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THE SUNDAY SERVICES



January 2021

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday 3rd Epiphany	11am Zoom Five Alive Service See details below to join us!				
Wednesday 6th	9.30am Holy Communion at Dalwood				
Sunday 10th Baptism of Christ	11am Holy Communion Service in Stockland				
Tuesday 12th	9.30am Holy Communion at Kilmington				
Sunday 17th Epiphany 2	11am Holy Communion Service in Kilmington				
Wednesday 20th	9.30am Holy Communion at Dalwood				
Sunday 24th Epiphany 3	11am Holy Communion Service in Dalwood				
Tuesday 26th	9.30am Holy Communion at Kilmington				
Sunday 31st Candlemas	11am Morning Worship at Yarcombe				

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REMEMBER WITH A STAR AFTER CHRISTMAS

WISE men still seek him! Twelfth night is the traditional time to take down your Christmas decorations, but for the church, twelfth night is the celebration of the festival of the Epiphany.

Traditionally, January 6th was the day when the wise men arrived at the stable in Bethlehem to worship the new-born king.

Epiphany means 'showing' or 'revealing'. The gifts the wise men brought (gold, frankincense and myrrh) reveal something of the future of the life of Christ (gold – kingship; frankincense – holiness; myrrh – suffering).

The season continues with further

revelation to who Christ is and his significance. We learn about his baptism, first miracle and the calling of the first disciples. Epiphany finishes 40 days after Christmas on Candlemas or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

I imagine most of you have packed away the tinsel, Christmas trees and fairy lights.

However, I wonder if, before you go and put them all back up in the loft, you keep at least a 'star' out to remind you of the visit of the wise men and that Christmas continues throughout the season of Epiphany, for now, the work of Christmas really begins

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.*

**The Venerable Andrew Beane
Archdeacon of Exeter**

Reflections on Love at Christmas

If I bake a Christmas cake and dozens of mince pies, but have not love, I am just another harassed housewife.

If I decorate my house with outdoor fairy lights & a twinkling Christmas tree, but have not love, I am just wasting electricity for no reason.

If I write a hundred Christmas cards and stick a newsletter in each one, but have not love, I only gain writer's cramp.

Love stops baking to phone a friend in need.

Love stops decorating to hug a child.

Love stops shopping to visit a

lonely neighbour.

Love does not envy the colour co-ordinated Christmas decorations in another's house, nor the neatly wrapped presents under a neighbour's tree.

Love does not write vain Christmas letters boasting of this year's achievements.

Love does not just send cards to those who can return the favour.

Love does not only buy presents for those who can return the favour.

Love does not work out how much a friend will spend on your gifts and then seek to spend not a penny more.

Love knows the joy of giving without counting the cost.

Love is patient when faced with a queue at the post office And smiles

at those sharing the experience.

Love does not get angry and shout at the kids to stay out of the way, It keeps no record of wrongs.

Love bears all things,
Believes all things,
Hopes all things,
Endures all things.
Love never fails.

Computer games break, chocolates soon vanish, Christmas trees drops their leaves, But the gift of love endures forever.

Love is not just for Christmas, it lasts the whole year through.

Christ is not just for Christmas, He wants to stay with you forever.

*Based on verses from 1
Corinthians Chapter 13*

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PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 58 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

YOU will not be surprised to learn that, unless you are in a church or cathedral which strictly follows the sequence of psalms in the Book of Common Prayer, where it appears as the third psalm set for Morning Prayer on Day Eleven, you are most unlikely to experience Psalm 58 being said or sung in any of today's services. It does not feature at all in the Common Prayer Lectionary.

In an outburst of fury at the injustice meted out by certain of the world's 'mighty' (does that ring a bell in our own day?), the prayer that God should see that justice is done, does not mince its words which are unlikely to be used today, while it is not difficult to understand the feelings expressed.

However, in its defence, and like many other psalms, you can say that the underlying

certainty is that God's justice will prevail in God's own way regardless of the wishes of the writer. Enjoy!

PSALM 58

1. Do you indeed speak justly, you mighty? Do you rule the peoples with equity?

2. With unjust heart you act throughout the land; your hands mete out violence.

3. The wicked are estranged, even from the womb; those who speak falsehood go astray from their birth.

4. They are as venomous as a serpent; they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5. Which does not heed the voice of the charmers, and is deaf to the skilful weaver of

spells.

6. Break, O God, their teeth in their mouths; smash the fangs of these lions, O Lord.

7. Let them vanish like water that runs away; let them wither like trodden grass.

8. Let them be as the slimy track of the snail, like the untimely birth that never sees the sun.

9. Before ever their pots feel the heat of the thorns, green or blazing, let them be swept away.

10. The righteous will be glad when they see God's vengeance; they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

11. So that people will say, 'Truly there is a God who judges in the earth.'

Bible readings January 2021

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 3 [W] Epiphany	Isa: 60:1-6 Ps: 72:[1-9] 10-15	Eph: 3:1-12 Matt: 2:1-12
Sun 10 [W/G] Baptism of Christ	Gen: 1:1-5 Ps: 29	Acts 19: 1-7 Mark: 1:4-11
Sat 17 [W] Epiphany 2	1 Sam: 3:1-10 [11-20] Ps: 139:1-9	Rev: 5:1-10 John: 1:43-End
Sun 24 [W] Epiphany 3	Gen: 14:17-20 Ps: 28	Rev: 19:6-10 John 2:1-11
Sun 31 [G/W] Candlemas	Mal: 3:1-5 Ps: 24: [1-6] 7-End	Heb: 2:14-End Luke: 2:22-40

From the registers

There are no listings from the registers for this month.

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



PARTNER CHURCHES

DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

WHAT a strange old year it's been! It started off full of hope and expectations and within a relatively short time Covid-19 turned our lives upside down.

Lock-down and the closure of churches meant that Easter, instead of the joyful time it usually is, passed almost unnoticed. No early morning services to celebrate our Risen Lord, no singing of the well-known Easter hymns, little opportunity to go out and buy Easter eggs and even the bank holiday passed by virtually ignored.

Much later in the year, and on a positive note, it was nice to be able to share with St Peter's in their outdoor harvest service, the first time we had seen people in almost six months, but still not able to greet them in our usual way.

