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REMEMBRANCE



November 2022					
DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Tuesday November 1st	7pm Mission Community Service for All Souls Day hosted by Kilmington				
Wednesday November 2nd	9:30am Said Communion				
Sunday November 6th	11am Mission Community CONFIRMATION Service with Holy Communion hosted by Stockland lead by Bishop Jackie Searle				
Tuesday November 8th		9.30am Said Communion			
Sunday November 13th	10.50am Remembrance Service	9.45am Joint Remembrance Service with Baptist Church	10.50am Remembrance Service with Holy Communion	10.50am Remembrance Service for All Ages	10.50am Remembrance Service with Chard Band
Wednesday November 16th	9.30am Said Communion				
Sunday November 20th	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion		11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday November 22nd		9.30am Said Communion			
Sunday November 27th	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Service of the Word	6.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Wednesday November 30th	9.30am Said Communion				

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 6v9

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LOOKING BACK AND REACHING OUT

REV JULIE LOMAS

TIME flies when you are having fun! Well, this year has certainly flown by so I must be having lots of fun.

As I write this for the November issue of *The Parishes' Paper*, today is the one year anniversary of me being licensed priest-in-charge of the Five Alive Mission Community and I can honestly say, along with husband Steve, that we are so glad we took the plunge and moved here to be among you, and to serve you through the life and ministry of the church.

If I have not yet met you then do keep an eye out for me and say hello, as I am still learning my way around lanes, trying to remember faces and names, and how to dodge the potholes.

My reversing skills in the car have improved no end, but I have created two rather large scratches on the car in the process.

Looking back is something we do a lot of in November. We are holding our annual memorial service on Tuesday, November 1st as we look

back and remember with love and prayers those whom we have loved and lost, whom we miss terribly, and who we want to remember before God and in the quiet of our hearts.

This year, we are moving the service to St Giles's Church, Kilmington, and we will meet for a service at 7pm — please note the change of location from that which was printed in the October issue of *The Parishes' Paper*.

Please do come along either for yourself or to support someone you know who has been bereaved.

We will continue to look back when on Sunday, November 13th as each village in our mission community will host an act of remembrance and service for the nation's annual Remembrance Day commemorations. To find out what service is being run near you please look at page 2, and check the start times as they vary.

I am also using this coming month to look back over the last years of the life and ministry of the mission community, reflecting on what has

been, and also looking ahead, beginning to plan for the next five years, doing so prayerfully and enthusiastically, thanking God for His constant presence and provision in all our lives.

One of the areas we will be thinking about is how we support our village communities with a warm welcome this winter. As the cost of living and fuel prices go up, many of us will be thinking about ways to cut costs and energy use, but we don't want anyone to go hungry or cold.

Let's pool our ideas, and reach out to one another with hospitality, friendship and companionship.

Finally, I hope you will join me in praying for those who are being confirmed by the Bishop of Crediton, Rt Rev Jackie Searle, at Stockland church on Sunday, November 6th. You are welcome to join us for this special time of commitment and celebration as we begin the service at 11am.

Every blessing.



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COVER: Last year's remembrance memorial outside St Peter's Church, Dalwood

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PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 59 — chosen by DAVID WILSDON

YOU will not be surprised to learn that Psalm 59 does not appear at all in the liturgy of today's Common Worship.

For it seems to be relevant to a time when the city of Jerusalem was extremely nervous about the nearby presence of foreign enemies, even to the extent of being sure that they were likely to be prowling about the city at night, snarling like dogs.

Apart from that aspect of the psalm, however, we read that God will sort things out; he is the strength, tower and refuge, ruler to the ends of the earth, and his steadfast love will be praised every morning, for, in that steadfast love, he will come.

PSALM 59

1. Rescue me from my enemies, O my God; set me high above those that rise up against me.
2. Save me from the evil doers and from murderous foes deliver me.
3. For see how they lie in wait for my soul and the mighty stir up trouble against me.
4. Not for any fault or sin of mine,

O Lord; for no offence, they run and prepare themselves for war.

5. Rouse yourself, come to my aid and see; for you are the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel;
6. Awake, and judge all the nations; show no mercy to the evil traitors.
7. They return at nightfall and snarl like dogs and prowl about the city.
8. They pour out evil words with their mouths; swords are on their lips; 'For who' they say, 'can hear us?'
9. But you laugh at them, O Lord; you hold all the nations in derision.
10. For you, O my strength, will I watch; you, O God, are my strong tower.
11. My God in his steadfast love will come to me; he will let me behold the downfall of my enemies.
12. Slay them not, lest my people forget; send them reeling by your might and bring them down, O Lord, our shield.

13. For the sins of their mouth, for the words of their lips, let them be taken in their pride.

14. For the cursing and falsehood they have uttered, consume them in wrath, consume them till they are no more.
15. And they shall know that God rules in Jacob, and to the ends of the earth.
16. And still they return at nightfall and snarl like dogs and prowl about the city.
17. Though they forage for something to devour, and howl if they are not filled,
18. Yet will I sing of your strength, and every morning praise your steadfast love;
19. For you have been my stronghold, my refuge in the day of my trouble.
20. To you, O my strength, will I sing; for you, O God are my refuge, my God of steadfast love.

Bible readings November 2022

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 6 – Confirmation Service (Green)	Romans 12 v1-12	Luke 5 v1-11
Sun 13 (Green) Remembrance Sunday	Minister's choice / local arrangements	Minister's choice / local arrangements
Sun 20 Christ the King (White)	Psalm 46	Luke 23: 33 - 43
Sun 27 (Purple) Advent Sunday	Isaiah 4: 2 - end	Matthew 24: 36 - 44

From the registers

Funerals

A memorial service with burial of ashes for **Gwenda Mary Easton** took place at St Michael's Church in Shute on Saturday, October 15th

The funeral of **Lilian Bird** took place on October 17th at St Michael's Church, Shute



Five Alive offers a warm welcome to all this winter

By Rev Julie Lomas

WITH your help and support we would like to offer free, warm, and welcoming spaces in our village communities.

Working with all the local churches, parish councils and other membership organisations such as the Royal British Legion, businesses and local authorities, we want to make sure that nobody is left to suffer on their own this winter.

Free — Warm Welcome spaces will be free with no hidden costs.

Warm — Warm Welcome spaces are heated and able to provide basic refreshments such as tea and coffee.

Welcoming — Warm Welcome spaces are inclusive, non-judgmental spaces where everyone can expect a warm welcome from staff and

volunteers.

Safe — Every organisation setting up a Warm Welcome space will abide by their usual safeguarding policies and hygiene rules. Organisations will make basic signposting information available to people who need further support and help.

Across the Five Alive Mission Community we are beginning to put together our plans for how our church buildings can be used to offer a warm welcome this winter.

The buildings are already open every day, usually between 9.30am-4.30pm and are interesting places to visit.

Find out more about the national initiative by visiting www.warmwelcome.uk or to share ideas, resources, or to contribute in any way at a local level please get in touch with Rev Julie Lomas or your churchwarden.

KILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEN	WHAT
1st November 10:30am	Messy Sparklers - Fun sensory play group for preschoolers and parents, plus lunch for all! £2 donation requested
9.30-11am Every Wednesday	Tummies, Toddlers & Tinies - Group for all from bumps to toddlers
10:00am - 12:00pm Every Tuesday	Post Office - Pop up Pop Office available for walk in services. Held each Tuesday morning.
15th November 12:30pm	Community Contact Lunch - Open to all
19th November 8:00am	Men's Breakfast - All are welcome
26th November 8:30am	Women's Breakfast - All are welcome

Keep the Five Alive community in touch by sending your local news and photos to The Parishes' Paper each month

Email your contributions to parish correspondents – details on page 31

Please ensure all photos sent are a minimum of 1MB each to ensure we are able to publish them – thank you

Double baptism



FINN and Olanna Henderson were welcomed into the life of faith and the Church of England at a special service for the family on September 24th.

Parents Alex and Louise are pictured holding the children during the service.

The family have recently returned from New Zealand and are farmers in Stockland.

We look forward to seeing the children grow over the years, and we wish Finn a speedy recovery from his fractured leg following a garden footballing accident. Get well soon Finn.

Rev Julie Lomas

Growing prayer

LOCALS are invited to a prayer event throughout the Five Alive Mission Community during Advent.

Drop in to join Rev Julie Lomas for prayer for the life of the church, the village and the wider community, or prayer at these times in the comfort of your home.

Parish by Parish Prayer in church

Yarcombe: Thursday, December 1st, 1-3pm

Dalwood: Wednesday, December 7th, 10.30am-12.30pm

Shute: Thursday, December 8th, 9.30-11.30am

Stockland: Thursday, December 15th, 2-4pm

Kilminster: Tuesday, December 20th, 10.30am-12.30pm



SITUATION VACANT Five Alive Mission Community Administrator

Do you have gifts in administration? Do you like people and engaging with them in person and through different modes including e-mail, phone, social media? Are you able to take the initiative and work unsupervised whilst at the same being part of a team? Do you know anything about websites?

If you can answer yes to these questions, and would like to be part of the life and ministry of our parishes, then please get in touch to find out more. We are offering a part-time paid post of 6 hrs per week. Full Job Description, Terms of Service and Person Specification are available from Revd. Julie Lomas on 07488 278483 or by email from revjulielomas@gmail.com

*Deadline for Applications:
November 30th 2022
Interviews: to be arranged
in December*

The perils of being in charge of the heating

WINTER is one of the most difficult periods for those in charge of heating churches.

If you don't set the time clock early enough you hear people complaining that it was cold and why didn't "he" put it on earlier, and if it goes on too early then you have the treasurer after you asking, "Where do you think the money is coming from to pay for it?" Even having both roles doesn't make matters any easier, as you are pulled in both directions and have to come up with a compromise!

With fuel costs increasing astronomically at the present time, the problem is more difficult than ever, with consideration having to be given to turning down the heating and asking people to wear more layers of clothing to compensate for the lower temperature. The disadvantage with this is that the lower the temperature the less people can concentrate since they become more aware of the cold

and start thinking about ways of warming up instead of listening to the preacher. The moral of this would appear to be... If possible, avoid being in charge of the heating.

Dalwood Methodist Church continues to hold coffee mornings on the second Wednesday of the month, and the proceeds always go to a charity, usually ones that operate in our locality. The next one on November 9th is different in that it will be in aid of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, a very worthwhile cause.

Covid seems to have had an adverse affect on numbers coming, which means we raise less for the good causes. If you've not been to one before, or have got out of the practice of coming, we are a very friendly group of people and you will be given a warm welcome, so why not make a note to come to the next one.

**Roderick Ovey
Dalwood Methodist Church**

the beehive		Honiton's Community & Arts Venue	NOVEMBER 2022 EVENTS
THE HOLLOW - HONITON COMMUNITY THEATRE CO. 3-5 Nov 7.15pm £10 (J&L interpreted performance on Friday) By Agatha Christie. An unhappy game of romantic fallow the leader explodes into murder one weekend at The Hollow.		TICKET TO PARADISE (12A) Fri 18 Nov 7.30pm Adult £7.50, U16 £6.50 A divorced couple team up to stop their daughter from making the same mistake they think they made 25 years ago.	
NT LIVE: THE SEAGULL (15) Thu 10 Nov 7pm Adult £16, Student £13 Emily Clarke [Game of Thrones] makes her West End debut in this 21st century retelling of Chekhov's tale of love & loneliness.		SIMON & GARFUNKEL THROUGH THE YEARS Sat 19 Nov 7.30pm £20 (seated) "One of the greatest tribute shows anywhere in the world" - a celebration of the most successful folk-rock duo of the 1960s.	
MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS (PG) Fri 11 Nov 7.30pm Adult £7.50, U16 £6.50 Lesley Manville stars as an enchanting widowed cleaning lady in the 1960s, who falls in love with a couture Dior dress.		NOSTALGIC CINEMA: CHARIOTS OF FIRE (PG) Thu 24 Nov 2pm £4.50 includes hot drink & biscuits The 1981 thrilling and moving film. All are welcome at this dementia-friendly screening with subtitles.	
SWEET BLACK ANGELS & BLIMEYOHRILEY Sat 12 Nov 8pm £10 (standing gig) Two great bands in one night! Blimeyohriley - traditional genres with a glazing of Punk Rock. SBA - Melodic/Folk/Rock.		ROYAL BALLET: A DIAMOND CELEBRATION Thu 24 Nov screening 7.15pm Adult £17, Student £11 A dazzling showcase by the principals of the Royal Ballet, marking 60 years of the Friends of the Royal Opera House.	
THE BEEHIVE FOLK CAFÉ Wed 16 Nov 7.30pm Free entry Everyone is welcome to come along to sing or listen in the Beehive bar with our lovely folkie host, Sue King.		THE HISTORY OF ROCK Fri 25 Nov 7.30pm £25 (seated) A jaw dropping night transporting you through the golden ages of ROCK! Led Zeppelin, Cream, Guns N' Roses, and more.	
INDIA ELECTRIC COMPANY Thu 17 Nov 7.30pm £16, U25 £14 (seated) The fabulous indie pop/folk duo are back with a drummer! Using traditional instruments in contemporary styles. <small>*All dates correct as time of print. Please check website updates. Ticket prices include a £1 admin fee.</small> The Beehive • Dowell Street • Honiton • EX14 1LZ Box Office: 01404 384050 www.beehivehoniton.co.uk Charity 1162412		THE LOST KING (12A) Sat 26 Nov 7.30pm Adult £7.50, U16 £6.50 The story of the amateur historian who became convinced that she knows the final resting place of King Richard III. The Beehive • Dowell Street • Honiton • EX14 1LZ Box Office: 01404 384050 www.beehivehoniton.co.uk Charity 1162412	

By Julie Rich

Being part of history: HM Queen Elizabeth II – Lying in State

THE passing of The Queen although expected at some point was still a huge shock when it actually happened on the Thursday afternoon, and even though we have never met her, the sense of loss was greatly felt and several tears have been shed.

