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A wide-angle photograph of a vast cornfield. The corn plants are tall and green, with some yellowing at the base, indicating they are in the late stages of growth. The field stretches far into the distance, meeting a horizon line under a sky filled with soft, grey clouds. The overall scene is a rural landscape.

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

THE SUNDAY SERVICES



October 2020

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday Oct 4th Trinity 17	11am Online 'Zoom' Service				
Sunday Oct 11th Trinity 18 or Harvest	11am Harvest Festival Service at Yarcombe				
Sunday Oct 18th Luke the Evangelist	11am Holy Communion at Stockland				
Sunday Oct 25th Last Sunday of Trinity	11am Holy Communion at Dalwood				

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



...I've moved with the times - I've now got a solar-powered radio microphone. .

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THANK YOU FOR THE HARVEST



Gill Heighway

I WAS leafing through a couple of books trying to work out what I could say for the Clergy Comment this month and came across this Thought for the Day, written by the religious author, Eddie Askew, and thought it relevant to the time of year.

The thought is based on Luke 9:16:

‘Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them.’

The following passage are Eddie Askew’s words from his book *Chasing the Leaves*, published in 2005.

“The postman brought a parcel of books this morning – not unusual in our house.

“There were three copies of a book of graces - the little prayers

some folk say when they sit down to a family meal together. A small thank you for the food.

“The editor of the book had invited a number of people, including me, to write a new grace, or contribute one from the past. There’s a wide range from all over the world. One thing I noticed was a greater gratitude for food in the prayers from Africa, where food isn’t taken for granted the way it is in the West. There are prayers from many communities, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh – after all, we all share the same need for food – and graces that remember the hungry wherever they are.

“Not so many of us say grace these days but it’s still worthwhile. Whatever our religious faith or none, it’s still good to acknowledge our

dependence on others for the food we eat. There just has to be someone to thank.

“Whether that’s God, or the efforts of the farmer who grew the food, the sailors who transported it, or the cook who put the food on the table, we can say thank you. And it’s worth remembering that the food on the table is the result of someone else’s hard work and often sacrifice. So whether it’s just a quick cup of coffee on the move, or cornflakes and toast, or a full English breakfast, say thank you, out loud or in your heart. Now.

“Lord of the harvest, thank you.”

I hope you all enjoy the fruits of the harvest over the coming weeks as the nights lengthen, and the days shorten.

THE maize growing last month with Axe Valley fields beyond
Photo by Matt Williams



PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 9 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

IT is almost certain that Psalm 9 and Psalm 10 were originally one piece of work.

For example, Psalm 10 is not provided with a heading (like A psalm of David), which is unusual, the ancient Greek version of the Old Testament does keep them as one psalm, and the two together make up a reasonably complete acrostic - which happens when the first letter of the first words of successive verses work their way through the whole of the Hebrew alphabet.

It may be that the fact that Psalm 9 resounds with thanksgiving, and Psalm 10 with lament, that has kept them apart, but even so, for all its prevailing theme, Psalm 9, before ending, does turn to an earnest request that mortals should not have the upper hand.

Psalm 10 will be the Psalm of the Month in November.

Psalm 9

1. I will give thanks to you, Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all your marvellous works.

2. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will make music to your name, O Most High.

3. When my enemies are driven back, they stumble and perish at

your presence.

4. For you have maintained my right and my cause; you sat in your throne giving righteous judgement.

5. You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

6. The enemy was utterly laid waste. You uprooted their cities; their very memory has perished.

7. But the Lord shall endure for ever; he has made fast his throne for judgement.

8. For he shall rule the world with righteousness and govern the peoples with equity.

9. Then will the Lord be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in the time of trouble.

10. And those who know your name will put their trust in you, for you Lord, have never failed those who seek you.

11. Sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion; declare among the peoples the things he has done.

12. The avenger of blood has

remembered them. He did not forget the cry of the oppressed.

13. Have mercy upon me O Lord; consider the trouble I suffer from those who hate me, you that lift me up from the gates of death;

14. That I may tell all your praises in the gates of the city of Zion and rejoice in your salvation.

15. The nations shall sink into the pit of their making and in the snare which they set will their own foot be taken.

16. The Lord makes himself known by his acts of justice; the wicked are snared in the works of their own hands.

17. They shall return to the land of darkness, all the nations that forget God.

18. For the needy shall not always be forgotten and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19. Arise, O Lord, and let not mortals have the upper hand; let the nations be judged before your face.

20. Put them in fear, O Lord, that the nations may know themselves to be but mortal.

Bible readings October 2020

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 4 Oct [G, Gold or W] Trinity 17 [Proper 22]	Isa: 5:1-7 Ps: 19:7-End Or Ps: 80:9-17	Phil 3:4b-14: Matt: 21:33-End
Sun 11 Oct [G] Trinity 18 [Proper 23] OR HARVEST	Harvest Readings TBC	Harvest Readings TBC
Sun 18 Oct [R] Luke the Evangelist [Proper 24]	Isa: 35:3-6 Ps: 147:1-7	Acts 16: 6-12a Luke: 10:1-9
Sun 25 Oct [G] Last Sunday of Trinity	Neh: 8:1-4a,8-12 Ps: 119:9-16	Col: 3:12-17 Matt: 24:30-35

From the registers

Funerals

George 'Brian' Vaughton, funeral at St Michael's Church, Shute, on September 16th

Christenings

Barnaby Theodore John Kershaw, Son of Fiona and David Kershaw being Christened at St Giles Church, Kilmington, on September 27th

Engagements

Frances Wyatt, daughter of Peter and Christine, of Dalwood, and Henry Burrough, son of Claire and Derek, are pleased to announce their engagement. Both families wish a happy future together.

Historic pub awaits resale to yet more new owners

By Editor Kate Williams

SPECULATION is rife among the community as a well-known thatched East Devon pub is up for sale once again - with completion expected as *The Parishes' Paper* went to press.

The Yarcombe Inn, a picturesque Grade II listed village pub, was put up for auction recently with estate agents Charles Darrow, and a sale is imminent.

