

# The PARISHES' PAPER

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR



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

# THE SUNDAY SERVICES



January 2022

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday 2nd	11am Mission Community Holy Communion held at Dalwood				
Wednesday 5th	9:30am Book of Common Prayer Said Communion				
Sunday 9th	9:30am Service of the Word	11am Service of the Word	11am Holy Communion	11am Service of the Word	11am Family Service
Tuesday 11th		9:30am Said Communion			
Sunday 16th	11am Holy Communion	9:30am Holy Communion		11am Family Service & Tea	6:30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday 19th	9:30am Said Communion				
Sunday 23rd	11am Service of the Word	9:30am Service of the Word	6:30pm Choral Evensong	9:30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Tuesday 25th		9:30am Said Communion			
Sunday 30th	11am Mission Community Holy Communion held at Kilmington				

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'*

*Galatians 6:9*

Further details can be found on the Five Alive Website

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



# REFLECT ON JOURNEY INTO NEW YEAR

REV JULIE LOMAS

**HAPPY Christmas! Yes, I do know this edition of *The Parishes' Paper* is for January, and there is another greeting being used which is 'happy new year'!**

Both apply equally, as indeed the year will have turned from 2021 to 2022, and in the calendar, we are moving into January – so, happy new year!

In the church, we like to work on a seasonal basis, and so the season of Christmas extends for all 12 days (remember the carol?), before giving way seamlessly to the season of Epiphany which leads nicely into Candlemas, when we remember the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple.

In our household, this is the weekend we take down our decorations and cards, as does the Royal household. Hence, it is still 'happy Christmas'.

This picture always helps me to join up the dots between the seasons and the months — and



helps me to receive the story of Jesus afresh each year.

I can sometimes forget to lift my head to the bigger picture of the Jesus story and the words on the very outside of the circle encourage and support me in my journey of faith: anticipation; incarnation;

revelation; crucifixion; resurrection and ascension.

The Christian festivals of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, Ascension and Pentecost point us to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the one whom we follow as disciples.

A clock on one of the towers of a Five Alive Mission Community church is inscribed with these words: "my times are in your hands" (Psalm 31 v 15).

Do you know which church clock I have spotted this on? Have a look when you are out and about and let me know if you find it!

My prayer is that as we move together into the new month, and the new year, with all its hopes, and quite a few anxieties, we will also reflect on where we are in our journey of faith, as pilgrims marking the times and seasons in our different ways, remembering that our times are in God's hands.

Every blessing.

**WISHING ALL OUR READERS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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# PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 40 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

**EARLY in St Luke's Gospel, we learn how the widow, Anna, and the elderly Simeon, were well rewarded for their patient waiting for the Lord.**

Here, in Psalm 40, the psalmist, with a new song in his mouth, shares the same experience, and attempts to live up to what is required of him.

It is not straight forward; on the one hand he feels that he is poor and needy, and — along with surrounding troubles — that his own sins are more in number than of the hairs of his head.

And yet, deep down, he knows that the wonders and designs of the Lord are more than he is able to express.

## PSALM 40

1. I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

2. He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and the clay; he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.

3. He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

4. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not turn to the

proud that follow a lie.

5. Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord. my God. How great are your designs for us! There is none that can be compared with you.

6. If I were to proclaim them and tell of them they would be more than I am able to express.

7. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire but my ears have you opened;

8. Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; then said I: 'Lo, I come.

9. 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, O my God; I delight to do it; your law is within my heart.'

10. I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.

11. Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

11a. I have not concealed your loving kindness and truth from the great congregation.

12. Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord; let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me.

13 For innumerable troubles have come about me; my sins have overtaken me so that I cannot look up; they are more in number than the hairs on my head, and my heart fails me.

14. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord make haste to help me.

15. Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; let them be driven back and put to shame who wish me evil.

16. Let those who heap insults upon me be desolate because of their shame.

17. Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; Let those who love your salvation say always, 'The Lord is great.'