All of the television coverage over the following days was simply wonderful and at times we have found ourselves quite absorbed in it all. Looking back over her time as monarch for the past 70 years has made us all extremely proud. What an incredible lady, a true inspiration to us all.

On Wednesday, when the procession of transporting The Queen from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall took place, we all wished we were there. How amazing was that?

From Buckingham Palace, along The Mall, Horse Guards Road across to Horse Guards Parade and onto Whitehall to Parliament Square and into the Palace of Westminster where she would lie in state until the day of her funeral.

The live stream of people visiting her and paying their respects was strangely quite addictive.

Then there were comments over dinner of "I'd like to go," and "Me too". Lots of thinking and debating followed, could we actually go? So after much pondering and looking at train times, we thought let's do it, we are never going to experience anything like this ever again, this is part of history.

So, on Thursday evening, we caught the train from Crewkerne at 8.40pm and arrived at London Waterloo at midnight, hopped on the underground to Bermondsey and, along with many others, walked until we found the end of the queue using the WhatThreeWords app with Navy.Noises.Overnight at Southwark Park.

Once there, we slowly walked through a huge cascade of metal barriers until about 2am, then a hike through several streets of old and new buildings, then finally we were given our wristbands just before we arrived at Tower Bridge.

Oh my, the view by night was superb, after walking through lots of back streets the lights of Tower Bridge were extremely welcome.

The queue took us along The Queen's Walk, where we could see and pass many iconic landmarks. St Paul's Cathedral, The Millennium Footbridge, Shakespeare's globe shining bright at 3.20am, The Tate Modern, The Oxo Tower, The Royal National Theatre, Waterloo Bridge and by 8.20am we had made it to The Southbank Centre and then we could finally see The London Eye.

On a normal day, this walk should have taken around 25 minutes but it took us five hours! During these early hours, it got particularly cold and much marching on the spot took place to keep the circulation going. The girls lined up for about an hour to get a hot chocolate for us all to try and warm up, I stayed in the queue. Then it was around Jubilee Gardens along Belvedere Road towards Westminster Bridge. By now, it was 9.20am and here we walked along the The National Covid Memorial Wall, full of hearts with touching inscriptions to those who lost their lives in the pandemic. It went on and on and on. What an emotional and touching tribute.

We had made it to Lambeth Bridge, crossing this was very chilly even though the sun was shining bright. Then down the steps into Victoria Tower Gardens South at 10.30am. Here was when it looked like you were nearing the end but in actual fact there were colossal lines of roped zig-zags to still get through, this took three hours before entering the high level security.

Phones off and then the reality that we were finally at the entrance to Westminster Hall. We approached the incline of steps of the cold stone building, up we went, my heart beating like a drum.

We were ushered around to the top of the stairs leading down to where The Queen was lying in state, because the changing of the guards was just about to take place.

This was totally fascinating to see, such precision timing, just like clockwork. The thumping of the

sword, the sound was incredible. After viewing this on television, how could we actually be here in person? The colours were so intense, so much more vivid than the TV portrays. The perfection of the uniformed guards and the Royal Standard Flag was immense.

Now it was our turn to pay our respects to our beloved Queen. We bowed our heads and said a big thank you. We were unaware that the Prime Minister of New Zealand was also paying her respects at the same time as us. This coverage was on the national news and our twins, Katie and Ellie, and their friend, Daisy Drew, were in the background of the report. She has said in an interview that The Queen was there for all of her people and now all of her people are there for her. So very true.

It also became apparent that David Beckham was only 45 minutes behind us in the queue!

So, in all, it took us 13 hours from start to finish and although being extremely exhausting, almost falling asleep stood up at times, every second was totally worthwhile. This experience was magical, surreal, magnificent, glorious and most of all memorable, something we shall never ever forget.

The volumes of people were unimaginable, but although such huge crowds, all were calm, respectful and patient every step of the way. People became friends with those around them and became like family, all looking out for one another.

After our visit to Westminster Hall we walked the reverse of The Queen's last journey and headed to another queue to see the floral tributes in Green Park. We have never seen anything like it, the colours were so wonderful.

We would like to thank HM Queen Elizabeth II for her long and loyal service, she devoted her life to her role and what a role model she was.

So in the words of Paddington Bear — "We thank you, Ma'am, for everything."



Please join us on the 25th November

The Tythe Barn, Cotley,

Somerset, TA20 3EP

OPEN 2.00pm - 7.00pm

Gallop Guru - Sparrow Leatherwork - Bunnies Love Preserves

Hi Ho Silver - Dalwood Vineyard

Barrington Pottery - Shaker Wood Work

Floweringi - Penstone Country Crafts

Foraging Pheasant - The Muddy Dog Company

The Pastry Bench - Tweed and Country

Juliette Brasher Equestrian Art

Cotley Kitchen for Seasonal Refreshments

Free Entry, Free Parking, Tombola, Charity Raffle



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Tennis
Club

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Wine & Wisdom

Saturday, 19th November

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Stockland Victory Hall

Teams of 6, £6 per person

Refreshments and a bottle of wine per team included.

Bar

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Stockland Victory Hall

Saturday 3rd December

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❖ Food Stalls

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All Welcome

For information and bookings

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DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING

AT THE CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

10-30 AM - 12 NOON

WITH A "BRING AND BUY" STALL

IN AID OF

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

DO COME AND ENJOY A

CUPPA AND A CHAT!





DALWOOD NEWS

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Some delightful and unexpected sights

By Michael Dods

SOME rather delightful, beautiful, surprising and sometimes, totally unexpected things can be seen and heard at the monthly coffee concerts in St Peter's Church, Dalwood.

September's concert, given by the duo Dave Wicken on guitar and Katie Rook on saxophone, was no exception.

The audience experienced a lively half-hour of short popular pieces, finishing with a guest appearance of Jim Newton on Cajon (box-shaped percussion).

There is no charge for the concert, with free coffee and biscuits and opportunities to chat. Anyone wishing to donate, a collection is being made for the local cancer charity, FORCE. The concerts are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 10.30am.

**Flower rota for
St Peter's Church, Dalwood
November 2022**

5th - Janet Lee
12th - Everyone, poppies
19th - Everyone, remove poppies
26th - Judith Chard

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Delicious ...Come in and have a look...



Christmas is nearly here: to avoid disappointment don't forget to order your Dalwood Christmas Calendar 2022

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Saturday: 8.30am – 5.30pm
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KILMINGTON NEWS

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All join in widow and coins play

ECO AWARD FOR CHURCH

ST Giles's Church, Kilmington, now has enough ECO Church points to apply for a bronze award.

It has been a lot of hard work, but the church team is very excited to finally be in the position to be able to claim this reward and to show the ECO credentials.

