

A large, leafy tree in a park-like setting with a path leading through it. The tree is the central focus, with its branches spreading out across the upper half of the image. The path is a narrow, light-colored trail that winds through the grass and undergrowth. The background shows more trees and a clear blue sky.

# The PARISHES' PAPER

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

# THE SUNDAY SERVICES



February 2021

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday Feb 7th	<p>11am Zoom Five Alive Service <b>EVERY SUNDAY</b> See details below to join us!</p>				
Sunday Feb 14th					
Sunday Feb 21st					
Sunday Feb 28th					

## **CHURCH OPENING TIMES**

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Telephone 0203 901 7895

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<https://www.fivealive.org/>



# GREEN SHOOTS SHOW HOPE

ANNA CRABBE



**A COLD and frosty morning! As February commences, we are still in the midst of winter and no doubt we still have a few more cold and frosty mornings to come.**

However, there are green shoots about. Snowdrops and early daffodils are around and herald the beginning of spring.

Someone once said snowdrops bring joy when the earth looks

bleak, it heralds growth even while the old leaves still lie on the ground. It does this without fuss or flamboyance. We too can show hope and warmth to people who are finding life tough especially during the pandemic.

We celebrate Candlemas at the beginning of February, one of the quietest of the church's festivals, when we remember Simeon and Anna welcoming the infant Jesus

in the Temple. They welcomed this brand new and very special life bringing hope, even into the very darkest corners of our world.

We thank you God for Simeon whose lifetime of prayer led him to understand that our Lord's vision for the world is far bigger and more generous than ours and his long-awaited answer to prayer came and brought immense joy to our world and still does today.

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COVERS: This month's front cover photo shows a spring-like Shute, courtesy of **Samantha Knights**; the back cover, in contrast, shows a very wintry seven-mile straight, from the A35 towards the A303, courtesy of **Tim Phillips**

# PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 72 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

**WHEN leading the first Mission Community Zoom Service after Christmas, Gill Heighway, 'reader extraordinaire', told us how she had been encouraged to see that Psalm 72 is well worth thinking about at this time of the year.**

Not only, in the Hebrew Scriptures does it have the superscription "of Solomon", indicating that its message describes what, ideally, is to be expected of a Davidic king, but also what could be expected of the longed for Messiah.

Which is why Christians, throughout the centuries have compared it with some of the main teachings of Jesus. Moreover, as a poetic message for the nations' rulers for 2021 - justice for the poor, peace and righteousness for the people, protection for the children of the needy, and so on - here's to it!

## PSALM 72

Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king.

Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice.

May the mountains bring forth

peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.

May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth,

In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

May his dominion extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

May his foes kneel before him and his enemies lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who

have no helper.

He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall be their blood be in his sight.

Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba; may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long.

May there be abundance of grain on the earth, standing thick upon the hilltops; may its fruit flourish like Lebanon and its grain like the grass of the field.

May his name remain for ever and be established as long as the sun endures; may all nations be blessed in him and call him blessed.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful things.

And blessed be his glorious name for every; May all the earth be filled with his glory.

Amen. Amen.

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
<b>Bible readings February 2021</b>		
Sun 7 Feb [G] 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	Proverbs: 8:1,22-31 Ps: 104:26-End	Col: 1:15-20 John: 1:1-14
Sun 14 Feb [G] Sunday next before Lent	2 Kings: 2:1-12 Ps: 50:1-6	2 Cor 4: 3-6 Mark: 9:2-9
Sat 21 Feb [Plain Altar] Lent 1	Gen: 9:8-17 Ps: 25:1-9	1 Peter: 3:18-End Mark: 1:9-15
Sun 28 Feb [Plain Altar] Lent 2	Gen: 17:1-7,15-16 Ps: 22:23-End	Romans: 4:13-End Mark: 8:31-End

## From the registers

**There are no listings from the registers for this month.**

*As we have very few weddings or baptisms to announce we are pleased to now include births and engagements in this section. Please send announcements to [martingnunns@gmail.com](mailto:martingnunns@gmail.com)*

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# PARTNER CHURCHES

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## DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

**IN the decades immediately after the last war, the highlight of the week was often a church social on a Saturday evening, with dancing, games and, of course, food.**

One of the dances towards the end of the evening would be The Hokey Cokey, you know, the one that goes "You put your left leg in, your left leg out, in, out, in, out, and shake it all about..."

That is how life seems at the moment with Covid-19, one moment we're in lock down, the next we're out of it, then back in, and so the pattern continues, and this is

reflected in church worship. In the Methodist Circuit of which we are a part, out of 27 churches only one is currently open, the rest, including ourselves, have closed once again, feeling the risk is too great to justify remaining open. Instead, services are available on Zoom, for those with access to the internet, or by connecting to it over the 'phone if one wishes.

This, in a way, is reminiscent of the early Christians who had to hold their services in secret to avoid persecution. They found a way around their problem, just as today churches are using modern

technology to get round the problem of having to close because of Covid-19.

In order for life to continue with some sense of normality we are having to find ways of living within the rules and regulations designed to keep us safe at this time. As the last line of The Hokey Cokey puts it "That's what it's all about".

Hopefully we will soon be able to meet in worship and fellowship again and have something positive to report, but in the mean time we pray that you will all stay safe and virus-free.

*Roderick Ovey*

## YARCOMBE BAPTIST CHAPEL

**FOLLOWING the Prime Minister's announcement regarding lockdown, which permitted places of worship to remain open, the fellowship at the Baptist Chapel kindly took part in a questionnaire to determine how we would proceed.**

Overwhelmingly, the response was to temporarily close the chapel for communal acts of worship for the time being.

I shall continue to send members and friends the "Thoughts from an Aging Baptist Lay preacher" each Sunday.

In addition, anyone wishing to spend time in the chapel, for private prayer, a little bit of peace in a troubled time or just to have time to take stock, please let me know beforehand and I will ensure the heating is on and a warm welcome.

*Thelma Clarke*

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## PARISH NEWS

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# Fresh coat of paint for area's Mission Sheds

**MISSION Sheds are support hubs for anyone involved in any form of ministry and mission across the Diocese of Exeter.**

They are due to be relaunched later in January 2021 but first we thought it might be helpful to explain what they are for anyone who has not heard of them before.

Revd Prebendary James Grier, Mission Enabler for the Diocese of Exeter, explains a bit more about the Mission Shed concept: "I am officially a middle aged man, I love sheds. I love a shed as a place full of tools or as a place to escape to. I also love the concept of an allotment shed where people gather for a drink and for a good chat about what they're up to.

"Mission Sheds are really very like

sheds! They are places to discover new tools to help us as we seek to share our faith with those around us.

"They are a means to borrow tools that others are already using. There is refreshment in each one. Both spiritual refreshment, where busy people can come to receive rather than give out, and physical refreshments (when we can actually meet in person again!)

"Mission Sheds also provide space to chat and hear what other people are up to and, even more importantly, what God is up to around the area.

"There is a Mission Shed Local in each area of the diocese, where you can gather with others who live somewhere near you. Then there



are occasional Mission Shed Centrals, for people from across the Diocese to get together.

"We've been locked down tidying up the sheds and giving them a makeover ready to relaunch them for 2021, all freshly painted and ready to go."

If you'd like to know more about Mission Shed please contact the Mission and Ministry Administrator, Jenny Beesley, by email, [jenny.beesley@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:jenny.beesley@exeter.anglican.org) and if you would like to know more about your local on line meetings please contact Caroline Nunns on 07922 106581.

