

The PARISHES' PAPER

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wishes of
peace, love
and joy*



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

DECEMBER 2023

Date	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute + Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sun 3rd Advent Sunday (Purple)	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St Giles Church, Kilmington, EX13 7RF 5pm Carols at St Peter's Church, Dalwood to mark the end of the Christmas Traditions Festival Weekend				
Wed 6th	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion Hosted by St Peter's Church, Dalwood				
Sat 9th (P)		3-5pm Celebrate Together			
Sun 10th Advent 2 (P)	11am Christingle @ Stockland	9.30am Morning Worship or 11am Christingle @ Stockland	11am BCP Holy Communion	11am Mission Community Christingle service	11am Christingle @ Stockland
Tues 12th	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion Hosted by St Giles Church, Kilmington				
Sat 16th			7pm Carols by Candlelight		
Sun 17th Advent 3 (P)	3pm Carol service with East Devon Daytime Band	6pm Carol service with brass band	11am Worship in Whitford	7pm Carol service	11am Holy Communion
Wed 20th	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion Hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD				
Wed 20th	2-4pm Mission Community Messy Christmas Afternoon Hosted by St Giles Church, KILMINGTON for all ages				
Sun 24th Christmas Eve (P)	3pm Posada 9.30pm Midnight mass	3pm Crib service 9.30pm Midnight mass	10.30am Carols by the crib at Shute Church 5pm Christmas Eve service Whitford		7pm Carol service and nativity
Mon 25th Christmas Day (White)	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland, EX14 9EF				
Sun 31st New Year's Eve (W)	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St Peter's Church, Dalwood, EX13 7EG				

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STEP INTO THE CHRISTMAS STORY

REV JULIE LOMAS

WELCOME to this issue of *The Parishes' Paper* for December.

You will find that it is packed full of news items and invitations to come along to festive events, some of which are new for this year such as the Carols by Candlelight at Shute parish church on Saturday, December 16th, and our Messy Christmas Afternoon on Wednesday, December 20th.

Throughout the month there are many ways to engage with the whole Christmas story and this year we again need to be reminded of the different characters and how they can speak to us today.

I came across this image of a stained glass light catcher which was being advertised on my Facebook stream, and it caught my eye, because of the words around the edge which say this: "Love like Jesus; believe like Mary; trust like Joseph; hope like shepherds; seek like wise men; praise like angels."

In amongst the many demands on our time, energy, not to mention our finances this month, why not step into the whole Christmas story and ask yourself a question – which of these characteristics do I most need to receive and put into practice today?

Across the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community we are offering many different and varied ways for you and your loved ones to engage with these words this month, and you are welcome to come and see what is happening at any of the events and services, even if they are not in your village!

In our family, there was a tradition of buying the Radio Times and circling the programmes we wanted to watch on television.

Do feel free to look at everything set out on page 2, and plan your way through this season of Advent and Christmas in a similar way, circling what you would like to attend and



making a note of where and when in your diary.

We don't want anyone to miss out, and hopefully you will find something that will encourage you to take that step of faith, enter into the whole Christmas story and find you receive the blessings of loving like Jesus, believing like Mary, trusting like Joseph, hoping like shepherds, seeking like wise men, and praising like angels.

Praying for us all to find Jesus this Christmas.

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MY FAVOURITE HYMN

In this feature each month, a different person will share with us their favourite hymn and reasons why. This month, **Rev Julie Lomas** chooses the festive song **Silent Night, Holy Night**

AT this time of year, it seems only right to share my favourite hymn as being the carol, **Silent Night, Holy Night**.

It wasn't until recently that I realised this carol was first written in the German language as long ago as 1816 by Rev Joseph Mohr, who lived in the village of Oberndorf in Austria.

Originally a poem, it was set to music by Franz Xaver Gruber, a local schoolmaster and organist in the nearby village of Arnsdorf.

On Christmas Eve 1818, Mohr brought the words to Gruber and asked him to compose a melody and guitar accompaniment for that night's mass, after river flooding had possibly damaged the church organ.

The church was eventually destroyed by repeated flooding and replaced with the Silent-Night-Chapel.

In 1859, the Episcopal priest John Freeman Young, then serving at Trinity Church, New York City, wrote and published the English translation that is most frequently sung today, translated from three of Mohr's original six verses.

In 1998 the Silent Night Museum in Salzburg commissioned a new English

translation by Bettina Klein of Mohr's German lyrics.

Whenever possible, (and mostly), Klein leaves the Young translation unchanged, but occasionally Klein (and Mohr) varies markedly.

For example, Nur das traute hochheilige Paar, Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar is translated by Young: "Round yon Virgin mother and child, Holy infant so tender and mild," whereas Klein rewords it: "Round yon godly tender pair, Holy infant with curly hair," a translation closer to the original, and one that appeals to this particular vicar!

● Source https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silent_Night

Young's English lyrics

*Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace!*

*Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!*

*Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!*

*Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!*

German lyrics

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Hirten erst kundgemacht
Durch der Engel Halleluja,
Tönt es laut von fern und nah:
Christ, der Retter ist da!
Christ, der Retter ist da!*

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund'.
Christ, in deiner Geburt!
Christ, in deiner Geburt!*

Bible readings December

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
3rd December Purple 1st Sunday of Advent Common Worship Year B begins	Isaiah 64: 1 - 9	Mark 13: 24 - end
10th December Purple 2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40: 1 - 11	Mark 1: 1 - 8
17th December Purple 3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61: 1 - 4, 8 - end	John 1: 6-8, 19 - 28
24th December Purple Christmas Eve	2 Samuel 7: 1 - 11, 16	Luke 1: 26 - 38
25th December White Christmas Day	Isaiah 52: 7 - 10	John 1: 1 - 14
31st December White 1st Sunday of Christmas New Year's Eve	Isaiah 61: 10 - 62: 3	Luke 2: 15 - 21



Join in with the spirit of Christmas

ARE you ready for Christmas yet? I'm sure we'll all be hearing this at sometime over the coming weeks, usually met with mixed responses.

Perhaps you are one of those people who start thinking about presents whilst away on holiday, bringing some back to go in a safe place until they are required. Biggest problem with this is remembering

where the safe place was, with the presents often only coming to light sometime after Christmas, raising the question of what to do with them now.

Maybe, however, you prefer to leave things until the last minute, enjoying the mad rush this entails and hoping that the things you want are still available, often resulting in a rapid

change of plans.

Advent in churches is when we focus on the forthcoming birth of Christ, preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christmas, not only in the spiritual sense but in the decoration of the buildings and the preparation for carol services, nativities and other Christmas events. As part of your preparations for Christmas why not come to one of the churches in Dalwood, St Peter's or the methodist chapel, and join in the fellowship there. Our services at the Chapel are at 11am, followed by refreshments, and we assure you of a warm welcome.

Roderick Ovey
Dalwood Methodist Church

Pilgrim Way

STARTING on February 19th for five consecutive weeks during the season of Lent, Rev Julie Lomas will be leading a new course of study called The Pilgrim Way – a Guide to the Christian Faith.

Through the use of a simple guide, video and other resources, participants will be able to explore the faith of the Church.

Each week we will study a key text that helps us to go deeper into what it means to be a Christian, using the Apostles' Creed; the Lord's prayer, the commandments and the beatitudes.

