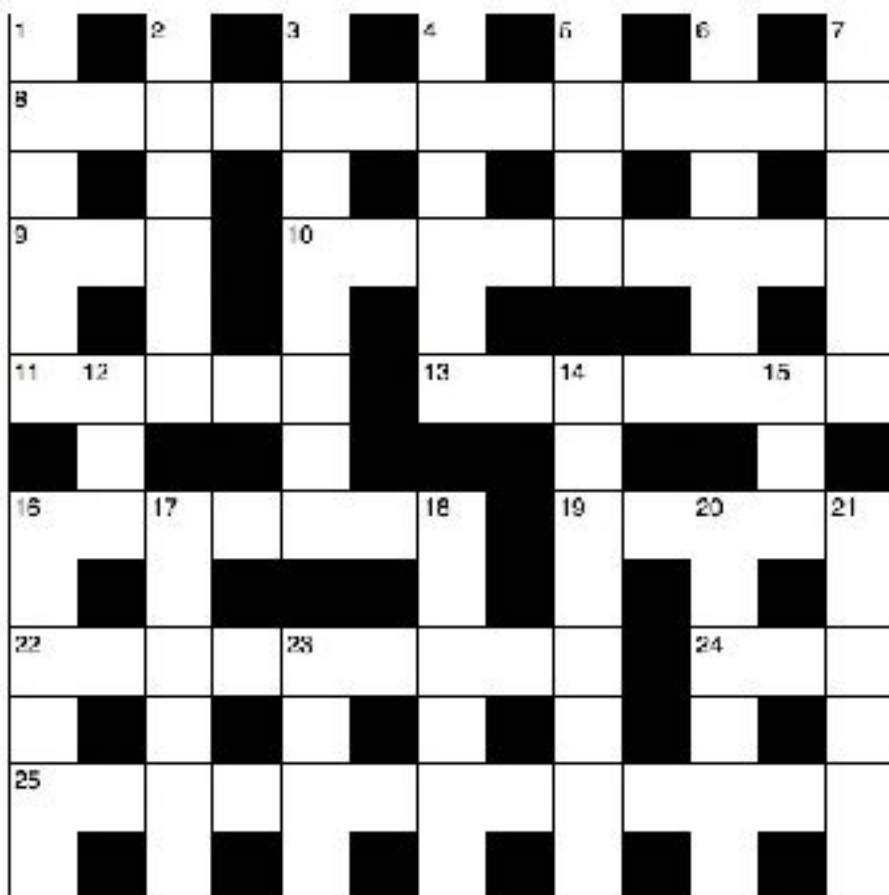
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Average Min.	2.3°C	6.0°C	4.1°C
Average Overall temperature	4.6°C	8.1°C	6.0°C
Rainfall	170.1 mm	25.4mm	218.9 mm
Wettest Day	18th 42.1mm	25th 19.2mm	26th 28.3 mm
Sunniest Day	1st 7 hrs approx	2nd 5 hrs	1st 7 hrs
Warmest Day	19th 12.6°C	13th 14.0°C	21st 12.8°C
Coldest Night	15th -4.3°C	7th 0.5°C	4th -1.1°C
Sunshine hours	7 hours approx	35 hrs	79 hrs

The media has been full of broken record temperatures for last year, the one outstanding figure was the all time UK high of 40.3C on 19 July in Lincolnshire. In Yarcombe, we were a long way off those highs. The yearly average temperature for 2022 was 11.54C a fraction lower than 11.75C that I recorded for 2015 ie. Yarcombe did not have the warmest year on record like most of the UK.