The property of both historic and architectural significance, has suffered a difficult time in recent years as Yarcombe villagers tried desperately to keep it open and run it as a community venture.

The pub was bought by new owners and run by tenants in recent years, but 2020 saw the pub set for auction.

Dating back almost 1,000 years, the thatched former coaching inn on the A30 between Honiton and Chard was, in common with the rest of Yarcombe, later owned by Sir Frances Drake. Though recently expired, there was a protective Asset of Community Value order attached to the property.

The freehold on the property was due to go to auction with a guide price of £200,000 - £210,000 through Charles Darrow Network Auctions on September 10th and a spokesperson for the firm has told *The Parishes' Paper* that a sale was agreed and new owners were expected to acquire the keys as the magazine went to press.

Jon Clyne, Director at Charles Darrow comments: "Our clients purchased the property a couple of years ago and have since invested heavily in all aspects of the building.



THE sale of historic Yarcombe Inn is agreed and the new owners were expected to have the keys on Friday, September 25th



"Whilst their aim was to install a manager or lessee, they now believe it would more likely suit an owner-operator so look forward to

handing it over in far better condition than when they found it – which will, of course, give the business a real chance to thrive".

We love to hear what you are up to within the Five Alive parishes. If you would like to feature in a future issue of *The Parishes' Paper*, please contact your parish correspondent or email the editor directly - all contact details on page 31

POCKETS OF COLOUR AS AUTUMN CALLS

By Gill Metcalfe

AS summer fades and autumn creeps up on the parishes, there remain large pockets of colourful defiance along the local lanes and in the village gardens; if the sun deigns to shine an array of hues emerge from the early autumnal shade to challenge the inevitable darker months ahead.

The current display of late season blooms in Stockland offers such cheer.

As the gardens become subdued the fruit trees divert attention to this year's abundance of apples, pears, crab apples, quinces, figs and late raspberries.

Branches hang heavily with the sheer weight of ripening fruit with more colour bursting onto the scene. Not to be outdone, there are still some courgettes, curly kale, orange pumpkins galore, potatoes and indeed more.

The hedgerows too are gradually changing with summer greenery slowly turning to fiery reds and oranges whilst the annual leaf colour change is imminent.

Keats' season of mists is not quite upon us but the mellow fruitfulness - Keats: To Autumn - is there for sheer enjoyment. Just for a moment the pleasure of this country bravery serves to raise a smile.

It is also the time to bring some of the colours indoors – vases full of branches, flower heads and grasses just prolonging the gardens' wealth just that little bit longer.

What a pleasure to see the garden indoors whilst pondering the central heating and the log fires.

THESE beautiful pink blooms, right, would enrich any vase

Photos by Gill Metcalfe



STUNNING late blooms
Photo by Philippa Wills



PARISH BLOOMS



YELLOW autumnal cheer to brighten any day
Photo by Philippa Wills



A PEACH of a dahlia, left; a courgette to marrow, above left; and ripening pears

Photos by Gill Metcalfe



AUTUMN garden flowers - rudbeckia, left, and michaelmas daisies

Photos by Michael Tyler

Axminster Medical Practice Update (AMP)

Re: COVID -19 RESPONSE

AMP are following NHS England's Standard Operating Practice (SOP) To read the full and changing guidelines please follow the link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/CO485_guidance-and-standard-operating-procedures-general-practice-covid-19.pdf

The guidelines include:

- **Every patient to access their GP's remotely whenever possible**
- **The way to contact your GP remotely is to use the e-consult. Please ring the surgery if you need help to use it.**
- **The e-consult is for the GP to TRIAGE, which means all your information is read by the GP's on the same day.**
- **If neither telephoning nor using the e-consult is not easy for you - PLEASE LET THE MEDICAL PRACTICE KNOW**
- **We are not refusing to see patients, all patients are carefully accessed, if it is safe, they will be seen by a GP. Right now, using triage as outlined in the guidelines is the safest way for all, to help stop the spread of the virus**
- **If any 2 members of the AMP team are tested positive, the surgery would have to close for a quarantine period. We are all working extremely hard to avoid this happening.**

When will it end?

A question everyone asks. We can only share there are NO plans soon for NHS guidance to change the current remote system.

- **We do hope to take slow safe steps to bring patients back into the surgery for regular appointments**

Thank for you all for your continued patience and understanding during these unprecedented times

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact

The Medical Practice 01297 32126

or

Patient Participation Group (PPG): contact Shelagh:

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If you would like to know more about the PPG do not hesitate to get in touch



DALWOOD NEWS

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Thinking of the farmers

By Brian Eddy

WITH grateful thanks to the White family, Dalwood's harvest service was held at Stonehayes Farm on September 13th, on a sunny Sunday.

Almost 70 people gathered in the barnyard which was decorated with flowering containers and sheaves of corn. Chairs were brought and social distancing was adhered to with locals ready for a service with real people, in the same area.

Andrew Beane, Archdeacon of Exeter, took the service and gave

everyone their daily bread in the form of a bag of ingredients and a recipe, ably demonstrated by Morris, to make a little loaf at home. This was so that the congregation could think about the work involved by farmers and gardeners to bring in the harvest and keep the countryside looking beautiful.

People from all across the Five Alive Mission Community attended and it was lovely to see many whom we had not seen since March.

Readers were from Dalwood, Kilmington, Stockland and

Yarcombe, prayers by Roderick and Sarah from Dalwood Methodist Chapel and Anna Crabbe played the keyboard for the small choir which sang.

People brought picnics to enjoy in the farm field to continue socialising after the service and many of them had a try at following the instruction sheet to make a corn dolly as a symbol of harvest which they could take home with them.

We were fortunate to have Andrew Beane with us take the service and he will be with us again in October at Stockland's church.



Coronavirus-led poetry to make the locals smile

Getting a haircut

Are you coping with this lockdown,
cannot visit here and there

I thought that I was doing fine 'til I
went to comb my hair.

I stood there lost in deepest shock
not sure what I could see

Was that scraggy, long haired
fellow in the mirror really me.