This is a course where questions are encouraged, doubts are permitted, discussion is required, and where we can learn and grow alongside each other, as pilgrims making progress through our lives.

Details will be published in the January edition of *The Parishes' Paper*, but if you are interested in attending this course, the dates to set aside are all on Mondays: February 19th and 26th; March 4th, 11th and 18th, from 7-8.30pm at The Vicarage.

This course will be particularly helpful to anyone thinking about being confirmed in 2024.

Rev Julie Lomas

For more information on the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community please visit www.fivealive.org



In October the Open the Book team visited all three schools in the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community and presented the story of Jonah and the Big Fish. The children heard that sometimes we think of this story as being about a whale but really it's about Jonah running away from a task that he didn't really fancy. The conclusion was that running away from doing difficult things is often the worst thing you can do. Image caption, 'The Open the Book team presenting to story of Jonah'

KILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH EVENTS

Tuesdays, 10am-12pm	Post Office Services & Community Cafe
Wednesdays, 9:30am	Tummies, Toddlers & Tinies group (term-time)
Wednesdays, 2pm	The Beacon Home Group
Thursdays, 10am	Just for You' Ladies Bible Study Group (term-time)
December 3rd 10:30am	Worship Service with Believer's Baptism
December 5th 10:30am	Messy Sparklers Toddler Group
December 6th 9:30am	Men's Home Group (for prayer and Bible Study)
December 16th 8am	Men's Breakfast
December 19th 6:30pm	Community Carol Service
December 21st 10am-6pm	Christmas Warm Space with activities for all the family
December 21st 7pm	Youth Group
December 24th, 10am	All Age Nativity Service
December 25th 10:30am	Christmas Day service followed by Christmas lunch
December 28th 10am-6pm	Christmas Warm Space with activities for all the family
December 31st 10:30am	Special service of worship, prayer and reflection

A messy time?

YES – an afternoon full of fun activities to help focus on the real meaning of Christmas! Join in with crafts, watch a film, create a model of Bethlehem from junk, decorate biscuits and maybe even eat them!

On December 20th, 2-4pm in St Giles's Church, Kilmington, EX13 7RF – please bring along your youngest and your oldest children, your relatives and your friends of all ages and join in the Christmas story, the one that took place 2,000 years ago and which still makes a difference to us all today.

To help with planning, please email 5alivemc@gmail.com with the number of people and their ages (if under 18). Please note that all children must bring a responsible adult with them.

This is a Mission Community Event hosted at St Giles's Church on behalf of the Five Alive Mission Community and is in association with friends from The Baptist Church, Kilmington.

See you there and let's get messy!

Rev Julie Lomas



HOT OFF THE PRESS

EXCITING times are ahead for the Five Alive Mission Community as it has started the process of appointing someone to be a part-time FIRED-UP families outreach worker.

Just a quick reminder of the project – FIRED-UP actually stands for Families in Rural East Devon and the project is all about reaching out to children and families in the broadest sense with the good news of Jesus and the Christian faith, so that the group can help build 'up' faith at home and in the communities.

As a Mission Community, the five parishes cover some of the more rural areas of Exeter Diocese, and so the Five Alive group is delighted that Bishop Jackie and the team in Exeter have recognised the needs of our setting and have supported a grant application so generously.

With each parish pulling together and joining forces for the good of the parishioners, members are looking forward to the next two years with great anticipation.

The job advert has been circulated widely on social media and is printed, below left.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in taking this project forward with us, please do ask them to contact me and I will be delighted to send out the application pack.

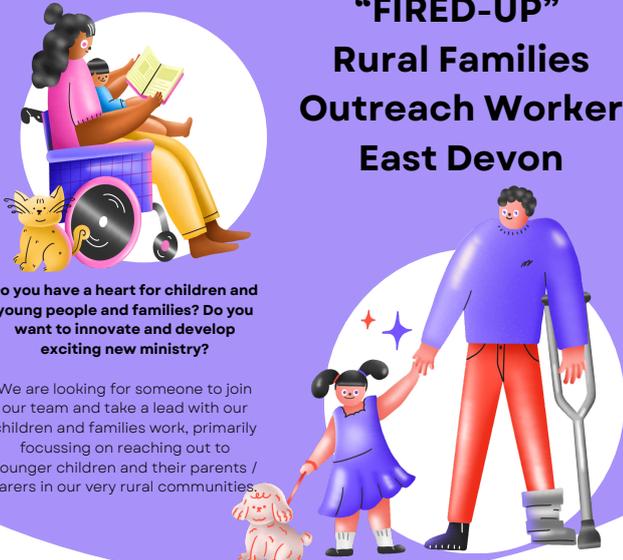
The closing date for applications is December 8th.

If you wonder how else you can get involved, then please consider joining us in praying for the project, the person to be appointed and the families who will benefit.

You may also like to consider making a financial donation to our project which will enable us to go forward confidently. Any donation should be made through your parish church and marked for the FIRED-UP project, and if you are lucky enough to be a tax payer, please do add gift aid.

Each month there will be a new update on the project as we share this initiative with you all.

Rev Julie Lomas



“FIRED-UP” Rural Families Outreach Worker East Devon

Do you have a heart for children and young people and families? Do you want to innovate and develop exciting new ministry?

We are looking for someone to join our team and take a lead with our children and families work, primarily focussing on reaching out to younger children and their parents / carers in our very rural communities.

Do you want to build on our existing children and families work, while also bringing your own ideas and experience into play?

We would love you to develop and deliver a new, mobile, “Forest / Farm Church” and establish a focal ministry for young people and teens with a focus on supporting mental, spiritual, emotional and physical health

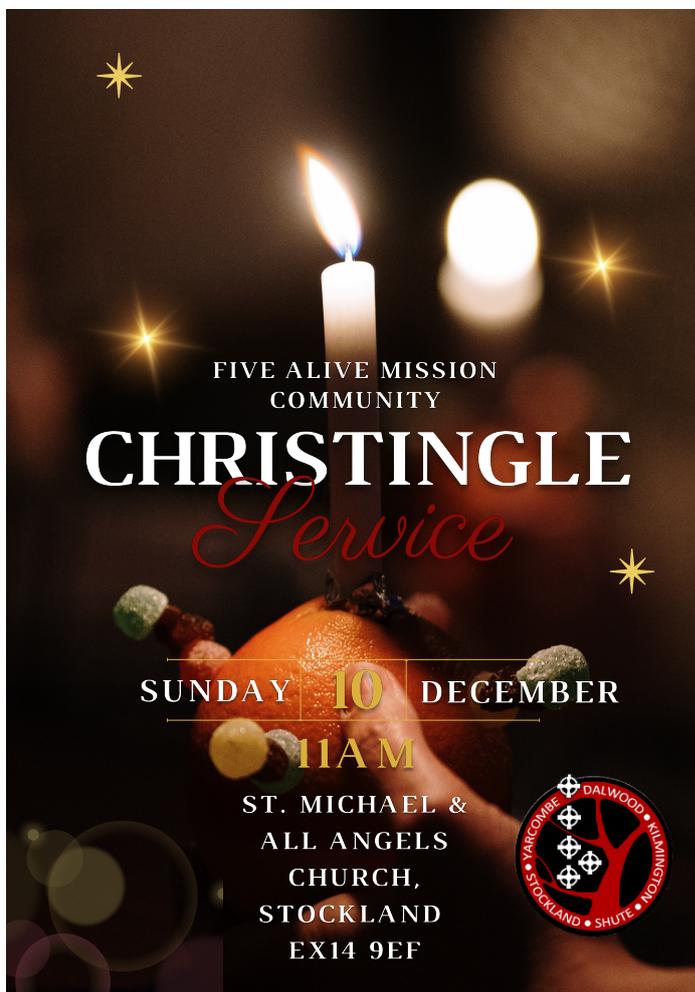
**To find out more, please contact the vicar, Rev'd Julie Lomas on 07488 278 483
To receive job application form and apply please email: revjulielomas@gmail.com**

Line manager: The Priest-in-charge
Probationary period 6 months

This appointment is subject to an enhanced full child DBS clearance and receiving satisfactory references. It also requires mandatory Church of England safeguarding training appropriate for the role.

