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Stockland; and St John the  
Baptist Church, Yarcombe*



## MARCH 2024

Date	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute + Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Fri 1st	2.30pm World Day of Prayer Service written by the Christian Women of Palestine hosted by St Giles's Church, KILMINGTON EX13 7RF				
Sun 3rd	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St. Giles Church, KILMINGTON EX13 7RF				
Wed 6th	9.30am Said Communion				
Sun 10th Mothering Sunday	3pm All age worship (Note time)	11am Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion At SHUTE	11am Morning Worship	11am All age worship
Tues 12th		9.30am Said Communion			
Sun 17th	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Worship in WHITFORD	11am All Age Worship	6.30pm Evening Worship
Wed 20th	9.30am Said Communion				
Sun 24th Palm Sunday	11am Morning Worship	9:45 Joint service with The Baptist Church	6.30pm Choral evensong at SHUTE	10.30am Holy Communion (Note time)	10:50am Service at St John the Baptist Church (with donkey)
Tues 26th		9.30am Said Communion			
Thurs 28th	7pm Mission Community Last Supper hosted by St. Giles Church, KILMINGTON EX13 7RF				
Fri 29th Good Friday	2-3pm hour at the cross	10am-12pm Coffee shop with hot cross buns	10 - 11am Family Easter egg trail at WHITFORD	4-5pm Family Easter egg trail outdoors	11am Service at Yarcombe Baptist Chapel
Sat 30th	10.30 - 12.30am The Easter Trail, hosted in Kilmington by The Baptist Church and St Giles Church. Please book a time slot to take part in this family friendly event by emailing <a href="mailto:children.youth@baptistchurchkilmington.org">children.youth@baptistchurchkilmington.org</a>				
Sun 31st Easter Day	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion at SHUTE 4pm Easter celebration at WHITFORD	10:30am Holy Communion (Note time)	11am Holy Communion
Weds 3rd	9:30am Said Communion				
Sun 7th April	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St. Peter's Church, DALWOOD, EX13 7EG				

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# MARCH: WHAT A FEAST OF A MONTH

REV JULIE LOMAS

**THIS year the month of March is exceptionally full!**

Of course, it has its usual 31 days in length, and the Spring Equinox falls on the 19th, followed by the full moon on the 25th.

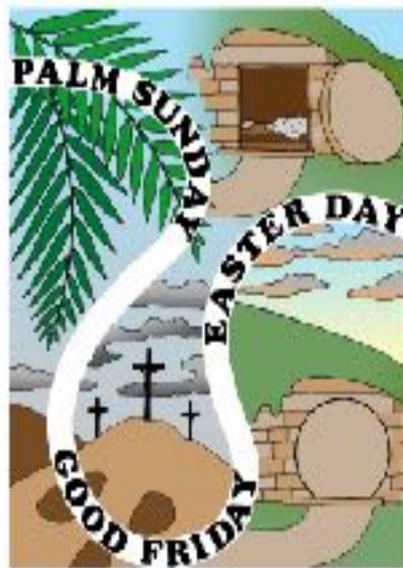
Hopefully the weather patterns might be giving us hints of a traditional spring – sunshine and only a few showers? – and the sound of lawn mowers might once again fill the air. As we move through this month, we celebrate the feast days of St David (1st) and St Patrick (17th).

We also greet Mothering Sunday (10th) and Palm Sunday (24th), which triggers the beginning of Holy Week – Maundy Thursday (28th), Good Friday (29th) and then the joy of Easter Sunday (31st).

For many of us, March this year is full because it points us week by week to the very heart of the Christian message of life in all its fullness because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

We enter March some 15 days into the season of Lent, which is not just about giving up chocolate, or cake (at least not in the Vicarage!), but is rather a journey which takes us from “fasting to feasting”.

I have a little booklet which is



printed by The Prayer Trust ([www.theprayertrust.org.uk](http://www.theprayertrust.org.uk)) encouraging as much focus on what we might take up as it does on what we might give up, week by week.