# MY WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS IN FRANCE



A HOME in France – Charente  
Photo by Gill Metcalfe

By Gill Metcalfe

**EVEN the best made plans can be thwarted. With family roots in both France and Spain - over 40 years, the usual Christmas break had been planned for December 20th into early January away from the UK.**

With care of the UK house and cats organised and the chickens transported to avian flu-protected pens (thank you Olly and Pam) could anything go amiss?

Loaded with gifts, multi-requests for items from those missing extra mature cheddar, Branston pickle, tea bags, Marmite, porridge oats, baked beans, marmalade, fresh winter vegetables and much more and with a very fair-priced ferry ticket, the calculated 650-mile journey was underway.

Normally, the journey would have started from home with the hour drive to Poole and then the six-hour

trip over to Caen/Cherbourg. However, both the Poole and Portsmouth sailings had been stopped due to threats of shipping line closures in early September 2020: with highly attractive ferry special offers from Newhaven to Dieppe available, Newhaven was the obvious crossing alternative.

At 11pm, the boat was ready to sail. Settled safely on board, sleep was in order. As the eyes closed a tannoy call opened them: 'Messieurs et madames, on regrette ...'. Beyond belief the French Government had determined a 48-hour ban on traffic movement between the UK and France from midnight December 20th: disembarkation, with all freight first, took over the hour with 'tourist traffic' following - the latter unloaded by 1am.

No further information was available so dockside remained the venue for the rest of the early morning and for the next 48 hours!

By 7am Monday, with no boats now available until Wednesday morning (11am sailing) a frenzied re-booking took place. Having achieved the latter a further hurdle was presented: at 12am - with immediate effect - compulsory Covid-19 testing was announced.

A speedy trip to a testing centre in Brighton ensured a test with a 24-42-hour response assured: a false promise! With no Covid-19 test outcome received, the Wednesday booking was in jeopardy – the boat sailed, as did the evening boat; the wait at Newhaven continued. Meanwhile, the wait along the coast was building up. Freight traffic was everywhere. The Dover situation was headline news.

Irrespective of TV news reports, by the Tuesday evening traffic to and along the coast was at a standstill; not just Dover but every UK port.

The 9am Thursday morning sailing would be the last boat before

# TRAVELLERS' TALES

Boxing Day. It was wait and hope for the Covid-19 test reply or return to Stockland for Christmas/remain in Newhaven hoping the promised arrival of the Armed Forces to carry out a fast-track Covid-19 test would materialise!

At 7.30am on the Thursday, the freight drivers received fast track tests in the terminal – results in half an hour; tourists were excluded. There were 13 stranded 'tourists' – 12 could not go home as ex-pats to France or Spain. Time was running out with still no Covid-19 test results from Monday – now 72 hours – forget the maximum 42 hours promised! Hadn't it been inferred that the logistics for Covid-19 testing were not a problem, yet none of us had received the initial Covid-19 test results?

With departure imminent, the authorities relented – the 'tourists' were tested on site, and all aboard clutching the precious Covid-19 negative test proof envelope. This was to be double-checked by the French customs.

By this time the group of 13 had bonded – new friends had been made – adversity can do marvels!

Arriving 'home' (France) at 2.35am Christmas morning, the following eight-hour sleep was a blessing. Then up – breakfast and with the hour ahead (European time) presents were unwrapped and then lunch: Champagne, oysters, lobster and crab platters followed by a vegetable and chestnut roulade, cheese board, and, dessert of brandy snaps, ginger, and fondant cream, with a change of wine – naturally – throughout the courses.

Wonderful, wonderful Christmas Day. Boxing Day and New Year's Day both disappeared in a festive haze – just wonderful to be together again even though we had to keep to the small group. In summary – a joyous Christmas.

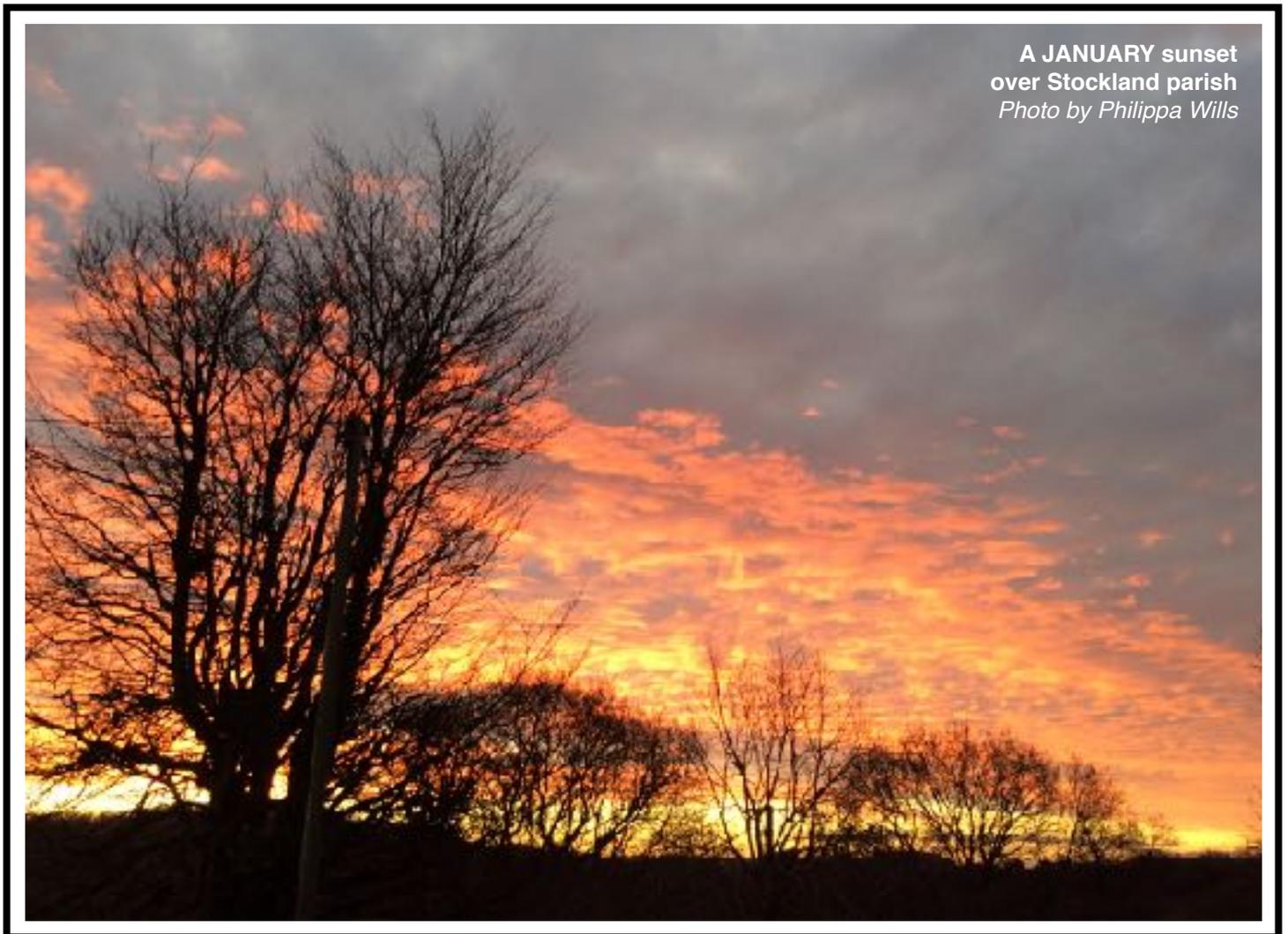
Well into January the trip 'home' scheduled for January 15th – 630 miles door-to-door, lay ahead. Thwarted again by a fair mix of challenges namely the need for a further Covid-19 test (£50 fee); the

search for a decently priced ferry ticket and time slot; the need to complete the new UK Public Health Passenger Locator Form (UK Visas and Immigration Reference) online; a check on the new duty-free allowance (food, wine, spirits and plants included); the removal of the GB European country identity disc from the rear of the car - GB only permitted; and finally, on arrival in Shore Bottom 10 days of isolation, was hardly for the faint-hearted.