It hung there long, down to my
cheeks, got swept up in the breeze

I thought I'll wet it, brush it flat or
flatten it with grease

And then I thought I will become a
modern trendy male

And just like Tucker Stevens, I'll
wear a pony tail.

My wife said "I'll cut it for you, just
sit there on the stool."

And I sat there all innocent, an
unsuspecting fool

A pair of scissors in her hand; I
said "Hey what are those?"

She said "These are me Pinking
shears I use 'em on me clothes"

"You cant use them on me" I said,
"not those blunt pinking shears

If you should slip or do it wrong. I'll
have serrated ears".

She said "I've got nail clippers but
that would take all day."

I said "I'll nip up Derek Whites,
they shear the sheep in May"

And then I thought I'll lose it all, I'll
give me head a shave

So I lathered up my razor and said
"Yes, do it, be brave."

I cut off locks and hanks of hair, it
spread throughout the home

But now I don't need haircuts, I just
polish up me dome.

So if when lockdowns ended and
you're wandering about

There might be folks that you pass
by that you're not sure about

Don't worry, they're your
neighbours so you needn't have a
care

It's just their hair looks diff'rent 'cos
an amateur's been there.

By Brian Eddy



Flower Rota for St Peter's Church

3rd and 10th October - Shelagh Beak

17th and 24th October - Fiona Fraser

31st October - Jane Mottram

7th November: preparation for
Remembrance Sunday - All

The domesticated isolationist

I am a Hoover maestro I can push
it to and fro

I have learnt to use the beater bar
and where attachments go

I only have one problem, and I
must admit defeat

How do you stop the cable from
wrapping round your feet

I've learnt to use the washer and
where the powder goes

And now I know you mustn't mix
white sheets with dirty clothes

I know about the programmes
and what the softener's for

and I've learnt to use the
squeegee when I'd not quite closed
the door.

I've had a go at cooking on the
Aga and the hob

But all that I have made so far, a
burnt and smelly blob

I followed Jamie's recipe for
fifteen minute grub

then 2 hours later chucked it out
and just phoned up the pub

And then there is the iron with its
superheated steam

I was moving left and right at
speed 'twas going like a dream

I did a tie, a pair of socks, even a
fitted sheet

But I had a bit of trouble with that
dress shirt with the pleat,

I listened to the government and
their adviser's speech

He said "to beat the virus just use
a lot of bleach"

So I washed and scrubbed at
everything, I had to do it right

But now our deep red carpets are
a dingy shade of white.

The latest government advice -
wear gloves and a face mask

If we want to protect our health,
it's not a lot to ask

So I pulled my rubber gloves on
tight, my mask around me head

And then I boldly ventured out
down to the garden shed.

By Brian Eddy

■ *EDITOR'S note: Thanks goes to
Brian for sharing these with the
community and lifting our spirits*

DALWOOD NEWS

Picture postcards: looking back through the lanes



THE Parishes' Paper has been sent these images of a couple of early postcards, depicting views of Dalwood and Ham. The postcards are possibly from the 1930s. If readers have any other old photos or postcards of the Five Alive parishes, please send images digitally to your parish correspondent or direct to the editor



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VOLUNTEERS needed can YOU help?

Thank you for all the additional help during the ongoing crisis, it ensured we remained opened every day. However, as Lockdown has eased, we urgently need more volunteers.

If you have any free time:

Monday to Friday between 8.30am to 6.00 pm / Saturday 8.30am to 4.00 pm / Sunday 8.30am to 12.30pm

The times we especially need volunteers are:

Monday 10.45am – 1.30pm / Saturday 1.30pm -4.00pm

PLEASE ring Kathy for a chat 01404 881601 No experience needed. Training given

THANK YOU, your shop needs YOU

SHOP OPENING TIMES

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

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3 mornings a week

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



Thank you to all our customers and volunteers for your continued support during the Pandemic
Whilst Lockdown is easing, we must still follow guidelines and keep safe social distancing, to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your help and understanding



KILMINGTON NEWS

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Bill, 72, recalls cars - first and latest - of his lifetime

By Bill Woodsford

I PASSED my driving test at 17 and with my three brothers shared a grey 1959 Austin A35 van registration number NPR171.

We lived in Portisham, Dorset, near Weymouth, and the A35 did us proud, well over one hundred thousand miles, before it gave up the ghost. It ended up using more oil than petrol.

We had various cars after that, a Renault Dauphine which was a disaster and blew up on several occasions.

Our pride and joy was a Rover 90 UAF638, light grey and top of the range.

Since then we had countless cars. Unfortunately all my brothers have passed away, but I am still a small kid at heart.

I inherited a red 1958 Triumph



BIG kid Bill Woodsford with his red 1958 Triumph, one of many cars and loves

TR3A registration number RBK913, which my wife and I thoroughly enjoyed.

We decided to sell it when I was 65. Within a couple of months, I felt lost, so bought a Mazda MX5, registration number WJ 08 PNV. I

am 73 soon so don't know how much longer I'll be able to get in and out of it!

I may have to grow up...

Editor's note: I truly hope Bill does not grow up any time soon

Children welcomed back to their school

WE have successfully welcomed back all our wonderful children after the lockdown and wished good luck to those who have taken their next step on to secondary school.

Our Early Years class is thriving, with 13 Reception children, many of whom attended the Nursery last term. We can take children in the Nursery from the term that they turn 3, so if you know anyone looking for a nursery place please get in touch. We currently have a total of 4 classes in the school: Pipits, Kingfishers, Jackdaws and

Ospreys. We have healthy numbers in the school but still have a few places in most year groups.

We are looking forward to being able to get back to our PE in the village hall, and doing assemblies in the churches. The 'Open the Book' team will resume their performances once they are allowed, which will be great as well. Until then, we continue to do our daily assembly in each class bubble.

**Lee White
Head of School
Kilmington Primary School**

Generous gifts during a tricky year for church

ST Giles's Church gift day was held on September 5th, a day when the church welcomes gifts.

This year, people were really generous and the total gifts exceeded the previous year.

A year when the church was not fully open for worship, due to Covid-19, donations were more important so the kindness of so many was more than welcome.