Reopening the chapel required reams of paperwork to be completed and we had just one service before we had to close again. We are now holding services

once more but not in our usual format because we are still not allowed to sing, a great blow to Methodists since we were, as John Wesley put it, "born in song".

Covid-19 has also affected us in another way in that many of the preachers we normally have are elderly and at greater risk of the virus and have, therefore, for the time being, stopped taking services, which means we are unable to have a preacher every Sunday. With this in mind we are currently holding services every other Sunday, many of which we are having to lead ourselves. Still, it does give us the opportunity to see our friends again, even if it is socially distanced.

Christmas will also have been different this year with a "silent" carol service, the first in my memory but it will give us the chance to concentrate on the words and the true meaning of Christmas for a change, rather than just getting carried away with singing the well-

known and well-loved tunes.

What will the new year bring? Hopefully an end to the virus so that life can truly get back to normal, families can get together once more and our churches will be fully open again so that we can worship God together.

Our services for January are as follows:

- Sunday, January 3rd at 11 am. This is our annual Covenant Service where we renew our promises to God.
- Sunday, January 17th at 11 am
- Sunday, January 31st at 11 am

If you would like to come to any of these services please contact Roderick Ovey on 01297 442433 so that we can arrange the seating to meet social-distancing rules.

May we at the chapel wish you all a happy, joyful and meaningful Christmas, and pray that you and your loved ones will have a peaceful and healthy 2021.

Roderick Ovey

YARCOMBE BAPTIST CHAPEL

THE Roman god Janus gives his name to the month of January, the first month of the year. He had a face to look back over the previous year and one to look forward. It is with that in mind that I write a few words from the chapel.

Like everyone else, we began 2020 with plans, enthusiasm and the prospect of a year full of promise. Like everyone else, we were closed from the end of March. That was sad. However, it was a joy to be able to keep in touch with everyone through some "Thoughts

from an Aging Baptist Lay preacher".

We reopened on October 4th with a harvest service and a chance to support The Lord's Larder in Chard. Then came lockdown two.

December saw the building reopened, following all the government regulation.

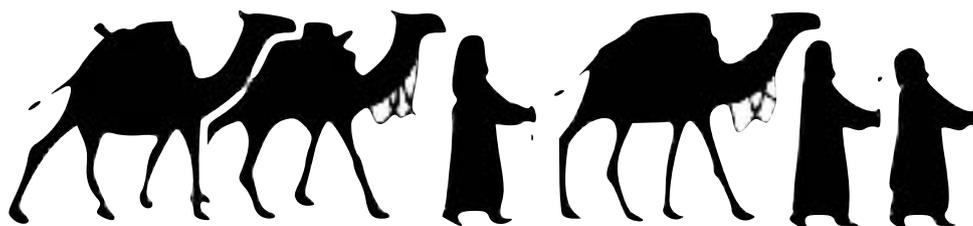
So, we plan ahead for 2021. My very grateful thanks to Angie and Pat who, in spite of a pandemic, have presented us with a near-full rota of services for the whole of 2021. An amazing achievement in the face of adversity.

We look forward to welcoming back many of our dedicated team of lay preachers and thank all of them for their willingness to lead worship.

2021 will not be without challenges but we pray that we will be given strength, guidance and wisdom in keeping the gates open, the path clear and a warm welcome to all.

All our Sunday morning services will begin at 11am. The chapel is covid-secure and the risk assessment is available to anyone who wishes to contact me.

Thelma Clarke



EPIPHANY

The Saraswati School in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India

A FASCINATING TRIP TO INDIA

By Caroline Nunns

I HAVE been very fortunate to visit India on two separate occasions in the last few years. Both times, I have travelled alone from the UK and met my daughter, Sophie, on arrival as she has either already been in India volunteering or travelling in SE Asia.

We have met up and travelled together spending many hours on trains (quite an experience); boats and planes. We travelled in cars, taxis, cycle rickshaws and my favourite - tuk tuks.

We have been to northern India to what is known as the 'triangle' visiting Agra, the home of the stunning Taj Mahal, Punjab to see the beautiful Sikh temple of Amritsar where 5,000 visitors are fed every day for free at the Gurdwara and the terrible monument to the Jallianwalla Bagh massacre.

Then north to fly over the mountains of the Himalayas and stay in Ley where people are mainly Buddhist and where the Dali Lama is exiled, and west to Rajasthan where it is common to see camels pulling carts and where you are close to the desert.

More recently, in spring 2019, I met Sophie in Kerala and we stayed in southern India investigating Fort Kochi with its famous Chinese fishing nets, the synagogue, a laundry which dates back to the 18th Century when the Dutch were ruling the area. We travelled to a wildlife area; stayed in an Indian home where a six-year-old child taught me how to eat a Dosa and curry without making a mess at breakfast - she failed; and then on to a tea plantation where I was given a cuppa containing a Tetley tea bag and where a lovely lady insisted on directing our photography so that we have so many pictures of us that



CAROLINE Nunns and her daughter, Sophie, on their Indian adventure

eventually we took photos of her!

Then by train to Goa where we enjoyed morning yoga, days on the beach along with cows and stray dogs and evenings drinking cocktails and watching the sunset.

We have stayed in heritage hotels which were amazing in their opulence, a hotel room where there were no windows. Immaculate rooms and others with dirty sheets and thin towels. I don't think I'll dwell on some of the loos!

In the summer of 2012, while the Olympic Games were underway in Britain, we visited Varanasi.

If you have seen the film *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, you will remember the scene where a handful of British visitors leave the quiet sedateness of the airport and step into an Indian street. They are met by a wall of colour and noise and it was just like that when I stepped out of Varanasi airport. I had never seen so many people. Pigs and water buffalo roamed the streets feeding from piles of rubbish.

It was lovely to see Sophie and get into a taxi but the drive to the

centre of Varanasi was an adventure in itself. I was pleased to learn that in India one drives on the left but on this road it appeared to be a suggestion which could be ignored if there was a convenient gap in traffic in the other side of the road. Cows lie in the road and motorists carefully pick their way round them but pedestrians have no such protection and we actually drove up to a young woman and the car touched her. The driver stopped the car to spit out of the door and to summon a poor old lady to go and buy him some chewing tobacco.

We saw families living on the street and one family was watching TV under a tarpaulin accompanied by a couple of goats!

When we arrived at the school where we were staying, we had to leave the taxi and walk through narrow streets to get to the building.