One question the ease of the return home. Did it all go smoothly? Gov.uk update alert received as the return Newhaven trip was underway.

The need for the negative result Covid-19 test and the person locator form had been delayed - to become mandatory on Monday, January 18th. Words fail!

Was it all worth it? A Christmas to remember for some time and a time to pause – the original Christmas message was one of joy out of hardship. As stated, above, Christmas at home in France 2020 was just wonderful.



A JANUARY sunset  
over Stockland parish  
*Photo by Philippa Wills*



# DALWOOD NEWS

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## What's in a name? Ancient village farmstead goes back to 'Lea Cross'

By Nicole George

**OUR family, comprising myself, my husband, Gavin, and our teenage daughters, Zoe and Daisy, made the very happy move to Dalwood in December 2018 from West Sussex.**

It was love at first sight when we scrolled through the pictures of the house sent to us by the agent, but the name Champerty struck us as unusual. What on earth was a Champerty?

It wasn't a word either of us had ever heard before. Since buying the house, we have learned that it's a legal term: an agreement in which a person with no previous interest in a lawsuit agrees to finance it with a view to sharing in the proceeds from the disputed property if the suit is successful.

One of Champerty's previous owners had been a solicitor and, perhaps, for reasons of their own - which would be interesting to discover - decided to give the house that very singular name. Finally, having gone back through the census information, we have settled on the name Lea Cross.

Going back through records, Champerty has had quite a few different identities. According to local historian GM Chapman, back in the early 1800s, it was known as Cockroad Farm and described as "near Lea Cross, place of the woodcock". A tithe map from the period shows the farms Yonder Lea, Higher Lea, Lower Lea and Cockroad on either side of what is now signposted as Sunnylands Cross.

Earlier, it seems to have been known as Lea Cross. Parish records compiled in the 1830s show that the land on which Cockroad Farm and



**CHAMPERTY, now Lea Cross, owned by the George family**  
*Photo supplied by Nicole George*

neighbouring Cockwood House stood was owned by Charles Dell Hayman. The farm was leased to a James Bewditch and comprised around 26 acres of arable land, pasture, meadows and orchards.

Today Champerty is Grade II listed and when we bought it, we believed that the house dated from the Georgian period - before 1837 when Victoria came to the throne.

This may still be the case but a close look at the tithe map from 1834 appears to show the neighbouring house (now Rivendell) as the farmhouse with the area that is now Champerty not as a Georgian farmhouse but three large barns.

What is now Rivendell could therefore be the Cockwood House mentioned in the tithe apportionment listings from the 1830s. If that is the case, what is now Champerty is listed simply as "buildings" which would explain the configuration of three barns below the red-roofed main house on the

tithe map.

By 1841, Cockroad Farm was under the stewardship of "Dairy Man" Nathaniel Seward, 30, and home also to his wife Catherine, 22, infant son John and their servant, Mary Norris, 10. By 1851, it was run by the Draymond family and still known as Cockroad.

In the 1861 census, the name Sunnylands appears for the first time, with the property occupied by Louisa Percival Johns, 55, a widow and her unmarried daughter, Catherine Eliza, 20.

The name Sunnylands Farm still survives and today belongs to the neighbouring poultry farm. However, in 1861, Cockroad Farm is still listed as being run by the French family as a dairy farm which suggests that the first Sunnylands was perhaps Cockwood House or what is now Rivendell.

Strangely, the name Cockroad Farm then disappears from the census until 1891 when it reappears again for the last time.

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By 1871, Sunnylands is home to William White, 68, retired farmer and his family while next door at Sunnylands Farm are the Turner family, headed by John Turner, 48, "Farmer of 24 acres and Mason" - of the rolled up trouser-leg variety or a stone carver is not specified.

In 1891 Sunnylands is occupied by Henry Tombs, 46, a retired Captain in the Royal Scots Guards, born in India; his mother, Anne Tombs, 67, and Edgar Hope, a "Physical Instructor".

Also in residence are a coachman, a cook and a housemaid. By 1911, there are three listings for Sunnylands: a farmhouse and two cottages. Are the two farm cottages what eventually became our house, formerly Champerty, now Lea Cross?

Were they joined together at some point, incorporating the three barns of the old Cockroad Farm? This is obviously just guesswork on our

part but if anyone has any further information, please get in touch via email at [nicole@levar.co.uk](mailto:nicole@levar.co.uk).

● In 1870-72, John Marius Wilson's Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales described Dalwood like this: *DALWOOD, a chapelry in Stockland parish, Devon; on the river Cory, and on the Yeovil and Exeter railway, near*

*Colyton r. station, and 6 miles E of Honiton. It has a post office under Honiton, and a fair on the Wednesday after 23 Aug. Acres, 1, 709. Real property, £2, 622. Pop., 492. Houses, 109. The property is much subdivided. The living is a p. curacy, annexed to the vicarage of Stockland, in the diocese of Exeter. The church is ancient.*



## Dalwood Community Shop and Post Office

email:[dalwoodcommunityshop@outlook.com](mailto:dalwoodcommunityshop@outlook.com) tel:01404 881401

### SHOP OPENING TIMES

**Monday- Friday: 8.30am - 6.00pm**  
**Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm**  
**Sunday: 8.30am -12.30pm**

### POST OFFICE opening times

**3 mornings a week**

**MONDAY: 9.00-11.30am**  
**TUESDAY: 9.00-11.30am**  
**THURSDAY: 9.00-11.30am**

**During LOCKDOWN 3 we will continue to follow Government guidelines: HANDS-FACE-SPACE**

**Your local shop is striving to remain open for your convenience.**

**Thank you to all our volunteers, buyers and customers during this difficult time.**

**We ask you to continue to sanitise your hands as you enter the shop, wear a face covering, unless exempt and to keep socially distanced, 2 metres apart. Thank You. Stay safe and well.**



# DALWOOD NEWS

## Family-friendly sheep delivery to the church

### Children given Christingles to build at home

AS the Posada journey with Mary, Joseph and their donkey could not happen in December, a knitted sheep was posted through every child's letter box.

They were invited, with their families, to come to St Peter's on Christmas Eve to put their sheep in the field in front of the stable where Mary and Joseph were waiting.

They also brought a picture of the nativity story which they had coloured in to be stuck into the Posada book.

About 18 families came during the afternoon and each child received a goodie bag containing the parts of a Christingle to assemble at home, a nativity story book, a cut-out nativity scene, chocolate and other treats.

St Peter's Church was beautifully decorated for Christmastide. The

flower arrangers, as usual, made the most beautiful displays.

This year, villagers were asked if they would like to donate a poinsettia to remember a loved one and these were used in the arrangements.

The Christmas tree shone, the nativity was in place and the (battery) tea lights flickered ready to welcome the Christ Child.

Many thanks to all those who donated poinsettias and flowers and to those who arranged them.

