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# ALL CHURCH SERVICES



## MARCH 2023

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
<b>Wed 1</b>	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion Hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD				
<b>Sun 5</b>	10:30 Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe (NB New time) With special guest Hugh Scudder (CR2EE) as we pray for Ukraine				
<b>Tues 7</b>	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion Hosted by St Giles Church, KILMINGTON				
<b>Sun 12</b>	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Family Service
<b>Wed 15</b>	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion Hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD				
<b>Sun 19 Mothering Sunday</b>	11am Family Service	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Family Service	6.30pm Evening Worship
<b>Tues 21</b>	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion Hosted by St Giles Church, KILMINGTON				
<b>Sun 26</b>	11am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
<b>Sun April 2 Palm Sunday</b>	11am Family Service	10.15am Gather at The Common for procession & joint service with Baptist Church in St Giles at 11am		11am Morning Worship	11am Joint service for Palm Sunday with Baptist Chapel
<b>Wed April 4</b>	9.30am Mission Community Said Communion Hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD				

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11'*

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# FIND THE 'IDES OF MARCH' IN THE SKY

REV JULIE LOMAS

"BEWARE the ides of March" was the warning given to Julius Caesar in William Shakespeare's play of the same name.

A little delving into the history books (OK, the history website!) and the 'ides of March' are revealed as ancient markers used to reference dates in relation to lunar phases.

Ides refer to the new moon of any given month, so there will be the ides of February, the ides of November, and so on.

The ides of March usually fall between 13th and 15th of the month, and at one time signified the new year, which meant celebrating and rejoicing — I am always up for a party!

That we notice the lunar phases at all is less possible in our society that has become addicted to light, as any view from space shows our night skies to be brightly lit.

However, we are truly blessed in our communities to be largely under dark skies, and so the changes of the night sky are visible even to the naked eye. I hope this will continue long into the

future.

I think I will, therefore, pay particular attention to the new moon in March and I invite you do so as well.

In the Bible, we read about new moon festivals as providing a reminder to the people to bring their sacrifice to God (numbers 28:11), which meant that in conjunction with the weekly rhythm of resting on the seventh day (the sabbath) there was another point in the month to take stock, turn to face the living God, renew their commitment and give thanks.

Maybe this translates in our modern lifestyles into coming to church on a regular basis, and if that is something that you can do then please consult our list of services on page 2 and we look forward to welcoming you.

If you work or have other commitments on Sundays, then do please come along to one of our midweek services.

The moon plays an important role in the Christian festival of Easter, although with Easter we are looking

out for the full moon. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (the first day of spring).

This year that falls on April 9th and there will be many opportunities to join in with experiencing Easter from Palm Sunday to Easter Day in all of our parish churches.

I like that this festival is so integral to nature and the physical universe, as well as secured in our faith and spiritual experiences.

In the meantime, during this month we continue to mark the 40 days of Lent, as well as saints days — St David on March 1st and St Patrick on March 17th.

I invite you to join me in this prayer:  
 Bless and sanctify this new month to us and to all Your people with joy and gladness, with blessing and provision for all our needs in peace and in prosperity. Unite our hearts to fear Your name so that we will keep Your commandments and walk in the paths of righteousness for Your honour and to receive Your blessing. Amen.



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# PSALM OF THE MONTH

## PSALMS 37 PART TWO — chosen by DAVID WILSDON

**AGAIN, as in part one, the wicked shall perish and the righteous shall be held up by the Lord.**

Again, too, there are verses such as verse 25, which seem to go too far in emphasising this teaching.

However, these also are made up for by others, like verse 40, which ring true.

### PSALM 37 PART 2

21. The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous are generous in giving.

22. For those who are blest by God shall possess the land, but those who are cursed by him shall be rooted out.

23. When your steps are guided be the Lord and you delight in his way.

24. Though you stumble you shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds you fast by the hand.

25. I have been young and now am old, yet never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging their bread.

26. All the day long they are generous in lending, and their children also shall be blest.

27. Depart from evil and do good and you shall abide for ever.

28. For the Lord loves the thing that is right and will not forsake his faithful ones.

29. The unjust shall be destroyed for ever, and the offspring of the wicked shall be rooted out.

30. The righteous shall possess the land and dwell in it for ever.

31. The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and their tongue speaks the thing that is right.

32. The law of their God is in their heart and their footsteps shall not slide.

33. The wicked spy on the righteous and seek occasion to slay them.

34. The Lord will not leave them in their hand, nor let them be condemned when they are judged.

35. Wait upon the Lord and keep his way; he will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are uprooted, you shall see it.

36. I myself have seen the wicked in great power and flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

37. I went by and lo, they were gone; I sought them, but they could nowhere be found.

38. Keep innocence and heed the thing that is right, for that will bring you peace at the last.

39. But the sinners shall perish together, and the posterity of the wicked shall be rooted out.

40. The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

41. The Lord shall stand by them and deliver them; he shall deliver them from the wicked and shall save them, because they have put their trust in him.

### Bible readings March 2023

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 12: 1 – 4a	John 3: 1 – 17
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 17: 1 - 7	John 4: 5 - 42
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	1 Samuel 16: 1 - 13	John 9: 1 - 41
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14	John 11: 1 - 45
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday	No reading	Matthew 21: 1 - 11

## From the registers

### Funerals

The funeral of **Christina Lesley Eddy (Chris)**, of Dalwood, took place on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup> at St Peter's Church, Dalwood, followed by burial in the churchyard

The funeral of **Keith Robin Watkins**, of Seaton Junction, took place on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at East Devon Crematorium

The funeral of **Molly Maureen Bickley**, formerly of Marsh, took place on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> at Taunton Crematorium, followed by a service of thanksgiving at Buckland St Mary

*We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends*

# A warm welcome awaits all at meet-ups

By Roderick Ovey

IT seems incredible that January is already past and I'm now writing something for the March issue of *The Parishes' Paper*.

There are already daffodils in bloom, with snowdrops and even primroses showing their heads, a sign that spring is only just around the corner.

The last of Dalwood Methodist Church's meetings to restart after Covid, Breaking News!, re-opened in January, and it was a very friendly and enjoyable occasion.

Our minister, who seems to love trawling through the news to find slightly more obscure items, presents

us at 10.30am precisely with the topic for discussion, so we have no idea until then what the subject will be and we can't come along with any preconceived ideas. It isn't a straight-laced meeting by any means, with plenty of humour thrown in to lighten the proceedings.

Are you shy and afraid to say something in public in case someone might disagree with you? If so, this is the meeting for you.

You don't have to join in, you can just sit there and listen, munching your biscuit and drinking your tea or coffee. That's how I started, but I soon found I was putting in my occasional two penn'orth and actually enjoying it.

We meet on the last Monday in the month and it lasts about an hour.

There is no charge for coming, it's all free, and I'm fairly sure you will enjoy your self. Do come along and give it a try.

In addition, we are still holding our coffee mornings on the second Wednesday of the month, from 10.30am until 12noon, and the funds raised go to a nominated charity operating for the good of this area.

We also hold a fortnightly art club, meeting every-other Wednesday afternoon, but more about that next month. For details in the meantime please 'phone me on 01297 442433.

Lastly, but by no means least, our Sunday services are at 11am, followed by refreshments, and we assure you of a warm welcome. Do come and give us a try.

## KILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEN	WHAT
Tuesdays 10am-12noon	Post Office
Tuesday, March 21st 12.30pm	Community Contact Lunch – all welcome
Wednesdays 9.30am-10.45am	Tummies, Toddlers and Tinies – term-time only
Thursdays 1.45pm	Just For You Ladies' Bible Study Group
Friday, March 3rd 11.30am	World Day of Prayer followed by bring-and-share lunch

## Final call for Leprosy Mission stamps

THE Leprosy Mission has been receiving used stamps for many years and converting them into cash to help transform lives across Asia and Africa.

Due to the introduction of bar-coded stamps, the value of used stamps has sharply declined so this recycling project is winding up at the end of March.

Please send any used stamps to them before March 31st so this era can be brought to an end with a flourish!

Send stamps to: The Leprosy Mission, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay,

Peterborough, PE2 5GZ.

Visit [www.leprosymission.org.uk](http://www.leprosymission.org.uk) for more information.



## Preparation for wedding couples

EIGHT out of the 10 couples who are planning their weddings in the Five Alive Mission Community churches this year gathered for a wedding preparation event at St Peter's Church, Dalwood, on Saturday, February 4th.

Also present were representatives of the churches, organists and church wardens, along with Rev Julie Lomas and local licensed minister Gill Heighway.

Each couple received a 'goody bag' of useful information — and chocolate hearts — including the booklet, Marriage by Design, produced by Christian organisation Care for the Family.

Rev Julie and Gill helped the couples look at the 'terms and conditions' of marriage by spending time looking into the words of the declarations, the vows and the giving of the rings.

A mini rehearsal of the key moments took place and one or two tears were detected! The event concluded with a delicious hot buffet served in Dalwood Village Hall.

We wish all our couples every blessing as they prepare for their wedding days.

Couples who are interested in a Church wedding are welcome to contact Rev'd Julie for a conversation, or take a look at [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org).

Rev Julie Lomas

**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 – see page 31 for contact details*

## Join service to give thanks to mothers

THIS year Mothering Sunday falls on March 19th as it is always the fourth Sunday in Lent.

Originally, it was a church festival and in the 16th Century people would travel back to their 'mother' church at this time.

Over the years, it became a family occasion when boys and girls who worked away on the land or in domestic service at the big houses were given this one Sunday off to return to their families.

A rather charming story is that on the long walk home, the boys and girls would pick wild flowers from the hedgerows to give their mothers. The mothers would make a special cake called a Simnel cake to be part of a celebration tea — a cake with two layers of marzipan and 11 marzipan balls representing all the disciples — except Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

There is a story about how the name Simnel came about — a couple called Simon and Nell bickered over whether this special cake should be baked or boiled, they finally reached an agreement by using both cooking methods!

The cake is now more usually eaten at Easter.

To remember our mums, past and present, there will be services throughout the mission community and to keep up with tradition, each lady in the congregation will be given a small bunch of spring flowers.

Please see page 2 to find your local service where everyone is welcome.

*Caroline Nunns*



## ABRAHAM'S STORY

By Caroline Nunns

THE Open the Book team visit schools to tell the story of Abraham and Sarah

IN February, the Open the Book team visited three schools in our five parishes — Shute, Kilmington and Stockland — to tell the story of Abraham, Sarah and the birth of Isaac.

The team explained how God told Abraham to depart his homeland for a land that he would show him, ensuring to "make of him a great nation, bless him, make his name great".

Obedying God's call, Abraham brought his wife, Sarah, to Canaan. Although Abraham and Sarah were

very old, God gave Abraham certainty that Sarah would have a son.

Abraham and Sarah were visited by three guests. One of the guests told Abraham that upon his arrival next year, Sarah would have a son.

While at the tent entrance, Sarah heard what was said, and she laughed to herself about the possibility of having a child at their ages. Sarah soon became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham, at the very moment which had been predicted.

Their son was named Isaac and Abraham and Sarah went on to have many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The children enjoyed participating in the telling of this story and listened very attentively.



## Special service for Ukraine a year on

ON Sunday, March 5th, a special service will be held at Yarcombe St John the Baptist Church to remember the people of Ukraine one year on from the invasion by Russian forces.

The congregation is delighted to welcome Hugh Scudder, one of the founders of CR2EE (Christian Response to Easter Europe, [www.cr2ee.org.uk](http://www.cr2ee.org.uk)), who will be sharing his experiences.

Hugh has been involved with managing aid to the war affected areas, the refugees and to those fleeing the war into neighbouring country of Moldova, itself one of the

poorest nations in the world.

Everyone is welcome and donations will be invited for Hugh to take away with him.

Ukraine especially needs toiletries — soap, shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, deodorant, ladies' sanitary items; over-counter medicines; detergents, washing powder or liquid; food — all non-perishable, rice, polenta, tinned fish and meat, tinned fruit, sugar; cooking oil, dried fruit and nuts, tea and coffee for their next aid lorry.

It is asked that those donating to please be generous with items or with donations for fuel.

# Youth 'astounded' as 280 gather

ON Saturday, January 28th, Rev Julie Lomas took five of us to The Gathering Youth at the Belmont Church in Exeter.

This is a youth event in the heart of Devon for anyone aged 12-18 years. It allows young people to connect with others of similar age to worship together and grow in faith.

We were astounded to be there with 280 other young people!

The evening involved various activities. A few games including How Many Actual Tears You Can get into a Cup, which didn't turn out very successful! Another game was How Many Tea Bags Can You get into a Plastic Cup from the Furthest Distance, this was a bit tricky. As well as What Can You Fill Your Shoe With? We filled ours with bananas!

After the games, we listened to a wonderful live band. This followed by splitting into groups to learn about a reading from the bible, Isaiah 6:8, looking at how we can really discover God more in our daily lives. The evening ended with Holy Communion.

A big thank you to Rev Julie for taking us to this special event.

*Katie, Ellie & Daniel Rich*



**ABOVE, from left, Katie Rich, Daisy Drew, Ellie Rich, Rev Julie Lomas, Daniel Rich and Benjamin Rich. Right, Daniel Rich**

● *The theme for the event was Here I Am and there were five different workshops to visit to explore these words in more detail. The next event will take lace on May 20th, 6.30-9pm. Let Rev Julie know if anyone is interested in attending the next event.*



# Safeguarding Sunday gets off to flying start

THE first ever Safeguarding Sunday for the East Devon Five Alive Mission Community took place on February 5th at the service held at St Michael and All Angels Church, Stockland.

Rev Julie Lomas welcomed a member of the safeguarding team from Exeter Diocese, Rebecca Lane, who took part in the service with the commissioning of those responsible to

helping to promote a safer church in our community — Mary Smith, Andy Howard, Rev Julie and Caroline Nunn.

Rebecca was interviewed as part of the service and shared her passion for the difference it can make when we all look out for one another, and remember that adults can be at risk of abuse just as much as children.

She was able to give some examples from the work she had previously been involved with as a qualified social worker for older adults.

Finally, Rebecca presented Rev Julie with her certificate for having completed the Leadership Pathway Training in January.

*Rev Julie Lomas*



**ABOVE, from left, Mary Smith, Andy Howard, Rev Julie Lomas, Rebecca Lane and Caroline Nunn. Right, Rev Julie Lomas and Rebecca Lane**



# Looking back: the Millennium year

By Margaret Hagon

HERE is another delve into the past, this time Millennium year of 2000 — March issue — when all the parishes were participating in celebrations for this new decade.

The Rev Garry Gibson had taken over as Hon Assistant Curate from the Rev Larry Newman, with the Rev Paul Wilson as Priest in Charge.