Tony Newman

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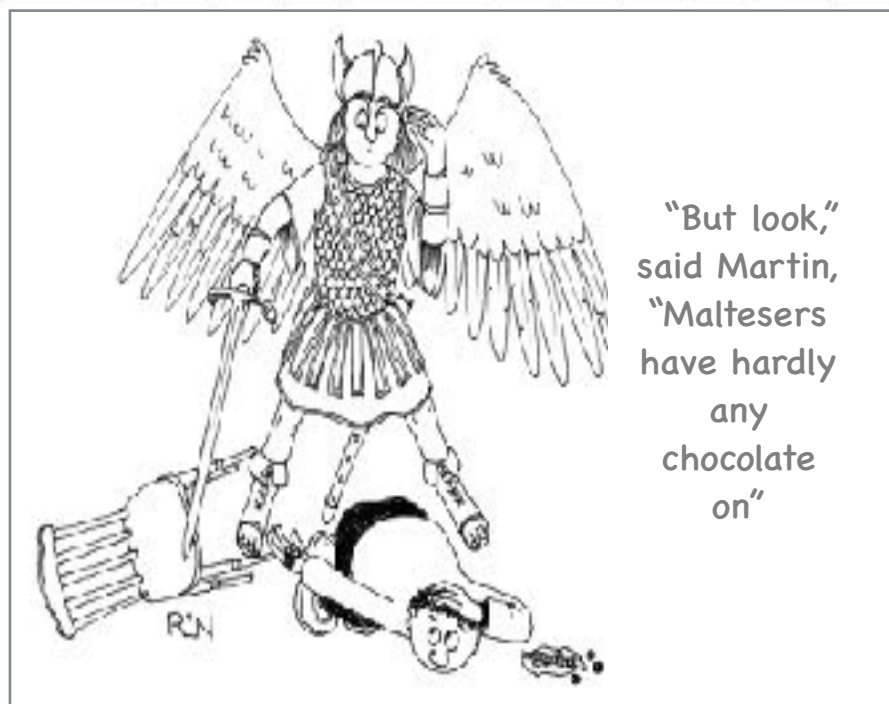


Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the – heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to – your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On – – let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but – him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' – salt to – your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always – to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to – (Genesis 8:5) (6)
23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)



"But look,"
said Martin,
"Maltesers
have hardly
any
chocolate
on"

CROSSWORD ANSWERS – Across: 8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord. Down: 1, Oceans. 2, Hopmi. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

Give February food the eco touch

REV Julie Lomas provides *The Parishes' Paper's* Going Greener campaign for February...

Week 1 — Spend a week reducing food waste in your home; make a meal plan, shop from a list, eat leftovers, use the freezer, cook creatively with what you have. Be creative with your eating

and preparation choices.

Week 2 — Get rid of disposable food wrap and store food in reused takeaway containers, beeswax wraps or a bowl with a plate on top instead. Take homemade leftovers to school or work for lunch, to save money and packaging.

Week 3 — This week, attempt to eat less meat. Try out a new vegetarian meal, experiment with foods you wouldn't normally use and have at least one meat-free day.

Week 4 — Invest in reusable boxes for food storage instead of using cling-film or foil.



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UK households waste the equivalent of eight meals on average a week. Around 70 per cent of 'post-farm gate' food waste comes from the home.

The Carbon Trust says for every tonne of food not wasted, the loss of 1.525million litres, needed to produce the food in the first place, would be saved.

Those statistics do not take into account the inordinate waste of single-use plastic created!

In February last year, WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme), a sustainable charity, made recommendations to amend food labelling and estimated that if the food

industry followed these, it would save 1,110 truck loads of plastic a year.

So food waste does affect climate change considerably. In addition, does the confusion over the dates on the food we buy add to this waste? Undoubtedly.

'Best before end' (BBE) dates relate to food quality not necessarily how long it lasts. So the food may not be at its freshest but is perfectly edible after that date. We should use our common sense, our eyes and our noses to check the items out!

'Use by' date is usually found on fresh foods like meat, dairy, fish, packaged salads and refers to food being safe to eat and not harmful to

human health.

'Display by' dates are mainly to do with shops and their stock control and aren't used as widely now.

It goes without saying that it is absolutely essential to make sure that food is stored, cooked and eaten as instructed on the pack. There's plenty of guidance on www.food.gov.uk, www.foodsafety.gov and www.wrap.org.uk.

Shall we make a resolution to put in a concerted effort not to waste any food — especially when we think of how other parts of the world are struggling for food — and make a contribution to saving a trolley or two per family of single-use plastic?