We have decided that after the current flowers are over they will not be replaced with fresh ones; but thanks to a generous donation we have some beautiful artificial flowers to take their place.

**Sue Drew and  
Caroline Nunns**



## Some wit and some wisdom

*"The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision."*

**Adage**

*"A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it."*

**Bob Hope**

*"Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life."*

**HH Asquith**

*"You can have friends or you can correct other people's grammar."*

**Mary Norris**

*"I never gave anybody hell! I just told the truth and they thought it was hell."*

**Harry S Truman**



## Prayers can still be said, just contact us!

**PRAYER requests can still be made, is the message from Dalwood's church.**

The prayer box in St Peter's Church porch has been removed in line with church guidelines but if

anyone would like prayers to be said please contact either Laurie Lucas on 01404 881495 or Caroline Nunns on 01404 881313.

All calls will be treated in the strictest of confidence.'



# KILMINGTON NEWS

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## SPACE FOR BABY GROUP

**OVER** the last few months quite a few babies have been born to parents in Kilmington but due to the present situation they have had nowhere in the village to meet and get support.

During the summer when it was fine and warm, the families could be outside but now that the winter months are here they need somewhere warm and safe to meet.

Kilmington church is able to provide this environment in the form of St Giles's Church Mums and Baby Support Group, in which the babies can learn to play and interact with each other socially, which is a vital part of their early development.

The parents can enjoy the companionship of other parents and friendships are made over coffee or tea with a piece of homemade cake. At present, there are five families registered with the group and there is the space to accommodate one or two more. The group has experienced some very happy sessions so far, and some of the little children brought their knitted sheep to the crib in the church on Christmas Eve, adding them to the large flock that were gathered there.



**BABIES** Alexander Browning, Seth Moore, Sophie Newbery and Morris McLaren Cope enjoying their time at the village support group

If there is anyone who would like to join the group which meets every Wednesday morning in St Giles's

Church, 10am-12noon, please contact Diana on 01297 32334 or Mary on 01297 34958.

## Call to save community cinema

**KILMINGTON** has been showing films in the village hall for 14 years, a community benefit enjoyed by an average audience of 60.

As there is a risk of losing our current mobile unit, we embarked on Crowdfunding to raise £6,500 for the purchase of our own cinema equipment: a full-size screen, new sound system, projector, and DVD player.

The project was launched mid-December and, despite the timing with so many charities seeking help, at the time of writing, we have

raised 50 per cent of our target. Our audiences come from Kilmington and the surrounding villages and Axminster.

The film shows are run entirely by volunteers any profit going to Kilmington Village Hall maintenance fund. Because we see it as a community benefit, entrance charges have remained unchanged for the last eight years despite increased costs in hiring the mobile unit.

For more details on how to help save the community cinema visit [crowdfunder.co.uk/kilmington-](http://crowdfunder.co.uk/kilmington-)

village-community-cinema or if you prefer not to donate via Crowdfunder you can place your donation in an envelope with your name and contact details and post or drop it into the letterbox on the gate at 6 Whitehayes Close, Kilmington EX13 7RR.

Please make cheques payable to Kilmington Village Hall.

For further information contact John Watts by email at [wattsjohn307@gmail.com](mailto:wattsjohn307@gmail.com) or 01297 639758.

*John Watts*

# KILMINGTON NEWS



THE beautifully decorated church ready for the service and, below, the font and congregation

## Candlelit carols continue

By Anna Crabbe

**DUE to the restrictions, in December we could only have a maximum of 50 in the congregation for the Candlelit Carol Service.**

We had two services - December 20th and 21st - both well attended.

We had a small socially-distanced choir; music was beautifully played by our organist, Margaret Hurford, and we had six readers each evening, kindly organised by Dr John Church. Both services were uplifting and it was lovely to gather to worship our Saviour Jesus Christ whose birth we were celebrating.

As people left, they took a

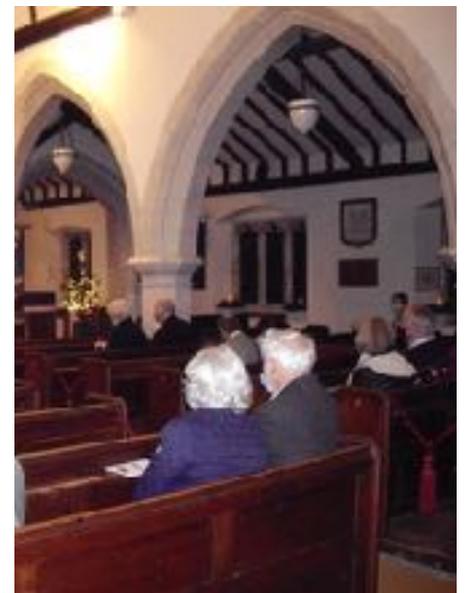
homemade mince pie and small bottle of mulled wine. Thank you to Elisabeth Stonex who made the wine and her team for the mince pies. On the Monday, we delivered more mulled wine and mince pies to those who were unable to join us at the service. Thank you to all involved for making our carol services so special.

## Lunch ideas are welcome

**IS there a possibility of providing Lunches - soup and rolls - during Lent in a different way from February 17th?**

These weekly events are very popular with older members of our parish community and will be greatly missed. However, we are looking at ways of doing this. Can you help?

If you can help please contact Diana Mellows 32334 or Diana Church 32417.



## Festivities with a difference

By Anna Crabbe

IN December we sadly could not have our usual Christingle and crib services, so small knitted sheep were delivered to families in the village with young children.

They were asked to bring them on Christmas Eve afternoon to put in the nativity scene and collect their Christingle.

At 2pm we had two lonely sheep looking into the nativity scene but by 4pm we had 32 so it was quite crowded.

Families really enjoyed coming into the church which was beautifully decorated and lit for Christmas.

Thank you to Diana Mellows, Lesley Rew and Gill Heighway for beautifully made Christingles.



**THE crib, sheep and Christingles in the church and, below, children looking at the sheep and pictured with their Christingles**



## Exeter Cathedral Dean's new year message

**THE best thing I've read this Christmas was a note from the great John Rutter to Tim Noon, congratulating him on our Christmas music here in Exeter, and especially the online Grandisson Service.**

What a fantastic tribute – I thought it must be a bit like me receiving an email from Sir Lewis Hamilton complimenting me on my cornering: certainly, something I'd want to trumpet far and wide, though hardly likely, if you are to judge from the

repairs currently needed to our hub caps. You can still listen to the Grandisson Service on the Cathedral website. The music is beautiful.

*The Very Revd  
Jonathan Greener*

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## FESTIVE SEASON SERVICES

By Rozanne Bulmer

**TWO excellent services were held during December. The first being the carol service which took place on Sunday, December 20th at 6pm.**

The Archdeacon of Exeter, the Revd Andrew Beane, joined us for the service. This was well attended with the nine carols sung by a seven-strong choir, including some children in the number. People were able to sing quietly behind their masks.

Josias Drew and George Parris read two of the readings, with other members of the congregation taking part with the remainder.

The church looked festive as always, with stunning floral arrangements and with candles lit throughout, and included the spectacular Christmas tree kindly donated by Poppy and Paul Johnson, of Royal Oak Farm. Everyone thought that it was a marvellous start to the Christmas period and very uplifting during these difficult times. Sadly, the traditional offering of mulled wine and mince pies afterwards could not be made.

The second service took place on Christmas Day at 10.30am, taken by the Revd Michael Selman, assisted by his wife, Jo. The service began with lighting of the advent candles and the blessing of the crib, followed by the laying of baby Jesus into the manger by George Gilmour-White. This was a service of Holy Communion, with self-distancing at all times and the 'track and trace' system in place.