"We will not stop here; we will aim for the silver award next," said Christopher Thorne.

"At the same time, we plan to help the other churches within the Five Alive to achieve bronze — or better — ECO Church Awards by passing on our experiences and to help them wherever possible.

"We think that the whole process is very enlightening and makes you consider ECO subjects which you may not have thought about before.

It was hoped the bronze plaque would be available for display in time for the ECO fayre and litter pick event that was due to be held before this publication went to press.

By Elana-May Blackmore

A FUN-FILLED Celebrate Together service was held on Saturday, September 8th with glorious weather.

This time we explored the story of the Widow and her Coins, from the Bible. The service was led by Christopher Thorne, he did a wonderful job at leading the congregation. It's always fun to get together and to spend time singing and dancing to the songs that Margaret Hurford so beautifully plays.

A drama was performed based on the widow's coins which was narrated by Christine Mills. The young adults, parents and carers were asked to count the money as it was put into the silver bowl at the front.

I played the lawyer, which was great fun; we also had John Thorne as the very rich man, Anna Crabbe as one of Jesus's friends, Christine Thorne as the merchant and Greta Lidster as the poor widow. Jesus was played by Christopher Thorne.

After the drama, we had a wonderful talk provided by Christine, who did a fantastic job of concluding the meaning of the widow's coins.

During the talk a bag full of everyday

items was used which held items such as a wooden spoon, a tea towel, a clothing peg and a watering can. We asked members of the congregation to pull out an object from the bag and then we asked everyone to tell us how that item could be used.

Christine asked how each item could be used to help others; for instance, the spoon could be used to bake a cake which could then be given to someone to sustain them.

Christine concluded that each one of us can use the gifts God has given us to help others. A few more songs were sung and then I prayed for the world and for current situations; we also had a sharing time to allow others to have a chance to say prayers too.

The congregation tucked into some delicious food which was provided by Shelia Hill, Barbara Woodsford and Pearl Hurford. This, as always, was devoured by everyone.

Thanks go to all who make the Celebrate Together services possible. It is such a blessing for all who attend. Our next Celebrate Together service in Kilmington will be on Saturday, December 10th at 3pm at St Giles's Church where there will be a Christmas theme. For more details please contact Christine Thorne on 07814 041059.



MANY enjoy the Celebrate Together September service



KILMINGTON NEWS

Massive £389 raised for farming charity from harvest lunch

By Christopher Thorne

A WONDERFUL harvest festival service and lunch was enjoyed on Sunday, October 9th.

The sun came out for a great service and the lunch was very successful. Thanks go to the 'flower ladies' of Kilmington, the displays in the church and the sheaves on the gates were fantastic. They added greatly to the ambience within St Giles's Church.

Rev Julie Lomas led a lovely service with a Tesco shopping trolley adding much amusement, especially when Lesley pushed it up and down the central aisle whilst the congregation added edibles to its already brimming basket. These items were all destined for the Axminster Food Bank, for those that are struggling to pay for everyday essentials.

The people of Kilmington did the village proud and showed how caring the community is.

A large harvest loaf was on display — thanks to Paul's Bakery in Seaton for being one of the few bakeries around that bake such a loaf. Thanks go to the baker, to his staff, to the person who delivered the ingredients, to the producers and all of those involved. This was the theme of the service, where consideration was given to all those involved whether they live locally or far away and where thanks was given for them doing their part so that we have food to eat.

As Rev Julie said, it is so easy to just

eat and to not consider how the food has arrived on our plate and to give thanks to all of those involved. This is as the lepers gave thanks to Jesus when they were healed, with one continuing to stay close to Jesus after he was healed and to continue to give thanks and not to forget.

The harvest loaf was taken over to the village hall following the service and part of it was consumed following a main meal and pudding. The meal consisted of cottage pie with peas and gravy. Dessert was apple crumble with custard. The bread was eaten with butter and cheese and to finish we had tea or coffee and After Eight mints. Cider and apple juice was also available.

Several ladies in the village had made the cottage pies, other ladies made the apple crumbles. All were delicious, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and were relieved to be able to eat together after these last turbulent years.

Thanks go to Christine Thorne especially, who did much of the coordinating and who worked so hard in the kitchen together with Di Seward, Shelia Hill and Pearl Hurford. Thanks also to Diana Church and to Jean Thorne, who looked after the raffle. Thanks to all who were involved and who helped pack up in record time.

A huge £389 was raised for the Farming Community Network which the church has supported in the past. This is almost as large as previous donations with less numbers.



KILMINGTON NEWS

Start of school

AT the start of the school term, some walk in nervous, some stride in with confidence, but we all settle in the same way.

At Kilmington Primary School, we were all very nervous as we walked into the classroom. After the awkward five-minute silence, we were all chatting like there was no tomorrow.

Stepping onto the playground was like a walk in the park. By the end of the first week the year 6 children still thought that they were the year 5s and the year 5s still thought that they were year 4s. But now we've gotten used to it and we don't know any different.

We may differ in personalities, but we all treat each other with respect. Everyone in this school has thoroughly enjoyed these first few weeks at school.

*Head and Deputy Pupils of
Kilmington Primary School*

Kilmington Primary School Foundation Stage children have two new baby dolls called Amber Rose and Tommy Baby.

These were names the children carefully chose. They have been learning about Christenings and they were very excited to have our babies baptised in the church. Rev Julie Lomas took them through the whole process and the children were fascinated and took their roles very seriously. It has really helped bring our learning in RE to life.

*Mrs Emma Brogan
Foundation Stage Teacher*

Handbell meet

THERE will be a very warm welcome to anyone who would like to join a meeting on Saturday, October 29th, 10am to 12noon, for the first handbell meeting.

There will be subsequent meetings on Saturday mornings leading up to Christmas.

Rob Stacey will be leading this with his own set of handbells and with his experience. There will be coffee, tea and juice and biscuits available too.

Celia Dunsford

**ORGANIST
Peter
Shepherd
with Rev
Julie Lomas**



Medley of music: Organist Peter is master at his work

By Christopher Thorne

A DELIGHTFUL organ recital was held by Peter Shepherd on Wednesday, September 28th at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

Rev Julie Lomas welcomed Peter; she asked him questions so that we all got to know him a little better.

A crowd of roughly 30 joined from near and far and all who attended were enthralled with the medley of music

that Peter brought that evening. Much thanks goes to Peter for the time that he spent.

He was a wonderful young man and he truly was a master at work. Thanks also goes to Christine Mills and her team for the hard work that they put in to make the evening special. The nibbles and drinks topped off a memorable evening.

Donations were given at the door, some of which will be well spent on the church.



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STOCKLAND NEWS

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A busy start for all at village primary

By Miss Bendall

AT Stockland Primary Academy, we have been very busy in the first few weeks of the autumn term.

All of our new reception children have settled in extremely well and have made an excellent start to their primary school journey and we have been pleased to welcome over 10 schools to our cross-country events over the last few weeks.