The Saraswati Education Centre is a project to help poor, street and slum children by helping them to receive an education and proper nutrition and build their self-esteem.

It is run by Somit Dutta who also

teaches yoga at the centre. There is a regular teaching staff but, in addition, volunteers come from all over the world to stay at the centre, help with the children and attend yoga classes. It is also a guest house for those wishing to explore this ancient city.

Somit and his brother, Amit, were very generous with their time while we stayed there. Somit was busy with the school but Amit showed us around and, of course, having a local guide was terrific.

The building is tall and some building work was taking place to create another floor and a roof garden. I don't think my husband, Martin, would have thought much of the construction work or safety regs in place. We were in a clean airy room with the luxury of a shower - complete with a huge spider - but we had to carefully pick our way downstairs through wet concrete! Before the room was ready, Sophie had been sleeping in the kitchen.

The school is one of the last in the Hindu neighbourhood and is right next door to the Moslem neighbourhood. It was Ramadan when we visited.

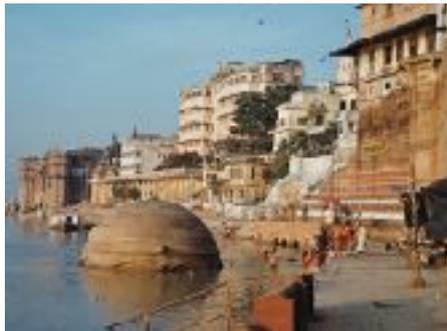
On our first morning I was woken by the call to prayer from the mosque and then just as I settled down to sleep, the Hindu family opposite played a CD of chants to 'cleanse' their home of evil spirits for the coming day.

We travelled in tuk tuks, the first time for me. These little three-wheeled vehicles can carry as many passengers as will fit in, it seems. Often local police will hitch a ride with you by jumping into the vehicle and hopping off when they near their destination.

We were warned to keep our belongings in the middle of the tuk tuk as bags are easy to snatch and the vehicles are open on both sides.

We also travelled by bicycle rickshaw but it is unnerving as you feel that you are going to topple! I feel very sorry for these skinny men who have to lug large foreigners around but they seem grateful for the work.

One evening, coming back from a meal, there was a power cut. Sophie and I were in a rickshaw and the only lights were from cars, however, our resourceful driver, had a small torch and miraculously we arrived



back in one piece.

The best part of the short stay in the school was meeting the children - they were so happy. The school was not in session when I visited but the children seemed to be happy to see the visitors. One evening Somit suggested we visit the slum school. I am afraid that I had thought we were already in the slums!

I went with him in a bicycle rickshaw to a shanty town in the middle of which was a room where the children came in the evening to learn maths and English. There was one young male teacher and children of all ages crammed into a small space. The children showed us their exercise books and Sophie and I 'marked' their homework. The children were taught by rote and I was able to teach them the 'ABC' song.

There were a few reference books on a bookshelf but because it was the monsoon season, everything was damp and mouldy. At that time,

I was working as a teaching assistant in a Devon school where laptops, photocopiers and basics like pencils and paper were taken for granted - I vowed that night to never curse the photocopier again when the paper got stuck!

As word spread that there were visitors from the UK who had brought stickers and pencils, more and more children arrived. Sadly, we ran out of gifts.

It was a very humbling experience and made us appreciate all that we have.

We used to go to Somit and Amit's house for breakfast where their mother, Geeta, and younger sister, Shusmita, made us welcome and served us with chi made from buffalo milk and flat breads with pickle. The flat is very small and up a steep flight of stairs. Shusmita spoke a little English but Geeta just smiled and gestured with her hands. I think I was a novelty in the area as very few young backpackers take their mum with them!

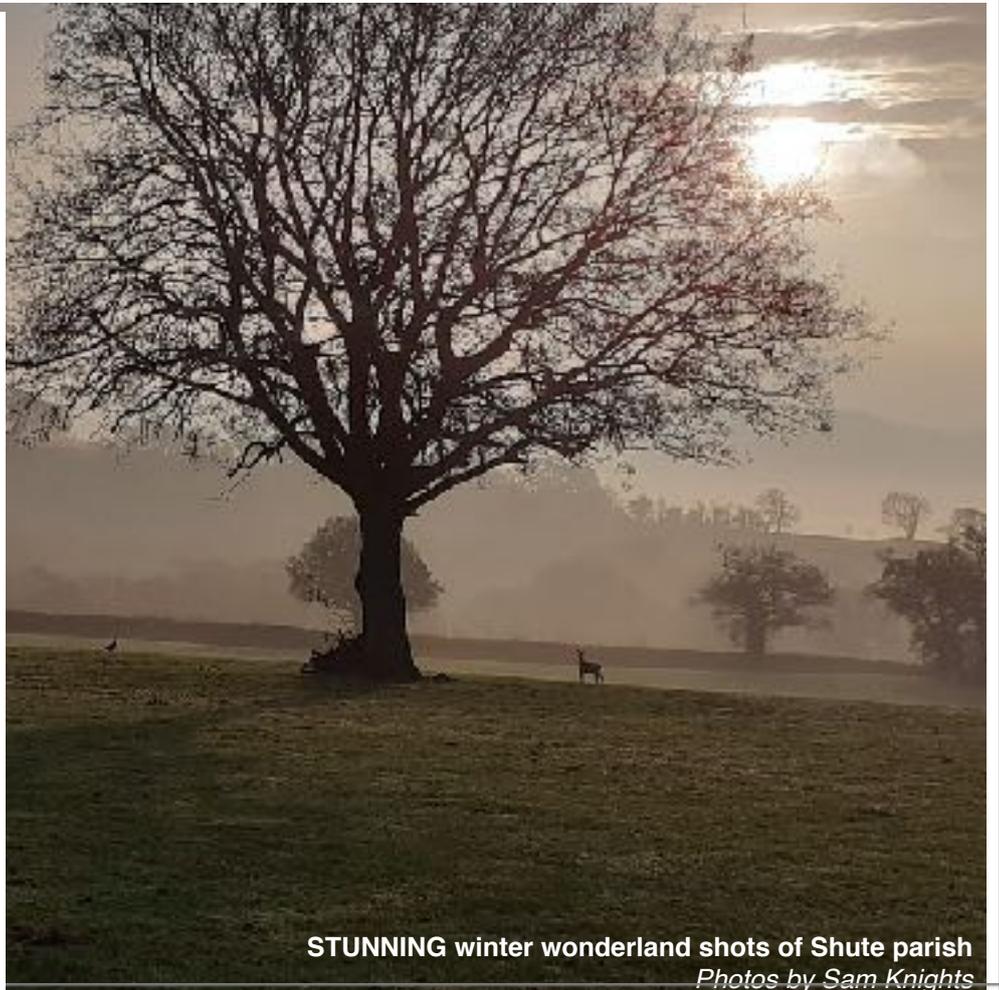
On the walk to the flat in the mornings the local shopkeepers would greet Sophie with a "namaste" and me with "namaste, mama".