The PCC would like to wish everyone a very happy new year and hope that it won't be too long before the church can be constantly open for reflection and private prayer and that services will be back to normal. We thank everyone for their continued support in so many



**CHRISTMAS Carol Service St Michael and All Angels**

*Photo by Tim Phillips*

different ways, without which the church would not be able to function as one of the pivotal points of the village and for all the parishioners of Stockland.

- *Given the current pandemic restrictions please check ahead prior to any visits as the listings may be subject to change at short notice*

## Youngsters cycle for charity close to home



**THREE** youngsters from Stockland took it upon themselves to complete a local ride for charity along their local lanes during the latest lockdown.

Rosie and Oscar Holgate and their friend, Sarah Patch, all of Stockland, decided to raise funds for JDRF - a type 1 diabetes charity and a funder of world-class medical research to cure, prevent and treat the disease.

Claire Holgate, mother of Rosie and Oscar - the latter who suffers with type 1 diabetes - said: "My daughter Rosie, son Oscar and their friend, Sarah Patch, who lives across the road from us, have completed a charity bike ride in support of diabetes research.

"They chose a massive target of 100km and came up with their own 20km circular route around the local roads through Stockland and Dalwood - lots of very steep sections including Danes Hill towards the end!

"They cycled 'the loop' five times for a total of 100k and managed it over three days in the worst, coldest weather.

"Their target was to raise £300 and they have more than doubled that - the total is currently £850!

"The charity they chose is JDRF, which raises funds for childhood type 1 diabetes research."

Rosie, Oscar and Sarah made the following statement before they embarked on their quest:

"We are taking on the 100 Challenge for JDRF, the charity that funds research to treat, prevent and cure type 1 diabetes.

"To do our bit, we are going to cycle 100km over the course of three days, in the Blackdown Hills in East Devon.

"We are going to cycle 40km on the first day, 40km on the second day, and end on New Year's Day with another 20km.

"Oscar himself has type 1 diabetes so this means a lot to us! He was only diagnosed two-and-a-half years ago. We're hoping to raise at least £300 for JDRF.

"Type 1 diabetes affects 400,000 people in the UK, with over 29,000 of them children. Incidence is increasing by about four per cent each year and particularly in

children under five, with a five per cent increase each year in this age group over the last 20 years.

"JDRF aims to create a world without type 1 diabetes. Until that day, your support is vital to help fund world-class research, improving treatments until JDRF finds the cure."

More information on their challenge can be found at [jdrf1.enthuse.com/pf/100k-bike-ride](http://jdrf1.enthuse.com/pf/100k-bike-ride).

### PAUSE FOR PRAYER

#### St Columba's Prayer (for Candlemas)

My dearest Lord,  
Be thou a bright flame before me;  
Be thou a guiding star above me;  
Be thou a smooth path beneath me;  
Be thou a kindly Shepherd behind me  
today and for evermore.  
Amen

*Submitted by Philippa Wills*

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SUNRISE over the parish on Christmas Day; right, Christmas tree topped with 40-year usage family heirloom angel

*Photos by Philippa Wills*



CHRISTMAS Day snowdrops, above, and narcissus, right *Photos by I Dalziel-Jones*



CHRISTMAS is for the whole family, above  
*Photo by Jane Ashurst*

## Swag's Jill overwhelmed by generous 'thank you' gifts

**OUTGOING** president of the village's Swag group, Jill Bellamy, has responded to the kindness and thanks from members of the group, as reported in last month's *The Parishes' Paper*.

Jill said: "What a lovely surprise it was to see Jane arrive at my cottage with a beautiful bouquet and a basket of goodies.

"A lovely box of Hotel Chocolat

chocolates. Yummy!

"Then when she gave me your [members of Swag] very generous John Lewis voucher, I was totally overwhelmed.

"Thank you all so much. I really didn't expect anything; after all, I have had loads of fun too.

"It has been a great pleasure and I hope a new Swag will pop up in the near future."



JILL Bellamy, right, and Sue Miskin enjoying lunch at the King's Arms  
*Photo by Gill Metcalfe*

**Please send us your community news and photos of activities and nature in the Five Alive area**  
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# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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## Village's super-fast success

By Edward Jacobs

**THE residents of Whitford in East Devon are now celebrating the remarkable achievement of this rural community coming together to bring better broadband.**

It all started back in June 2015 when Openreach came through the village of Whitford with the hope of better broadband on the horizon. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, this did not happen and the neighbouring community of Musbury benefited from the faster and more reliable broadband service that Openreach had to offer. Sadly, our sleepy village was forgotten.

In 2016, Matthew Wallace, originally from Gloucester but now a resident of Whitford, contacted Openreach to find out why the village of Whitford had missed out. Matthew was determined to get some answers, as he had been used to Gloucester life, where faster broadband was present and expected.

Unfortunately, Matthew only received a negative comment from Openreach which stated: "There was no prominent demand in the area to commercially warrant investment from BT and Openreach at this time". It seemed that the new style of broadband was not available and therefore the network was subsequently not upgraded.

Matthew wanted to gain a greater understanding of why this was the case as his broadband was very slow, constantly disconnecting, took a long while to download files or stream content from YouTube with constant buffering, hampering his entertainment.

He later found out that the body responsible for the public roll-out of superfast broadband was Connecting Devon and Somerset, who were at the time finalising the new phase two contracts with Airband and Gigaclear.

In 2017, Connecting Devon and

Somerset awarded the contract for Shute, Whitford, and Seaton Junction to Gigaclear.

Unfortunately, this was not to happen, as in January of 2018 Gigaclear's main subcontractors, Carillion collapsed overnight, leaving Gigaclear to appoint new subcontractors to deliver the new network across Devon and Somerset.

In June 2018, it was apparent that Gigaclear was in serious trouble and work abruptly stopped with partly-built infrastructure being abandoned. They continued to work to rescue the project and to draw up new plans to recover the contracted areas.

The delays went on for a protracted period of time with no communication from Gigaclear or Connecting Devon and Somerset, the local Broadband Delivery UK body.

In May 2019, after a prolonged period of research and fact-finding, Matthew launched a local community project in partnership with Openreach, to bring upgraded broadband to his community. This was done through the Community Fibre Partnerships programme with Openreach.

Funding was to be used that the government had set aside and was regulated through the government Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS), and Broadband Delivery UK.

This now meant that The Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme, which forms part of the Rural Connectivity programme and the Local Full Fibre Networks Programme (LFFNP) could be used to assist this new project. The Grant scheme that the government has put together helps communities in remote and rural areas of the UK come together as a group, to help fund and bring fibre broadband to a variety of local communities.

In June 2019, Matthew formed a Community Interest Company called Connecting Whitford CIC which was



**BROADBAND equipment being installed in Whitford**

the legal entity set up to enable the project to take on a much-needed formal approach.

Matt asked a small number of enthusiastic local residents to volunteer any spare time to help him with the day-to-day running and administrative tasks. Matt is an extremely technically-minded person but initially found it difficult without help to sell the concept to the local village community.

Matt was able to overcome this with help from a local resident who volunteered to be his personal assistant, and so both Matt and Lee Baylis went to task to design leaflets, posters, and other materials to spread the news, in order to enlist other residents to the scheme.

Matt was also assisted by Denise Loud, a prominent member of the village and also Matthew's neighbour. As Broadband Community Liaison Officer, she was able to speak to many village residents about the project and explain to them how it would benefit the community in the future.