Class 1 have been enjoying many different stories, some favourites have included Farmer Duck and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Class 2 have an enchanting fairy garden in their outdoor area which they have loved exploring. Class 3 had a wonderful visit from Dr Shipley, who wowed the class with all her fascinating facts about prehistoric Britain and the children were allowed to handle genuine artefacts dating back to the Stone Age. Class 4 have been busy visiting their new potential secondary schools and taking part in a very exciting science experiment involving mouldy bread.

Our science ambassadors were invited

to The Redstart Primary School in Chard to take part in a science day where they took part in many different fun activities.

If you are looking for a school space for your child, we currently do have spaces. Please contact the school office to arrange a tour with the Head of School. You can get in touch via email at stockland@redstartpartnership.co.uk.

Stockland School Flowers in Green Park, Central London

The following exert is taken from a letter received by the school from a member of the public who was clearly moved by the school's tribute to the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

"Probably a bit of a weird email to get, but I live in north London and was visiting the flowers left for The Queen in Green Park yesterday.

"I saw the beautiful tribute your children had made for The Queen which really stood out. I thought of my own (now grown up) children who may have wondered what would happen to it once it had been left and even today their tribute is still looking lovely."

Fly-tipping: blot on our landscape

IN August, I was taking my dogs for a walk through the lovely lanes surrounding Stockland when I came upon what I first thought was the aftermath of some dreadful road accident. Closer inspection revealed a pile of plastic car body parts dumped at the side of the road.

Clearly someone had dismantled a car and wanted to avoid the trouble and expense of taking the parts to a proper recycling centre. Incidents of this sort are becoming increasingly frequent and remote and little used lanes seem to be the preferred destination for the people indulging in fly-tipping.

East Devon District Council (EDDC) is responsible for the removal of fly-tipping on highways, roads, pavements and lay-

bys. But not on private property. Incidents can be reported online to EDDC at eastdevon.gov.uk/environmental-maintenance/report-fly-tipping. It is useful to use the What3Words app to identify the precise location. When I tried to use the online reporting service, it wasn't working properly. I believe another resident who found the same problem eventually reported the fly-tipping by telephone.

The dumped material remained there for some time but, about a month later, I walked past again, and it was all gone. I would like to think that the perpetrator had a fit of remorse and came back to remove it, but I expect that it was the council doing its duty.

Jeremy Walsh

Harvest church visit for children

CHILDREN at Stockland and Yarcombe preschools had a wonderful time visiting St Michael and All Angels Church, Stockland, recently.

Staff and children walked to the church where they were greeted by Rev Julie Lomas and Rozanne Bulmer.

Rev Julie had kindly set up a trail around the church grounds for the children to search for hidden bee signposts.

Each bee held a special message for the children to learn about key values. Once inside the church, the children were able to enjoy the harvest festival decorations as well as add to the church's food collection which will be donated to a local food bank.

The children then gathered for a story about Noah's Ark before learning a song to sing together.

As always Stockland and Yarcombe preschools would like to thank Rev Julie and Rozanne for their time and providing a lovely learning experience for the children to enjoy.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

Remembering
by Nick Harding

In this time of quiet we remember:
we think of those who are sad right now;
we think of those who are despairing;
we think of those who see no hope.
In this time of quiet we remember:
we think of God who knows pain;
we think of God who loves;
we think of God who comforts.
In this time of quiet, we remember.

Contributed by Philippa Wilks

Photos sent to The Parishes' Paper must be at least 1MB in size please. Thank you.

STOCKLAND NEWS

By Gill Metcalfe

ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

THE annual Stockland Tennis Club Finals in early September once again served up some high-quality tennis.

The first action on court saw the Under-16 girls take part in a 'round robin' event. After some really close matches, the winner of the final game between Alice Shepherd and reigning champion, Saffron Doble, would decide the outcome. Alice won the deciding game and picked up her first winner's trophy.

The Mixed Doubles final saw mother-and-son pairing, Rowena and Paul Drew, take on Alice Whitley and newcomer Richard Switzer. The Drews, who had never been drawn together in over 30 years of being eligible, won in two straight sets with Rowena, two months into her 70th year.

The Under-13s saw Toby Taylor defend his title with a hard-fought victory over the fast-improving Archie Parris. Archie started really well, sharing the first few games before Toby won out in two sets.



MIXED Doubles contestants, from left, Paul Drew, Rowena Drew, Richard Switzer, Alice Whitley

The Men's Singles final was next on court with a familiar face, Paul Drew, taking on Quentin Sorel appearing in his first final. Quentin, perhaps still feeling the effects of his epic two-and-a-half-hour semi-final against Paul's son, Josias, two days earlier, struggled to get into his rhythm initially and Paul quickly took the first set. Paul's greater consistency won through enabling him to collect the trophy for the 32nd time.

Next on court was the Ladies' Doubles final. Alice Whitley and Sue Armstrong were up against Cathy Derryman and Serena Kerr.

Alice and Sue edged two very closely fought sets with spectators feeling disappointed that the match didn't go into a third set.

The crowd certainly got their money's worth in the Men's Doubles. Paul was back on court with tennis club chairman Ted Espir taking on another committee member, Phil Bennett, who was joined, his side of the net, by Jim Durrant.

Ted and Paul got off to a good start and took the opening set.

This paid dividends with them winning the second set and taking the match into a decider. Jim and Phil deservedly lifted the trophy.

The final match, the Ladies' Singles, between mother and daughter Jenny and Alice Whitley, is still to be played and should be another cracker if their past matches are anything to go by.



A Floral Demonstration Evening with Julia Harrison

We are holding a Floral Demonstration in the Church with Area Demonstrator and Judge Julia Harrison.

~Floral Pedestals with/without Foam.
~Advent Ring

St Michael & All Angels Church,
Stockland.

7.00pm Friday 25th November
Admission £8 to include wine & nibbles

Proceeds to Church Flower Fund and a
Donation to King's House Hospice, Honiton



Everyone Welcome
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please contact:-

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STOCKLAND NEWS

'Regulars' step up to the plate to create harvest lunch with only four days' notice!

By Gill Metcalfe

A CHURCH festooned with magnificent flower displays courtesy of the Ladies Flower Group provided an outstanding setting for the harvest festival service celebration — and a story to tell regarding the harvest lunch.

On Sunday, September 25th, Rev Julie Lomas put the congregation through its paces with a spelling challenge behind her harvest festival talk at Stockland's church.

Holding up letters, volunteers were rearranged by pupils from Stockland's school to spell the words harvest, Earth, starve-, share and heart, with Rev Julie explaining the message.

Prayers were led by children from the school, with a harvest-focused Holy Communion to draw the service to a

close. The next family service is on Sunday, November 13th for Remembrance Sunday.

The harvest lunch following had its own part to play. The pandemic and its current return bode ill for all communities and as often commented here in *The Parish es' Paper*, it has meant the demise of so many of the actives once seen as the norm.

Much has disappeared from the annual calendar: recent comments have cited the loss of the Christmas lunch, the loss of SWAG and where has the tennis quiz nite gone? Then as autumn arrives, there was no plan for the harvest lunch either.