Hours: 12 hours a week Salary: £11.50 - £13 per hour depending on qualifications (FT equivalent - £21,528 - £24,336) plus expenses.

Please send completed application forms to by 8th December 2023
Interviews by arrangement on Monday 18th December 2023



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Service

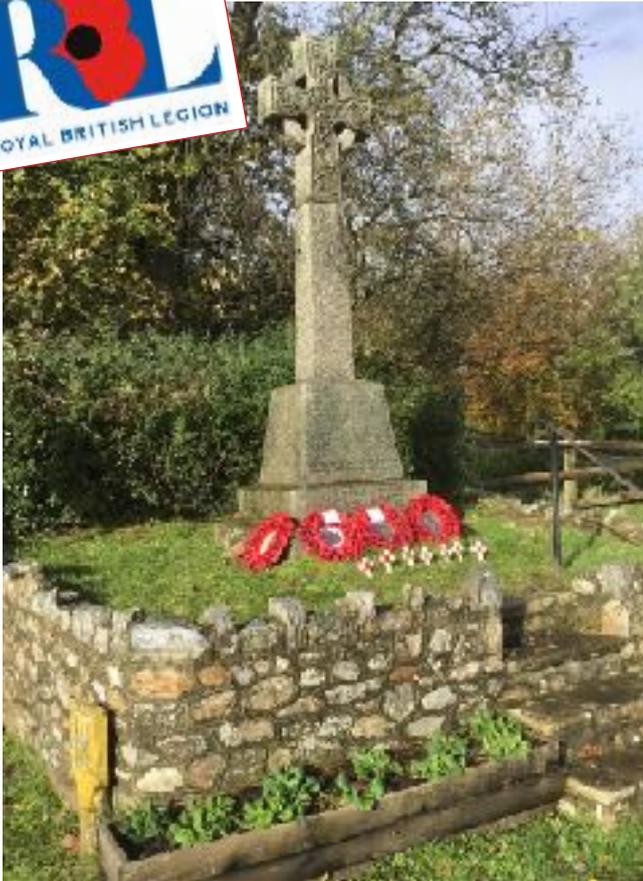
SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

11AM

ST. MICHAEL &
ALL ANGELS
CHURCH,
STOCKLAND
EX14 9EF



PARISH NEWS



SCENES from the November remembrance events organised by the Kilmington branch of the Royal British Legion. See page 13 for report and more photos



DALWOOD NEWS

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For more information on the Five Alive Mission Community visit the website at www.fivealive.org

Donate a poinsettia in church

ANYONE who would like to donate a poinsettia for the Christmas flower display – to celebrate an event or in memory of a loved one this festive period – they are asked to leave it in the church porch at St Peter's Church, Dalwood, by December 16th.

Any colour would be suitable.

If you wish, please put the event or your loved one's name on a small card.

Caroline Nunns



Flower Rota for St Peter's Church, Dalwood December 2023

- 1st – All, UK Christmas Traditions
- 9th – Judith Chard, altar flowers
- 16th – All arrangers, Christmas flowers and poinsettias
- 29th – Laurie Lucas, refresh

DALWOOD CHRISTMAS STREET MARKET
SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER

4-6PM

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
Switched on
5.00pm



Stalls include

- Christmas cakes and goodies/mince pies
- Nearly new/ tombola/ table games
- Hot chocolate/ Mulled wine and mince pies

Fundraiser for Dalwood Village Hall

(Reg. charity no 300809)



Corrydale Players invites you to Dalwood's Christmas Celebrations
12th December 2023
7.00 - 10.30pm
Dalwood Village Hall

For a Sing- a- Long Christmas evening.
Would you like to sing a carol, song, read a poem or choose one to be sung/read on the night ?

Please let Marjory know:
marjoryatdalwood72023@outlook.com

There is more:

The ever popular.

'One Foot in the Groove'
Will play from 8.30pm

There is a raffle, mulled wine, and mince pies.
Donations from the evening will go towards:
Dalwood Community Shop.



DALWOOD NEWS

Appreciation lunch event

ON Saturday, November 11th, 54 Dalwood residents gathered in the village hall for a 'thank you lunch'.

This is an annual event to show the Dalwood Parish Church Council's appreciation to all those who help, in a variety of ways, to ensure the upkeep of St Peter's Church and its environs.

The tasks that are undertaken are many and include the grass cutting teams, bell ringers, cleaners, flower arrangers, choir members, *The Parishes' Paper* distributors, pastoral teams and last, but by no means least, the community lunch team.

The success of this event is due to the extraordinary organisational skills of Sue Drew, aided and abetted by her 'willing' team of helpers.

Everyone sat down to a light lunch of an extremely tasty butternut squash soup, a varied selection of sandwiches, expertly made of course, and a variety of cakes. Dietary needs were catered for and all was washed down with choices of various wines and fruit juices. Judging from the chat and laughter, everyone enjoyed the occasion.

Towards the end of the event, the wonderful vicar, Rev Julie Lomas, thanked everyone for their continuing and unstinting support of St Peter's Church. Sadly, she and her husband Steve had to leave early in order to attend another engagement, but the crowd carried on enjoying themselves.

Hilary Horley

Thank you to this 'excellent community'!

DALWOOD resident George Marshall would like to give thanks to the village community.

He said: "Thank you for all the cards, good wishes and offers of support in respect of my recent injury.

"Yet another example of the caring attitude of this excellent community!

"At the time of writing [November], rehab is well underway and I expect recovery by the new year. Merry Christmas."

Please send your Dalwood reports, news and photos to the village correspondent – Stephen Boyes-Lee.

Email: stephen@burfords.co.uk

Dalwood Community Shop and Post office wishes

Merry Christmas

To ALL our valued customers and volunteers

Are you looking for that gift with a difference? Dalwood gifts: **mugs, towels, calendars, wine, biscuits, and cards.** Come in and see more...

SHOP OPENING TIMES

Monday- Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am - 12.30pm

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day

POST OFFICE OPENING TIME

FRIDAY 10am -12.00pm

If you can please buy **1** extra item when you shop



DALWOOD NEWS

AS the colder, wetter weather begins to set in, our focus turns from outside activities to those we can do in the warmth of our community indoor spaces.

What better way to kick off the autumn and winter seasons than the St Peter's Church quiz night, which took place on October 21st.