The family service on March 9th at Yarcombe church involved the planting of a special Millennium yew tree, one of many thousands that were planted in churchyards all over the country, symbols of hope for future generations. The service was led by John Salter, with the talk being given by James Pidgeon.

An American-theme night at Umborne Hall was held on March 25th with fancy dress being optional.

Yarcombe Mothers' Union had its meeting at Marsh with Mrs Mullins speaking on the subject of Celtic saints.

Improvements to the children's play area at Stockland Victory Hall were ongoing and weather permitting it was hoped to reopen the area at Easter.

Kilmington Village Produce Association had a presentation on The Riot of Spring by Mr Worth following on from a previous successful presentation earlier in the year on The Landscape Garden.

Dalwood Primary School had an open afternoon to which parents, governors and the local community were invited to join a science



challenge as part of Science, Engineering and Technology Week. The football team had been donated a new kit by Swards and the children were very proud of their new yellow and black strip.

A coffee morning and jumble sale in aid of Shute Parish Millennium Funds was held at Colyton Town Hall.

Shute Parish Council was looking into placing names of those who were killed in action during the Second World War on the war memorial and asked if anyone knew of names to be included.

Members of Umborne Social Club were invited to bring a copy of their favourite cookery recipe to the March meeting for inclusion in a book to be produced in aid of club funds.

Dalwood WI had finalised plans for its 50th birthday celebrations on

March 22nd. At the February meeting, Mrs Pat Hearsay, VCO, spoke about the Women's Institute — past, present and future. The origins of the organisation began in Canada in 1897 as a result of a child's death caused by unpasteurised milk. Extracts were read from the minutes of the first WI formed in the UK in 1915, prior to women's emancipation.

Members of Musbury and Whitford were through to the next round of the skittles competition and, after a local contest, four members were to attend the first round of the whist competition later in March. Mr Allison was to give a talk on My Poetry and Other Works with the competition being a humorous limerick.

Arrangements had been made for an amblers' outing by Stockland WI members for a walk to Steps Bridge, Dunsford, to see the wild daffodils and a birdwatching boat trip on the River Exe had also been discussed. Historical Exeter was to be the subject of a talk by Mr Nicholas Baker.

Kilmington Players was to perform Dick Whittington at the village hall from March 15th to 18th.

Lent lunches in Kilmington Village Hall were to start on March 15th and were again in aid of the Dacca Orphanage Project.

Notice was given of the enthronement of the Rt Rev Michael Langrish as the 70th Lord Bishop of Exeter at Exeter Cathedral on April 1st.

This issue had 11 commercial advertisements and was 18 pages long, black and white, with a cost of 20p.

## The only 'real' Easter egg to share the story

DID you know, out of the 80million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a new 24-page Easter story activity book?

Palm oil-free, plastic-free and only using the finest Fairtrade chocolate, each egg has a lovely creamy taste and each purchase helps support charitable, development and education projects.

These eggs are a wonderful way of sharing chocolate eggs and the true story of Easter, whilst supporting Fairtrade at the same time, and at just

£4.50 are very competitively priced — postage is free for orders of 18 eggs or more.

The mission community team will be submitting an order on March 20th so sign up in church before Sunday, March 19th to be sure of receiving your eggs in time for Easter which is on Sunday, April 9th.

Alternatively, The Real Easter Egg can be bought using this email address [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](mailto:www.realeasteregg.co.uk) or by calling 01925 877 004.





# DALWOOD NEWS

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## SW talent is music to the ears

By Tina Mackenney

THE Dalwood hills are alive with music — with a mix of concerts and jazz...

### January jazz

Dalwood Village Hall was packed on the afternoon of Sunday, January 29th for the amazing concert given by two of the UK's best known jazz pianists, Dave Newton and Craig Milverton.

They appear all over the country and at the biggest jazz festivals and it is very fortunate that they both live in the South West, so that we don't have to travel too far to be able to hear them.

### Dalwood Jazz Club

Dalwood Jazz Club started in 2008 and — apart from the two 'C' years) — has been going strong ever since. The next concert will take place on



Sunday, March 19th at 3pm when Annika Skoogh will be performing a tribute to all the well known 'ladies of jazz', including Anita O'Day. She'll be accompanied by Craig Milverton on piano, Kevin Sanders on bass and Nick Millward, who was a drummer with Kenny Ball JB for many years.

### Coffee concerts

On Wednesday, March 22nd, there will be a coffee concert at 10.30am — these monthly concerts are always on the fourth Wednesday and raise money for a local charity. Roderick

Ovey, a local talented and very experienced organist will give a concert in St Peter's Church.

We are indebted to all the performers who give their time freely — not just performing but rehearsing too! It's a very informal atmosphere in the church and there's free coffee and biscuits and a retiring collection! There is such a wealth of talent in East Devon that it's not difficult to find excellent musicians and singers to come and entertain the crowds.

### Mini music day

On Wednesday, August 9th, the Peak District String Orchestra, pictured, — under the direction of Gavin Usher — will give an afternoon concert in Dalwood Village Hall, so please make a note of this date in your diaries as it may well turn into a mini music day — because the very popular gypsy jazz band, La Vie en Rose, will be playing in the morning.



## Dalwood Community Shop and Post Office

**YOUR shop is here for your convenience, saving YOU time and petrol**  
**We accept cash and all major credit cards**

**email:dalwoodcommunityshop@outlook.com tel:01404 881401**

### SHOP OPENING TIMES

Monday- Friday: 8.30am - 5.30pm  
Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm  
Sunday: 8.30am -12.30pm

### POST OFFICE opening time

**Friday 10.100am – 12.00 pm**

**Could you buy 1 more item when you shop?**  
**We have so much more in stock**



**Are you spring cleaning?**  
**Come in and see what we have in stock on our shelves**



# DALWOOD NEWS

## Shop foundation slab finally laid

THANKS goes to everyone for their generosity and patience.

Since Dalwood Community Shop and Post Office had the approval and support from the residents to build an extension it has been a long and protracted process to get to this point.

After overcoming many obstacles during the last few years, in January, the slab for the foundation of the extension was laid.

Behind the scenes, committee members have been working tirelessly.

So many things beyond the control of the committee prevented progress. The pandemic was so hard for so many. As the world began to emerge from its shadow, the price of materials increased massively, 50 per cent in some cases. Due to heavy workloads getting hold of contractors was equally as difficult. The cost of living crisis is now biting into many people's lives.

The war in Ukraine has devastated

so many. The Ukraine Appeal, which through the shop, so many local people supported with goods to be taken to Ukraine and with funds donated to help in Ukraine. Through it all the shop remained at the heart of the community, serving it every day.

The cost of living crisis is now hitting many hard with food, electricity, fuel — everything is rising so fast. Many prices have doubled in what seems like overnight. The shop must also pay these increases.

Without all the loyal support of regular shoppers the shop could not continue.

The committee strives to ensure the shop is sustainable for the future.

Locals are asked if they could you buy one extra item when they shop. Whilst this is important and would make such a difference to sales, it is understood that this is asking existing customers to support the shop even more.

'If you don't use it, you lose it' is an equally important thought; the feeling

of not knowing what you are missing until it has gone.

The committee believes the loss of the shop in the village would be devastating for many in the community, but it can only survive if it is used, it cannot survive without existing and new customers.

If anyone has ideas or suggestions for new stock or ways forward to increase the footfall and sales, please let the committee know.