That was until just four days before. The lunch, to complement and celebrate the harvest church service, was arranged by those who can only be termed as 'the regulars' — those who

get things done repeatedly.

Unbelievably, they delivered a fantastic buffet lunch with dessert. Almost everything on the plates was homemade or home grown, all so fresh and it tasted delicious.

All praise is insufficient, but so much thanks goes to conspiring organisers, Trish Bass, Annie Williams, Janet Fox and Monica Parris. Further thanks goes to Jerry Walsh, Jane Smith, Julia and Andrew Howard, Rowena and Bryan Drew and the male contingent clearing the hall and tables after so many had gone home.

The unnamed quiche makers and washers up deserve applause all round for such a mammoth achievement. Anyone omitted — apologies, but know that you contributed to a very special lunch which raised £405 and was attended by 52 people!



SOME of the stunning flower arrangements created by a special group of ladies and, left, the lunch being served



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Saving the pub

'THE great British pub is in danger of extinction — here's how we saved ours', so ran the headline in a recent weekend supplement of *The Sunday Telegraph*.

The story told of how one village despite all the odds — the current wholesale demise of the traditional archetypal village pub — brought its pub back to life and indeed perhaps a village revival.

Membury resident and journalist Boudicca Fox-Leonard reported on the efforts of Stockland community to revive the King's Arms — citing it as a story of how a community came together and fought for that asset.

The article explains the routes taken to revive the circa 1688 pub that had stood closed for seven years in the very heart of the village: the battle against threat of demolition, against housing development proposals and that of raising the funding, to the final purchase and reopening with the pub now owned by local share-holders.

The King's Arms has successfully bucked the national trend that has seen a quarter of the pubs close in the UK since 2000 — more than 13,000. The total number of pubs dropped below 40,000 during the first half of 2022.

The text carries a salutary warning against complacency citing the huge competition, which the village shareholders know all too well. The sheer dedication of landlord Ben Walker and his staff is also acknowledged with a staunch reminder that survival comes at a cost.

Perhaps this is summarised by the landlord of The Rose Inn, Kent, also featured in the article in his comment that he might be working all hours, but he is trying to keep the pace steady.

"You need to look after yourself because you're the most important asset. Your head has to be strong as well. You have to take care of yourself as well as the business," he remarked.

Thanks go to a journalist with the locality at her heart in reporting on The King's Arms 'achievement'.

Gill Metcalfe

FABULOUS FLOWERS

By Gill Metcalfe

STOCKLAND'S church must be renowned for its spectacular floral arrangements (see pictures on page 15), all down to the dedication of a small few — a band of those determined to present the church at its very best for all events.

On Thursday, September 22nd, a coffee morning was organised to fund the blooms and offer support to the small group of volunteers who regularly give of their time and their skills to enhance the church.

Thus, it was a delight to actually take time to enjoy a coffee not forgetting the homemade cakes and biscuits whilst catching up with the others who had also decided on the home-made section.

On arrival, the main door was wide open, most welcoming and seeing the coffee morning in aid of the church flowers laid out through the doors was a real reminder of previous events, all curtailed by the pandemic, but now up and running once again.

About 20 turned out to support the event and it was encouraging to have a male contingent enjoying tea, biscuits and cake. Given that the event was organised for a working weekday, the numbers were encouraging. With coffee and tea sales, plus the raffle with



exceptionally generous in prizes and the cake sale, the venture proved successful.

The stunning arrays of flowers were placed throughout the church. The work of a small group of Stockland volunteer florists and flower arrangers. So often the flowers are admired but rarely is the question posed as to who created the display. So, thanks must without doubt go to Jenny Broom, Trish Bass and Rozanne Bulmer.

Despite being skilful, the florists are looking forward to increasing their knowledge and have arranged for a guest speaker for November 25th, 7pm at Stockland's church, with nibbles provided.

Wow-factor for lunch ladies

STOCKLAND Ladies Lunch group members were wowed by the chef and staff of the King's Arms in providing an outstanding lunch for the monthly group.

At the October meeting, all dishes were highly praised — the starters: the ham terrine was to die for and the sausage and mash/the sardines or the cauliflower steaks as the main course choices were appreciatively devoured.

Not a crumb left and all-rounded off with delicious apple and bramble crumble adorned with clotted cream or

treacle tart with said cream atop.

What a way to look after the group — all who came for the regular get-together which involves much chat and catch-up but to have such an outstanding lunch, we were genuinely spoilt.

Happily, this venture is going from strength-to-strength with the regulars and newcomers. Coffee morning booking for Wednesday, November 2nd through Jane Wedlock on 01404 881817, 07944 926676 or via email at janewedlock@live.co.uk.

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SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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Shute welcomes over 30 ringers to branch meet

By Bijan Omrani

ON Saturday, October 8th, Shute's church welcomed the East Devon Guild of Bellringers for the autumn branch meeting.

Over 30 ringers from nine other church towers — Axminster, Combe Raleigh, Colyton, Dunkeswell, Kilmington, Offwell, Ottery St Mary, Sidmouth — took the opportunity to ring the Shute bells. This was followed by a service of praise and

worship led by Rev Julie Lomas Peter Lea-Cox played the organ.

Bell ringers are renowned for their 'bellringers teas' and Shute ringers stepped up to challenge to put on a superb spread which was soon devoured by all. The afternoon was rounded off by a branch meeting which included welcoming new ringers who have just started to learn to ring church bells. If anyone is interested in learning to ring, please either contact your local church, or maureendavey@btinternet.com.

Macmillan coffee event raises 'whopping' £533 for charity

ORGANISERS of a Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning in Whitford would like to thank those who supported the event.

Louise Lacey, her mum, Anna Trott, and I are so grateful to those of you who either joined us for the morning, made cakes or brought donations from those who weren't able to make it.

It was such a fun morning, with everyone chatting and making new friends. We really enjoyed listening to Edward Jacobs play the piano while working our way through a vast array of

delicious homemade cakes. Everyone had difficulty in deciding what to choose from such a wonderful display, so many a plate was refilled more than once!

We made a whopping great sum of £533.20; this included selling the remaining cakes at the AVCC choir rehearsal, which was held on the Friday evening.

We had such a good team of helpers that the morning went off really smoothly. We were all truly amazed to raise that amount of money.

Maureen Davey

Volunteer Betty receives award

BETTY Harris received the Companion of St Boniface Award given annually by the Bishop of Exeter in recognition of her many years of service to the church at Shute.

Betty, 88, was thrilled to receive the award from Rev Julie Lomas and Major Peter Easton on behalf of the bishop after the memorial service for her long-time friend, Gwenda Easton.

"I'm overwhelmed and a little bit teary," Betty said. She wanted to also give credit to all who help to keep the church open for all to visit, to worship and to draw close to God. St Boniface is the patron saint of Devon.



Advent Sunday

ADVENT Sunday, which falls this year on November 27th, is regarded as the beginning of the church year.