18. Though I am poor and needy, The Lord cares for me.

19. You are my helper and my deliverer; O my God, make no delay.

## Bible readings January 2022

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 2 Epiphany [Go/Wh]	Ps: 72:1,10-13	1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52
Wed 5 [Wh]	Ps: 100	1 John 3:11-21 John 1:43-End
Sun 9 Baptism of Christ [Wh/Go]	Isa: 43:1-7	Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17,21-22
Tue 11 [Wh/Gr]	1 Sam: 1:9-20	Mark 1:21-28
Sun 16 Epiphany 2 [Wh/Gr]	Isa: 62:1-5	1 Cor: 12:1-11 John 2:1-11
Wed 19 [Wh/Gr]	1 Sam 17:32-33,37,40-51	Mark 3:1-6
Sun 23 Epiphany 3 [Wh/Go/Gr]	Neh: 8:1-3,5-6,8-10	1 Cor: 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21
Tue 25 The Conversion of Paul [WH/Gr]	Jer: 1:4-10	Acts 9:1-22 Matt: 19:27-End
Sun 30 Candlemas [Wh/Gr]	Mal: 3:1-5	Heb: 2:14-End Luke 2:22-40

## From the registers

### Funerals

**Ann Hiatt**, funeral on November 30th at the East Devon Crematorium

**Ron Foster**, funeral on November 30th at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, followed by burial in the churchyard

**Rob Preece**, funeral on December 1st at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, followed by committal at East Devon Crematorium

**Christopher Fletcher**, December 4th, burial of ashes in the churchyard of St Peter's, Dalwood

*Note from Rev Julie Lomas: "We extend our deepest sympathies to family and friends and continue to remember these dear ones in our prayers."*



# Open the Book don tea towels to tell the Nativity story for students



THE Open the Book team was delighted to enact the Nativity story to Kilmington Primary School on in December and at the Let's Celebrate service on Saturday in a short drama by Bob Hartman entitled Just Hoping.

We are very pleased to be able to don our tea towels and share the wonderful story of God's love once more.

A very happy Christmas from us all.

*Caroline Nunns*



## Online faith course now open for bookings

IT is hoped that many people have the opportunity to do the Living in Love and Faith course in their mission community.

However, a five-session diocesan course will be running on Zoom for those who do not have the opportunity to attend a local course.

This will run on Tuesday evenings starting on January 25th.

Please book your place by emailing [mandm@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:mandm@exeter.anglican.org).

*Rev Julie Lomas*



LIVING  
IN LOVE  
& FAITH

**Keep the Five Alive community thriving by staying in touch and sending in your local news and photos – we want to hear from our parish readers**

*Email your contributions to your parish correspondents or direct to the editor – see page 31 for contact details*

**A Christmas message  
from Bishop Robert**

**THE coming of God into our midst brings hope in these uncertain times: Emmanuel: God with us. It is always good news, but we need to hear it afresh this Christmas.**

In spite of the current uncertainty, we are in a very different place from this time last year when we were on the cusp of another national lockdown. The vaccine and booster rollout is continuing at pace, and we have cause to be cautiously hopeful as we go into the New Year. As we seek to speak God's word of hope to our anxious world this Christmas, here is Ursula Fanthorpe's poem:

*BC:AD*

*This was the moment when  
Before  
Turned into After, and the  
future's  
Uninvented timekeepers  
presented arms.*

*This was the moment when  
nothing  
Happened. Only dull peace  
Sprawled boringly over the  
earth.*

*This was the moment when  
even energetic  
Romans Could find nothing  
better to do  
Than counting heads in remote  
provinces.*

*And this was the moment  
When a few farm workers and  
three  
Members of an obscure Persian  
sect*

*Walked haphazard by starlight  
straight Into the kingdom of  
heaven.*

© U. A. Fanthorpe

May God bless you, your friends and families with peace this Christmas and give you eloquence to speak to others with joy of the word-made-flesh. May many find themselves walking haphazard straight into the kingdom of heaven. With my thanks for our partnership in the Gospel,

**Robert Exon**

# Thanks to supporters

**LET'S Celebrate!** is a bi-monthly church service at St Giles's, Kilmington, open to anyone to attend, and is especially aimed at offering worship in church that is accessible to people with additional needs and their carers.

There is no requirement for people to sit still for long periods of time, and it's a great way to learn more about God and His great love for everyone, and to make new friends.

A buffet tea is also provided for anyone who wishes to stop and enjoy homemade sandwiches and cake.

At the service in December, gifts were shared and special thanks was given to the people who work behind the scenes to help Let's Celebrate! be such a success.

The next service of this kind will be on Saturday, February 11th.

**Rev Julie Lomas**



## It's a 'yes' from your church!

**THE answer is YES!** There used to be an advert for a well-known company that went along these lines — whatever the question, the answer is yes!

Sadly I can't remember the name of the company — perhaps you can — but I do remember the advert.

I would like it to be known that, when it comes to holding a life event in church, we also want to say "yes".

Here in the Church of England, we are hugely privileged to be able to accompany people through their major, and minor, life events.

We offer weddings, baptisms, and funerals but we also offer adult baptisms, confirmation and vocations, as well as renewal of vows and marking of special events.

We are able to say "yes" to far more



than most people first think, so it is always worth asking.