Thanks goes, again, for the generosity, support and patience of the Dalwood residents.

### Watch this space

The shop committee is talking with contractors which will let it look forward to seeing the extension completed. The group will keep everyone updated of any developments. The annual meeting will be held in May, date to be confirmed. Please join it.

*Dalwood Shop Committee*

### DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

invite you to a

# COFFEE MORNING

## AT THE CHAPEL

### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

### 10-30 AM - 12 NOON

### WITH A "BRING AND BUY" STALL

### IN AID OF

### DEVON FREE-WHEELERS

# DO COME AND ENJOY A CUPPA AND A CHAT!



## EASTER LILIES

St Peter's Church, Dalwood will again be decorated with lilies for Easter.

If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one and have their name recorded on a commemorative scroll displayed in church, please contact:

Sue Drew on 01404 831365 or

Caroline Nunns on 01404 881313

Or leave your name on the form in church.

Each lily will be £4, please pay Sue or Caroline.





# KILMINGTON NEWS

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## Jean awarded for 'outstanding' work

ON Saturday, February 4th, Jean Falconer was awarded the Rose Bowl at the Annual Devon County Royal British Legion meeting.

The Rose Bowl, presented by Rear Admiral (Retired) Christopher Snow, CBE, Devon County President, is a discretionary award presented to acknowledge an individual's outstanding contribution in a particular discipline.

Jean has been the secretary of the Kilmington branch for over seven years. Part of her commendation read: "During her tenure, she has constantly provided outstanding support to the chairman and all other officers on the committee. She is meticulous in her preparation and presentation, and continuously provides an accurate account of all events and everything

she is involved in.

"As well as being an outstanding secretary, she is also paramount in planning events and due to her perseverance and due diligence, has been responsible for the branch achieving so much."

The remaining commendation continued to highlight all Jean's achievements, not just for the Royal British Legion, but also her wider contribution to Kilmington village.

Commander (Retired) Stafford Seward, OBE, RN, Chairman Kilmington RBL, added: "Jean is truly a remarkable person, who thoroughly deserves to be recognised for all of her outstanding achievements, but most certainly, as the most efficient, effective and trustworthy secretary that I have ever had the pleasure to work with."



## Bobby is one!

A VERY happy morning was spent celebrating Bobbie Carter's first birthday with all her Wednesday baby group friends, along with the delicious cake.

The Kilmington group would love to see some more little ones join so any parents who would like to meet some others for a coffee and a chat whilst the little ones play are welcome to come on a Wednesday morning to St Giles's Church from 10am until 12noon.

*Rev Julie Lomas*

## Lunches return!

LENT Lunches will once again be held in Kilmington at the pavilion, which overlooks Kilmington Cricket Club pitch.

The first lunch is to be on Thursday, March 2nd, from 12noon. The lunches will then be every Thursday following, at the same time, for a further six weeks. There will be soup, bread, cheese, teas and coffees, and good company to enjoy.

Donations would be welcome with any proceeds going to Tearfund and to The Children's Society. For any enquiries please contact Christine Thorne on 07814 041059.

*Christine Thorne*



JEAN Falconer is awarded with the Rose Bowl by Rear Admiral (Retired) Christopher Snow, CBE, Devon County President, at the recent Royal British Legion annual meeting

## Quinquennial report gives good news for St Giles's Church building

THE new quinquennial report for St Giles's Church from the church architect made a point of saying that, thanks to the efforts of the whole church community, the work commissioned by the fabric committee over recent years which went ahead, meant that the church was generally in good order for a building of its age.

During recent times, much work has been completed on the internal ceiling, the sound and lighting systems and the porch. All this has been possible because of the generosity of the congregation and village residents. This means that the work suggested in the new report is far less onerous than in former years.

We would like, therefore, to sincerely thank all that have been involved in making our church a light, warm and attractive place for worship.

*John Thorne  
Chairman of St Giles's Church  
Fabric Committee*

### Return of lilies

ST Giles's Church will again be decorated with lilies for the Easter period and the memory scroll will be displayed with names of loved ones.

If anyone would like to add a name to the list or donate to the cost of the lilies, please contact Jenny Nickolls or Angie Clark on 01297 639758 or 01297 35817.

*Jenny Nickolls*



## Chilly start for super Frogs clean-up team

By Christopher Thorne

A CHILLY start for the first Frogs (the Friends of St Giles Churchyard) work party of the year on Saturday, January 21st.

It had been postponed from the previous Saturday when conditions had been wet and windy, not the ideal for clearing up leaves.

The group was blessed with almost perfect weather for the task; the day dawned dry and frosty and was starting to warm up as the volunteers assembled for the 10am start.

The churchyard, and especially the new churchyard, were already looking in pretty good shape and work was

focused on the old churchyard and the Millennium Garden.

Many of the 16 volunteers came armed with rakes and progress was quick; fallen leaves thankfully tend to be blown by the wind into a few select spots.

The team was spurred on by the presence of the youngest volunteer, Henry Cook, three, pictured below, who employed his mini-wheelbarrow to great effect. As usual, the group was treated to a splendid array of refreshments with many thanks to the catering team.

With spring just around the corner, the grass will soon start to grow quickly and the team is prepared, mowers and strimmers at the ready!





# STOCKLAND NEWS

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## PAUSE FOR PRAYER

Hope for the World  
A prayer from Iona Abbey

In quietness and darkness,  
in peace and confusion,  
Jesus Christ makes his home  
and meets his friends.  
He is the light of life:  
He is the hope for the world.

In him there are neither Jew nor  
Gentile,  
neither division nor difference,  
All are one in Jesus Christ.  
He is the light of life:  
He is the hope of the world.

In him there is neither black nor  
white,  
neither north nor south:  
All are one in Jesus Christ.  
He is the light of life:  
He is the hope of the world.

In him there is neither male nor  
female,  
neither rich nor poor:  
All are one in Jesus Christ.  
He is the light of life:  
He is the hope for the world.

*Contributed by Philippa Wilks*

## STARSTRUCK PUPILS!

By Gill Metcalfe & Mrs Bendall

**GREAT to have Stockland Primary Academy online and praise also for the weekly timetable made available for all with an interest.**

Envy first — the planetarian came to Stockland Victory Hall and all classes were treated to an immersion into night skies, stars, moon topology, dwarf stars, planets and space travel. Future astronauts enlisted! Utter astonishment for all pupils as the whole of known space whizzed dramatically overhead.

Away from the stars, Class 1's travels were more ground based in a taste of China — learning about the Chinese New Year, Chinese culture and a chance to try the cuisine.

Class 3 took on a variety of facts about the sun and dwarf stars. Then back to earth they took on some challenging narrative writing inspired by interpretations of Winter's Child by Angela McAllister — Spring's Child.

Extracts of the pupils' imaginative response include: "It was the largest spring Mother could remember. Every morning, Mother looked at the gardening patch waiting for something to ripen.

"Yet Tom loved the spring. Out of the forest, stepped an extraordinary girl with nut-brown hair spiralling down her back."

Class 4 — back from the Mars Rover exploration, spent time on their Memoirs from Hidden Figures, drawing and identifying angles using protractors, investigating the literature of space exploration and closer to home — "Which character would you invite to your house for tea and why?" Tim Peak high on the list?

Reference to the weekly timetable experienced by each class suggests more 'normalised/familiar to parents and family activities' — spelling, reading, listening, maths, music, English, Spanish, gymnastics, art and health education — all focussed on the demands of the future for our young.