Many thanks to all who kindly donated.

**Anna Crabbe and
Gill Heighway**



STOCKLAND NEWS

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WALK OF THE CHURCHES



WALKERS and dogs ready to leave to take part in the Annual Devon Historic Churches Walk

By Bryan Drew

ON a beautiful Saturday morning 22 people, including four from Dalwood and three from Membury parishes, plus numerous dogs, assembled at Stockland's church to walk the five-and-a-half miles around the roads, footpaths and green lanes of the parish in the Annual Devon Historic Churches Walk.

After a photo session in the grounds of the church, the walkers left at 10.15am and walked past the Old Ale House and into the ancient Clay Lane, up to Hornshayes Nap and the green lane towards Lake Farm.

After a short while the group then entered the footpath behind Hill Cross Cottage to the Seven Mile Straight, at Royal Oak Cross the footpath down to the Little Castle was taken. This is the smallest of the two Iron Age earthworks

(400BC-100BC) in Stockland parish and believed to be a univallate (uni-one, vallate-wall) earthwork then used as a seasonal livestock enclosure (whereas the larger one at Broadhayes was a higher status settlement). The walkers then headed for Horseplot, Temple Bar, the Rodway Farms and then down the recently opened Permissive Path beside Langlands Lane, through the newly erected metal footpath gate by Churchstyle to reach the church at 1pm where tea and cake was provided.

After everyone had followed a one-way system and social distancing in the church, which had a major deep clean for the day by a band of willing helpers, the refreshments were taken outside as the weather was favourable.

Generous sponsorship for the day so far raised for the Devon Historic Churches and Stockland's church amount to £490 which will be split 50-50.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

A Prayer from the World Council of Churches

Eternal God,
whose image lies in the hearts
of all people,
help us to remember that your
great love
embraces us all;
that all religion is an attempt to
respond to you;
that the yearnings of other
hearts
are much like our own
and are known to you.
Help us to recognise you
in the words of truth,
the things of beauty
and the actions of love
all around us.
Amen

Submitted by Philippa Wills

The Parishes' Paper team would love to hear your community news

STOCKLAND NEWS

By Paul Drew

BACK in June, with lockdown restrictions beginning to ease, the Stockland Tennis Club Committee deliberated on whether the annual summer tournaments should go ahead this year. Fortunately, the decision was taken to get the draw done and hope that the matches could be played.

It turned out to be a good decision with some excellent tennis being played amongst members. Particularly pleasing was the return of a number of players who hadn't entered for a good few years, along with a sprinkling of new members experiencing the competition for the first time.

The under-16 girls kick-started the proceedings having had a 10-year hiatus. The 'round robin' event was played in a lovely atmosphere and the girls produced some great tennis. Saffron Doble came out on top, with Alice Shepherd picking up the runner-up prize.

The finals day on September 5th began with the under-13 competition. Josias Drew retained the trophy he won last year, with Toby Taylor showing that he will be 'one to watch' in the future, achieving the runner-up prize.

Next up was the eagerly anticipated Men's Singles Final featuring Paul Drew and Simon Durrant, who have contested the final a number of times, but not for 10 years. The first set saw several momentum shifts before Paul eventually edged it 7-5.

With Simon's tennis elbow affecting the play, Paul was able to win the title for the 30th time.

Josias was then back on court, this time playing Mason Doble in the under-16 boys' competition. Following two very closely contested sets, Josias collected his second trophy of the day, thus emulating his father, who also managed to 'double up' these trophies way back in 1985!

Next up was the Ladies Doubles' Final, which produced a very entertaining match. Jenny Whitley and Sue Armstrong came out on top against Cathy Derryman and Jan Johnson.

The final match of the day was the Men's Doubles Final where



PLAYERS RETURN



ABOVE, under-16 boys' champion Josias Drew, right, with runner-up Mason Doble. Top right, men's singles champion Paul Drew, left, with opponent Simon Durrant flanking club chairman Ted Espir



experience overcame youth, with Jim Durrant and Nigel Parris defeating Mason Doble and Jack Hembrow.

A further week was required to play the Mixed Doubles Semi-Finals between Leo Allen and Paul Drew against Rowena Drew and Nigel Parris. Following some very accurate lobbing by Leo, Paul and Leo collected the trophy after a very entertaining match.

The Ladies' Singles Final between mother and daughter, Jenny and Alice Whitley, is still to be arranged, but promises to be another epic contest.

■ *Paul's 30 championship wins must surely be a record achievement. The club celebrates its 40th year in 2021 which is quite a landmark.*



ABOVE, ladies' doubles champions Jenny Whitley, right, and Sue Armstrong. Left, girls' singles champion Saffron Doble

STOCKLAND NEWS

'Twitching' since 1970s

By Geoff Pearce

IN 1970, I first came to Stockland to visit my Aunt Nancy and Uncle John Pearce, headmaster at the school. There was something special about this wooded valley, bounded by the river Yarty on the east and Stockland Hill on the west, with skylarks in the sky and yellowhammers on almost every hedgerow.

When I came to live in the area, in 1976, I put up several small bird boxes on Quantock Common. Nuthatches, blue, great and marsh tits occupied these very soon, and by 1981, with many more nest boxes on all the six turbaries, redstarts and pied flycatchers began to breed here. Even a great spotted woodpecker had enlarged the entrance hole on a box, and laid three white eggs. Different sizes and types of boxes were placed in the parish; both tawney owls and kestrels used chimney boxes strapped under sloping tree boughs, and jackdaws used a kind of giant tit box. Tea chests were placed in barns on different farms, and about the year 2000, six pairs of barn owls nested in the valley.

Over the last 12 years chimney boxes were on all the turbaries, 10 in all, for a local study of breeding tawney owls. Each turbarry has had nesting owls in different years; all apart from shortmoor, had owls taking up residence in the spring of 2016, raising 13 young.

The female, pictured inset, at the entrance to its nest on Brucehayes, was ringed there in 2016, and has bred there most years since.

Shorebottom had two pairs breeding in boxes in 2020; one of the females was ringed in 2018 and used the same site again. Small rabbits, using a camera trap, were seen being brought to the owlets on three nights; remains of grey squirrels and magpies, have been found in various nests over the years.