Early one morning, Somit and Amit took us on the river Ganges which is the holy river of India. The boys took it in turns to row us which gave the helmsman a well-earned break.

We rowed along the Ghats that lead down to the river and passed many people who were swimming and bathing in the holy waters. The Ganges is not a clean river and Sophie and I would have been very ill if we had tried to drink the water but the locals seem to be immune to any illness and one old lady was very happily cleaning her teeth with mud!

It was a very mystical experience to be on the river in the morning mist just before sunrise.

Just before we left we were able to attend a special ceremony at the water's edge on the Ganga Aarti. This is a ceremony held at dusk when people make an offering to the Goddess Ganga. It is very busy, noisy and colourful and as my little paper boat offering made its way onto the Ganges, it marked a fitting end to my time in this fascinating city.



STUNNING winter wonderland shots of Shute parish
Photos by Sam Knights

Dalwood Community Shop and Post Office

2020 ends with hope as the vaccine is here, we wish ALL our CUSTOMERS,
VOLUNTEERS and their loved one's a HEALTHY and

**HAPPY NEW
2021
YEAR**

SHOP OPENING TIMES

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

POST OFFICE opening times

3 mornings a week
MONDAY: 9.00-11.30am
TUESDAY: 9.00-11.30am
THURSDAY: 9.00-11.30am

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DALWOOD NEWS

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Christmas with a difference or two at church

CHRISTMAS services in December were a bit different at St Peter's Church, including the usual Posada and Christingle services.

Following guidelines, Mary and Joseph decided to restrict their travelling, so they did not visit homes in the village but stayed in the church.

However some of the sheep

wandered off and were 'rounded up' by village children and brought to St Peter's Church between 2pm and 4pm on Christmas Eve.

There were also a few other surprises waiting for the little ones too.

And, for the grown-ups, there was Midnight Mass Holy Communion, led by Rev Nigel Freathy, at 11.30pm.



POEM

'Twas the Christmas of Covid and all down the street
No one was stirring 'cos we couldn't meet
We all stayed at home, no family or friend
All wishing and hoping that this would soon end

Grandchildren can't come to give Grandma a hug
and it's all to avoid passing on Covid bug
but soon we can visit and friends will be seen
as soon as we've lined up to get our vaccine

I wonder if Santa will still come to call

Or is he in lockdown, with reindeers and all?

Will he hide beard and whiskers in a wrap-around mask

Use hand gel at each house? That's too much to ask.

This year Santa looks different, if you peek you might see

That on top of his red coat he wears full PPE

He might find it hard when he's going about

'Cos the mask on poor Rudolph made his red nose go out.

When Santa arrives here from lands overseas

Sleigh loaded with presents to deliver with ease

But your gifts may arrive a week or two late

Because coming from France he must self isolate.

Now as we all know Santa's ever so old

But he goes out each year in the snow and the cold

To keep himself safe he has jabs against flu

But this year, with Covid he's had jab number two.

But please do not worry 'cos all will be well

He's got magic dust from his friend Tinkerbell

Your gifts will be there stacked under the tree

Santa will still come calling now he's Covid-free!

Brian Eddy



STOCKLAND NEWS

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POEM

Just a Farmer

"Just a farmer," you said,
And I laughed 'cause I knew
All the things that farmers
Must be able to do.

They must study the land,
Then watch the sky
And figure just when
is the right time and why –

To sow and to plant
To buy and to sell
To go to the market
With cattle and well –

You know the books
That farmers must keep
To pay all those taxes
And be able to sleep.

And you know the fixin'
That farmers must do
When machines like mad
monsters
Blow a gasket or two

I guess when God needed
Folks to care for His earth
He chose "just farmers"
'Cause he knew their true worth.

Helen G Coon

Poppy thanks

A BIG 'Thank you' is due to all those who were able to do some house-to-house' Poppy Appeal collecting for me this year, despite all the problems and changes that took place prior to the collecting dates.

All appreciation to the Kings Arms for being one of the manned points for the village; thank you also to the school and preschool, and to Anna (Shore Bottom). The total collected this year was £458.

Thank you to all who collected and donated: given the current circumstances this was an excellent sum; this is so much appreciated.

Rozanne Bulmer

AND HERE'S TO THE NEW YEAR!

May it bring us health and happiness

By Gill Metcalfe

A NEW year already – well 2021 has to be better than 2020 – The Beatles refrain, 'it's getting better, can't get much worse' is surely balanced by the text 'The Power of Positive Thinking' (Norman V Price) which was advertised every weekend on the front page of a national tabloid for many years.

The Parishes' Paper copy deadline for the January issue was December 6th, so some of the Stockland news this month is inevitably dated and on the thin side. With the forthcoming Christian festival of Candlemas on February 2nd, when candles are traditionally blessed, readers are invited to send in the photographs of their Christmas trees for publication - to signify the lights of the candles. Albeit a late gesture, the Christmas lights would act to highlight this celebration. So, readers – all photos gratefully received.

Well done to Class 1 at Stockland Academy for all the Christmas optimism your nativity play photograph has brought to readers: the colourful message – loud and clear!

In the December issue of *The Parishes' Paper*, the editor thanked the correspondents from the parishes for their input; it serves here to thank the regular contributors to our Stockland section: the distribution team – Margaret Martin, Suzanne Bradbury and Mary Walsh; the secretariat and staff of Stockland Academy; Lucy Shipley, Alan Ash, Brian Drew, Philippa Wilks, Tim Philips, David Allen, Martin Nunns, Jane Wedlock, and editor Kate Williams.