So, for example,  
**Fasting from... apathy – Feasting on... enthusiasm**  
**Fasting from... envy – Feasting on... thankfulness**  
**Fasting from... despair – Feasting on... trust**

**Fasting from... selfishness – Feasting on... generosity**  
**Fasting from... bitterness – Feasting on... God's love**  
*And in the last week, that which we call, Holy Week,*  
**Fasting from... resentment – Feasting on... forgiveness**

I would like to invite all of us to take notice of the month of March, and look out for ways in which we can let go of, give up, or fast from certain attitudes, and, instead, by the grace of God, embrace and take up that which is life-giving and offer harbingers of hope, joy, peace and love in a world where such things are in short supply.

May we be the ones to help restock these gifts in our part of the globe, as we listen afresh to the story of Jesus and his journey to the cross, the grave and then to new life.

May this prayer be our shared prayer this month:

*Lord Jesus, may I come nearer to you this month of March. May this month be the start of something special in my life, of something to revive me at the very centre of my being. Lord, lead me from fasting to feasting, and renew me in your love. Amen.*

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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, **Chris Shepherd, licensed lay minister**, chooses **Christ is Made the Sure Foundation...**

A FAVOURITE hymn? That's a tall order, when so many tunes are wonderful, and so many words lovely and helpful too, but the two don't always go together.

I also have the problem that many of my favourites have German history and were beloved of my mother, Lobe den Herren, Praise to the Lord comes to mind, and many of Martin Luther's sturdy tunes).

But it is an English hymn which is appropriate here. I play and sing so many hymns and enjoy most of them. I say most, as some are very repetitive and have the same form: eight syllables and four lines and their tunes are not that distinguishable one from t'other.

So the request to choose just one is a real challenge. I looked back to see what we had at our wedding in case my tastes had not changed. And indeed, I found amongst our choices then a hymn with a cracking tune and good words: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation.

The words are 7th Century, a translation of urbs beata Jerusalem

and the tune is by one of our very own English composers, Henry Purcell, writing in the late 17th century.

Purcell's lovely three-quarter rhythm graces a triumphant first note, and the whole tune is positive and strong. It also gives the chance for some lovely baroque twists and turns, and the bold, confident tune beautifully undergirds the certainty of the words. The harmony is a real joy, with many lovely modulations, and the possibility in the last bars of a few tangy false relations.

And the words speak of a triumphant hope and a certain faith, and of a glorious confidence in God. If there are times when we feel less sure about 'Zion' and God's power over all, this hymn is a great one to counteract such feelings.

*1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever,*

*and her confidence alone.*

*2 All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.*

*3 To this temple, where we call You,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with accustomed lovingkindness,  
hear Your servants as they pray;  
and Your fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.*

*4 Lord, here grant to all Your servants  
what they ask of You to gain,  
what they gain from You, forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in Your glory  
evermore with You to reign.*

*5 Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three, and ever One,  
one in might, and one in glory,  
while unending ages run.*

## Bible readings March

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March <i>Lent 3</i>	Exodus 10:: 1-17	John 2: 13-22
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Lent 4</i>	Exodus 2: 1-10	Luke 2: 33-35
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Lent 5</i>	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	John 12: 20-33
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-end	Mark 11:1-11
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March <i>Easter Day</i>	Acts 10: 34-43	Mark 16: 1-8
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter 2</i>	Acts 4: 32-35	John 20: 19-end

## From the registers...

### Funerals

The funeral of **Andrew Boyland** took place on Saturday, January 27th at St Giles Church, Kilmington.

The burial of ashes of **Raymond Fletcher** took place on Monday, February 5th at St Michael and All Angels Church, Stockland.

The burial of ashes of **Dudley Wood** took place on Wednesday, February 7th at St John the Baptist Church Yarcombe.

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

### Baptisms

The baptism of **Oliver Smith** took place on Sunday, January 28th at St Giles Church, Kilmington.

The baptism of **Rhodri Pidgeon** took place on Sunday, January 28th at St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe.