There is lots of information on this website: [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and on our local website [www.fivealive.org](http://www.fivealive.org) and you can always have a conversation with Rev Julie on 01297 35004 or email her at [revjulielomas@gmail.com](mailto:revjulielomas@gmail.com).

Whatever you are planning, the church is here for you, to support you every step of the way. It's a yes from us!

**Rev Julie Lomas**



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# KNOWN BURIALS OF STOCKLAND

*WHILST the history of the Stockland Church exterior offers an impressive account that of the interior captures the essence of those who lived, worked and were finally buried and honoured in the village – many finding their resting place inside the church. The Monmouth Rebellion, the notorious Judge Jeffries, the Battle of Sedgemoor, local dignitaries, wealthy merchants and their families are all in written into the burial citations inside the church – revealing the vibrant social and economic life of the village - past.*

*Local historian BRYAN DREW offers some insight into this wealth in this, his article on those who are celebrated inside the church.*

**UNDER the chancel lies John Kyte (Kite), buried in 1573. He was born in 1500; his will lodged at Somerset House, dated 1573, lists all his children and grandchildren and records he left considerable property. In 1548 he purchased Church Lands (Ed. VI) in and around Stockland and Dalwood, also Vicarage Tithes. John was patron of Stockland Church and his heir was his grandson, George, born 1555.**

The earliest Kyte of Stockland was born circa.1400 and is mentioned in a very early Stockland Manuscript held in the British Museum. He is stated as being married to the daughter of John in whose will dated 1445 he leaves "Money to my daughter Grace, wife of John Kyte of Stockland and to my grandchild Agnes". The medieval property, dated 1500 in Stockland Village is named Kites Cottage. It is believed to have been a venue for discussions leading up to the arrival of the Duke of Monmouth and his disastrous intentions. Thomas Kite joined the Duke and after the fateful Battle at Sedgemoor had to sell all his lands in Stockland to pay for his release to Judge Jeffries in 1685. The release in Taunton was signed by the Judge himself.

There are others buried within the Stockland Church, stipulated in their wills, including William Huchens as stated in his will of 1588. The first paragraph states; "In the name of God Amen.

The 8 and 20th day of March in the year of our Lord 1588. I Willmi Huchens of Stockland, sick

in body but whole of mind and in good memory, thanks be to God,

make my last will and testament in manner and form that followeth. First, I bequeath and recommend my soul to Almighty God my creator and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church of Stockland". Then to the end; "Also my will is that the Queen's Arms and my Lord Markques Arms be set up over the aisle door, and my name underneath at the cost and charge of my executors, whatsoever it cost".

The will of Walter Turner, 1600, has the following statement included; "And my body to be buried in the parish church of Stockland aforesaid. Item, I give and bequeath towards the maintenance of the church, 12 pence of like money". Other wills do not specify their burials but to have a Christian burial at the discretion of their executors.

On the wall in the Broadhayes Chapel is a neat monument for the memory of Amos Callard Esq of Ford. Amos died in 1747 aged 68 years and is said to have been buried in the Stockland Church. He lived at Ford, Stockland and was a member of the New Inn.

The stone slab underneath the lectern has always intrigued me as to who is buried there.

The lettering has become almost illegible but certain words can still be deciphered. It is certainly a member or members of the Davy family who were an influential family from the 1500s onwards in the parish. From the will of John Davy, Merchant of Stockland, we can get a clearer picture as to who is interred here: "In the name of God Amen, the 4th day of January in the year of our Lord God a thousand 500, 92 (1592) and in the reign of our sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, the five and thirtieth. I, John Davie of Stockland in the county of Dorset, merchant, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer. And my body to be buried in the church of Stockland aforesaid,

in the aisle there in which my father and mother were buried". In this very lengthy will John also states; "Item, whereas I stand and am possessed of and in an interest of certain tenements or cottages and divers parcels of lands, meadows and pastures with the appurtenances in 'Colompton' in the county of Devon for a term of 3,000 years by a lease bearing date the 20th day of October in the 14th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, which term is to commence and take effect immediately after the death, forfeiture, surrender or other determinator of the estate of Alice my now wife of and in the same promised premises".

I believe this grave contains the remains of Alice Davy, buried in 1634, who was laid to rest with her husband, John Davy who had died in the late 16th century. The wording that is legible states; Here lies the body of (Alice, wife of) John Davy, (Gentle) man and (- - - -) es Combe, January (1634).

Just before the chancel step, a slab in the floor informs us that: 'Here lieth the body of HONER the wife of JOHN TROTT and the daughter of MR JOHN DAVY of this Parish who departed this life on the 28th December 1776 aged 15 years and 10 months'.