Advent is a time of contemplation and preparation ahead of the celebration of Christ's coming at Christmas.

All are invited to a service of evensong at St Michael's Church, Shute, at 6.30pm on Advent Sunday, to mark this occasion.

The service will consist of traditional plainsong and music, as well as liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer, to offer a peaceful and spiritual time for reflection.

SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

Get ready for autumn show

NOW that autumn is upon us, it does seem that many of the summer flowering plants seem a bit confused and are still in full bloom, whilst at the same time we are seeing wonderful displays of dahlias.

Whitford Produce Association members hope there will be many entries to the autumn show with autumnal flowers, fruits and vegetables or, for those who prefer cooking, entries to the cookery section.

The children's sections include decorating a pebble of their choice and writing a poem on how to keep warm. The afternoon will be rounded off with an auction of many of the produce on display. This is a very enjoyable event to end the day.

This is an ideal time to make a start into joining in a rural show, as this is a much smaller event than the summer one.

If anyone would like any more information, please contact Whitford Produce Association chairman on maureendavey@btinternet.com.

Whitford Autumn Show will be held at Whitford Village Hall on November 12th, 2-5pm. Entry is Free.

Maureen Davey

Barton sell-out

THE third National Trust Shute Barton opening of the year took place last month on Wednesday and Thursday, October 12th-13th.

Tickets to visit Shute Barton were sold out again, even though the number of tickets available were increased.

As ever, visitors were welcomed at Shute's church for teas, cakes and refreshments following their tours.

The fourth and final opening of Shute Barton this year will be Saturday and Sunday, November 19th-20th.

Tickets will be released two weeks beforehand online via the National Trust website.

Shute Barton will be open again to the public in 2023, and it appears that this public access has been secured for the foreseeable future.



THE family of Gwenda Easton gathered with friends from Whitford, Shute and Kilmington for a memorial service and burial of ashes at St Michael's Church, Shute, on Saturday, October 15th. There followed a reception at Whitford Village Hall. Pictured, Major Peter Easton, centre, and most of the family

Credit: Rev Julie Lomas

David runs marathon for mum and brother

By David Balcombe

ON October 2nd 2021, my Mum died after a brief illness. Macmillan provided the most wonderful care, enabling her to stay in her own flat in her final weeks.

This was such a blessing to her, and to the family. I wanted to do something to honour Mum and to thank Macmillan, so I decided to run the London Marathon.

This was way out of my comfort zone. I wasn't a runner. I wasn't even much of a walker. I was 62, way overweight and completely out of condition. So when I set about training in January this was a real challenge.

Then in late May my dear brother, John, died from heart disease. This was a real shock. I added the British Heart Foundation to my fundraising.

From not being able to run a few hundred yards, I built my strength with runs to Musbury, to other villages, across to Seaton and along the promenade. I started Seaton Park Run on Saturday mornings. I began to enter longer races — 10ks and half-marathons — and all the time I was getting the most wonderful support from friends and neighbours in Whitford.



And so, on the morning of Sunday, October 2nd 2022 — the exact first anniversary of my Mum's death and five stone lighter than the day she died — I lined up on Blackheath with 45,000 others and set off on one of the greatest days of my life.

The London Marathon is everything people say it is. The crowds really do lift you round. The other runners, in all their shapes and sizes, are supportive and humbling in equal measure. I made it — and, to date, I have raised nearly £4,000 for the two charities. I hope Mum and John approve.

Two things have happened since I got home. I tested positive for Covid — which apparently means I ran the marathon with it — and I've accepted a place to run the 2023 Marathon for Terence Higgins Trust. It's addictive.



YARCOMBE NEWS

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CHILDREN ENJOY DOUBLE TRIP THANKS TO FUNDING PROJECT



By Pamela Rich

BACK in August, Yarcombe and Marsh Children's Fund had their first summer get together for a few years.

After the success of the duck race back in June, funds were available to put towards a Sunday afternoon gathering at the Flintlock Inn, Marsh. All families in Yarcombe and Marsh were invited to spend the afternoon together in the beautiful garden at the Flintlock.

A great afternoon was had by all who attended, with the sun shining bright

allowing all the children to play and enjoy jumping on the bouncy castle. Sausage and chips were provided for everyone by the Flintlock, which went down very well, finished off with cake and fruit for pudding. A fabulous afternoon spent in the sunshine, socialising and making new friends.

Huge thanks goes to the team at the Flintlock for their excellent hospitality and allowing the group to use the garden for the afternoon.

On Saturday, September 24th the project then arranged a trip to Crealy Adventure park for all the families in Yarcombe and Marsh.

Again the sun was out in force which helped to contribute to a thoroughly enjoyable day. With over 20 families meeting at the entrance at 10.30am to receive wristbands, it was off into the park to explore.

With lots of rides and play zones on offer difficult decisions were made as to where to go first! Crealy is great for children of all ages because of the variety of things on offer, so families were free to do their own thing till lunch when we all came together again to enjoy our picnic lunches sat on the grass.

The afternoon was filled with roller coaster rides, soft play and water slide fun. A really good day had by all and lots of lovely feedback from the families that attended.

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DATE FOR THE DIARY

The annual children's Christmas party will be held this year on Sunday, December 18th, 2-4.30pm at Yarcombe Village Hall. There will be more details to follow nearer the time but is open to all primary school-aged children and younger.

YARCOMBE NEWS

HARVEST BRINGS UPLIFTING SERVICE AS FRIENDS GATHER

By Rebecca Bell

WHAT a wonderful day in Yarcombe on October 2nd, celebrating the harvest festival service in church, followed by the harvest lunch in the village hall.

It was lovely to see so many people filling the church pews, enjoying the stunning flower and fruit arrangements and taking part in Rev Julie Lomas's uplifting service and to be joined on both occasions by our friends from the Five Alive Mission Community and Yarcombe Baptist Chapel.

A large quantity of food items were generously donated by the congregation and have already been delivered to The Lord's Larder in Chard.

After tea and coffee in church, a delicious harvest lunch was served in the hall; turkey, ham and egg accompanied by many side salads and chutneys, followed by apple crumble or peach melba, cheese and biscuits and then finally tea and coffee with after dinner mints. What a feast!

Those who are yet to attend may now be tempted to book up in 2023.

Thanks go to all the many helpers who made everything run smoothly and make it such an enjoyable time for all.



SOME of the harvest flowers and displays in church for the annual harvest festival service at Yarcombe last month

YARCOMBE NEWS

Temptations of the chocolatier's shop at fabulous willow museum

By Bridget Kemp

ON a lovely sunny but chilly windy day, 14 members of Yarcombe Tuesday Group enjoyed a visit to Coates Willow Visitor Centre on Tuesday, October 11th.

After a good light lunch at the Lemon Tree Café, the group went to see the interesting and informative video about how the willow is planted, grown, sorted and graded into lengths, treated and then finally made into the wide variety of basket ware that is produced on the site.