FROM left, Mary Harrison, Nick Harrison, Chris Shepherd and Caroline Nunns



## The greedy farmer...

By Caroline Nunns

THE Open the Book team was once again welcomed into the three primary schools in the Five Alive Mission Community in January.

Team members told the story of the greedy farmer, a story that Jesus told his disciples two thousand years ago.

A farmer had a good harvest and his slaves worked hard filling bags with grain even though it was very hot and the farmer was very unkind to them. He shooed away birds that came to eat his grain and even shouted at a poor man who was taking some grain to feed his starving family.

One day, he decided that his barn wasn't big enough to hold the grain so he ordered his slaves to pull it down and build a much larger barn, in fact

they built two enormous barns.

When the work was done. The greedy farmer sat down and thought about how he could spend all the money he would have. He would be able to buy fine clothes, rich food and gallons of wine.

But that night he died.

The money was of no use to him now and nobody was upset by his death because he was so mean and greedy.

The message of the story was that being rich will not make us happy and being selfish is a bad choice.

Some of the children helped to tell the story and the others joined the farmer when he rubbed his hands together and said: "Mine, all mine!"

The team is always delighted to share the wonderful bible stories with the children and thankful that they are welcomed by the schools.

## But who am I?

BOTH the Five Alive Mission Community and the Baptist Church Kilmington have been on a journey to employ someone to work with their volunteers and children, youth and families.

I am so excited to have been given the opportunity to fulfil both roles, one-third with Five Alive and two-thirds with the Baptist Church Kilmington. But, who am I?

Some people will know me as Mrs O from my supply teaching, others will have read reports I've written in *The Parishes' Paper* about the Baptist Church Kilmington's summer holiday club or from Messy Sparklers.

I grew up in Kilmington, in fact, my mum has lived here since her first marriage 65 years ago and my dad has never lived out of the parish of Kilmington. Some of you will have bought my mum's marmalade or my dad's woodwork.

I attended both Kilmington Primary School and Axe Valley School. I became a Christian at 16 years old and have volunteered in church ever since. I have worked in education as a teacher and a childminder for over 25 years here in the UK and in Tanzania, East Africa.

I am a member of the Baptist Church Kilmington, where I have been volunteering with the children and youth work since moving back to the village 14 years ago.

I look forward to getting to know more families from the Five Alive Mission Community as we see what God has got in store for the churches.

*Juletta Obudo*



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*Email your contributions to your parish correspondents – see page 31 for contact details*

## A summer Spree

SPREE SW is a hugely popular camping and activity weekend run by South West Youth Ministries (SWYM), taking place from June 21st 5pm to June 23rd 2pm at Westpoint Arena, Exeter, for young people aged from eight to 17.

It provides a programme of activities throughout the weekend to suit all interests, including five age-appropriate Christian programmes for those exploring faith.

Each year, there are more activities onsite than anyone could do in one weekend anywhere else – inflatables, Nerf wars, fairground rides, nature crafts, sports competitions, silent discos and, of course, the return of the legendary Spree's Got Talent!

For more information, check out their website at <https://swym.org.uk/spree-sw/> or get in touch with [5alive.families@gmail.com](mailto:5alive.families@gmail.com).

*Juletta Obudo  
Five Alive Families  
Outreach Worker*

## SPECIAL SERVICE RETURNS



Bishop Jackie with candidates confirmed in November 2022 in Stockland

**THE next confirmation service in the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community is coming.**

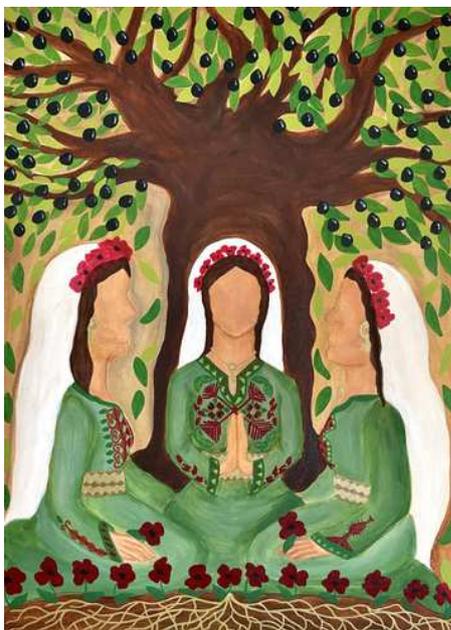
Bishop Jackie Searle will be in Kilmington on Thursday, May 9th to conduct this special service and all are welcome to attend to offer support to candidates who wish to be confirmed.