In July 2019, Matt brought together a team of two resident volunteers and three Whitford Parish Council members.

On July 17th 2019, Matt received a quote from Openreach to bring ultrafast full fibre broadband to Whitford at a cost of £81,756.

A team meeting was called to discuss the final quote and it was decided at this time that they would attempt to enlist all 124 residents in the community to register their interest with 74 of them signing up.

In September 2019, a meeting



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was held with a representative from Openreach to discuss the quote and any questions the team would like to ask on behalf of the community. It was very a very productive meeting and after much negotiation, Matthew was given the contract to sign.

The project was being hampered by the severely delayed Gigaclear contracts. In October 2019, local television news BBC Spotlight announced the cancellation of Gigaclear in the Devon and Somerset region. This now allowed the community to progress rapidly.

Later that month, Matthew, who was now the director of Connecting Whitford CIC, signed the contract on behalf of the community and this was approved by all team members. This was a huge undertaking which brought financial and legal responsibilities.

All applicants that registered with the project were added to a database and this was duly forwarded on to Openreach and DCMS to initiate the voucher registration process.

In November 2019, DCMS randomly selected 52 Whitford and Hampton residents and emailed a link to confirm that the registered residents wished to be part of the project and would like to take up a

voucher which offsets the cost to the community.

It was not until March 2020 that local residents noticed activity in and around the village. Openreach subcontractors Telent and BNE had started to build the infrastructure that was required. It then went quiet until June 2020 when activity in the village again.

Unfortunately, in July 2020, Matt had to step down as project manager due to health reasons. The voluntary parish council members took over managing the project and Connecting Whitford as a legal entity was forced to close. A period of change and consolidation then followed.

Matt was able to return to the project in late November 2020, to assist the voluntary parish council members to bring the project to a successful conclusion. Matt was again able to take the lead, ably assisted by David Plowman, Richard Orsman and Bill Marshall.

For the final three weeks Matt helped enormously, working seven days a week, and only having a few hours' sleep each night, sorting out the next steps and liaising closely with Openreach in preparation to inform residents on what they had to do next.

There were many idiosyncrasies

to deal with and it was now vitally important to ensure that communication between OpenReach, DCMS and the local residents was kept to an optimum level.

On December 7th 2020, the community achieved its goal and all residents with a voucher had ordered their new full fibre broadband service. Individual properties would be connected over the following month by the respective communication providers.

The first Whitford resident to be connected was Maureen Davey. Matthew said that she was absolutely delighted to be the first local resident to experience the much-improved service.

The tireless hard work of Matthew Wallace and his diligent team is to be highly commended. Without this, Whitford would still be struggling with the outdated and poor technology which was well past its sell-by date. The co-operation of local residents is also highly appreciated.

The upgrading of the broadband network in Whitford will not only benefit the local people now, but far into the future. It will also assist with increasing and maintaining the resale value of properties.

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## Literary festival line-up is announced

**THE preliminary line-up for Shute Festival 2021 has just been announced and it promises not to disappoint.**

This year, with the lockdown continuing, the festival will remain online, with events planned in every month of the year except August.

A diverse range of speakers will cover areas from crime and historical fiction, history, food and travel, poetry, the classics, dance, and gardening. There will also be streamed music concerts.

Two events are planned for

February. On Thursday, February 11th at 6.30pm, poet and artist Annie Freud will be speaking about her new collection of poetry, *Hiddensee*, just published by Picador.

Annie is a hugely engaging speaker, and has won a number of awards for her writing, including the Dimplex prize for new writing, and a shortlisting for the TS Eliot prize.

On Thursday, February 25th at 6.30pm, the Oxford classics don and musician, Professor Armand D'Angour, will be speaking about his

new book, *Socrates in Love*. Armand will talk about the importance of Socrates and philosophy, and discuss the forgotten story of how a woman, Aspasia, impacted the way the Socrates thought and changed the history of Western Philosophy.

All details about this year's Shute Festival will be available on the website, [www.shutefest.org.uk](http://www.shutefest.org.uk) – we look forward to you joining us this year!

***Bijan Omrani and Sam Knights***  
***Festival co-directors***

**The Parishes' Paper team would love to hear your community news**  
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# YARCOMBE NEWS

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## VILLAGE'S SPECIAL VISITOR

**A SPECIAL visitor made his way around the lanes between Stockland and Yarcombe on the evening of Saturday, December 12th.**

Organised by Stockland and Yarcombe preschool and the Yarcombe Children's Fund, Father Christmas on his sleigh, pictured, made an early appearance to gladden the hearts of the young and the not so young likewise.

Vantage points outside the Yarcombe Inn and the Church Lych Gate were just the place for socially distanced families to wave and cheer the cavalcade on its way. The annual Christmas parties having to be forsaken for this year this provided a magical start to the festive season.

On behalf of Yarcombe Children's Fund and Stockland and Yarcombe Pre-school, a spokesperson said: "We would just like to send a note to say a huge thank you.

"Taking us back to just before Christmas and the fantastic evening we had when Father Christmas came around and visited our villages, lanes and farms.

"We had such a wonderful night. It was so lovely to see everyone come out to wave and cheer as he drove around. The amount of smiling, happy faces we saw was fantastic and gave us all the much needed lift



after such a strange year.

"We were very lucky Father Christmas found some time to come in his busy schedule and he was very generous with his abundance of raining chocolates.

"We managed to raise over £600 which was just amazing! Funds raised will be split between the Stockland and Yarcombe Pre-school and the Yarcombe Children's Club.

"We would like to thank everyone involved with making the evening happen, especially the Harlequin Carnival Club for the loan of their sleigh and help on the evening.



## Congregation welcomes carol service meet



**REVD Nigel Freathy kindly travelled to Yarcombe to take a carol service on the evening of Sunday, December 20th.**

Anna Crabbe had also made the journey from Kilmington to play the piano for the carols relating to the six lessons telling the Christmas story.

Readers from the village were Rebecca Bell, Helen Matthews, Geoffrey Berry, Philip Derryman, Peter Wright and Nigel. Choir

singers had been arranged into two groups - one in the North Transept and the other in the South Transept, singing alternately.

A crib tableau, pictured, with Mary and Joseph, shepherds and kings was staged during the relevant readings, the children singing Away in a Manger. The congregation of about 30 were all socially distanced and welcomed the opportunity of meeting up in such a welcome tradition.

## A community history of our church from the 70s

By Lesley Sutton

**SURPRISE on both sides was the reaction to the first person to welcome us to the village when Bishop John Armstrong looked over the stable door into our kitchen.**

The Bishop in flowing red robes was gazing in amazement at our big white rabbit, Boris, who was lopping around the floor.

From that moment, we realised that the church in Yarcombe at that time was the focal point of village life. At the weekend, we were encouraged to attend an exhibition of bygones from both the farming life and domestic equipment on view in what is now known as the terrier racing field.

There was an 8am Book of Common Prayer Communion Service and Mattins and Evensong as well. Those were the days! The church was packed, families filling pews, which although not personal property, but referred to as whichever family usually sat there. The main festivals were always filled to capacity, Easter and Christmas, and, of course, the countryside blessing of Harvest combined with a massive supper provided by the worthy ladies of the time.

Christmas, often accompanied by seasonal snow, had a very special meaning. What with festivities in the pub and the grand draw, a hasty run down the path was taken to partake in the Christmas Eve Communion Service, where at least one person had to arrive very early to ensure seats for the rest of the family.