Four turbaries have kestrel boxes placed in isolated trees; if placed



along hedges they attract squirrels which fill them with their drays. The box on Quantock produced four young in 2019 – the pair were displaying high above it in March this year, and raised another four. Five fledged on Horner in 2018, but the site was blocked by a hornet's nest last year. However, the kestrels returned this year and produced six young, pictured, almost ready to fledge.

Most people in Stockland have visits from sparrowhawks to the nut feeders in their gardens – four young were on this nest on one of the turbaries; they all fledged in early August and were screaming for food until the end of the month.

Alas, due to changes in farm practices, in particular loss of wild flower meadows, drainage of wet pasture and switch from hay to maize and silage, curlews, lapwings, partridges, skylarks, cuckoos and little owls have vanished from Stockland. Unless some kind of wilding is carried out in the countryside, as at the Knepp Estate in Sussex, many more species may also disappear from Stockland parish.

If anyone is interested in helping



TOP, kestrel young - almost ready to fledge; above, a female owl at the entrance to a chimney box

to monitor bird boxes in the parish, their offer would be very much appreciated. Please call 01297 552962.

■ *David Allen's article in the September issue of The Parishes' Paper, Village Turbaries: The Summer Watch' was incorrectly attributed to Gill Metcalfe. It also records Geoff's bird watch across the parishes' turbaries*

School is back

THIS summer, many improvements have been made to Stockland Primary Academy, including new state-of-the-art screens in each classroom, new carpets and a new French window in Class 2.

However, the transformation of Class 3 has been nothing short of amazing, for which the school owes a huge debt of gratitude to Mr Gilmour White, father of a child in Year 3 and one of the governors, who dedicated long hours throughout the summer break to work in the classroom. The results are absolutely stunning.

Unfortunately, the school has made the difficult decision to cancel the Stockland cross country competition for this term. There is still hope that the cross country planned for February 10th will take place but updates will be made closer to the time. The school is sorry for the disappointment - particularly as it is such a popular annual event.



CHILDREN return to school, top, and, above, the welcome refurbishment

Lockdown chicks

By Gill Metcalfe

NEVER hatched chickens or seen them emerge from their shells? It is an event not to miss; one of the most enjoyable aspects of chicken rearing.

One such event is recorded here. It is getting late for the natural incubation of chicken eggs and probably not advisable until next year but this account might be a future venture.

With thoughts of such, the use of a home incubator is worthwhile trying; it allows chicks to be hatched indoors at home though this is not as simple as initially thought. It is certainly not an easy venture, as it is both time consuming - regarding the necessary initial care and rearing and, of course, if a new undertaking, the temptation to watch every move is hugely addictive. The accompanying photos show a lockdown adventure - hatching a chick for the first time ever.

Using the home incubator for the first time is aided by excellent on-line videos. It takes 21 days on average for an egg to hatch once incubation begins. Heat and humidity have to be monitored throughout the process to create an optimal environment.

Once the incubator is functioning properly, it is a matter of maintaining the environment until the chicks hatch, and turning the eggs at least three times a day. Turning is necessary up until day 18 when the eggs should be left alone for the last few days.

In the final days before hatching, the eggs often move around on their own as the foetus becomes active. The chick will peck a small hole in the large end of the egg and take its first breath. At this point the chick usually rests for six to 10 hours while its lungs adjust before continuing to

hatch. The itch to help the chick, although most tempting, should be resisted as this can be harmful.

Once free from the egg, it needs to dry off in the warmth of the incubator before moving to a brooder - a heated area - spending the first six weeks of its life thus cosseted. Then the fun begins as the chick becomes more active and discovers its new environment and life, yet from this point onwards, they still need to be carefully observed and protected from would-be predators.

As said - raising one's own chickens sounds a good idea however it is hard work, and to repeat exceptionally time consuming!



TOP, emerging from the shell; above, an exhausted chick

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SHUTE NEWS

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800 years of continuity and change for church

By Bijan Omrani

IN October, the specialist church and heritage architects Connolly Wellingham will be starting a feasibility study to look at ways in which St Michael's Church, Shute, could be improved for worship and community use.

This study follows on from the 2019 Shute Community Survey conducted together with the Exeter Diocese Growing the Rural Church Team, which explored with all users of the church what they wanted to see made better.

As this study begins, it is a good moment to look over the 800 years to the church's history, and to consider how the church has changed over time, as well as to think about what has remained the same in the midst of this change.

The first written mention of the church is in a 1206 deed by the Bishop of Exeter. It is likely that the church was first constructed at this time by Lucas de Schete, the first Lord of the Manor. There is at present no evidence that it replaced an earlier structure, but this cannot be ruled out. The original layout of the church was cruciform, perhaps in imitation of its mother church at Colyton (Shute was a part of the Parish of Colyton until as late as 1860, and early documents refer to Shute as a "chapel"). The stonework of the internal arches of the tower still survives from this "Early English" period. The walls were originally plastered with murals, traces of which were found in the 19th century but not preserved.

The first detailed description of the church dates from a visitation record dated 10 July 1301. The record shows that the church possessed, amongst other things, a number of musical and liturgical books, a "good chalice," "two complete suits



THE elaborate stone carving and reredos behind the altar, removed in 1967

of vestments," several embroidered towels, an ivory box for the eucharist, and an ivory processional cross. However, the church was in a pitiful state: "the chancel is unroofed, so that when it rains it is impossible to celebrate in it; and there is no tabernacle, nor any glass in the side windows. Moreover the chancel wall is ruinous, and the door is almost broken into pieces, and without a lock, and the screen towards the nave of the church is wholly destroyed. The bell tower is badly roofed, so is the nave of the church. The Chaplain in this place has no house, but lives in the church which is less than decent."