You can live in any of the five

parishes, or even further afield, so please save the date and have a think about whether this is right for you, or for someone you know.

Got questions? Visit [www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmation](http://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmation) or contact Rev Julie Lomas for a conversation on 07488 278 483 or [revjulielomas@gmail.com](mailto:revjulielomas@gmail.com).

"I Beg You, Bear with One Another in Love"  
(Written by the women of Palestine)



**World Day of Prayer Service  
Friday 1st March, 2.30pm  
St Giles Church, Kilmington**

followed by tea and cake  
Everyone very welcome

Can you complete the...

## Easter Trail?

Follow the **trail**, solve **puzzles**, and rediscover the amazing story behind the first Easter. It's completely free of charge and everyone who completes the trail will earn themselves an Easter egg! There will also be tea, coffee and cakes for adults at the end of the trail!



**When:** Saturday 30th March (10am - 12noon)

**Where:** Trail starts and ends at the Baptist Church Kilmington

**Email:** [children.youth@baptistchurchkilmington.org](mailto:children.youth@baptistchurchkilmington.org) to book a time slot or for more details.



Baptist Church Kilmington

[www.baptistchurchkilmington.org](http://www.baptistchurchkilmington.org)

# Heaven's Grocery store

By Margaret Hagon

The first time I heard this iconic poem was several years ago at a Sunday service on board the Queen Mary and read out by the captain.

Many passengers present including myself were visibly affected by it and asked for copies afterwards. It was subsequently included in an issue of *The Parishes' Paper* at my suggestion.

When I heard it again at another Sunday service recently on another ship I was delighted.

Again, it caused a similar reaction amongst passengers with copies handed out. To me, this poem encapsulates all the elements of what life should be about and the essential virtues to deal with its challenges.

## HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

*I was walking down life's highway  
a long, long time ago.  
One day I saw a sign that read,  
"HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE."  
As I got a little closer, the door opened  
wide,  
and I found myself standing inside.*

*I saw a host of ANGELS.  
They were standing everywhere.  
One handed me a basket and said,  
"My Child, shop with care."*

*Everything a human needed  
was in that grocery store.  
And if you couldn't carry it all,  
you could come back the next day for  
more.*

*First, I got some PATIENCE.  
LOVE was in the same row.  
Further down was UNDERSTANDING,  
you need that everywhere you go.*

*I got a box or two of WISDOM,  
a bag or two of FAITH.  
I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST,  
for it was all over the place.*

*I stopped to get some STRENGTH and  
COURAGE  
TO HELP ME RUN THIS RACE.  
By then my basket was getting full,  
but I remembered I needed some  
GRACE.*

*I didn't forget SALVATION,  
for SALVATION was free.  
So I tried to get enough of that  
to save both you and me.*

*Then I started up to the counter  
to pay my grocery bill.  
For I thought I had everything  
to do the MASTER'S will.*

*As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER;  
and I just had to put that in,  
for I knew when I stepped outside,  
I would run into sin.*

*PEACE and JOY were plentiful;  
they were last on the shelf.  
SONG and PRAISE were hanging near,  
so I just helped myself.*

*Then I said to the angel,  
"Now, how much do I owe?"*

*He smiled again and said, "MY CHILD,  
JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG  
TIME AGO."*

Ron DeMarco

## Methodist meets March comeback

DRIVING around at this time of the year it's lovely to see things waking up from their Winter slumbers and making their presence felt once more.

Leaves, buds and flowers all beginning to appear, as well as the first lambs cavorting in the fields, all a reminder of God's continuing love for us, which has no dormant winter season but is with us always, no matter how low or desperate we might feel at times.