Dalwood Village Hall was packed with over 80 people making up 13 teams, all battling it out for the top spot, plus officials and helpers.

At the beginning of the evening, quiz master Martin Baldock announced that his word was final but this was put to the test when challenged by Rev Julie Lomas over a biblical question. He had to concede to Julie's greater knowledge of the subject – the quiz master said that there were seven books of the Bible named after people whose name begins with 'J'. In fact, without counting John 1, 2 and 3 as separate books, there are eight. The one he had missed out was the letter to Jude!

Other challengers were less

CHURCH QUIZ RAISES £500



successful.

The quiz included the usual rounds of general knowledge and some more taxing rounds on TV commercial theme tunes and famous faces. How did anyone know the lead singer of The Damned? For those interested in such trivia, it was David Vanian (born David Lett, October 12th, 1956).

There was the obligatory raffle with some great prizes to help add to the funds.

The team with the highest score

won but they also had the best name - 'The Eddy Quiz'ards' – a family team led by Brian Eddy, of course! They magnanimously gave their prize to the quiz master and his wife in thanks for a wonderful evening.

The evening raised £566.93 for St Peter's Church and the funding of a youth worker for the Five Alive Mission Community.

It truly was a another great Dalwood community event.

Nicola Hobson

At St Peter's Church, Dalwood



Sunday 10th December @
11am Service for all the
family

Sunday 17th December @ 3pm
Carol Service with
East Devon Daytime Band



Christmas Eve
@ 3pm Posada Service
and @ 9:30pm

Carols & Christmas Holy Communion

Mission Community Holy Communion

Christmas Day @ 10.30am
at Stockland Church

New Year's Eve @ 10:30am
at St Peter's Church, Dalwood



A DISPLAY
of
U.K. CHRISTMAS
CUSTOMS
December 2nd & 3rd
10am - 5pm each day
in
DALWOOD CHURCH



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Finishing with a carol sing-a-long at
5pm on Sunday



KILMINGTON NEWS

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SHOEBOXES BRING FESTIVE JOY

ST Giles's Church, Kilmington, launched its appeal for items to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child with different groups taking up the challenge of filling a shoebox for a child who would otherwise receive nothing.

A representative of the bell ringers, coffee shop, baby group and home group all took a box, as did Kilmington Table Tennis Club and many individuals.

The village school has also been involved and the appeal, co-ordinated by The Baptist Church, Kilmington, has amassed this 'wall of boxes' ready to be blessed and sent out to needy children. Huge thanks goes to everyone who took part in this year's appeal, and let's pray that the boxes and their contents will bring joy and a sense of hope to those who receive them.

Rev Julie Lomas



St Giles Church
Kilmington



Sunday 17th December @ 6 pm
Carol service with brass band

Wednesday 20th @ 2-4 PM
Messy Christmas afternoon
for all ages



Christmas Eve
@ 3 pm Crib service
@ 9:30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day @ 10.30 am
Mission Community Holy Communion
at Stockland Church



KNIT & NATTER

MONDAYS
10am-12pm
St. Giles Church,
Kilmington, EX13 7RF

All abilities welcome!
Tea & Coffee provided
free parking
level access to building

CONTACT LIN CROSS 07971760629

Churchyard interests teenager Lewis

By Rev Julie Lomas

ONE young man in Kilmington has become interested in helping to preserve the churchyard at St Giles's Church.

Working alongside Steve Lomas, Lewis Milford, 17, has been involved in mowing, strimming, planting and sowing wildflower seeds. His latest area of interest has been the gravestones.

After consulting with Rev Julie Lomas, the teenager has started to clean off gravestones that have become illegible due to green algae covering them.

He came across one grave where an invasive buddleia, pictured, was creating a real problem and threatening to destroy it.

Lewis has found a path around it and it looks like there may have once been railings or something similar around the grave.

He has offered to now buy some plants to put in the earth on the grave.

On behalf of the church and the village community, huge thanks go to Lewis, and the church credits him for his initiative, hard work and his care for this shared history as a community.



AND NOW THESE
THREE REMAIN:
FAITH, HOPE AND
LOVE. BUT THE
GREATEST
OF THESE IS
LOVE.

1 Corinthians 13:13

LEWIS Milford, 17, who has been helping to preserve the churchyard at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, with the plants he has bought for one of the graves, top, and the invasive buddleia beforehand, above



KILMINGTON NEWS

REMEMBRANCE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

I WOULD like to commence by thanking everyone for their support and generosity during the Poppy Appeal; especially Peter and Louise Wood and all their helpers, and the Kilmington Royal British Legion (RBL) committee and friends who, between them, organised the most enjoyable and memorable remembrance events.

On Saturday, November 11th, over 20 people attended the two-minute silence marked by the firing of maroons and everyone enjoyed a nice warm cuppa and biscuits.

On Sunday, November 12th, a large congregation, along with representatives of the Kilmington RBL, took part in a joint-service of remembrance at the Beacon.

Thanks go to Pastor Mike Hudson, Rev Julie Lomas and their teams for providing such a welcoming service, and most enjoyable refreshments.

Immediately after the service, the congregation joined other members of the community at the village war memorial to conduct the act of remembrance, observe the two-minute silence and lay wreaths in memory of all those who had paid the ultimate sacrifice.

On completion, over 60 members made their way back to the village hall to enjoy a fantastic meal, provided by Nancy Rowe and her team. During the event, a bouquet of flowers was presented to Pat Sainsbury, the oldest member, who is pictured, top left, with Cdr Staff Seward, and who celebrated her 'fourth plus one hundredth' (104th) birthday on November 17th.

Sincere thanks also go to everyone for all their hard work in organising such a lovely completion to the remembrance events. The next event will be the Christmas fair, which this year will be on Saturday, December 2nd in Kilmington Village Hall. Every is welcome to join for refreshments, plenty of Christmas cheer and lots of goodies to buy, including cakes and



SCENES from Kilmington's community remembrance events

much more. Look out for the posters.

Finally, as we move to the end of yet another year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your incredible support throughout the year and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

*Cdr Staff Seward OBE RN Rtd
Chairman RBL Kilmington Branch*

DIARY DATES – 2024

- Spring coffee morning: March 23rd
- 80th Anniversary of D-Day: June 6th
- RBL family barbecue: August 16th
- Annual meeting: October 4th
- Remembrance Sunday: November 10th
- Armistice Day: November 11th
- Christmas coffee morning: December 14th

We look forward to seeing you all in 2024 and thank you again for supporting the Royal British Legion so well. Please take great care and stay safe.

Keep the Five Alive community thriving and in touch by sending your local news and views - we want to hear from our readers

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



STOCKLAND NEWS

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PAUSE FOR PRAYER

A Prayer for Christmas
by Pope John XXIII

O Child of Bethlehem,
grant that we may share
with all our hearts
in this profound mystery of
Christmas.

Put into the hearts of men and
women
this Peace for which we seek so
desperately
and which you alone can give us.
Help us to know one another better
and to live as brothers and sisters,
children of the same God.
Reveal to us your beauty, holiness
and purity.

Awaken in our hearts love and
gratitude
for your infinite goodness.
Join us together in your love
And give us your heavenly peace.
Amen.