This extract refers to the presence of a rood screen, which would have separated the nave – which was used by the congregation – from the chancel, where the priest performed the rites in front of the altar. It is notable that the extract does not refer to any pews or seating in the

nave. This is because the naves of English churches, before the Reformation, were generally open and adaptable spaces without seating. Services were shorter and parishioners might not attend for their entirety; many people would stand during the services, or bring stools for comfort. In the Middle Ages the nave belonged to the ordinary parishioners, and was used for many secular purposes in addition to worship. This included storage, business dealings, housing the priest (in Shute's case) and also "Church Ales" – festivals during which ale was sold for the benefit of the church and parish.

During the 15th Century the church's configuration changed markedly. The dilapidation of the two previous centuries, necessitated much renovation. The north aisle was added to the nave. The current font was installed. The Lady Chapel was also added to the north of the



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chancel. The elegant “Perpendicular” arcade separating it from the chancel survives from this period, including the carved stonework capitals with “Devonshire foliage”. The original cruciform layout of the church was therefore lost. Around the mid-16th century, the Reformation would have seen the loss of the rood screen and covering of murals and other ornamentation, and the Lady Chapel would no longer have been used for the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In 1669, the Pole family, who had recently become lords of the Manor, petitioned the Bishop of Exeter to have the Lady Chapel rebuilt and converted into a “dormitory” or burial place for their family members. The parishioners supported this request, and beneath the East end of the Church were installed extensive vaults with room for 34 coffins, where many members of the family continued to be buried until the late 19th century. The vaults can only be accessed by breaking the concreted floor in the north transept underneath the organ. The construction of these vaults may account for the raised floor levels at the east side of the church. The family also had a private manorial pew installed in the south transept, with elaborate carved wooden decoration, and also an iron stove for warmth. There is also evidence of a structure which allowed access between Shute Barton and the south transept. The remains of a pointed archway can be seen half-buried in the south wall of the churchyard, and when in the 19th century the grave of Richard Domett was being dug on the other side of this, remains of a stone passageway were discovered. The Pole family claimed private ownership of the Lady Chapel and south transept, and this was only surrendered to the Parish in the 1950s.

Further extensive alterations were made to the church in 1811. This included the enlargement of the north aisle and the construction of the current arcade separating it from the nave, the rebuilding or alteration of the south and east walls of the chancel, and also the reconfiguration of a number of

THE 19th Century plan of part of the vaults below the east end, from the Pole Archive, Antony House



windows. During this earlier 19th Century period, the internal appearance of the church was quite different. The nave had been filled with high Georgian box pews that one observer commented were “rather intricate and labyrinthine, as to their entrances and exits”. The west end of the nave was also dominated by a large west gallery over the window, which would have been used for a choir.

Even more changes followed in 1868, when Shute finally became independent from Colyton. The first vicar of Shute, the Rev. Mr J.B. Selwood, raised £1000 for improvements. These included removal of the box pews and installation of the current pews, the choir stalls, the pulpit, carved ceiling bosses, the re-carving of the nave arcade capitals, and the installation of an elaborate carved stone reredos behind the altar. The north vestry was built (now housing the lavatory), and the gargoyles were also added to the tower. It was with these renovations that the church broadly took on its current appearance internally.

Despite this, the appearance of the church has continued to change depending on the needs of the Parish, up to the current day. Victorian plasterwork above the nave arch with the painted slogan “O Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness” was stripped away early in the 20th Century.

“The stone reredos from behind the main altar was removed in 1967, and also the reredos in the Pole chapel was shrunk. The manorial pew in the south transept was removed and replaced with the

sinks and kitchen area. Around 40 years ago, the front two rows of pews were removed to allow the construction of the stage area which has allowed the Shute Theatre and Arts Guild (STAG), as well as many other musicians and speakers, a space for performance.

What, with all of these changes over 800 years, forms the historic heart or core of the church? One way to think about the question is to look at substantial accounts of the church written by earlier visitors. Examples include Shute Park, a descriptive poem written by JB Smith in the 1830s, or the historical account of the church written by the scholar Beatrix Cresswell in 1917.

In both cases, the main points were the general beauty of the ancient building in its rural setting, and the many memorials preserved in the church, which recall the lives of those in the community and their engagement with the place over hundreds of years.

Perhaps these perspectives point us towards the essence of the place being a beautiful setting for the contemplation of the divine, and also as a place where the lives of the many people who play a part in the Shute community over generations can find a common ground and a place for memory. Perhaps it is these things which we need to strive to preserve above all else as we think about how to maintain the church securely as a part of Shute for the next 800 years.

■ *Bijan Omrani, Shute PCC Secretary, is a historian and the author of several books. He holds a PhD from Exeter, and is a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.*

Big names for festival talk

By Bijan Omrani

SEVERAL big names will be speaking about important topics on the free online Shute Festival in October.

For those concerned about the behaviour of Russia, the event on Thursday, October 8th at 6pm will be essential listening. Guardian journalist Luke Harding will speak on his new book *Shadow State: Murder, Mayhem and Russia's Remaking of the West*.

On Thursday, October 15th at 6pm there will be a panel discussion on the Future of British Farming with Mary Quicke, Francis (Herbi) Blake, and Anthony Gibson, moderated by James Crowden.

On Friday, October 23rd at 7.30pm, best-selling historical novelist Tracy Chevalier, author of *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, will be speaking about her latest book, *A Single Thread*. Visit www.shutefest.org.uk for further details and instructions on how to join these events online for free.



LUKE Harding, Guardian Russia correspondent





YARCOMBE NEWS

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Remembering days gone by and inn landlords and ladies

By Lesley Sutton

MONTHS of having nothing much to 'report' apart from the amazing camaraderie the lockdown has brought to the fore, the loss of regular interaction between friends and families reminds me of times past rather than future.

The sale of the Yarcombe Inn, pictured, again, and the interest and gossip that surrounds its future is rife. Some time ago, Barbara Salter and I concocted a 'list' of those we could remember who had been 'mine host' in the past.

When I moved to Yarcombe in 1970 it was a Bass Charrington house managed by the Rockey family. Barbara recalls names from further back such as Hederwick, Billy Hurr, Farrant, Williamson, Mac Galloway and Campbell, Gill, Arnold and Reg Bullett.