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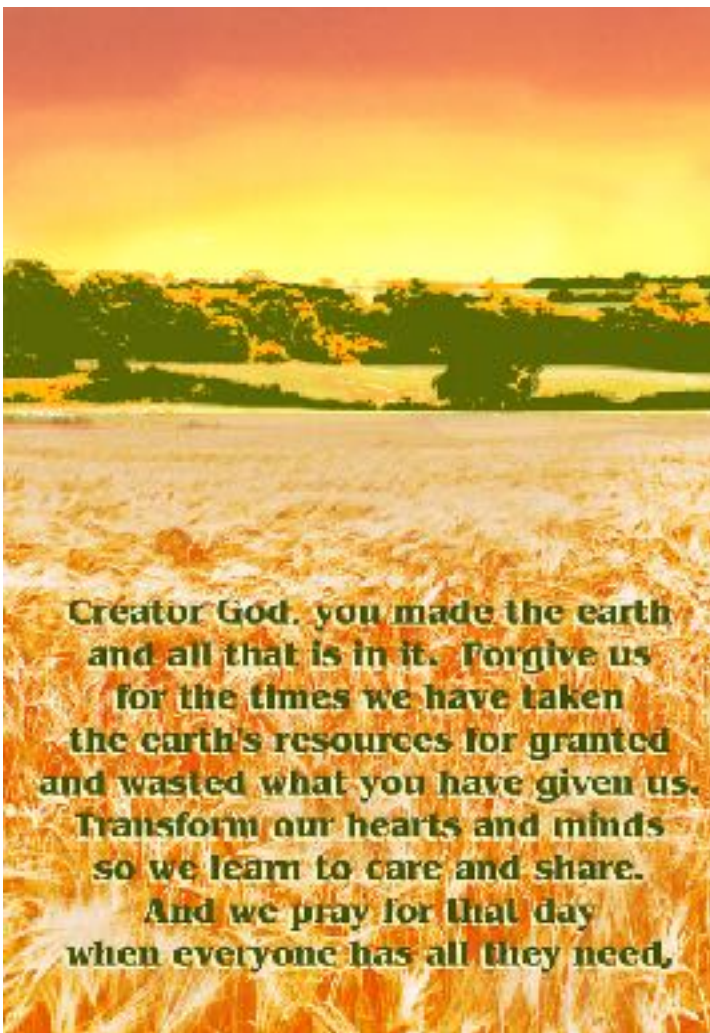