Positive news is heralded by the early 'spring lambs' frolicking in the



LAMBS in the December 2020 sunshine

fields at Barn Park Farm already with the lambing sheds also busy – certainly brings a smile. Derek, late owner of Barn Park, would have mused at the field gate and would have noted, most knowingly, the heralding of the new year on the land. It is thanks to his family that the poem entitled *Just a Farmer*, left, is included in this month's Stockland news pages: it reminds that Stockland is a rural community and as such heavily reliant on its farmers; it also states that no-one is "just" – a poignant reminder for all – to reiterate a phrase 'all lives matter – equally'.

With 2021 already open, all is needed here is to wish us all a happy, healthy new year.

Intrepid leader Jill steps down from Swag duties

By Jane Wedlock

IT was way back in January last year that Jill Belamy announced that she was stepping down from Swag after leading us for some 10 years or so and having been our WI president for some years before that.

Perhaps leader is not the right word to describe what she had been - Jill has been much more than that - having done everything from organiser to chief bottle-washer and then some.

Over the years, Jill has given us a very varied programme of events. There have been speakers on flower arranging and other garden topics - our annual quiz was always great fun. We learned about the work of the Cats Protection League, about becoming a stonemason working from Beer to Australia, about missionary work in China and of working for minor members of the Royal Family.

We were treated to environmental talks on issues concerning bees and otters, the re-introduction of beavers into the UK. There were occasional theatre trips together with annual Christmas lunches, garden parties



JILL Belamy with her 'thank you' gifts of flowers, Hotel Chocolat chocolates and a John Lewis voucher from Swag members

Photo by Gill Metcalfe

and who could forget our popular January bingo? Quite the highlight of any new year!

When Jill produced sandwich boxes, we all knew that it was time for the annual Stockland Fair for which Swag provided memorable refreshments.

Other activities included outings to

various National Trust properties, to Brownsea Island, to Bristol to visit the SS Great Britain, sea trips along the coast off Lyme Regis and summer evenings spent on the Tiverton Canal to name but a few.

Things did not always go according to plan. Some time ago, a trip via bus, river and train to Dartmouth early in the year saw us muffled and battling temperatures of minus nine - members might remember that our Swag page on the Stockland Tree carried a photo of this. On one of the lovely summer canal trips, we were visited by hornets attracted by the light on the boat as darkness fell. On another occasion, a member had carefully transported a plant pot all the way home from a trip to Stourhead only to have it smashed on the way down Stockland Hill as the coach returned. Trying to produce willow stars last year - a seemingly simple Christmas decoration - was anything but and led to a fun filled evening and much purchasing of ready-made items!

Our intrepid leader gave us all many happy hours of fun, good company and entertainment - we wish her well and pass on our best wishes for the future.

Hard work continues for church festivities

THE following is a record of the work put in to organising St Michael's and All Angels Church over the festive period.

Volunteers and wardens were exceptionally busy getting the church ready for the carol service planned for Sunday, December 20th at 6pm. The flower ladies, as usual, were galvanised into

organising the stunning floral displays whilst a tree was also anticipated.

The Christmas Day Service was planned for 10.30am and the Rev Michael Selman was again asked to conduct the service; Holy Communion with the blessing of the crib had been organised. It was hoped that several children would

be present to enjoy this.

It is also hoped more services will be possible in January beginning with a Holy Communion with Nigel Freathy on January 11th at 11am. Obviously, this will depend on the situation after the seasonal festivities and the possible easing of restrictions.

Gill Metcalfe

WISHING OUR READERS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

A FLUSH OF FUNGI

By David Allen

SUMMER seemed to roll seamlessly into autumn sometime in August when welcome rain brought a flush of fungi.

There was almost an embarrassing quantity of cep, to me the most highly prized of the edible species. There followed a lull during September when we enjoyed our 'Indian summer'.

October brought more rain, this time stimulating the appearance of the common groups of mushroom: the brittlegills and milkcaps including the huge white fleecy milkcap that emerges sporadically in one spot on Quantock Turbary.

False deathcaps have been common, their caps pale yellow and with a smell of raw potato. Smells can be helpfully diagnostic as in the case of sulphur knight, a handsome bright yellow toadstool with an evil smell of gas tar. The very common lilac bonnet smells of radishes and one of the webcaps, a large and difficult genus, smells of pelargonium. In November, the late season species were frequent, the funnels and wood blewit among them.

Cap texture can also be a clue to identity in fungi. Poisonpie, with brown gills and spores, has a slimy cap as does the beautiful bluish green verdigris agaric that I hadn't



FALSE Deathcap

Photo submitted by David Allen

seen recently until last week. Now the greasy capped and very common buttercup is with us. During the last few days, I have seen the season's first waxcaps, brightly coloured species that are important indicators of unimproved grassland.

Geoff Pearce tells me he heard a grasshopper warbler singing on Shortmoor Turbary early in September and that's a good record. By now, all our summer migrant warblers including chiffchaff and blackcap have left but there is an interesting twist to this tale: blackcaps are being seen locally over winter and it turns out that these birds are winter visitors to us, arriving from Germany and eastern Europe. All our swallows have long gone south whereas flocks of redwings are arriving.

Neither Geoff nor I have seen any fieldfares yet.

Autumn is the season of colour. As our native deciduous trees start to shut down for winter, a sequential loss of pigment in leaves accounts for the spectacular range in colour from green to yellow, orange and golden brown. In this spell of glorious crisp, clear weather, the dappled light through leaves can be wonderful. Beneath in the hedgebank, I notice the striking contrast in foliage between bright yellow field maple, red dogwood and purple guelder-rose. And there's fruit aplenty: hips, haws, sloes, crab apples, cob nuts, chestnuts and, particularly, acorns.

We still have 19 moorland ponies on our turbaries; they will be going home by the end of the month. They have done a fine job of conservation grazing and they remain fit and healthy.

Heather Burnett has done a wonderful job as 'looker' in keeping an eye on them all throughout the season. A small exclusion plot on Quantock, taped off to prevent grazing, has permitted the seeding of purple moorgrass which we hope will attract reed buntings and other seed-eaters. Over winter, we plan to enlist the help of the RSPB again to brush-cut more fire-breaks on the open hillside on Horner where dry heathland is gradually becoming re-established.

Winners aplenty in hall's prize draws

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of Stockland Victory Hall 100 Club during November 2020.

Amelia Doble - No. 104, £20; Martin and Bronwen Gundry - No. 24, £10; Jean Holway - No. 40, £5.