Reg was still in the area and went on to convert the village school to The Belfry Hotel and built the Belfry Bungalow which, according to legend, was not all it was made out to be! Reg had spent some time in Australia where strong men with hardy feet living in the outback often did not wear shoes and Reg claimed that he could run barefoot from the pub to the top of Yarcombe Hill. The gauntlet was thrown down and picked up by, as I recall, four of the young villagers. The run took place in the autumn early on a Sunday morning, as the road would be clear with several marshals along the route to warn any traffic. Mike Bond, Roger Parris, Clive Doble and Andrew Chick definitely competed and completed the course. Reg was left at the layby.

The Rockeys had a great reputation for food and it was essential to book a table well in advance to ensure a seat. With Rob Houelling, from The Howley Tavern, who specialised in steaks, this area



on the Devon-Somerset borders was the place to eat.

The A30 was the main road to Devon and Cornwall at that time and despite the tortuous Yarcombe hill, traffic poured through the area from Friday afternoons until Sunday afternoons. It could take well up to 20 minutes before you were able to cross the road to the pub. There was no need for a speed limit as drivers could only go as fast as the vehicle in front and there is no place to overtake.

Henry Derryman remembers a sign on the hill saying 'Yarcombe very dangerous'. The only other time I remember Yarcombe having this reputation was when East Devon District Council officer Meg Booth would send two officials when issues in Moorhayne Lane had to be investigated.

Bass Charrington sold the inn and Bob and Elsie Turnbull and family moved in and ran it for several years. After this time, the list gets

longer and the order is definitely dodgy.

Several occupants stand out in local memories. Barry and Sandie Sharples, Maurice Peacock, who took advantage of one of the longest traffic jams by taking trays of beer out to the stationary cars, obviously before the drink-driving laws came into force. Margaret and Reg Trew, Ray Weston, Dee Morgan, Graves (known as Basil Fawly, who banned most of the regulars for various misdemeanours), Ron and Sue Walker, Simon and Catherine Hodgkinson, who installed a state-of-the-art kitchen - sold off by later inhabitants, Glen Tasker, Victoria Hay and Trevor Brown, who really set the place alight and gave us great hopes, the boys Simon and Graham and Alan and Lindsay Middleton, again taking part in lots of village activities and being so disappointed. Paul and Sally Adams arrived but never actually opened and then the remarkable teams of

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local volunteers who spent hours of their time keeping our beloved pub open. Lastly, Luke and Anie arrived, just at the wrong time.

Before the A303 was updated and the M5 took traffic on faster routes, Yarcombe was halfway to wherever holiday makers were going. A good stop off for food and accommodation, several of the farms and both the belfry and the pub provided bed and breakfast. As a family we spent many Friday and Saturday evenings sleeping in our lounge as our bedrooms were commandeered by either establishment. Parking was no problem as cars littered the pavement, the layby and Sheafhayne Lane - Fire Street residents had difficulties getting in and out, of course. I suppose that there were no double white lines to contend with. There was little competition between the Longbridge Inn, where Nobby and June Clarke reigned supreme, and Yarcombe

villagers supported them, together with the inn. Barrel rolling took place between the two venues on New Year's Day and Nobby provided refreshments for outside bars and, of course, they had two skittle alleys.

In the old days, the pubs ran Christmas clubs when contributors paid in weekly and they had massive pay-out nights when profits were distributed and spent. Yarcombe had an enormous Christmas draw which took place on Christmas Eve when the place would be crammed until about 11pm when nearly everybody went to midnight mass in the church. To get a seat in church it was necessary to arrive in very good time, hence the 11pm departure for some, to save seats for the others. It was a magical way to start Christmas and then it did sometimes snow. Vicars actually lived in the vicarage and originally looked after one parish. They would visit homes and be

there for advice and comfort - also as you were known to them they could sign your passport photo, remember that!

One day, someone may lift the flagstones in the main bar and the parquet floor, which was Peggy Doble's piece de resistance, may be unearthed - you could almost see your face in it, so it would now be a classic health and safety concern. Peggy also insisted that she had seen pots and pans moving around the kitchen - rumours of ghosts also abounded due to the age and nature of the building.

I am sure that some of the older members of the community will remember much more and be able to put me in my place, but unless we record these items they will disappear forever.

I apologise if I have omitted any of our landlords and stand corrected, but it would be interesting to see whether anyone else has any such memories.

YARCOMBE WEATHER AUGUST 2020

	2020	2019	2018
Average Max. temperature	21.8°C	19.9°C	23.1°C
Average Min.	13.5°C	13.9°C	12.7°C
Average Overall temperature	17.6°C	16.9°C	17.9°C
Rainfall	112.2mm	96.1mm	76.5 mm
Wettest Day	19th 27.5mm	8th 33.3 mm	26th 27.9 mm
Sunniest Day	12th 13.0 hrs approx.	25th 14.0 hrs	5th 13.0 hrs
Warmest Day	12th 31.7°C	2nd 24.2°C	2nd 31.4°C
Coldest Night	31st 7.8°C	29th 10.0°C	31st 8.3°C
Sunshine hours	132 hours approx.	195hrs	135 hrs

We have had very mixed weather during August, a few good sunny days which lifted the temperature above 30°C, and a spell of 12 consecutive dry days. Since the 15th August the weather changed, local thunderstorms with very heavy rain, causing flash floods in parts of the country, I saw several very dark clouds and heard the thunder in the distance but we also missed the heavy rain. There were two named storms that swept across the country with wind speeds gusting over 60mph. This summer the country has experienced the longest stretch of hot weather since 1961. The wild fires are again raging in California, burning over one million acres most of which were caused by over 700 lightning strikes on the night of Sunday 16th August and very high temperatures in excess of 48°C.

Tony Newman

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THE SLUG - BY NO OTHER NAME

By Gill Metcalfe

PEST good-riddance is once again on the agenda though perhaps space should not be wasted on an insect which does exactly the same as the caterpillar as chewed over last in *The Parishes' Paper* June issue: the slug - well apologies not a true insect but rather a member of the mollusk phylum along with the snail - though spot the difference!