Outcomes from all these activities indicate that the pupils are really collaborating with each other in their discussions and understanding of the activities. Not surprising with the adventurous programme that the school is providing.

Stockland Primary Academy is clearly delivering curricula for tomorrow's population — one which is wide open to scrutiny and indeed envy and awe.



**STARSTRUCK** pupils at Stockland Primary Academy as they wander in wonder into the depths of the night sky

*Photos courtesy of Stockland Academy*





**TREPIDATION** was afoot for the ladies' coffee morning last month when only eight had signed up with just a week to go. Had interest waned?

That was definitely not the case and the King's Arms hosted the monthly get-together with aplomb — imagine expecting a handful and then 25 turning up!

Ben and Chrissie, as usual, were

## Skittle alley calls as ladies' group grows

By Gill Metcalfe

fortunately highly competent in dealing with the extras and the challenge they presented.

It soon became clear that the group has outgrown the King's Room with the future coffee mornings now to be held in the skittle alley allowing for ease of circulation, seating, along with cushioning the volume of sound from the good-hearted chatter, friendly banter and just the enjoyment of the occasion.

It was encouraging to have some new people and to hear that they thoroughly enjoyed the morning — they felt comfortable and immediately at ease.

In the wake of the pandemic, bird flu, the economic climate and the weather — all that rain and cold — it is so satisfying to see how much pleasure is derived from meeting for a drink, a

slice of cake whilst being surrounded by old friends and new. It is so reassuring that this event is so appreciated by one and all.

Of course, the raffle adds to the fun and, this time, the regular winners — yes there are some who are just genuinely lucky and win frequently — did not feature this time... well, with the exception of the vicar, but a well-deserved win!

Now a stern reminder — please try to book ahead so that numbers are known; if you have to cancel, well that happens to all at times, if the organisers are informed it does help the King's Arms staff and kitchen in ensuring that all goes smoothly for us.

Thank you to you all for such a contribution to the success of the event.

Next month: lunch at the King's Arms on Wednesday, March 1st. Please book with Julia on [juliahoward51@gmail.com](mailto:juliahoward51@gmail.com) or 01404 881121 or 07754748456.

## Double farewell to pub's much-loved duo

By Gill Metcalfe

**THE King's Arms** recently said farewell to two of its much-valued staff stalwarts — Matt Hallet and Josh Whettingsteel, pictured: both well known to pub regulars.

Josh has been a familiar figure behind the bar and in the restaurant for over two years whilst Matt has been hidden behind the scenes commanding the kitchen for as long.

To lose them is a genuine loss — Josh for his quiet efficiency and attentiveness to clients, ask anyone about him and the first comment to mind is "that smile"; whilst Matt has plied his trade in the kitchen producing attractive menus and consistently much appreciated meals.

Josh has secured a well-supported apprenticeship which will eventually give him entry to a highly professional career — he has the congratulations and well wishes from more than just the regulars.

Matt has also moved on in his career and he too has all our thanks and best wishes for his new venture. He is replaced by Robert Ndungu — an award-winning chef whose cuisine has already made a hit with customers, an excellent start to restaurant delivery.

Once again, the King's Arms is retaining its high profile and not only with food and beverage provision but with the return of the popular music sessions, Sundays from 3pm scheduled throughout February. Again, these are well-supported and certainly bring in a regular appreciative audience.



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# STOCKLAND NEWS

## Parish funding groups to meet

THE Trustees of the Stockland Educational Foundation and the Stockland Parish Lands General Charity will be holding the annual meeting this month.

The group will award monetary gifts in accordance with the provisions of the original trust deeds dated 1908 and 1911. The date of the meeting will be displayed on the village notice boards.

Stockland Educational Foundation benefits young people living in the parish with financial grants for educational purposes, apprenticeship resources, course equipment and tools.

Stockland Parish Lands General Charity grants money to individuals at times of need due to ill health, medical emergencies, on-going hospital treatment or other personal situations.

The trustees invite any parishioners of Stockland parish who meet the trusts' criteria for financial assistance to contact the chairperson or secretary by March 20th — chairperson: Monica Parris 01404 881535; secretary: Jane Bright 01404 881214.

If anyone has any questions or needs further information please let Jane Bright know on 01404 881214.

*Jane Bright*

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

## Avian flu still causing a major threat to chickens and difficulty to owners

By Gill Metcalfe

**THE feathered friends are still subject to government statutes and increasingly stricter measures due to avian flu.**

Chickens as sort of family pets are fun to keep. Strangely enough, just like humans they have their quirks and characters. Having only until recently mainly seen chickens on supermarket shelves, the purchase of a property, 30 chickens included, all housed in a barn has proven an experience!

Prior to becoming used to such friends, the morning ritual of opening the top part of a stable door to begin the daily free-range boast was more than a challenge. To have a small but heavyish flock of birds fly full tilt out of the barn — especially if duck didn't come to mind — was enough to be a knock-out.

So, the first of several moves began: from the barn to the great outdoors — a new run, a new coop, fresh straw, feeding stations, that is all the attendant initial husbandry.

Initially, all went well but, of course, chickens invite predators and the foxes, crows, even a buzzard all came a-calling. Keeping them all at bay, as all chicken owners know, is a nightmare. Once conquered, or rather kept in check, raising chickens and their chicks can provide genuine enjoyment. But then disaster set in the form of a virulent avian flu.

While bulletins of avian flu outbreaks may seem an issue of the past this is definitely not the case: it is still rife throughout Europe and on the increase — devastatingly so in Spain and Portugal

— whilst the UK has faced its largest ever outbreak with over 270 cases confirmed across the country since late October 2021.

There is still an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) in place across the whole of England which means all bird keepers — owners of pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock — are required by law to take a range of biosecurity precautions including: keeping birds indoors/under cover, restricting access for non-essential people on site, ensuring workers change clothing and footwear before entering bird enclosures and cleaning and disinfecting vehicles regularly to limit the risk of the disease spreading. These measures remain in place until otherwise advised. No chicken home is exempt.

Unfortunately, myth and facts have become inter-twined. Flocks have been culled, eggs destroyed — commercial and 'back-yard' holders alike have seemingly been left confused by the many 'government source' directives.

In all this the egg, once a cheap meal, is no longer thus: feed costs, re-housing changes and scarcity have all meant increased prices. Supermarkets indicate that a price of £4 plus per half-dozen is in sight. In addition, the free-range slogan/measurement is defunct with the media suggesting replacements such as 'barn-raised eggs', 'under-covered eggs' — any other suggestions forthcoming?

Current update: as of January 7, local movement restrictions have been removed but the AIPZ measures remain in place. Failure to comply with the AIPZ may be an offence and subject to an unlimited fine on summary conviction and up to three months' imprisonment.