The December bumper Christmas winners are: Tom Miskin - No. 96, £50; Suzanne Bradbury - No. 95, £20; David and Wendy Urquart -

No. 65, £10; Roger and Kelly Patch - No. 66, £5; Richard and Jane Griffiths - No. 50, £5.

Many thanks for supporting the Victory Hall 100 Club; subscriptions are now due for 2021, still £10 per number!

We make 12 monthly prize draws of £20, £10 and £5, with bumper Christmas prizes of £50, £20, £10,

£5. Funds raised go to help run the Victory Hall, especially welcome this year as most events were cancelled in 2020.

If you would like to be included for the first time please contact Monica Parris 01404 881535 (monicaparris@btconnect.com).

Monica Parris

STOCKLAND NEWS



STOCKLAND Academy's Class 1 practising for their nativity play

Christmas cheer with academy's nativity

By Gill Metcalfe

GIVEN all the necessary pandemic restrictions, Stockland Academy's Class 1 is certainly not forgetting

Christmas with the virtual nativity play rehearsals so enthusiastically photographed, above.

Such cannot fail to cheer us and remind of the meaning of Christmas. Well done Class 1.

NECESSARY PLEASURES



JUST a reminder that we all need to keep warm, enjoy each other's company and perhaps sleep it off.

It's a happy new year to all with a big thank you for supporting *The Parishes' Paper*.

Philippa Wilks

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

A Thanksgiving Prayer for Epiphany

What shall we offer thee, O Christ,
who for our sakes has appeared on earth as man?
Every creature made by thee offers their thanks:
the angels offer a hymn;
the heavens, a star;
the Magi brought gifts;
the shepherds brought wonder.
What can we offer thee?
We offer our hearts.

Amen

*From Eastern Orthodox Church
Submitted by Philippa Wilks*

Apologies are due for the error in the December issue when the word 'quickly' was substituted for 'quietly'.

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

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Reflecting on the digital literary festival of 2020

By Samantha Knights

IF someone had told us Shute Festival would run its entire programme of events in 2020 online including a sitar concert and a Russian folk song concert and singalong, without a single live spectator, none of our customary tea, coffee and cake, or a glass of wine, and without the after-event chatter, I would have been horrified.

Shute Festival, to date, has always been a three-day buzzing affair bathed in glorious September sunshine with a parallel programme of outdoor activities for children in the leafy grounds of Shute Primary School, with lunches by our wonderful local caterers - Khushi Kitchen and Harriet, constant teas, coffees and justly famous cakes by the Friends of Shute Church, and after-hours dinners for our speakers.

But in March this year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it seemed unlikely that it would go ahead in our usual format. So the choice as it seemed to us was a fairly stark one between cancelling everything or stepping into what, for us at least, was completely uncharted territory – that of the virtual world.

In fact, the technology had been there for decades and many people were already using it, but I have to confess that I had always been something of a technophobe holding out against even a smart phone for a number of years after they had become mainstream.

We were right, of course, on one level to be wary of the virtual world as Shute is something of a black hole when it comes to broadband, not having a fibre optic cable connecting us to the outside world. We had to upgrade our own



SAM Knights, Shute Festival co-director, outside the festival's usual venue, St Michael's Church in Shute

equipment at home and invest in a free-standing modem as the BT broadband could barely support a zoom call as we found on return.

But we also felt that doing something was better than nothing, and also a real commitment to our writers and performers already

planned for 2020 who were naturally looking forward to speaking about their new books, work and music and potentially facing a very empty year ahead with most of their events being cancelled.

We were also inspired by the great sense of can-do that emerged

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SAM prepares to broadcast an online festival event

in early spring at the University of Miami, where we were teaching at the time. Within a matter of a couple of weeks they migrated about 10,000 students, faculty and staff onto online teaching platforms and trained everyone up on the software.

It seemed a good idea to start off with a sort of pre-event to test how it would work and given the enormous number of restrictions on basic freedoms that were suddenly imposed on us by the government, the idea of a panel event, Human Rights in the Covid-19 Climate emerged.

We had four speakers including one based in the US. We tested and tested again to make sure the platform would work and off we went. And people came – in fact over 100 people registered for the event which was more than could comfortably have fitted into St Michael's Church at Shute, our usual venue. And people joined us from too from outside the South West. What is no doubt the smallest village in the UK to host a literary festival had its first truly international audience. We also had lovely

feedback from our 'live' audience who were able to engage by asking questions, making comments.

From there, we continued with almost all our planned events to August, including Sophy Roberts on *The Lost Pianos of Siberia*, James Crowden on *The Frozen River*, the *Sunday Times*' Christina Lamb on *Our Bodies, Their Battlefield*, Robert Twigger on *Walking the Great North Line* and Peter Fiennes on *Footnotes*. Most of the talks were accompanied by colourful slides and each time we ran an event the range of our audience expanded. We were joined on occasion by viewers in Brazil, Russia, India, and many countries in Europe as well as our core audience in the South West and the UK.

We had a much-needed break from screens in August and drew breath. It was still unclear what the remainder of the year would present in terms of restrictions but the indicators suggested that we wouldn't be heading back into the church anytime soon and, of course, many of our core audience would be classed as vulnerable and therefore only able to participate in an online

format for the foreseeable future.

We had also decided at the outset that we should make our entire online programme for 2020 free to all with donations where people felt able so we could continue to meet the IT costs as well as payments to speakers.

The autumn season opened with one of the South West's best known journalists, Martin Hesp, who during the lockdown had penned and published a series of short stories set in lockdown. This was followed by Polina Shepherd's Russian folk songs, Susan Owens on *Spirit of Place*, the *Guardian*'s Luke Harding on *Shadow State*, a panel event on *The Future of British Farming*, best-selling historical novelist Tracy Chevalier on *A Single Thread*, a sitar concert and conversation with Ricky Romain, a panel event on *Slavery in the South West*, Abi Dare on *The Girl with the Louding Voice* and Philippe Sands on *The Ratline*.

We have emerged, most importantly, solvent thanks to the huge generosity of those of you who have donated and also due to the support of the Axe Vale Show grant and a grant from the Carew Pole Family Trust. We have also had one of the most engaging years in terms of the breadth and diversity of our events and speakers.