Honor Trott nee Davy was indeed the daughter of a subsequent John Davy and his wife, Joan, and married John Trott at Stockland on September 6th 1753. A son, James, was baptised in 1756. Honor was born in 1727 and although the inscription appears to read her age at 15 years 10 months, it is actually 43 years 10 months, which is correct with the Burial Register.

Its rather doleful poetic message goes on to warn that; 'Under this stone in sweet repose, My body lies in dust, My friend most dear pray prepare, For follow me you must'.

*The above information is taken from old wills and documents of which photocopies are in my possession.*





# DALWOOD NEWS

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## Upcycling for Christmas

**A SNOWMAN made out of plastic white cups, a Christmas tree made from a stretched light shade, another welded together from an exhaust pipe, old windscreen wipers and decorated with bottle tops, trees and angels from plastic bottles, a display lit by a rechargeable torch... the list goes on!**

The list is as lengthy as the creativity and ingenuity of the people in and around Dalwood who helped make the Christmas Recycle/Upcycle Display at St

Peter's Church on December 4th-5th so stunning and so successful.

Once inside, I heard comments like, "I can't walk away, there is so much to see." Small children were drawn to the miniature Christmas scene provided by Dalwood Methodist Church. The 'fake' feast on the altar looked delicious.

There was plenty of humour, such as the real bike in the Tucker's skittles team 're-cycle-d' display and one of the best 'angels' had to be the recycled and re-dressed Action

Man doll on top of the orange tree!

The great thing, as Sue said, was that she "didn't have to pressure anyone, some didn't have to be asked, they just came". We owe an enormous debt to Sue and Karen Drew, the masterminds and organisers of this event, they worked so hard. Also to everyone who helped in any way and who put so much effort and thought into their displays. Looking forward to next year's display!

*Mary Harrison*



**ABOVE, the Wyatt family farm; right, the Drew family; below, Flower Arrangers; below right, ladies' skittle team, Tuckers Arms**





# DALWOOD NEWS



ABOVE, Gay Atkinson's Have Yourself an Orange Little Christmas! Above right, Swards Coaches - made of used car parts and wiper arms!

Flower Rota  
for  
St Peter's Church, Dalwood  
January 2022

15 <sup>th</sup> January	All arrangers to clear the flowers
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Judith Chard
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Fiona Fraser

THE winner of the Five Alive Recycled Christmas Tree Competition at the St Peter's Church festivals Sarah Margetts from Axminster. She correctly matched all the churches to their villages. Rev Julie Lomas is pictured with the Five Alive tree

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## Help with Christingles

**THE oranges decorated with red ribbon, the sweets on cocktail sticks and the candle with its silver foil wrapping just looked beautiful at the Christingle service at St Peter's Church, Dalwood.**

They looked even better when the candles were lit and they were held in the hands of the children and young people of the village, with lights out as we all sang *Away in a Manger*.

I did manage to remember how to make a Christingle this year, but in my absent-mindedness, I had left all the oranges, candles and sweets in odd places around the church. Luckily, I had some willing helpers who were able to locate them for me and then, even better, they showed me how to make the Christingles! We prayed for the work of the Children's Society which cares for children in need and works for their protection and we sang some toe-tapping songs. A lovely way to bring in the season of light and joy.

*Mary Harrison*



## Market's funds

**THE Dalwood Christmas Street Market held in December raised a huge £458.90.**

The event was a fundraiser for the Dalwood Fair and the committee would like to extend its thanks to everyone who supported it.



# KILMINGTON NEWS

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## Wonderful memories as village coffee shop celebrates 14 years

IN 2008 with rumours of the village shop about to close and Nigel Freathy, the vicar, about to move, I realised that a general meeting place for the exchange of news and socialising was needed and the idea of the coffee shop was born.

Jan Farley and Mary Tyler were persuaded to help me in this enterprise and nearly every Friday since then coffee shop has taken place in St Giles's Church. Coffee or tea is free but most people make a small donation and over the years this has helped the church finances.

Looking back over the years many of our first regulars are no longer with us but we all have wonderful memories of these occasions – birthdays celebrated, much laughter amid general support especially for those living alone.

Apart from the regulars our occasions have been enriched by passing visitors, walking groups and school visitors who have entertained us.

Then in 2012 Margaret Astbury joined the team, each week providing a different homemade biscuit, some were known to say that they only came for the biscuits.

In 2013 Lucy Lane became a member of the team, a great help and known as the first taster of the new biscuit! We had a new helper in 2020 when Elana Blackmore came along.