Mrs Armstrong and Joan Spiller ran the Sunday school at 11am every week when children were dropped off at the Jubilee Hall and parents did their duty in church.

When my daughter was three, we received a visit from Joan inviting her to come along, so together with her friend, Julie Larcombe, they were initiated into the rites and regularly collected their Sunday school stamps to be stuck in their attendance books and thus Joan was forever known as 'Stamp Joan'. There was an outing in the summer, usually to Exmouth beach and on to a café in the square for tea to which all members of the family were invited. An annual prize-giving day took place usually in the church and 'Belfry Bells' kindly donated by Commander and Mrs Long, proprietors of the Belfry Hotel were distributed.

After some time, when extra help was required with the growing numbers of children, Joan suggested that I might help out one Sunday a month. Of course, this escalated to more and eventually when Joan married and moved away I found myself in charge for 24 years! We were fortunate during those days when Mrs Selmes from Cornhill would come and play the piano for the songs at the start of the lessons. At one point, we had four classes and 48 children attending. Sunday school teachers, including Shirley Briant, Pat and Judith Bazley, were forever changing and we were very fortunate to have lots of former 'pupils' from local families – the Derrymans and Parrises - from their several branches and, eventually, Marty Smith, who at least had the status of being a 'proper' teacher.

We still continued with the outings, probably the favourite being visits to Cricket St Thomas Wildlife Park, the animals being interesting, but the best bit rolling down the grassy bank at tea time.

In the meantime, we seemed to

have as many vicars as the inn had publicans. Whilst Bishop John was in sole charge of Yarcombe, times changed and Leslie Lloyd-Jones became the first incumbent to take on one other parish. Leslie, an ex-padre in the forces became an essential part of the village life taking part in the skittles league, pantomimes and even entering his dog into one of the first terrier races. The dog obviously did not agree when as soon as loosed from the traps made his way straight home to the Old Vicarage. That lovely house was sold and the New Vicarage built in the grounds and was home to both Peter Gotelee and John Stone between 1985 and 1999. After this, the powers that be had linked Yarcombe to various parishes in the locality, such as Upottery, Membury, Cotleigh and others, the vicar still residing in Yarcombe but serving all the others.

We seemed to have never-ending interregnums when new vicars were selected but luckily the work of the church was continued with readers, Don Tapster, Joan and Ann Mills maintaining services. At an early stage it was realised that there would not be an ordained person at every service and the family services were initiated. This greatly involved the Sunday school which took part in some form in the worship.

A well-remembered up-to-date adaptation of the parable of the Prodigal Son was James Pidgeon's first foray into direction, with electric cars and 'real' blood in the aisles.

Allocating prayers and readings was fine at that time as there was a wealth of talent available from the Sunday school, but on its demise, due to lack of numbers, the family service teams had to look elsewhere for those willing to participate. Two family service

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teams took it in turns to lead the worship and had many meetings to try to find relevant and meaningful themes which would be acceptable to both young and old.

In 1999, Revd Paul Wilson, from Kilmington, invited Yarcombe to join with Dalwood, Shute and Stockland to join the group which eventually became the Five Alive Mission Community and cemented close ties led by Nigel Freathy, Alastair McCollum and Simon Holloway, who became parish priests in Yarcombe.

Our vicars have tended to come to us during their last period before retirement, so Alastair was somewhat different with a young family, his motorbiking associations and love of village life.

Nigel has been a constant visitor with Annette, his wife, joining in much of our music making activities.

Since Simon's retirement, he has been helping through the latest interregnum with services both in

the parish church and the Baptist Chapel. Even during this interminable period of lockdown, a socially distanced carol service was held with only choir members able to sing, although many probably did into their masks. We are incredibly grateful to Gill Heighway and Anna Crabbe, both readers from Kilmington, who have managed to maintain worship for those able to attend.

Yarcombe has had a succession of organists including Edie Mogg, who, according to Barbara Salter, played as she felt. Also, Ruby Cooke, from Upton, and Ken Hayward, from Bishopswood, who were the mainstay for decades and now Gavin, from Kilmington, who enjoys playing our somewhat difficult organ and enjoys our company.

From time immemorial Mr Barrington was churchwarden and I believe the PCC is still trying to work

out his methods to this day. However, after his retirement it became the practice to appoint officers for given terms of office, usually overlapping so that continuity was maintained.

Barbara Salter became the first lady churchwarden and there have been periods when both have been female so times are moving on. Jean Rich and Geoffrey Berry are still in office during this trying time and deserve our thanks for their dedication to duty.

Whilst numbers of the congregation have fallen, the building itself is loved by the community. They have turned out year after year to support the terrier racing which has been our method of raising funds towards the required annual Diocesan Quota, necessary for church work to continue.

We look to an unknown future and live in hope that times will change but what will continue?

## YARCOMBE WEATHER DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019	2018
Average Max. temperature	7.9°C	8.4°C	9.6°C
Average Min.	4.1°C	4.8°C	5.7°C
Average Overall temperature	6.0°C	6.6°C	7.7°C
Rainfall	218.9mm	212.7mm	163.6 mm
Wettest Day	26th 28.3mm	18th 35.7 mm	18th 29.2 mm
Sunniest Day	1st 7.0 hrs approx	3rd 7.5 hrs	3rd 7.0 hrs
Warmest Day	21st 12.8°C	10th 11.2°C	2nd 13.0°C
Coldest Night	31st -1.1°C	2nd 0.9°C	14th -0.4°C
Sunshine hours	79 hours approx	72hrs	49 hrs

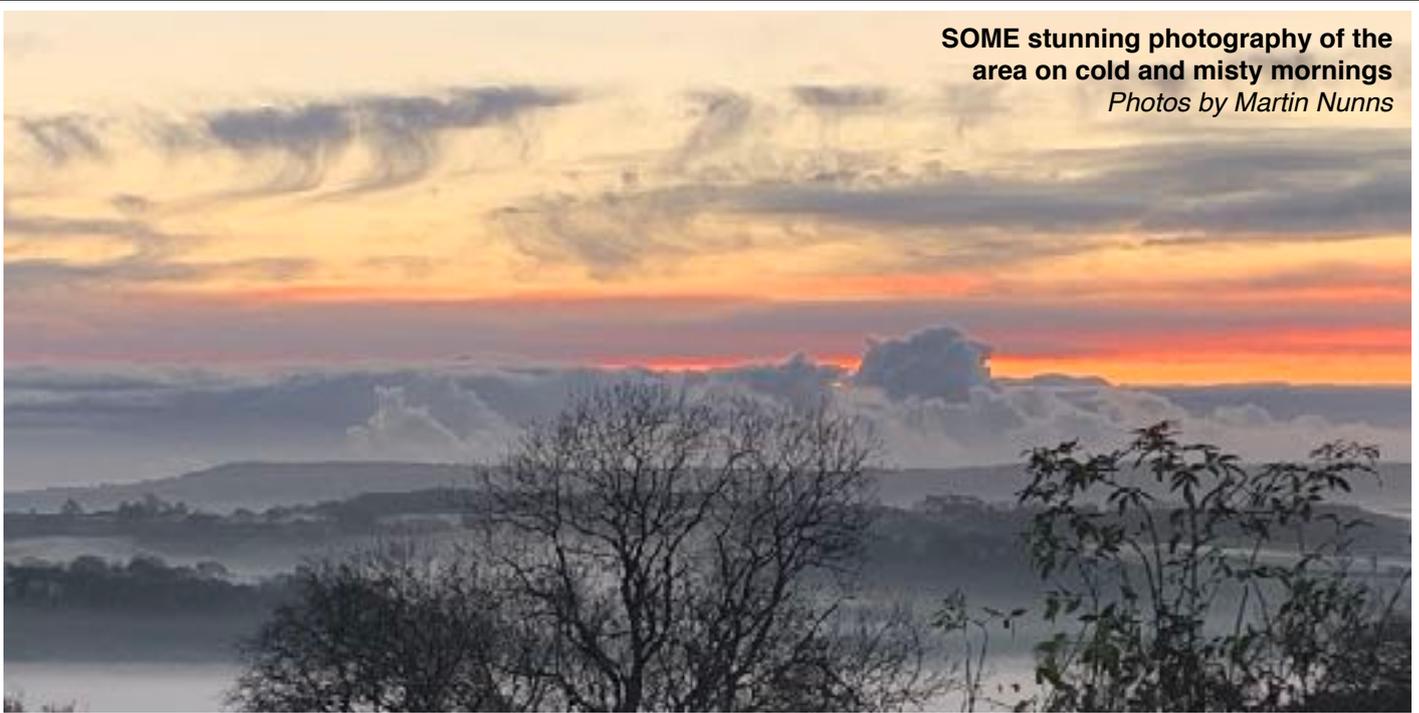
December was a colder and wetter month than usual. The reason as I stated earlier in the year is that the phenomenon called 'La Nina' developed in the Pacific Ocean. It has started to affect our weather, bringing snowy conditions to the North of the U.K. So far we have felt the gales and cold weather but have escaped the snow. Elsewhere around the world 'La Nina' is causing unusually cold weather in Japan, the Korean peninsula and China. The recent cold spell may well continue for at least a couple of weeks.