The online format has allowed us to bring in speakers from all over the UK and beyond who would not otherwise easily be able to get to Shute. It has also allowed us to engage with an audience beyond our normal range.

But we have remained, as ever, very committed to our roots in East Devon and in the South West with a large number of our speakers from the area which just goes to show how many amazing people live and work here.

We are going to take another break now to reflect on this year and plan for later in 2021.

As always, we welcome the support of our local community and if anyone does want to make a donation towards next year's festival they can do so via our website, www.shutefest.org.uk. On the website, you can also watch recordings of any of this year's wonderful events.



YARCOMBE NEWS

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Looking back fondly at 'village school' life

By Lesley Sutton

THE school in Yarcombe was closed in 1967 when it was decided that it was not viable, apart from being in rather a dangerous position.

It was promised that primary school children would be bussed to the school in Stockland. There was a policy then that those living on the village side of the A303 would attend Stockland whilst those on the Taunton side went to Upottery.

It also appears that children seem to go in cycles here, there are either lots of little ones, who progress through the system and go on to further education and a gap whilst we wait for them to be replenished. It was just so when we arrived, Angela Doble was the only child to get on the bus in the village centre.

However, many people had moved into Yarcombe and to Marsh and, by the time our children were of school age, there were three buses travelling the lanes to Stockland. Local ladies Jean Rich, Christine Parris, Pearl Rayner and Pat Bazley became bus drivers and, of course, we got to know others later from the different coach companies who tendered for the job.

We, ourselves, were most fortunate in that being some of the first incomers after (The China Girls) Eleanor Dunn (Wright) and Shirley Hartshorn, (Neve), the Rockeys at the Inn and the Allens at the Post Office, we were kindly taken under their wing by George and Emily Long and their family, Angela and Tony.

As stalwart members of the PTFA, they introduced us to the many

social affairs organised by the school under the headmaster, John Pearce, which enabled the parents to get to know each other and the school to benefit from their help. They had recently built a swimming pool which came to be a benefit to both communities for many years.

John was ably assisted by teachers Miss Copp, who took care of the infant class, and Miss Bowden, who had transferred from Yarcombe when the schools combined, the middle class, whilst he taught the older children.

At that time, playgroups were a novel idea and, as there were now several children in Yarcombe and Marsh, such a facility was mooted for the Jubilee Hall. However, as Stockland had already initiated the idea and as the children would shortly be attending the school, it was decided that they would join their contemporaries there sooner rather than later and get to know each other from their earliest years.

For some time apart from others, Ann Mills (Smith at the time), Domini Pepper from Moxhayes and I were in charge with a rota of mother helpers from both villages. I was entrusted with collecting several children along the route wedging them in the back of the car! This was way before health and safety took charge.

John, who had a pipe in his mouth most of the time, was very go-ahead and introduced lots of extra curricular events. Being keen naturalists and having family who were at that time living in Africa, he and his wife, Nan, led a most interesting life which they passed on to the schoolchildren. He was very keen that Yarcombe parents should play an important part in the running

of the school and were well represented on the governing board. He always organised a visit to the pantomime at Sidmouth as a Christmas treat and the nativity play took place one evening in the church at Stockland and then transferred to Yarcombe on the following night. The children danced round the maypole at Stockland Fair and we all helped running various stalls.

Honiton had recently twinned with the French town of Mezidon-Canon in Normandy and the primary school in the 'Canon' district wrote to local primary schools asking if they would like to share in a junior twinning exercise involving children travelling to each other's village, living in homes in pairs, taking part in daily life and visiting the local area. John encouraged the PTFA to consider this and a recce party was nominated to cross the channel and see the lie of the land. Therefore, John Pearce, Ann Mills, John Lipscombe and I were welcomed by the French council officials, accommodated by families and feted at the 'Hotel de Ville' with a many-course meal.

The more able French speakers, John Lipscombe and Ann, managed to write and give a speech of thanks to our hosts, and thus the oldest children, before transferring to secondary school, became regular visitors to Normandy, Caen and the Bayeux Tapestry, Arromanches and the Second World War landing beaches being amongst the many attractions seen. Ann and I made several annual visits helping and accompanying the children on the ferry from Weymouth. It was amazing how well the children adapted to their French

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counterparts and there was some competition as to who would host the returning pairs as they were so entertaining.

At that time there was no such thing as maternity leave, having children meant you gave up your job, families were reliant on one income and family allowance, eagerly collected from the Post Office on a Tuesday morning, so there was not a lot to spare for outings, clothes or the extra things now taken so much for granted. Therefore, in the summer holidays a rota of parents would be in charge of opening the pool and keeping an eye on the swimmers.

We would often cycle down the lane and have a picnic on the playing field behind the Victory Hall. As all the children attended the same school they all knew each other and played and mixed easily. Children were accepted into reception class in the term they

reached their fifth birthday and were welcomed to that class on a Monday afternoon, the term prior to that, to get acquainted with their new life.

All good things come to an end, the council decided that children over the age of eight living less than three miles from school would have to pay to go on the bus. It may not seem much now but the breaking of the promise of free travel given originally when the school closed caused much concern. The road was considered unsuitable for young children to cycle and the cost of driving them down would be more costly and time consuming, so after a vigorous protest we had to succumb to the ruling. Even later, of course, parents had the right to send their children to whichever school they chose so the right that Yarcombe children would attend Stockland school was changed.

Now we have the situation that, due to numbers attending, some

parents have been faced with the option of one child going to one school and a sibling attending another so the very close link has been broken. It just goes to show that with greater freedom to choose other aspects come into play and situations change. Many of the mothers at that time returned to work often in different careers whilst younger women had a chance to take maternity leave and return to their jobs.

After school and breakfast clubs are often available to fit in with parents lives and pre-schools are far more geared up for basic education and it is the norm for both parents to work. It just goes to show that the best laid plans of mice and men can be changed by circumstance. However, we have an enduring allegiance to the school and before lockdown, eagerly attended the Stockland Fair and the annual nativity play.