Contributed by Philippa Wilks

Jam-packed school return

By Gill Metcalfe

IT was back to school – a mid-week
October visit to see the school in action
and to view both the new and changing
facilities, pictured.

Firstly, a tour of the facilities – the
playing field and the hard-court area;
many schools have lost these facilities to
building developments so these both
were most enviable. Then the new area
for the younger children – where they can
be outside whilst inside – on its way to
completion and ready to provide a
peaceful seating area.

Meanwhile, back in the classroom
pumpkin soup was made, The Giant
Sandwich (John Vernon Lord/Janet
Burroway) was eagerly studied.

Then the entire school involvement
with the events taking place in the
community: the Come and See exhibition
and the time capsule burial both taking
place at the church: several of the

youngsters were involved in collecting
items representing our current lifestyles
with the capsule to be opened in 2053.
On Remembrance Sunday, pupils were
able to place the wreath that had been
made in school against the names of the
fallen during the service.

Finally, Miss Bendall let some pupils
loose on writing a poem for the time
capsule. What an outstanding effort. As
said on previous occasions when
reporting on the school – such envious
school days.

**Stockland School conquers all
(the Time Capsule Poem)**

*It always stands proud and tall
The students rise and never fall
The teachers are kind and caring
They make sure you are always sharing
From five to eleven
Then you enter year seven
And now you are super cool
No longer tiny and small
We are Stockland School.*



**St Michael's
& All Angels Church
Stockland**

Sunday 10th December @ 11am
Christingle Service
for all the family

Sunday 17th December @ 7pm
Carol Service with mulled wine
and mince pies

Christmas Day @ 10.30am
Mission Community Holy Communion at
Stockland Church





STOCKLAND NEWS

Church heating survey

By Andy Howard

A **SUBSIDISED** independent energy and decarbonisation survey on St Michael and All Angels Church was carried out in June and the subsequent report issued in August and reviewed at a recent PCC meeting.

The report indicated that the vast majority of the energy used (and hence CO2 emitted) is due to the ageing oil-fired heating system.

The church is currently heated by two oil-fired boilers which were installed in 1997 and have effectively passed the end of their serviceable lives so plans should begin for a replacement heating system in the near future.

As many are aware, the current heating system struggles to cope with the vast volume of space within the church and despite being turned on several hours before service most of the heat ends up at roof level which leads to cold winter services.

The survey looked at various low carbon heating options such as heat pumps and solar panels but due to the pattern and attendance of our winter services came up with a main recommendation.

That recommendation is that the oil-fired heating is replaced by low carbon,

all-electric heating in the form of individual-switch under-pew heaters, supplemented by infrared heaters (for non-pew areas) and an over-door air heater to create a 'warm welcome' as people enter the church.

The rationale for under-pew heaters is that instead of trying to heat the entire air volume of the church, each heater will provide a curtain of warm air for the people sitting at the pew. As each pew is individually switched then only those pews where people are sat will have their heaters turned on.

The other benefits of electric heating are that it is efficient, requires virtually no warm-up period, the technology is well tested and the ongoing maintenance costs are low. It can also be easily expanded in phases as funds allow.

The first phase will concentrate on providing under-pew heaters for the pews in the main front section (which will cover the normal winter services attendance numbers) with infrared heaters and the over-door air heater for the main entrance. The PCC has started to plan for this first phase but given the complexities of such a major change to a Grade 1 listed building and the associated diocesan approvals required it will take some time for the change to be implemented.

Festive chat at first coffee event

THE first Wednesday get-together for the ladies' coffee morning was held at Stockland church on November 1st which had been very kindly heated for the group.

The rear of the church provided a surprisingly cosy atmosphere for the more than ample cups of tea, coffee and cake – delicious homemade lemon drizzle and sumptuous chocolate cake; all of which were happily devoured.

Although the group met at the usual 11am slot, it was well on the way to 1pm by the time the tidy-up session and the farewell chats took place.

The church had indeed provided an appropriate sit-down chat and enjoy the mornings offerings.

Perhaps the details of the proposed Christmas lunch also kept the group chatting with the majority able to sign up then and there for the Upttery Sidmouth Arms Christmas lunch event on Wednesday, December 6th – a date for the diary and for those still wishing to join the Christmas fare.

For anyone who missed this coffee morning, there is still time to book a place on 01404 881121 or 07754 748456 or via email at juliahoward51@gmail.com.

Great to round off a successful year with a Christmas get-together. Looking forward to the event.

*Julia Howard, Jane Wedlock
and Gill Metcalfe*

Skittles win

STOCKLAND ladies' skittles team, known as The Ladybirds, gathered in the village for another game of skittles, following on from the recent one-and-only win in two years! The team was feeling very positive.

The Ladybirds played away at The Kings Arms, Seaton, so members clambered into a couple of cars and set off for another challenge.

The game began very positively with Stockland four ahead after the first round. Then, true to form, they lost the second round. After that though, The Ladybirds went from strength-to-strength and by the last round it was all to play for.

Well, believe it or not, the Stockland team beat the Seaton team by a whisper, just two points. The winners were absolutely thrilled and the other team members were just as excited for them. They had been so encouraging all evening telling The Ladybirds they could do it.

What a fantastic evening was had by one and all. A pat on the back to all of The Ladybirds.

Sue Miskin

For the fallen

SILENCE fell on the St Michael's and All Angels Church congregation – a silence in recognition of the contribution made by service men and women in the first and second world wars and later conflicts – on Remembrance Sunday.

Then the service, led by Rev Michael Selman and assisted by Marc Kastner, moved to the plaque commemorating Stockland's fallen with wreaths laid against the plaque and the names of all those cited were read out in honour of their sacrifice for their country.

The service reflected on the current international conflicts and the victims of terrorism – with the theme of this year's international day of remembrance and tribute being Legacy: Finding Hope and Building a Peaceful Future.

With thanks to the church committee for organising a genuinely remarkable service.

*On behalf of the
church committee*



STOCKLAND NEWS

Arts in the village

AT 10am on Saturday, November 4th, Aakash Oedra Dance Company arrived ready to entertain the folk of Stockland and surrounding environs with Little Murmur, having played to a full house at Chudleigh College the night before.

The set-up took four-and-a-half hours with an amazing array of very heavy technical gear.

This production, brought to the village hall through the Rural Touring Dance Initiative (RTDI) and Villages in Action, the Devon arts charity, was a visually, technically and emotionally stunning piece of dance theatre and it was a privilege to have professional work of such quality on our doorstep.

Thanks go to those who helped out and those in the community who came to experience this spectacular show – their support, particularly in these tricky times, is much appreciated.

It was fantastic to see young family members, who appeared mesmerised by the spectacle, each taking something different from it.

One audience member said: "As befits the season, who could have imagined the dance piece, informed by dyslexia, that began in darkness and would end in a carnival display of visual 'fireworks' could keep an audience spellbound for almost an hour?"

"But Little Murmur did that, and more, when it visited Stockland Village Hall.

"The combination of clever visual projections and sensitive original soundtrack, along with the talents of the versatile dancer, created a mesmerising whirling-dervish-like performance that was both clever in its technical achievement as well as emotionally engaging!"

This production was a valuable reminder of some of the exceptional events that have been hosted in Stockland Village Hall recently.

Such depend so much on local support. Please try to be curious when there's something exciting on at the village hall, you will hopefully find it fun or even inspiring whilst supporting your hall.