Whatever - to repeat the slug (like the caterpillar) can devastate a vegetable garden in no time leaving no greenery with the latter perpetrator identified by its trademark slimy trail.

Yet though berating the loss of produce and cursing the desire to grow one's own whilst reaching for the slug pellets, crushed egg shells, coffee grounds, ash or the beer trap, perhaps it is wise to note that there is knowledge in the slug slime.

The latter holds a trail of information - currently of use only to other slugs but in due course modern technology could possibly draw on the communication string that scientists acknowledge as transmitted in the said slime (www.bbcearth.com).

This information should clearly change the avid gardener's attitude towards slugs - but on second thoughts all those precious hours wasted!

However, fair praise to the slug this year to date; lettuces have been prolific in production.

It is hardly possible to give one away, and this year it seems even the slug has had enough probably preferring to decimate the equally prolific *Hosta* growth of the year! Well-perforated strings of *Hosta* leaves decorate the plant stems whilst the lettuces seem untouched.

However, if some gardeners - particularly grow your own veg enthusiasts - have been less fortunate here is a reminder as to how the problem might be tackled.

Removal of the slug is well versed in gardening magazines with the top seven tips as follows:

1. Use the same tips as proffered in the June Parish Magazine re caterpillar.

2. Plant in weed and rock free soil with a minimum amount of mulch around the plants (1-3 inches is plenty). Leave nothing for the slug to hang onto. Certain slugs reproduce dangling from a single thread of mucus in the air.

3. Leave shallow pans with stale beer sunk into the soil. The yeast in

the beer attracts the slugs which fall in and drown. Replenish frequently.

4. Use copper tape and diatomaceous earth as barriers to prevent them reaching their prey.

5. Spread weather resistant boric acid granules around said prey. Replenish every four weeks.

6. Use an organic bait containing iron phosphate - scatter around.

7. Handpick in the evening two hours after sunset.

The latter is also concluded by Sarah Wilson in her article 'Natural Pest Controls' as featured in the June 2020 copy of the *Which?* consumer magazine.

She cites ferric phosphate slug pellets (approved for organic gardening) and the biological use of parasitic nematode worms as the most effective commercial products on the market - brands are named in the article; but her final recommendation as truly effective is the less attractive handpick option, which is certainly the cheapest.

For those wishing to pursue the subject further recommended reading of *50 Ways to Kill a Slug* by Sarah Ford is worthwhile!

Next 'pest' control victim article will feature the rose, *Hosta*, ornamental tree loving - and more delightful deer. Any suggestions gratefully received.



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A JOB FOR THE MARROW

FOR those of you wondering what to do with all those marrows which have grown, here is a great idea.

This marrow chutney recipe has been recommended - and you can even use large courgettes instead.

Ingredients:

- 6lb of peeled, deseeded and chopped up marrow
- 2.1 pt vinegar
- 3 large apples
- 3 large onions
- 6ozs sultanas
- 1oz turmeric
- 1 teasp dry mustard
- 1 teasp ginger
- 1/2 teasp cayenne pepper
- 1lbs sugar (1/2 white, 1/2 brown)

Method:

- Cut the peeled and deseeded marrow into small cubes, put in a large bowl and sprinkle liberally with salt. cover with a tea towel and leave overnight.
- Drain the marrow well and place in a large saucepan.
- Mix the spices with a little of the vinegar, add to the marrow with the rest of the vinegar, plus the chopped onions, chopped apples and sultanas and cook until the marrow is soft.
- Add the warmed sugar and simmer for about 3/4 to 1



hour until it thickens.

- Put into warm jars and seal.

Note: If overgrown courgettes are used instead the process is much quicker as they are easier to cut up and cook more quickly

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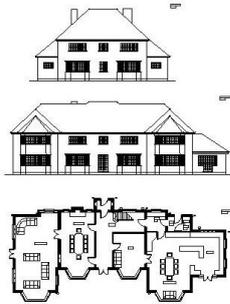
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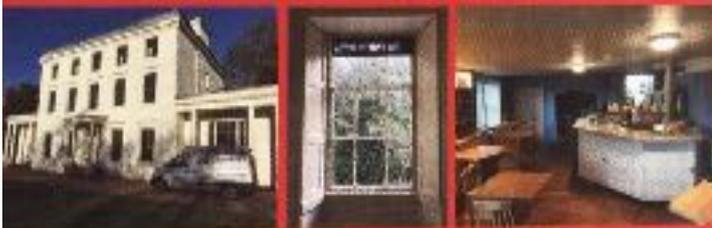
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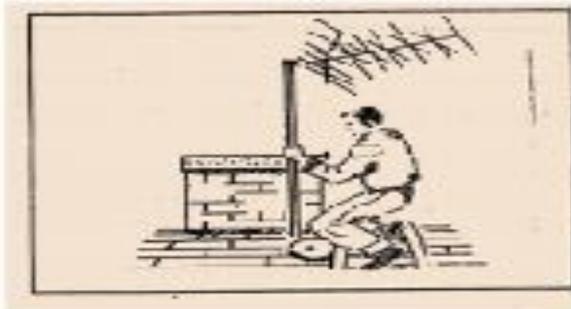
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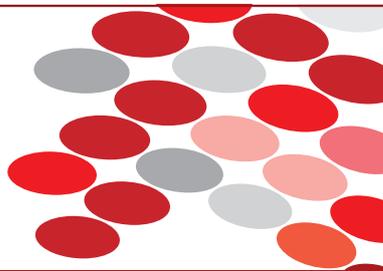
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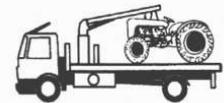


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www.fivealive.org - To stay up to date with what is happening across all of our Five Alive Mission Community, please visit our website. Here you will find any notices on what is happening as well as present and previous issues of the Parishes Paper.

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

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

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

www.stockland.org.uk - For information on what is happening within Stockland and some surrounding areas (including take aways, online entertainment, useful general information, etc.) as well as access to join in the 'Stockland Tree', please visit this website.

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

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

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

*If you need help please do not hesitate to contact a member of the **pastoral team** in your village, contact details are on page 31. We are here to help!*



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