YARCOMBE WEATHER NOVEMBER 2020

	2020	2019	2018
Average Max. temperature	11.2°C	8.5°C	10.1°C
Average Min.	6.6°C	5.4°C	6.0°C
Average Overall temperature	8.9°C	6.9°C	10.1°C
Rainfall	89.9mm	152.4mm	243.7 mm
Wettest Day	14th 24.3mm	25th 15.9 mm	12th 55.5 mm
Sunniest Day	4th 8.0 hrs approx	18th 8.5 hrs	3rd 8.5 hrs
Warmest Day	1st 15.4°C	1st 13.7°C	12th 23.3°C
Coldest Night	4th 1.0°C	9th 0.4°C	29th -0.1°C
Sunshine hours	70 hours approx	62hrs	59 hrs

On the whole, October was a damp month with only three dry days, however the temperature was slightly above average, which could make this year one of the warmest on record. We could be in for a cold and wet New Year the same as ten years ago in 2010 when I was snowed in for several days and temperatures fell well below freezing. The reason for this warning is a phenomenon called 'La Nina' which is once again developing in the Pacific Ocean. The strong winds are blowing the warm surface waters of the Pacific away from South America towards Indonesia. This brings the cold water from deep in the ocean to the surface, this event leads to significant changes to the weather around the globe, it can lead to intense storms in some places and droughts in others.

Tony Newman

Please stay in touch by sending The Parishes' Paper team your community news and photos. You can send them to your Yarcombe correspondent - Lesley Sutton - rovingsutton@btinternet.com

RESTAURANTS and chefs in Lyme Regis and Axminster have donated some of their best recipes to support a local charity.

Due to the Covid lockdown restrictions, Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support had to cancel all planned in-person fundraising events for 2020. It has now published a cookbook with a difference.

Recipes with Love is the first community cookbook published by Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support. It draws together a collection of the most-loved recipes from chefs, popular restaurants and supporters of the charity.

Some of those contributing include Tierra Kitchen, Monmouth Pantry and The Galley Café, of Lyme Regis, amongst many others.

Mary Kahn, founder of the charity said: "This book has been brought



together quickly and I'd like to thank the many people and businesses that have contributed to its production. When the first lockdown started, we wanted a project that would bring our community together and help with our fundraising efforts.

"Every recipe was tried and tested, with our kitchens resembling the Bake Off tent at times. As a charity, our aim is to support anyone affected by any cancer, in our area. The profits from the sale of the book help

to continue our needed work and services in the Axminster and Lyme

areas".

Recipes with Love has 39 recipes split into two sections: savoury and sweet.

Each recipe has some notes on the origin of the recipe or additional information and simple to follow guides with refreshing and clear photography.

If anyone should wish to contact the charity for support or information, please either email info@axminsterandlymecancersupport.co.uk or use the contact form on the website or call 07512 27966.

The book is available now and can be purchased at the charity's online shop by visiting: axminsterandlymecancersupport.co.uk/product-category/shop.

It is also available to buy in store at Archway Bookshop, Serendip Bookshop, Felicity's Farm Shop, Millers Farm Shop and Dalwood Post Office.

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SEEING THE LIGHT

I WOULD like to tell you about a man called, Michael Emmett. Growing up, he knew he wanted to follow in his dad's footsteps and join the family business. At just 16 years old, he did just that – and entered the glamorous, dangerous world of organised crime.

Under the tutelage of his career criminal father – a contemporary of the infamous Kray twins – Michael's criminal activities funded a reckless lifestyle marked by drugs, sex and violence.

But the high couldn't last forever. In 1993, Michael and his father were arrested in a dramatic confrontation with the police during a £13million smuggling operation.

But behind the walls of HMP Exeter, Michael found something he never expected – answers. After joining an Alpha prayer group in

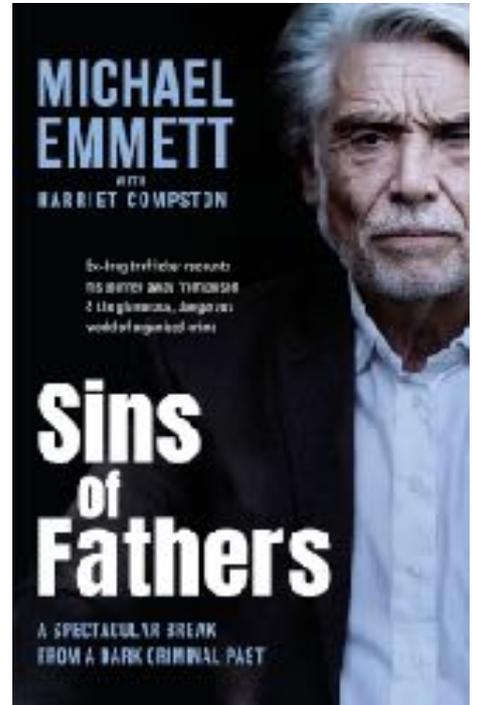
prison, he had an experience that would shake the very foundations of his life.

A new book, *Sins of Fathers*, being published on January 5th, is the story of Michael's journey. It asks what it takes for a broken man to find redemption and how he can learn to be the father he never had.

There is a foreword by Jonathan Aitken and endorsements by Ray Winstone, Nicky Gumbel, Mike Pilavachi and others. It can be purchased from all major online and high street bookshops.

Mike Pilavachi says: "Years ago Run Baby Run by Nicky Cruz deeply affected my generation. This wonderful book deserves to do the same today."

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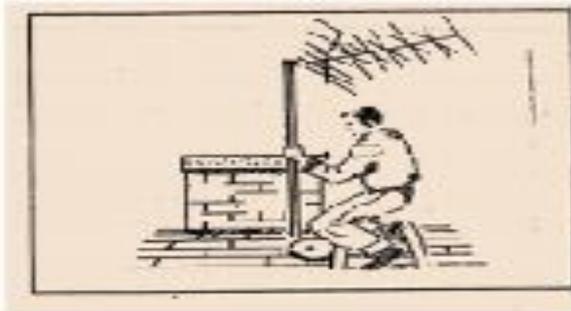
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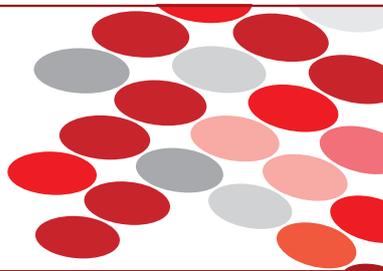
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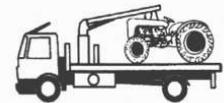


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www.fivealive.org - To stay up to date with what is happening across all of our Five Alive Mission Community, please visit our website. Here you will find any notices on what is happening as well as present and previous issues of the Parishes Paper.

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

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

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

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



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