Eventually Jan had to retire and I changed roles with Mary – Mary in charge and me helping. I feel we have had a wonderful 14 years, however new faces are always welcome so please come and join us on a Friday morning.

*Ann Marsh*



## Thanks to two ladies for all their support

**A LOVELY Royal British Legion Christmas Fair was held on Saturday, December 4th, at Kilmington Village Hall.**

Christmas wreaths and trees, cards, cakes and gifts were all for sale — and the bacon buns were delicious.

Entrance included a tea or coffee together with a mince pie or a cake. A raffle was held with plenty of prizes for everyone.

It was the last time that Pearl and Shelia, pictured, were going to look after the cake stall so they were each presented with a card and flowers to thank them for their hard work over many years.

Thanks go to all those who work behind the scenes to make events such as these happen – you truly are appreciated.

*Christopher Thorne*



**MUCH laughter and support enjoyed at the coffee shop events**



## Well-loved parishioner Ron will be sadly missed

**I HAVE been asked by Mark and Carol to say a few words about Ron's love and commitment to this village.**

So, what can I say about my mate Ron?

His love, commitment and involvement with all aspects of village life was plain to see and very soon he became a stalwart of the community.

He was always keen to volunteer and offer assistance wherever he could and therefore became an important part of many groups and organisations.

Pat and he were both keen gardeners so he soon became involved with the KVPA, now the gardening club, as a committee member and later chairman.

He ran many of the shows organising, physically helping and entering different classes. I'll long remember clearing up the show ground with him late in the evening after the event.

Ron and Pat were very generous always offering villagers plants that they grew in their garden. Sydie Bones still has some morning glory in her borders which he supplied many years ago. He also refurbished and sold many garden tools at the plant sale and many of us were persuaded to buy items which we really didn't need.

They also opened their garden on many occasions for the village open gardens. At all events his wife, Pat, and Carol provided

### EULOGY

refreshments and items for sale.

Early in his village life, Ron was a member, with Gerry and Pearl Hurford, in the Cotley Hunt skittles team which played home matches at the New Inn.

Later, he was a popular long-term member, secretary and treasurer of the short mat bowling club. He was good at both, but because of his failing health as he got older he sometimes got frustrated that he was not as good as he used to be.

Because of his military service at the end of the Second World War he was a loyal member of the British Legion and enjoyed all the events.

In 1975, Ron was presented with a Certificate of Merit by the Addiscombe and Shirley Park branch before he came to Kilmington. When he and Pat moved to the village in 1997, he joined the Kilmington branch serving on the committee for many years eventually as secretary and vice-chairman before retiring after 54 years of legion service.

I have particularly warm memories of our table at the Remembrance Day meal at Hazelbury Mill where, every year, he fought unsuccessfully with Bill Kerslake, John Playford and me to buy the wine.

As a long-standing, and the only

male, committee member for Kilmington Village Hall, he was very involved in organising things such as seating before events and doing maintenance using his expertise from his life in the building industry. He even cleaned the gutters and drains when he was well into his 80s.

He was a loved and loyal member of our church and served on the PCC fabric committee for many years doing carpentry, woodworm treatment, painting and changing locks in the church as well as offering practical advice on projects.

He always said that he regretted coming to faith late in life and wished he had been involved in the church from a younger age. He did, however, attend many services and was a loyal and loved member of our Bible Study Group, hardly ever missing a meeting which he greatly enjoyed and found very instructive.

So, there you go, Ron was a loved member of our village who will be sadly missed. Personally, I believe I was privileged and blessed to be considered one of his many friends. Well he is now free from pain and grief in a better place and I am sure if the Almighty needs any help on the fabric of heaven, Ron will be the first to volunteer.

Rest in peace old friend.

*John Thorne*

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to parish correspondent Chris Thorne  
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# KILMINGTON NEWS

**A LOVELY service was held in St Giles's Church on Saturday, December 11th to celebrate people who have special needs, the elderly and the lonely members in our communities.**

It was a joyful occasion. The singing was accompanied by Margaret Hurford on the piano, Christine Thorne ably took over leading the service at short notice and Elana said beautiful prayers.

The Five Alive Open the Book (OTB) team presented a costume drama based on the Christmas Story written by Bob Hartmann. It was the first time they had performed at a Celebrate Service and it was a great success, thank you OTB team and it would be splendid if you could come again sometime. It was very uplifting to see the happy faces of everyone as they followed the music and the words of the prayers.

Sadly, due to present Covid restrictions some of the usual participants were missing but there was a good congregation nevertheless.