Wendy Urquhart

VILLAGERS SPELLBOUND



EXHIBITION organiser Cara Gilmur White and time capsule hole digger Andrew Smith, above left. Local school children bury the time capsules, above right

NOSTALGIA and the future collided at St Michaels and All Angels Church recently.

What a memorable day – starting at 10.30am, the church doors opened for the Come and See Exhibition, a veritable collection of photographs and documents tracing the life of the village of Stockland along with a host of social revelations.

The pews were festooned with memorabilia of bygone days – the village just unfolded as each section of the exhibition was encountered.

Whilst the pews were filled with Stockland of old – no seating available – at the end of the aisle, a film show – a reel (well several reels) put together and transferred from the old VHS to the computer age by Andy Howard.

The film proved a pure magnet to the Stockland villagers: based on films from the 1980s Stockland fairs and now showing 40-plus years on the footage revealed many of those now visiting the exhibition in their youth.

Indeed, many were absolutely spellbound by the video and just sat and watched it through several times each identifying more and more of their fellow villagers on screen.

Then it was back to the documents with recognition and recall of people and events.

The whole exhibition was a pure joy – all those items: being part of the vast collection of local historian Bryan Drew on show together. Indeed, the whole exhibition was down to Bryan who had painstakingly collected so much over time and which could now be enjoyed by so many.



For more details on Five Alive Mission Community visit www.fivealive.org

STOCKLAND NEWS

DURING MEMORABLE DAY



This was a 'time capsule' of decades of local history but the occasion also marked the burial of Stockland of today with two time capsules used to signify Stockland of the present to be dug up in years to come. With the hole already prepared – thanks go to Andrew Smith – Rev Julie Lomas presided over 'the future' with the capsules duly buried by local school children ably assisting.

Then it was back into the church as there was more to discover with the recently locally loaned embroidered banner displayed in a prominent position in the side chapel.

There is an inscription on the front stating, "We succour the Widows and Orphans" with a note on the back referencing "The Friendly Society". This would have been a society which provided insurance cover for a regular payment of a small fee – insuring against sickness or retirement.

The fading picture is one of family distress and, whilst part of the Come and See Exhibition, it offered a poignant reminder for the weekend of remembrance.

The refurbished church bells placed to the side of the vestry displayed alongside the beautifully crafted church keys. Then time for a coffee, a chat about the exhibition – oh, and a slice of cake – all down to the church committee. Thanks go to everyone who helped make this such a stunning exhibition.

On behalf of the church committee

TOP, the newly refurbished church bells. Above right, some of the exhibition documents. Right, the church keys



An exciting year

WHAT a year of enjoyable reading – even exciting at times when book club members' recommendations have turned out to prove such pleasures.

One such example was Anthony Doerr's *All The Light We Cannot See*. The story of Marie-Laure, a blind French teenager, and Werner, a German soldier, whose paths collide in a defeated France as both try to survive the Nazi occupation.

Just a beautiful and heart-warming read that in all adversity there are a range of ties that war cannot defeat.

Then the film arrived on Netflix – such a poignant view of relationships and trust – could easily be watched several times over if not just for Hugh Laurie's performance – but then all the cast were just so perfect.

Just a chance suggestion which gave another reader such satisfaction and otherwise would not have been read.

This meeting, the other recommendations included *The Cat Sanctuary* (Patrick Gale) – dark threads abound as what intends to be a harmonious reunion turns into an entanglement of resentment; *Bodmin Moor* (Stephen Copperfield); *Still Life* (Sarah Winman), *The Colour* (Rose Tremain) – a gripping drama of sacrifice and greed set in the 19th Century New Zealand gold rush and *The Ministry for the Future* (Kim Stanley Robinson) – a climate fiction novel.

This additional reading is possibly the joy of book club membership as well as with the monthly advised text.

The current read, *The Ashes of London* (Andrew Taylor), is a hefty tome on first appearance but is an easy read coupled with murders set against the backdrop of the Great Fire of London; several of the early page descriptive passages of London streets and landmarks are fascinating and informative even if in part fictional.

Stockland Book Club

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SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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Attractive cards

SEVEN Umberne Social Club members braved the weather to meet on November 2nd at Umberne Village Hall.

One very talented member, Helen Coverley, offered to guide us through making some beautiful Christmas cards.

She brought with her a treasure trove of scraps of material, beads and all that was necessary to enable even the clumsiest of members to construct an attractive and professional looking card.

With much encouragement and occasional squinting at needles in order to thread them, and with Helen on hand to help, members were all delighted with their efforts.

Thanks go to Helen for leading this event.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas meal, venue yet to be decided.

Linda Ambler

Candlelit carols

THIS year, instead of a carol service, Shute parish will be holding a social evening at the church on Saturday, December 16th from 7pm.

Mulled wine, juice, mince pies and other seasonal nibbles will be served for free with the added bonus of singing traditional carols by candlelight.

Those who enjoy singing carols and would like to see the church decorated for the season with flowers and the recently renovated crib scene, are welcome. A relaxed and very special evening will be shared.

Mary Thomas

Please send all your Shute and Whitford village news and photos to the parish correspondent, **Bijan Omrani**, via email at:

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Volunteers' hospitality

A GROWING band of volunteers is pulling out all the stops to ensure that Shute church's custom of offering hospitality to all visitors to the National Trust property Shute Barton is being maintained in fine form.

Over the weekend of November 11th-12th, Pam Tollett – along with a group of helpers from Whitford, Shute and further afield – provided a wonderful spread of tea, coffee, cakes, sausage and bacon rolls for visitors and locals, along with organising a number of wonderful stalls for local craft makers to sell their produce ahead of Christmas.

The church was busy throughout the weekend and the proceeds from the event will go to Shute and Whitford parish funds to help keep the churches open. The parish is very grateful to all of its volunteers, and always welcomes new offers of help.

Bijan Omrani



The parish's fallen are remembered

THE clouds parted a few minutes before 11am on Remembrance Sunday, providing a beautiful sunny backdrop for the simple act of remembrance at Shute War Memorial.

A large crowd turned out for the commemoration, and the desire to remember and honour the fallen remains undimmed in the parish. The short service was led by Rev John Lees and Major Peter Easton, pictured.

The names of the war dead of Shute

inscribed on the memorial were solemnly read by Councillor Richard Orsman, who also laid a wreath on behalf of Shute Parish Council. A wreath was also laid for Captain Harry Glasper MC of Shute, who fell in 1945, and whose son, Trevor Glasper was also present with other family members.



St Michael's Church Shute and St Mary's Church Whitford

Wednesday 13th December @ 2.30pm
Shute Primary School Carol Service
- all welcome @ Shute Church

Saturday 16th December @ 7 pm
Carols by Candlelight at Shute Church

Christmas Eve Carols at the Crib
@ 10am at Shute Church
and @ 5pm
Christmas at Whitford Church
both services for all ages
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Day @ 10.30 am
Mission Community Holy Communion
at Stockland Church



YARCOMBE NEWS

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REMEMBERING THEM



THE annual Remembrance Sunday service took place at St John the Baptist, Yarcombe, on Sunday, November 12th. Once again, the wonderful Chard Concert Brass Band attended and the bugler played the poignant fanfare of The Last Post.