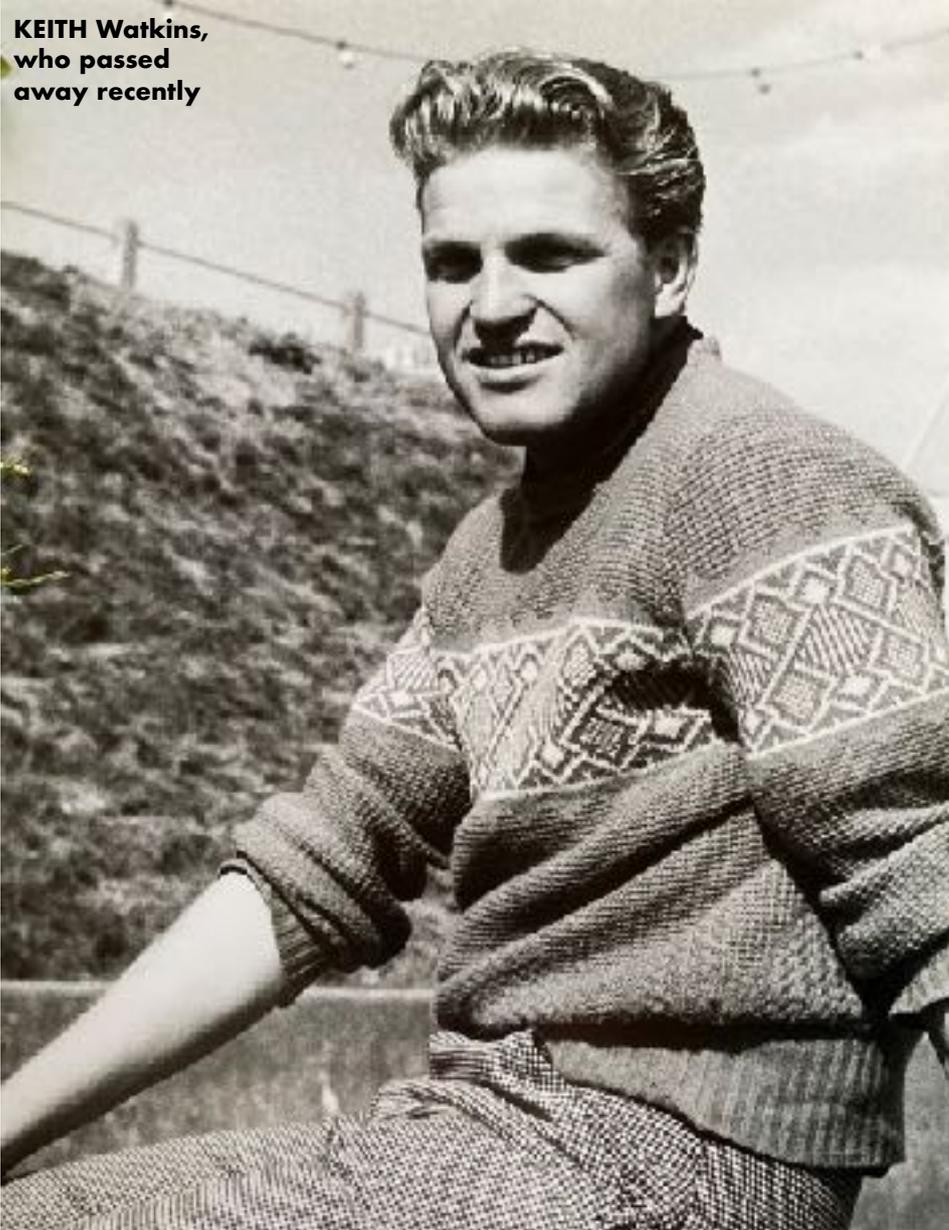




# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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**KEITH Watkins,**  
who passed  
away recently



## Farewell to popular Keith

By Rev Julie Lomas

Keith Watkins 1938 – 2023

AROUND 100 people gathered at East Devon Crematorium to say farewell to local man Keith Watkins.

Resident of Park View, Seaton Junction, for many years, he leaves behind his wife, Jennifer (Jen), sons Shaun and Mark, daughter-in-law Fiona, four grand-daughters and one great-grandson.

Having worked as a master weaver at Axminster Carpets for 40 years, former colleagues gathered to pay their respects. The floral tribute, pictured, was made up of spring flowers to reflect Keith's passion for his garden, and donations in Keith's memory were made in aid of Prostate Cancer UK.

In more recent years, Keith discovered a passion of word searches, and *The Parishes' Paper* will provide one for his family and friends to complete in the near future. Rest in peace.

## David avid at Medieval meet

FEBRUARY'S meeting of Umborne Ladies Social Group was held on Thursday, February 2nd, when we enjoyed listening to David Morling talking about exploring medieval Exeter.

David's enthusiasm for his subject was wonderful and he transported us back in time where we could imagine both the grandeur of buildings and the squalor of the streets.

The meetings are held in Umborne Village Hall on the first Thursday of every month with the next meeting taking place on Thursday, March 2nd at 1.45pm when Muriel Fishwick will come and tell us all about the work that the Force charity is doing. Visitors are welcome. Entrance is £5, including refreshments and a raffle ticket.

There will be a visit to Burrow Farm Gardens on April 6th and thereafter the group will switch to the summer schedule of meeting in the evenings at 7.30pm.

For further information contact [ann-shepherd@outlook.com](mailto:ann-shepherd@outlook.com).

*Sheila Townsend*





# YARCOMBE NEWS

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## Snow falls for first lunch meet

THE first Yarcombe Community Lunch in 2023 did not get off to the best start as snow falling meant some people could not get to the village hall.

However, for those who braved the icy roads, there was very warming comfort food. The first course was a delicious spicy pork and apple casserole with garden peas.

This was followed by marmalade bread and butter pudding with a dash of cream.

While coffee and tea were being drunk — accompanied by a mint chocolate — the photos of Yarcombe which had been compiled by Matthew Tompkinson were shown on the big screen.

Lovely reminders of people not with us, events past and present and beautiful landscapes all held the attention of those present. Many thanks to the lunch team for working so well together to put on this regular meal.

*Mary Smith*

# THOUGHTS: HOW THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS JOIN

By Mary Smith

**AFTER a delicious and varied shared lunch, those present at the recent Friday Faith Forum settled down to listen to Rev John Woollam explain how the Old Testament and New Testament fitted together with one and the same message.**

As Saint Augustine put it: "Hidden in the Old Testament, yet revealed in the New."

There are parts of the Old Testament which can seem very difficult to read — like the emphasis on legality, sacrifices and bloody battles, but all through it, there are pointers to the coming of the Messiah.

John had five main headings: 1) The promises in the Old Testament which

were fulfilled in the New Testament; 2) The appearances of Christ in the Old Testament in the form of an Angel of God; 3) The sacrifices and offerings in the Old Testament which were superseded in the New Testament by the sacrifice of Christ on a cross; 4) Rules and regulations in the Old Testament which could be boiled down to the one commandment in the New Testament which Jesus gave to love God first and our neighbours as ourselves; 5) Look-a-likes — people in the Old Testament who in some ways were like Jesus.

John gave a very clear and helpful talk which led to interesting questions and further discussion. Friday Faith Forum is an opportunity to open our minds to spiritual matters in an informal, yet thought provoking way.

## YARCOMBE WEATHER JANUARY 2023

	2023	2022	2021
Average Max. temperature	7.9°C	10.3°C	8.4°C
Average Min.	3.7°C	4.7°C	3.3°C
Average Overall temperature	5.6°C	7.5°C	5.8°C
Rainfall	165.5 mm	92.2mm	120.3 mm
Wettest Day	6th 25.8mm	13th 22.2mm	13th 16.6 mm
Sunniest Day	24th 8 hrs approx	25th 8 hrs	28th 10 hrs
Warmest Day	4th 12.4°C	16th 13.1°C	26th 11.7°C
Coldest Night	18th -2.4°C	11th -0.5°C	11th -4.5°C
Sunshine hours	86 hours approx	92 hrs	88 hrs

A wet and warmer start to the month, the second half was much colder and drier than normal for January

*Tony Newman*

**PLEASE SEND ALL YOUR YARCOMBE NEWS AND PHOTOS TO**  
*Rebecca Bell - email: rebecca.e.bell@outlook.com*

# Archdeacon is 'extremely grateful' to Devon hosts for refugee support

THE Archdeacon of Plymouth, the Ven Nick Shutt, shares this update on the Diocese of Exeter Ukraine Refugee Support Scheme...