The afternoon concluded with a

## Joyful celebration

superb tea prepared by Barbara Woodsford, Val Harding, Pearl Hurford and Sheila Hill, which was very much enjoyed.

Thanks go to all who came and who helped make it happen. Keep

safe and well and I hope that everyone had a very happy Christmas. The next Celebrate Service at St Giles's will be on Saturday, February 12th.

*Diana Mellows*



**ABOVE left, from left, back to front, Harvey Hannay, Jon Hannay, Zak Hannay, Joshua Cox, Suzette Cox, Caleb Cox, Diana Mellows, Maya Hannay England, Lilian Tucker. Above right, from left, Caleb Cox, Maya Hannay England, Joshua Cox**

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# STOCKLAND NEWS

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## 100 winners announced

**THE Stockland 100 Club winners for November have been drawn.**

The winners are: number 38 Beth Durrant, £20; number 25 Penny Walmsley, £10; number 75 Sabrina Bailey, £5.

The December bumper draw winners will be announced in due course.

Thanks to everyone who supported the village hall this year, £575 has been banked for the hall funds. Subscriptions will be due again for 2022. To renew the same number is still £10 for 11 monthly draws of £20, £10 and £5.

Bumper Christmas draw £50, £20, £10 and £5. Payment can be made online. Bank details — sort code 30-92-40 account 00655693. Add your surname and initials as the reference and hand cash in a marked envelope to Monica, Barbara, Loops.

For further information contact 01404 881 535. All your support has been much appreciated.

*Monica Parris*

## Poppy Appeal great success

**THE Poppy Appeal house-to-house collection this year for the parish of Stockland was a great success raising a total of £1,088 in this centenary year of The Royal British Legion.**

My grateful thanks to all the poppy collectors who made this possible, and to everyone who helped to raise this substantial amount by their generous donations — all so very much appreciated.

*Rozanne Bulmer*



## Christmas joy

**A CHRISTMAS Tree Farm – what a place to visit before Christmas – all those trees just waiting to be placed in a front room to be decorated with lights, baubles, tinsel, and small presents with the larger ones placed carefully underneath.**

Little wonder that the children, pictured, from Stockland Primary School's Featherlake Class are smiling and having fun.

These were captured on the classes visit to the Cotley Christmas Tree Farm – a visit which certainly brought some early Christmas joy to the youngsters. They said hello to the reindeer and the Nativity donkey and warmed up with a hot chocolate before picking a real Christmas tree for their classroom.

*Lucy Shipley*





# STOCKLAND NEWS



## Festive market was just like old times

**SOME relief when Stockland Victory Hall doors opened for the annual craft fair on Saturday, December 11th.**

Stepping into the entrance hall and just like old times – accosted with raffle ticket sales immediately – not the winning ones though: a large hamper first prize!

Then into the main hall to be hit by sheer colour – stalls decorative in festive hues laden with Christmas goodies galore: exquisite artisan made wreaths, a pleasure for any front door; Christmas metal designs; delightful hand sewn animals (loved the miniature dogs and the gorgeous rabbits); Christmas cards, stockings and crackers, ceramic tree baubles; paintings; over-sized Advent calendars and of course cakes and mince pies whilst the tea bar and small lounge hosted hot drinks and

even more edible goodies.

So many of the stalls were run by Stockland residents. It was pleasing to see entrepreneurial youngsters in charge of their stalls alongside the more seasoned sellers.

Organiser Monica Parris noted the committee's thanks to all who came and supported the event, reiterating that this was the first market to be held for two years, adding they had really no idea of potential numbers to the fair, or even stall-holders especially given the awful weather, but brave it they did making for an excellent and successful morning – not forgetting the ever-popular Santa's grotto run by the preschool. Thanks must go to those serving refreshments and the helpers on the craft stall and hamper raffle.

**Stockland Victory Hall Committee**



**FESTIVE wreaths and crafts were offered at the village market**



**THE nativity scene from St Michael's Church, Stockland**

### PAUSE FOR PRAYER

**The Blessing of the Plough:  
A traditional prayer for Plough  
Sunday on January 9th, 2022**

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the seasons in their courses.

You provide seed for sowing, water, light and warmth to bring forth the miracle of growth.

You give us skill to work the land, to prepare and nourish it that it may be fruitful.

By your blessing, prosper the work of our hands and provide abundant crops for your people to share.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Amen.

**Contributed by Philippa Wilks**

# STOCKLAND NEWS

## 'Proper job'

VISITORS were wowed as The King's Arms pulled out all the stops for the December Ladies Lunch.

The King's Room was simply but beautifully decorated, and it was warm and oh so cosy.