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10 – 12noon each Friday	St Giles Church, Kilmington	Coffee Shop
9.30am – 11.30am Fridays	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland and Yarcombe Toddler Group – contact 07951 958327
6.30pm alt Fridays	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland Youth Club – every other Friday evening
Wednesday 1 st 11am	King's Arms Stockland	Ladies Coffee and Cake
Saturday 4 th 10am – 2pm	Dalwood St Peter's Church	Five Alive Mission Community Wedding Preparation Event for those getting married in 2023
Wednesday 8 th 10.30am	Methodist Chapel Dalwood	Coffee Morning
Wednesday 8 th at 6.45pm, Thursday 10 th at 1-4.5pm	Kilmington Village Hall	Kilmington Community Cinema, Fisherman's Friends One and All (PG) To book email: wattsjohn307@gmail.com , or visit www.kilmingtonvillage.com/other-organisations.htm
Saturday 11 th 10 – 12noon	Yarcombe Village Hall	Yarcombe Market
Wednesday 15 th 12.30pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Community Lunch - all welcome – contact Fiona Fraser (01297 639338)
Wednesday 15 th 12.30pm	Yarcombe Village Hall	Community Lunch
Wednesday 22 nd 10.30am	St. Peter's Church Dalwood	Coffee Concert with Rosalind Tarry's "Lark Quartet"
Thursday 23 rd 2.00 – 3.00pm	Your house on zoom	Lent course for All – Confidence Week 1: Confidence through being convinced
Saturday 25 th 2.00 – 4.30pm	Exeter	The Gathering – Kids (for ages 8 – 11yrs) – contact Rev'd Julie for information
Saturday 25 th 7.00pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Quiz night, Please refer to the advert for more information
Saturday 25 th 7pm	Stockland Village Hall	Wine and Wisdom – quiz night. See advert for more detail
Sunday 26 th 3.0pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Dalwood Jazz with Derek Nash (Jools Holland R&B Band) & Martin Dale Quartet
Wednesday 1 st March 1pm	St Giles Church, Kilmington	Lent Lunch – soup, bread and cheese
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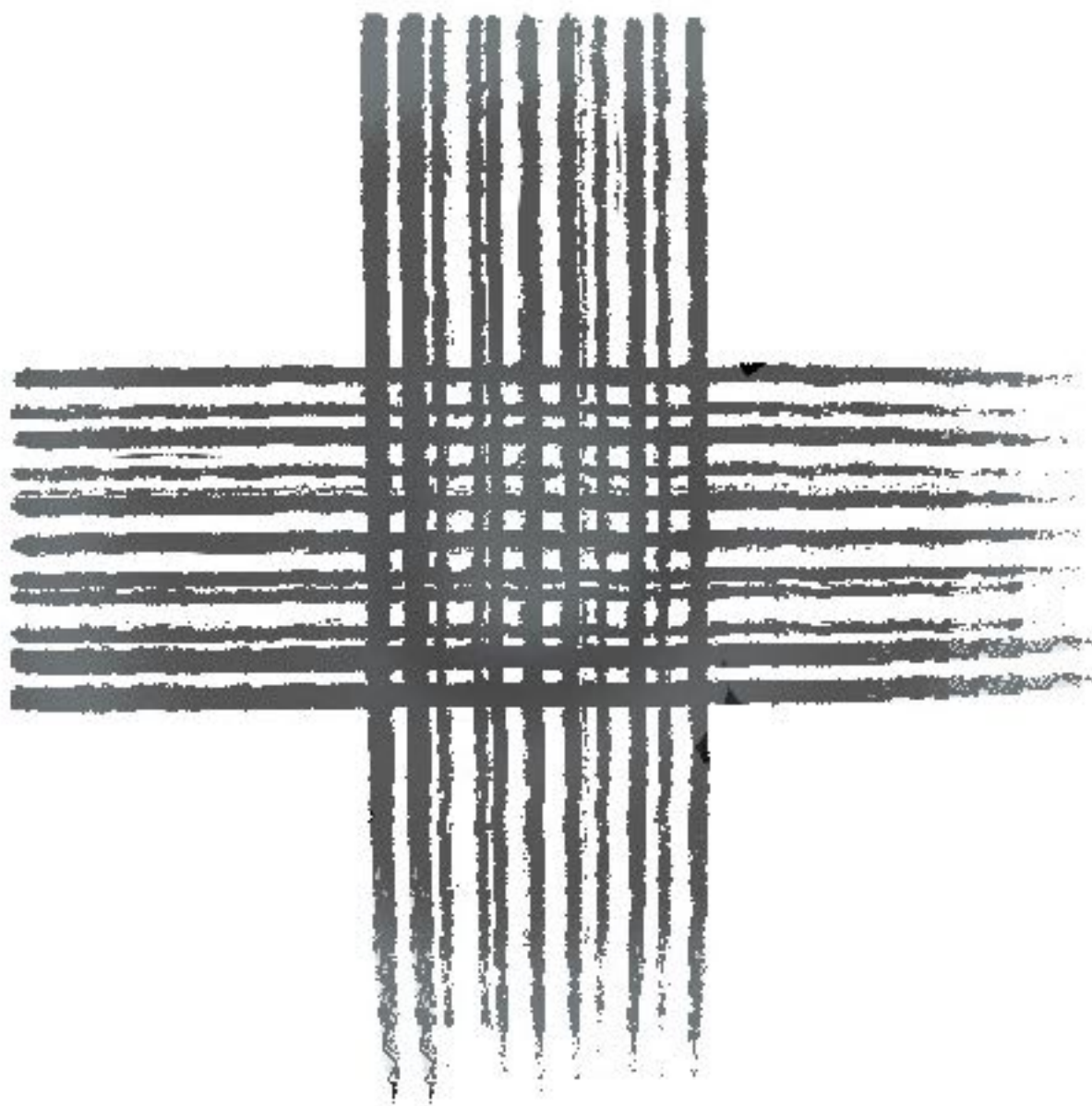
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