"When Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, we as a diocese, like so many others, were moved to respond by offering sanctuary to Ukrainian families fleeing the war. To that end, we teamed-up with Citizens UK to match refugee families with host families in Devon.

"We were touched and overwhelmed by the number of people who stepped forward to offer accommodation. As a result, we have been able to match 80 Ukrainians in at least 32 settings across Devon.

"It has involved a huge amount of effort by a small team of diocesan staff and volunteer translators. We are very proud of what we have been able to achieve but we have concluded that it is not sustainable to continue with the work to match UK hosts with new Ukrainian guests.

"We are extremely grateful to everyone who has put themselves



**THIS family has been hosted by the Archdeacon of Plymouth under the Diocese Ukraine Support Scheme**

forward to be potential hosts, and for the many encouragements we have received along the way. For those of you for whom we have not been able to find suitable matches, we are extremely grateful for you putting

yourselves forward.

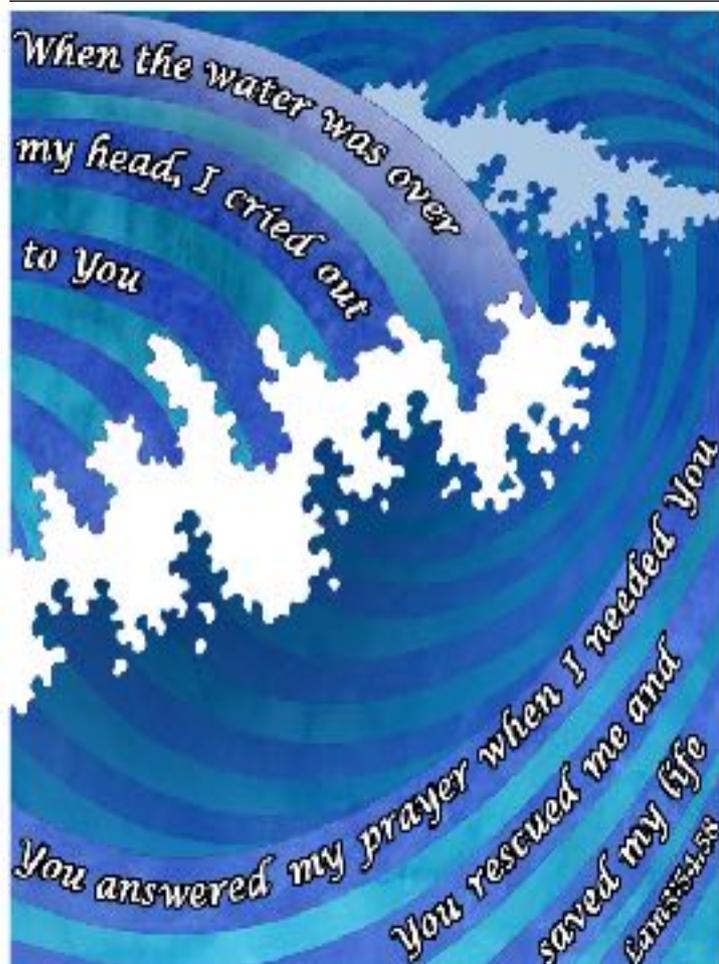
"We have learned a great deal as we have undertaken this task. We started with virtually no knowledge about the process and got up to speed very quickly.

"We soon learned that our Ukrainian families tended to be in larger family groups that we first imagined, that they preferred city to country life, and that they are very keen to find work and schooling.

"These factors have meant that it has often proved difficult to place Ukrainians in some of our more rural locations.

"The war in Ukraine is not over and we will continue to work with our churches to provide whatever pastoral and practical support we can to the Ukrainian families now living in Devon and their host families."

You can find out more about the continuing work of Citizens UK to welcome refugees. The Sanctuary Foundation is a Christian organisation which promotes refugee welcome and welfare.



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# Church acknowledges its views towards LGBTQI+ community and a public apology is given

Living in love and Faith  
READERS of *The Parishes' Paper* may have been made aware in the general press and media of the discussions that have been taking place over some years within and across the Church of England and the worldwide Anglican Communion.

In order for all our readers to be informed and up-to-date with events, here are two statements from the leadership of our church which I hope will inform you and encourage you to look at the website or ask me questions over the coming months.

A further report arising from the February meeting of General Synod will be reported on in next month's issue.

In the meantime, do feel free to contact me if you wish to have a conversation about any of the matters arising in these two documents. I also have a copy of the book, *Living in Love & Faith* published by Church House Publishing, and I am more than happy to lend it out to anyone who would like to read more.

You can also read more about it online at [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org).

**Julie Lomas**  
*Priest-in-charge*

A statement from the national Church of England, released on January 20th:

"The draft texts, proposed by the bishops of the Church of England, will be considered by General Synod next month alongside other proposals in response to a six-year process of listening, learning and discernment on questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage known as *Living in Love and Faith*.

The bishops have also made a direct public apology to LGBTQI+ people for the way in which the Church has rejected or excluded them, admitting: "We have not loved you as God loves you, and that is profoundly wrong."

The apology is set out in a pastoral letter from the bishops of the Church of England which also recognises that

they disagree over same-sex marriage and proposes a way forward which could be put in action within months.

A report — *Living in Love and Faith*: A response from the Bishops of the Church of England about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage — sets out the bishops' proposals and recommends areas for further work.

There is also a book of draft worship resources — *Prayers of Love and Faith*. It is a range of prayers and readings which could be used in a church service, such as a Service of the Word or a Service within a Celebration of Holy Communion.

There are prayers of thanksgiving and dedication and a prayer for God's blessing as well as prayers for use with specific elements of a service, such as a Prayer when Rings are Worn and Prayers at the lighting of a candle.

Opening the letter the bishops write: "We want to apologise for the ways in which the Church of England has treated LGBTQI+ people — both those who worship in our churches and those who do not.

"For the times we have rejected or excluded you, and those you love, we are deeply sorry.

"The occasions on which you have received a hostile and homophobic response in our churches are shameful and for this we repent.

"As we have listened, we have been told time and time again how we have failed LGBTQI+ people.

"We have not loved you as God loves you, and that is profoundly wrong. We affirm, publicly and unequivocally, that LGBTQI+ people are welcome and valued: we are all children of God."

Describing the prayers and readings, they explain: "This resource will offer clergy a variety of flexible ways to affirm and celebrate same-sex couples in church, and will include prayers of dedication, thanksgiving and for God's blessing.

"This resource will represent a significant move that is intended as a

loving and celebratory response to same-sex couples who are cherished and deeply valued by the Church."

They explain that the prayers will be entirely discretionary and that the formal teaching of the Church of England as set out in the canons and authorised liturgies — that Holy Matrimony is between one man and one woman for life — would not change.

"While there is a range of convictions held by the bishops about this important matter, we have not found sufficient consensus to propose a change in doctrine at the present time," they write.

The bishops' proposals will be discussed in detail at General Synod which meets at Church House, Westminster, from February 6th to 9th.