The lunch was outstanding: service was excellent, the food was delicious; it really made for a lunch to remember. Has the King's Arms been a tad over-congratulated here? Indeed, no way – they did a 'proper job'.

Then the 19 Ladies who sat down to enjoy this environment and the meal: thank you all so much for making the lunch an absolute joy – thank you for joining in the fun and the banter and thanks to all who praised the King's Arms and recognised the asset the village has. And another thank you to those skilled origami crafters – amazing skills emerged from the group.

The raffle too was fun but one member having now won it twice may have to be banned in the future!

*The Ladies Lunch Committee*

## Christingle

**WHAT a joyous occasion today with the hosting of such an incredible Christingle service: the first proper family service for two years.**

It was an enjoyable service beautifully prepared by the Rev Julie Lomas, assisted by Cara Gilmour-White. There was a lovely atmosphere with children and parents invited to make up their Christingles together during the service with each part being interspersed by readings and prayers read by the children. There was much fun and laughter accompanied by great singing by all of uplifting Christingle songs.

About 90 people attended with refreshments served afterwards by the amazing support team.

All thanks to everyone involved in ensuring the day's success.

*Rozanne Bulmer*

# Remembrance Day service finally held

By Roxanne Bulmer

**AFTER the cancellation of the Remembrance Day service last year to the third lockdown, finally we were able to hold a service of remembrance in the church.**

Those present remembered those who fell during both the first and second world wars at the memorial plaque inside the church.

There was a short procession from the rear of the church to lay wreaths at the plaque. The names read out, the exhortation said, followed by the two-minute silence, after which the standard was taken to be placed on the altar for the duration of the service.

The service was taken by the Rev Michael Selman for the fourth time in a row; this was a very moving and poignant service, particularly as this year was also the centenary of The Royal British Legion. Due to unforeseen circumstances our organist was unable to be with us so the choir did a marvellous job of leading the congregation by singing the hymns unaccompanied.



Wreaths represented the Church, the Parish Council, the community and the school; the latter had made their own especially and it was presented by Alice and Harry Shepherd. Sadly, Terry Fox was also unable to be with us in his capacity of the Legion standard bearer, so James Bateman stepped in to take on this role which he carried out with great aplomb.

Refreshments were served by the team afterwards which gave everyone a chance to catch up and remember those family members not present.

## Ladies' skittles team back in action

**ALTERNATE Friday evenings at the King's Arms have seen the ladies' skittles group very up and running and determined in action – recently against a team from The King's Arms, Seaton.**

The evening proved a mixture of some seriousness accompanied by lots of pure fun, banter and encouragement.

The average scores for both teams of four per team member was somewhat disconcerting, but indeed there was an abundantly clear explanation and one which has absolutely nothing to do with the beverages purchased.

Firstly, the skittles are huge – easy to hit – no way: the ball just rolled

through the gaps! A heavier ball is available but it has proven too heavy to handle.

Star of the evening and of several subsequent matches, Jane Smith, managed indeed against all odds to score an eight on the evening in question, but then the rest of the scores sadly matched the average.

But what entertaining an evening; both teams were clearly enjoying the challenge and their involvement: loads of pure sports person ship shown throughout the match.

Great to see the ladies' group back in action and also to see the full facilities of the King's Arms in use. Well, done everyone!

*Gill Metcalfe*





# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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**HAVE you missed Whitford Summer Show over the last two years?**

Many people certainly have, so Whitford Produce Association is beginning to make plans to hold one in 2022.

Unfortunately, over the last two years many of our helpers are no longer able to help for various reasons, so we are in need of a small army of able bodies to help at times over the four days that it takes to organise the show.

After much discussion, the committee has decided to hold an open meeting following on from our annual meeting on January 20th at 7.30pm, to establish how we can manage the show. Sadly, if we are not able to recruit enough helpers, the show will probably have

## Whitford Summer Show needs you!

to be cancelled.

Helpers are needed from Thursday lunchtime, Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday to help set up and dismantle. There are many jobs, from helping with car parking arrangements, setting up tables and gazebos to preparing teas and many more in between.

We are a very friendly bunch, and would welcome any newcomers with open arms, so don't worry if

you are new to the area and haven't been to one of our shows yet.

Please do come to this special meeting and let us know how you feel about giving a hand. If you are unable to come, but would like to commit please email me at [maureendavey@btinternet.com](mailto:maureendavey@btinternet.com) or ring me on 07759904440.

**Maureen Davey**  
*Chairman of Whitford Produce Association*



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# YARCOMBE NEWS

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## Much thought given to the word 'when'

By Rebecca Bell

**WE all realised Christmas 2021 would quickly be upon us as Julie lit the first Advent Candle in St John the Baptist on Advent Sunday.**

During the service, much thought was given to the word 'when' in the three readings and Julie's address.