*Tony Newman*

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**SOME stunning photography of the area on cold and misty mornings**  
*Photos by Martin Nunns*



## A rainbow of blankets for birth centre

**FROM** what originally started out as a knitting class for the Yarcombe Flower Show handicraft section, this sadly couldn't take place in 2020 due to the ongoing coronavirus situation.

However, many people still picked up their knitting needles and kept busy knitting the essential baby blankets for the Bracken Birth Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton.

The original request was for knitted blankets around 24 inches square. These blankets are warm with no holes for little fingers to catch in.

They can be used to wrap baby up whilst feeding or nursing, or as a little cover. It fits the cribs in



hospitals too.

Bracken Birth Centre like to welcome new babies by giving a gift of a blanket as part of a 'Welcome Pack' that they put together for new families. Other bits included are a nappy and snack bar for mum, along with an information card regarding support in the locality.

The pattern can be found on the BBC Website. In excess of 60 blankets were donated, so a massive thank you to all of you who helped this worthy cause.

A spokesperson from Bracken Birth Centre said: "Check out this beautiful rainbow of baby blankets that have been created and donated to the birth centre from the community of Yarcombe and Marsh.

"We are so grateful for all of the support we receive from the local community on the birth centre. Thank you also to our beautiful baby model who agreed to pose for the photo at one day old."

**Julie Rich**  
**Yarcombe Flower**  
**Show Committee**

Serves 4

### Ingredients:

2 tbsp olive oil  
1 large onion, diced  
1 large red pepper, sliced  
2 rashers smoked bacon, chopped  
226g/8oz mushrooms, sliced.  
1.3kg/3lb venison, diced  
1/4 bottle red wine  
236ml/8fl oz water  
2 beef stock cubes, crumbled  
mixed herbs, black pepper  
50g/2oz cornflour

### For the dumplings:

150g/5oz self-raising flour, plus a little extra  
70g/2oz vegetable suet  
mixed herbs (optional)

### Method

- Preheat the oven to 150C/300F/ Gas 2.
- On the hob, heat the olive oil in a frying pan. Add the onion and red pepper and cook until softened, but not browned.

# Perfect for a cold and wintry day

- Add the bacon and mushrooms and cook for a further minute. Add to casserole dish.
- Brown the venison a handful at a time and add to casserole.
- Put the red wine, water, stock cubes, herbs and pepper into frying pan and bring to the boil. Add to casserole. Stir well.
- Put the lid on the casserole and place in the middle of the oven - cook for 60 minutes.
- Whilst the casserole is cooking, make the dumplings. Weigh the flour into a bowl. Stir through the suet and mixed herbs, if using. Make a well in the centre and add 3 tbsp cold water, mix to a dough,

adding more water until the dough is firm but pliable. Divide into eight equal pieces and roll in a little more flour into balls.

- Remove casserole from the oven. Arrange the dumplings on top and cover with the lid. Return to oven and cook the casserole and dumplings for 25 mins.

- Make a paste with the cornflour and two tablespoons of water. Remove casserole from oven and add as much of the paste to the casserole as is needed to thicken the sauce - add a little at a time if you are not sure how much you will need. Return casserole to the oven and cook until the gravy has thickened - this will take about five minutes.

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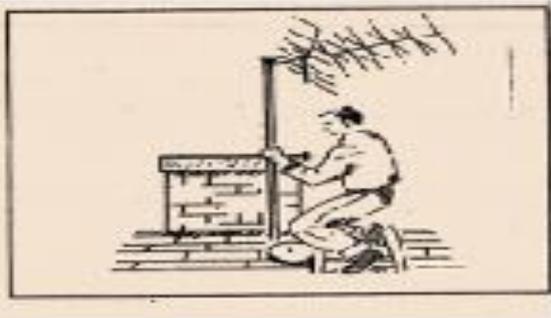
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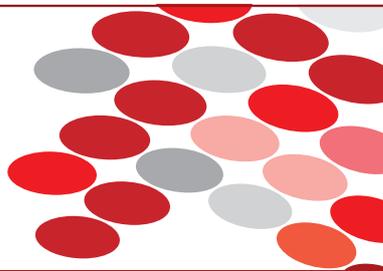
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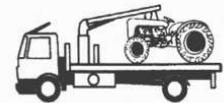


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**www.fivealive.org** - To stay up to date with what is happening across all of our Five Alive Mission Community, please visit our website. Here you will find any notices on what is happening as well as present and previous issues of the Parishes Paper.

**The Church of England** - Online services are being posted weekly on the Church of England website [www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online). As well, you can find many other resources are available on the website for prayer reflection, devotions and practical information during this time.

**The Beacon, Kilmington** - Currently hosting LIVE Sunday services on their Facebook as well as on Youtube at 10:30am. You can find these by searching for Beacon Life on YouTube, as well as [www.facebook.com/TheBeaconLife](http://www.facebook.com/TheBeaconLife). Along with the Sunday services, online house groups and mid-week live sessions are also taking place on these platforms. Also, there is a weekly Post Office at the Beacon on Tuesday mornings from 10-12pm.

**St Giles's Church** has a daily church barrow outside the building which is raising money for church funds. Do bring anything that could be resold for a donation, come and browse anytime in the day. Friday is cake day !

**www.dalwoodparish.co.uk** - Information on what's currently happening within Dalwood, contacts for each church in the area general and includes a list of local walks.

**www.yarcombe.net** - Stay up to date on what is happening within Yarcombe in their local website which includes information on any contacts required, local walks, and general information on the area.

**www.kilmingtonvillage.com** - Kilmington's local website is ready with plenty of information on what is currently happening with regards to the Coronavirus outbreak and is providing many links to government websites and advice as well as contacts for needs within the Parish. You can also find issues of the Kilmington Postscript available on the website.

*If you need help please do not hesitate to contact a member of the **pastoral team** in your village, contact details are on page 27. We are here to help!*



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