Thanks go to Anna Crabbe, who led the service, and all the participants who helped make the service such a special occasion



Terrier success

THE weather on Saturday, August 5th for the terrier was very challenging. Extra precautions were taken with tents being kept to a minimum including extra ground fixings.

The only big issue was that the bar tent broke loose just prior to the event opening, so was taken down. Luckily the evening stayed dry.

Considering the challenging conditions, the event was a success. An extra contactless machine was added to the two which were already on the gate and the bar. The new one was positioned on the burgers and sausages stall.

The number of people was 520; total profit was £8,339.98; cost to run the event was £1,848.65 (over and above profit).

So while the number of attendees was down by about 300, the amount of profit was only down by £1,000 on last year. The Terrier Racing Committee and St John the Baptist Church extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success yet again.

*Peter Bell
Treasurer, St John
the Baptist Church*

Fascinating talk

THE after-lunch speaker at the October Community Lunch in Yarcombe was Clifford Sochon, who described himself as an elderly engineer who would talk about something that would eventually affect us all.

His talk was fascinating, about how he restored two old machines (made in Chard) which produced paper from plant waste and could be used for toilet rolls and other necessities. With a worldwide shortage of paper, this is a very important development.

As usual, a delicious meal was produced, including tea or coffee, all for £5. This price has been the subject of conversation, so the diners were asked to fill in a form. It looks as if the price will go up by a small amount in the new year.

Mary Smith

YARCOMBE NEWS

Many hands make a job well done

By Rebecca Bell

ON the morning of Saturday October 28th, a happy band of volunteers assembled in the churchyard of St John the Baptist Yarcombe for the annual tidy.

The sky was threatening but the rain held off for most of the morning's work. Armed with all manner of tools we set to work, strimming pathways, cutting hedges, tidying borders, cleaning up the lyche gate area and clearing the shallow drain of debris and moss all around the church building.

The workers were rewarded with a tasty lunch of pasties, fruit cake and hot drinks. Once fortified, they completed their work then headed home to recuperate, satisfied with a job well done and a churchyard ready for the winter months. Sincere thanks and appreciation to all the workers and providers of sustenance!



Follow The Star Join the Song **St John The Baptist Church Yarcombe**

Sunday 10th December 11am
Mission Community Christingle service
at Stockland Church

Sunday 17th December @ 11am
Service of Holy Communion with carols

Sunday 24th December @ 7pm
Carol Service & Nativity
followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Christmas Day @ 10.30am
Mission Community Holy Communion
at Stockland Church

A yellow poster with white polka dots containing church service information. It features icons such as a star, a candle, musical notes, and a silhouette of a cow. The text lists services for December 10th, 17th, 24th, and Christmas Day, including locations like Stockland Church and Yarcombe.

YARCOMBE NEWS

Thoughtful quote discussion

GLEBE Farm was the venue for the Friday Faith Forum as 13 joined for another in the series of Bible quotations which are used in everyday parlance.

This time it was Peter Halse's turn and he chose: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." (Matthew 22 v 21)

Peter gave us the background to Jesus's words he'd said to the Herodians and the Pharisees who'd asked him: "Teacher, is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" And Jesus had replied: "Show me the coin used for paying the tax." It was a denarius, which was equal to a day's pay.

Peter then posed several questions including: "How far should loyalty go?" "How far should patriotism go?" and "What if the leader is a bad one like Nero?"

As Christians, we are called to a higher authority – that of God.

He quoted the case of St Alban whose loyalty to God resulted in his being

executed.

Further questions followed: "Should Christians reach out to their community or keep themselves as separate from the world?"

He quoted Martin Luther King: "Darkness cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that."

The final question was: "How do we render to God what is God's?"

We are asked to surrender our lives to God, giving him our hearts and by loving our neighbour, by doing the little things that count so much, for the good of others... and by paying our taxes in an honest a way as possible!

Thanks goes to Peter for leading so ably in a thoughtful discussion!

And thanks also to all who provided the refreshments.

The next meeting is on January 19th 2024 and will be led by Rev John Woollam. It will start as usual with a buffet lunch at 12.30pm.

Maggie Lane

Engineer talk

THE after lunch speaker at Yarcombe Community Lunch in October was Clifford Sochon, who described himself as an elderly engineer who would talk about something that would eventually affect us all.

His talk was really fascinating as it was about how he restored two old machines (made in Chard) which would produce paper from plant waste which could then be used for toilet rolls along with other necessities. With a worldwide shortage of paper, this is a very important development. As usual, a delicious meal was produced – pork and apple casserole with roast potatoes and vegetables followed by an excellent bread and butter pudding and ice-cream.

All for £5 including tea or coffee. It looks as if the price will go up by a small amount in the new year.

Mary Smith



SIX youngsters from Five Alive Mission Community attended The Gathering Youth in Exeter, joining with some 180 others from across the region to find ways to draw closer to God through different workshops and, of course, through eating waffles! The next event for young people aged 11-18 will be on Saturday, February 3rd, 6-9pm, and Rev Julie Lomas would love to take another car full to that event. Please contact her via email if you are interested in coming along, or you know a young person who could come – revjulielomas@gmail.com. From left, Ed Rich, George Rich, Daniel Rich, Ellie Rich, George Gilmour-White and Holly Rich



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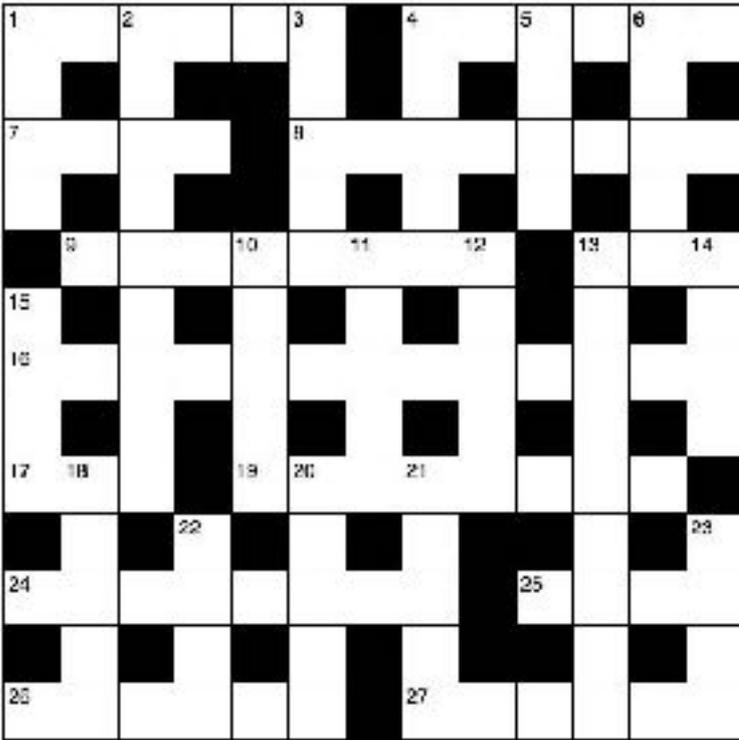
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PARISH PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a —, and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — — (4,4)
 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)
 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)
 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

Down

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
 3 'Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)
 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)
 6 'Reach out your hand and — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)
 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)
 11 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)
 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)
 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)
 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)
 18 Narnia's Lion (5)
 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)
 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)
 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)
 23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis 29:23) (4)

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Answers — ACROSS: 1, Depend; 4, Canopy; 7, Beak; 8, Irritate; 9, Zedekiah; 13, Ate; 16, Job's comforter; 17, NAE; 19, Lang Syne; 24, Blockade; 25, Five; 26, Enigma; 27, Drench. DOWN: 1, Debt; 2, Peaceable; 3, Drink; 4, Curia; 5, Nuts; 6, Put it; 10, Excel; 11, Is man; 12, Hoofs; 13, Attention; 14, Ezra; 15, Ijon; 18, Asian; 20, Abana; 21, Greed; 22, GCMG; 23, Leah.