Jeremiah: 33 v 14, 'The time is coming when I will fulfil the promise that I made to the people of Israel and Judah.'

Thessalonians: 3 v 13, 'When our Lord Jesus comes with all who belong to Him.'

Luke: 21 v 27, 'Then the Son of Man will appear... When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near.'

After a lovely service, Julie and Steve, plus six members of the PCC, walked the very short distance to the Yarcombe Inn to enjoy a very tasty Sunday roast and pudding.

It is so good to have the Yarcombe Inn open again and it was excellent to be together and continue our fellowship after the service.

Thank you to Barbara Salter who served refreshments after the service and for her delightful greenery arrangement for the Advent candles.

## Pastoral meet

**ON Thursday, December 2nd, the Pastoral Team for Yarcombe and Marsh met at Mary Smith's house for the yearly gathering.**

This is always prior to delivering the Christmas cards to every home in the parish. It was lovely to have Julie with us on this occasion along with eight members of the team and, of course, Mary our co-ordinator.

Mary works very hard updating the parish lists when people move in and out of the two villages and there have been many comings and goings over the past year! As well as organising the 'welcome packs' for new arrivals, we were all very pleased with the photo on this year's front cover of the Christmas card, following on from last year's successful colouring competition. As well as a Christmas Bible verse and sending our seasonal good wishes, there is a diary of services and events that will be taking place in December. However, this is greatly reduced again this year due to Covid precautions. Every year we also include a 'memory star' with the card which can be hung on the Christmas tree in church, with a message or name of a loved one written on the reverse.

*Rebecca Bell*

Send your Yarcombe news, photos and events to new village correspondent for The Parishes' Paper – Rebecca Bell  
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### YARCOMBE WEATHER NOVEMBER 2021

	2021	2020	2019
Average Max.temperature	10.6°C	11.2°C	8.5°C
Average Min.	5.6°C	6.6°C	5.4°C
Average Overall temperature	8.1°C	8.9°C	6.9°C
Rainfall	25.4 mm	89.9mm	152.4 mm
Wettest Day	24th 12.9mm	14th 24.3 mm	25th 15.9 mm
Sunniest Day	25th 7 hrs approx.	6th 8.0 hrs	18th 8.5hrs
Warmest Day	13th 14.0°C	1st 15.4°C	1st 13.7°C
Coldest Night	29th -0.1°C	4th 1.0°C	9th 0.4°C
Sunshine hours.	81 hours approx	70 hrs	62 hrs

MILD autumn weather continued during the month until storm Arwen hit the UK during the last quarter of November. Not much rain but the very high winds causing a lot of damage in the North. As the storm passed through the daily temperature dropped by several degrees throughout the country.

*Tony Newman*



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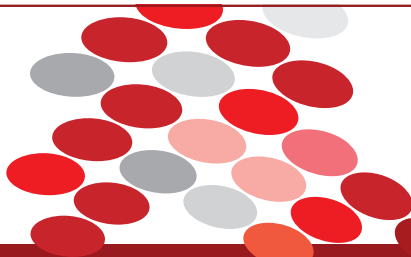
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<b>January</b>		
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10am - 12noon Every Tuesday	The Beacon, Kilmington	Post Office - Pop-up Pop Office available for walk in services. Held each Tuesday morning.
10am-12noon Every Wednesday	St Giles's Church, Kilmington	Mums and Babies Support Group – A special time for mothers and young babies. Contact Diana Mellows 01297 32334 or Mary Tyler 01297 34958
3pm 9th January	St Peter's, Dalwood	Three Kings' Family Service – come dressed up as a king or a queen. Crowns will be made during the service
6:45pm 22nd January	Kilmington Village Hall	Kilmington Community Cinema: No Time to Die (12A) - for booking and times see <a href="http://www.kilmingtonvillage.com/other-organisatinos.htm">www.kilmingtonvillage.com/other-organisatinos.htm</a> *Booking essential as limited space available*
<b>February</b>		
6:45pm 9th February & 2:15pm 10th Feb	Kilmington Village Hall	Kilmington Community Cinema: Little Women (U) (2019) - for booking and times see <a href="http://www.kilmingtonvillage.com/other-organisatinos.htm">www.kilmingtonvillage.com/other-organisatinos.htm</a> *Booking essential as limited space available*
3pm 25th February	St Giles, Kilmington	Let's Celebrate Service - a service especially for those with additional needs and their carers though all are welcome

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