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chaired the group which led the process of discernment and decision making, said: "We are so grateful to the thousands of people across the Church of England who have taken part in this unique exercise in listening and learning together.

"I would like to thank all those who took part, sharing often deeply personal experiences, with great patience and courage.

"This has shown us vividly the diverse beliefs and hopes that are found among those who call the Church of England their spiritual home.

"We have taken all of those responses to heart and they have been vital in helping shape the proposals which we are putting forward today."

In response to the Church of England statement, the bishops of Exeter, Crediton and Plymouth wrote to all clergy in the diocese with the following letter on Friday, January 20th:

"Dear Friends in Christ. We are writing to you, following the publication of the proposals agreed by the College of Bishops in relation to *Living in Love and Faith*. As bishops of the Church of England, serving ►►►



# LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

Christian teaching and learning  
about identity, sexuality,  
relationships and marriage

Foreword by the Archbishops  
of Canterbury and York

▶▶▶ the people of Devon, we have been strongly engaged with this discernment process from the beginning and continue to be so.

"It is vital to find a way forward for the Church of England and we believe that these proposals offer such an opportunity. We welcome the proposed prayers of thanksgiving, dedication and God's blessing for same sex couples. It is significant that same

sex couples will now be able to have their civil marriage or partnership publicly affirmed in a church ceremony.

"We recognise that these proposals go too far for some people and not far enough for others. We will offer our pastoral support to all as we continue to engage in this process and invite you to reflect on what is proposed by visiting [www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith](http://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith).

"We pray that the College of Bishops' proposals will be received in a spirit of generosity by the General Synod and the wider church. Living in Love and Faith is a journey. As bishops we are committed to walking together and we invite you to walk with us as God's pilgrim people.

"With thanks for our partnership in the Gospel, +Robert Exon, +Jackie Crediton, +James Plymouth."

For more information on the Five Alive Mission Community visit [www.fivealive.org](http://www.fivealive.org)

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# 'Can' you help recycle aluminium?

LET'S take a look at the recycling of aluminium cans.

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Making cans from raw materials (bauxite) is an energy-intensive process, using the same amount of energy to make one new can as it does to recycle 20.

Aluminium can be recycled indefinitely without loss of quality (unlike plastic) and 75 per cent of all the aluminium ever made is still in circulation — in a positive way. The same cannot be said about its plastic neighbour!

If we recycled all the aluminium cans

we use in the UK annually — 600 per average UK household (dear reader, that surely cannot be any of us reading this!) — we would need 14million fewer dustbins!

Recycling just one tonne of aluminium saves up to 9tonnes of CO2 emissions.

But... how sad is it then to find out that around 80million cans are sent to landfill and incineration in the UK each year?

More frustrating still to find cans rolling around our towns and villages, which have been tossed out of cars, dropped in hedges, ditches and on pavements.

So it is really important that if folks

are away from home that they take cans home to recycle them later.

If you see a lonely can along your daily walk, why not keep a paper bag in your shopping bag, pick up the can, carry it home and recycle it, knowing that it will back on the shelf as a new can within 60 days!

You can find out how the process works by watching a short but fascinating film on YouTube. Search: How are Aluminium Cans Recycled? How Do They Do It? on the online video platform.

Encourage your friends, family and neighbours to do the same so we make full use of this incredibly useful resource.

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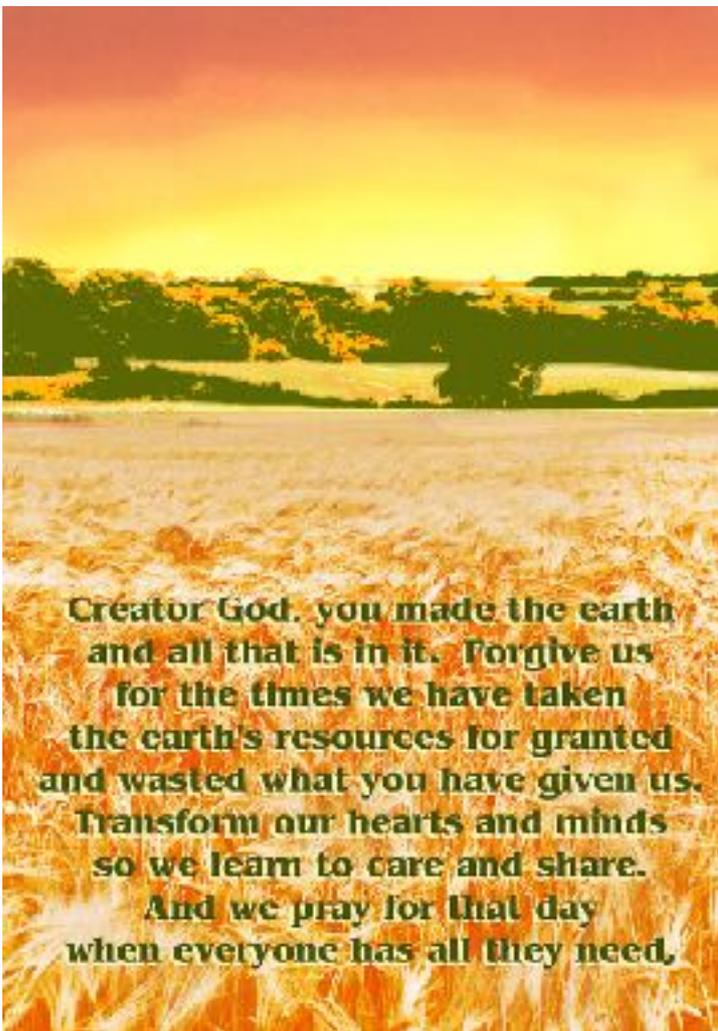
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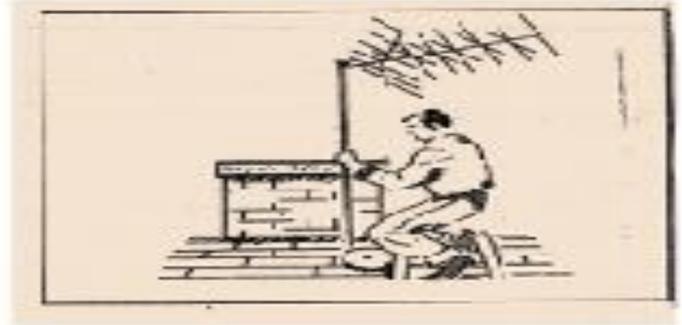
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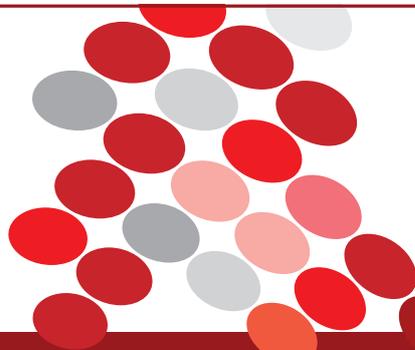
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Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> 6.45pm for 7.15pm Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Doors open 1.45pm for 2pm	Kilmington Village Hall Kilmington Community Cinema (KCC)  Mrs Harris Goes To Paris (PG)	To book email: <a href="mailto:wattsjohn307@gmail.com">wattsjohn307@gmail.com</a> For more information and alternative booking arrangements see: <a href="http://www.kilmingtonvillage.com">www.kilmingtonvillage.com</a>  Cream teas back on Thursdays with a small price rise to £3.50. Please order when booking seats
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