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Those folks who are handy with a sewing machine could be a helpful source of supply to family, friends and neighbours. Re-use year after year and perhaps make it a family tradition.

Christmassy, recyclable, brown wrapping paper is readily available too.

Many people are already using plain brown or white paper, decorated by their own fair hands for a personal touch.



Or, why not try your skills at using a scarf bought from a charity shop to wrap a gift?

For handy hints on the 'how to', look up 'Furoshiki' on Mistress YouTube. It is the art of Japanese gift wrapping. The recipient will be really impressed.

There are great alternatives to sticky tape too, such as string, raffia and printed brown paper tape.

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can be widely purchased, in narrow or wider widths.

Could you tszuj up your parcels with a sprig of mistletoe, heather or holly, a fir cone, or a piece of evergreen tree?

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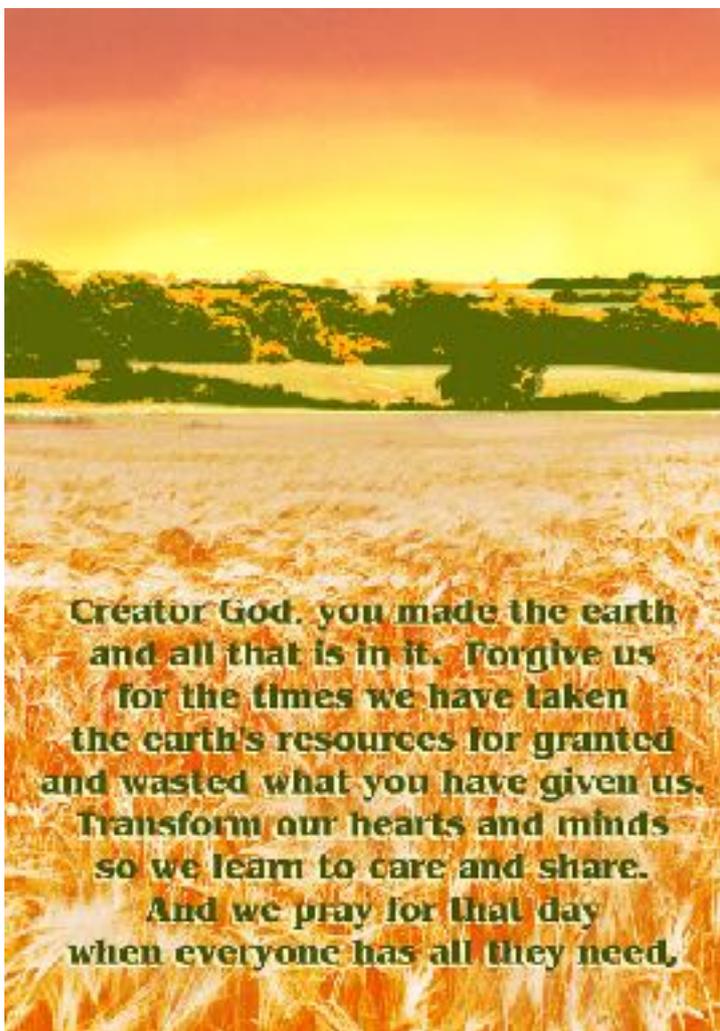
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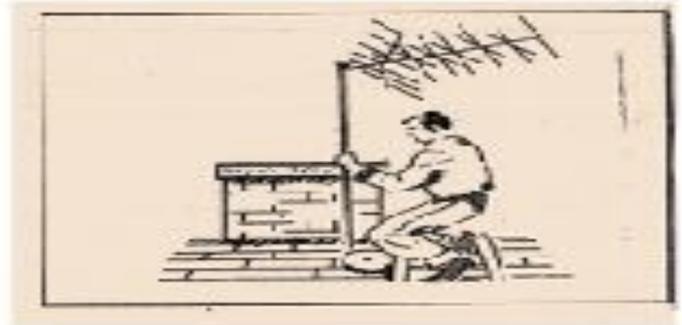
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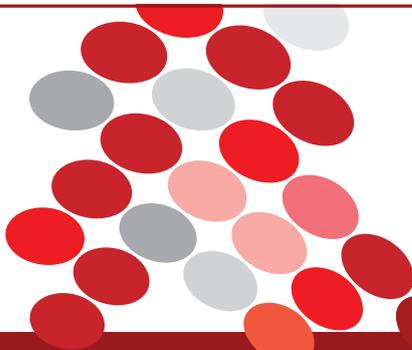
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Fridays, 9:30am-11:30am	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland and Yarcombe Toddler Group - contact 07951 958327
Alternating Fridays, 6:30pm	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland Youth Club - every other Friday evening
Saturday, December 2nd, 10am-12pm	Kilmington Village Hall	Royal British Legion Christmas Coffee morning
Saturday & Sunday, December 2nd & 3rd 10am-5pm	St. Peter's Church, Dalwood	Display of UK Christmas Traditions. Contact Sue Drew 07501016393
Saturday, December 2nd 10am-12pm	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland Christmas Market, see advert in the November issue for more details.
Saturday, December 2nd 4pm	Dalwood Village	Dalwood Christmas Street Market and 'switching on' of the Christmas lights, see advert for more details
Sunday, December 3rd 7pm	Kilmington Village Hall	Kilmington Christmas lights switch on.
Tuesday, December 5th 7pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Corrydale Players Christmas celebrations, see advert for more details
Tuesday, December 5th 2:30pm	The Minster, Axminster	Minster Room - Mothers' Union Christmas gathering. Contact Mary Harrison, 01404 831975 for details.
Saturday, December 9th 3pm-5pm	St. Giles Church, Kilmington	Celebrate Together Service
Sunday, December 10th 11am	St. Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland	Christingle service
Wednesday, December 13th 6:45pm for 7:15pm	Kilmington Village Hall	KCC And Then Come The Nightjars (12a). To book email watsjohn307@gmail.com
Wednesday, December 13th 12:30pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Dalwood Community lunch. Bookings to be placed with Kathy Lang 01404 881601 by 7th December.
Thursday, December 14th 1:45pm for 2pm	Kilmington Village Hall	KCC: "And then Come The Nightjars (12a)" To Book email watsjohn307@gmail.com
Friday, December 15th 6:30pm	Kilmington Village	Carol Singing, finishing at The New Inn with Mulled Wine & Mince Pies. All welcome.
Saturday, December 16th 7pm	Shute Church	Social evening with carols by candlelight
Wednesday, December 20th 2pm-4pm	St Giles Church, Kilmington	Messy Christmas afternoon

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