These include the baskets for air balloons, log baskets, shopping baskets, coffins — in fact, baskets of all shapes and sizes for all sorts of uses. High quality charcoal sticks for artists are also produced there.

Afterwards the group wandered around the museum, which displays numerous basket ware items made through the ages — wartime, first aid, ambulance, invalid wheel chairs and cribs.



A browse around the shop with many tempting products followed, a few purchases made, then a brief look in the independent dress shop and florist, finishing up at the chocolatier's shop, of which the delicious looking homemade truffles and chocolate bars were too tempting to resist for some!



YARCOMBE WEATHER SEPTEMBER 2022

	2022	2021	2020
Average Max. temperature	18.2°C	19.8°C	18.0°C
Average Min.	10.9°C	11.7°C	9.9°C
Average Overall temperature	14.5°C	15.8°C	14.4°C
Rainfall	82.7 mm	69.2mm	29.6 mm
Wettest Day	5th 13.9 mm	28th 23.5mm	30th 16.4 mm
Sunniest Day	14th 10 hrs approx	7th 12.0 hrs	14th 12.0hrs
Warmest Day	2nd 23.1°C	7th 27.0°C	14th 26.7°C
Coldest Night	17th 4.0°C	29th 6.5°C	26th 4.7°C
Sunshine hours	112 hours approx	136 hrs	198 hrs

As you know the late Queen spent her last days at Balmoral Castle, a glorious retreat for the monarchy. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert leased a small remote castle in 1848 but when the lease came up for sale Prince Albert bought the vast estate in 1852 and then rebuilt the castle in 1856.

In 1855, Prince Albert gave the village of Braemar a gift of their own weather station. It was an inspired choice of location, as it proved that Braemar is the coldest inhabited place in the British isles.

Braemar is surrounded by mountains where on cold, calm winter nights the cold air flows down the steep slopes filling the Braemar valley with temperature's more like the Arctic. In February 1895, Braemar recorded the lowest temperature of minus 27.2C which was again recorded in January 1982. The Braemar bank managers recorded the weather from 1855 to 1980 when the Met Office installed an automatic station.

Tony Newman

MAKE YOUR HOME AN ECO ZONE

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

Week 1 — If you have a bank account look into whether and how your bank supports ethical banking.

Week 2 — If you have a savings account did you know there are ethical ISAs or savings accounts?

Week 3 — Replace your cleaning products with ecological, non-toxic brands. Consider using a refill station,

and reuse your current plastic bottles. There is one at Mole Avon Station Yard, Axminster EX13 5PF, UK and you can also fill up at Ganesha Wholefoods 3 South St, Axminster EX13 5AD, UK, and other outlets.

Week 4 — Commit to moving over to a plastic-free bathroom by replacing shower gels and face washes with bars of soap, shampoo and conditioner with packaging-free bars, and investing in bamboo toothbrushes and other dental products. Many pharmacists now stock re-useable make up remover pads.



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WHAT about a gift to the environment this Christmas... and beyond?

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Many people have switched or are gradually switching to a simpler Christmas.

For example, setting a smaller budget for presents for each other, or setting a family challenge to buy presents only from a charity shop. Maybe you could consider the same?

Then there are the quirky gifts that we can purchase from the many charities via charity gift cards. For example, Oxfam, where you could buy

food for a family, adopt an elephant or penguin, save someone's sight or donate a life-changing chicken from as little as £5.

For many who are blessed with so much, it is a way of giving to those who have so little, both in this country and abroad.

Check it out; it's a boon when we don't have a clue as to what to get someone and saves getting non-recyclable plastic-wrapped chocolates in a tub or plastic-encased beauty and bathroom products which we cannot even be sure won't end up in the bin or in a charity shop, or lurking in a cupboard — hands up if this is a familiar scenario!

So, eco-friendly as well, win-win. They can be bought in the form of a gift card or online too.

What about money for a meal out —

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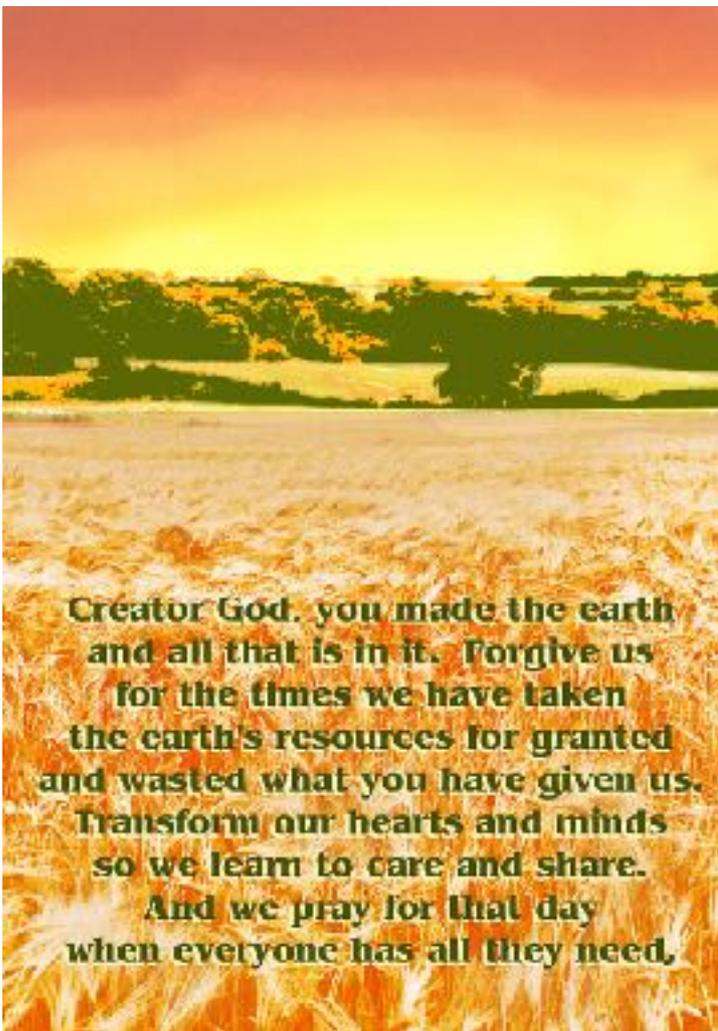
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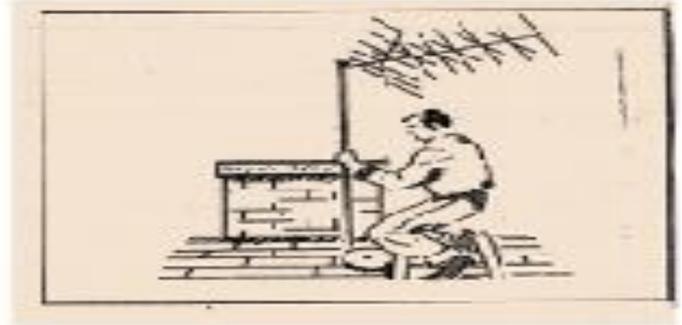
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