Even if we personally feel we are going through a winter period we know that he is there to help us turn our winter into spring.

The coffee mornings at the chapel are also coming to life again after a winter break, restarting on Wednesday, March 13th from 10.30am until 12noon, when we will be collecting for Hospiscare to help with the work they do.

We hope that you will be able to come along and support us in raising funds for this worthwhile cause, as well as having a good natter.

Services at the chapel during March are at 11 am as usual, with the exception of March 31st, Easter Sunday, which will be at 2.30pm, and we extend a warm welcome to all or any of these services.

Roderick Ovey  
Dalwood Methodist Church

## Bijan bows out after six years

AFTER six years as *The Parishes' Paper* correspondent for Shute and Whitford, Bijan Omrani has decided to hand over the role.

The *Parishes' Paper* team would like to thank Bijan for all the hard work he has put into organising the entries for Shute and Whitford and for the most interesting articles he has written himself covering a wide range of topics from Shute Festival to the Prayerful Medieval Procession.

Of particular interest to many were his articles on the history of Shute church and we hope that he will be able to continue writing articles for us.

We are pleased to announce that

Fanny Balcombe, pictured, has kindly agreed to be the correspondent for Shute and Whitford starting with the April edition. Fanny can be contacted using fbalcombe@btinternet.com.

We are always grateful to everyone who send in their reports of village events and items of local interest.

Editor Kate Williams said: "I send huge thanks to Bijan for covering such interesting topics and always providing excellent photos for the Shute and Whitford parish pages.

"He will be missed but I am excited to now work with Fanny and wish her every success in this new role."

The *Parishes' Paper* team





# DALWOOD NEWS

Parish correspondent Stephen Boyes-Lee – [stephen@burfords.co.uk](mailto:stephen@burfords.co.uk)  
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## Popular quiz raises £514

SOME excellent puzzles and questions were conjured up for the recent Dalwood Community Village Shop quiz which took place in the village hall.

The quiz was extremely well attended and raised £514, including the inescapable raffle, was a most enjoyable evening and a huge success.

There were some very interesting and different rounds, including:

advertising slogans, odd one out, a picture round on sporting venues and a music round on TV dramas with an emergency services theme. Some of the group showed their age knowing the theme tunes to Z-Cars and Dixon of Dock Green!

The dingbats round, which was introduced at the interval but only concluded at the end of the evening, had even the smartest brains scratching their heads.

The geography round was also different and challenging because the teams had to decide on the position of certain cities in relation to others – who knew Melbourne was further east than Tokyo and that Paris was further north than Toronto (but only by four degrees)?

It was a closely fought contest with only four points separating the top four teams at the end of the evening. However, the overall winners with an impressive 67 points were Starlight Express.

*Nicola Hobson*



## 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:

Caroline Nunns on 01404 881313

or leave your name on the form in church.

Each lily will be £4 as last year, please pay Caroline or ask for BACS details.



## DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

invite you to a

## COFFEE MORNING

AT THE CHAPEL

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

10-30 AM - 12 NOON

With a "Bring and Buy" stall

in aid of

**HOSPICE CARE**

**DO COME AND enjoy a cuppa**

**AND a chat and support**

**this worthwhile cause!**



# DALWOOD NEWS

## Dalwood Country Fair Needs YOUR help.

We need two volunteers.

One for the Competition Tent and one for the Children's Fancy Dress Competition?

The Competition Tent has been a success in recent years. It would be a shame to lose it as an attraction to the Fair.

The Fancy Dress Competition could not happen last year as no one was available to organise it.

If you want to know more about what is involved or have any questions please email Shelagh: [bsfearnley@icloud.com](mailto:bsfearnley@icloud.com) or leave a note in the shop.

Right now, these two attractions cannot be included in our planning, for Fair Day August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, without your help.

Dalwood Fair Committee

## Village 2024 Events Calendar

To help plan village events there is now a Village Events Calendar in Dalwood Community Shop.

If you are planning an event, please call in the shop and put it on the calendar. Many thanks

It will help let folks know what is happening throughout the year in the village and avoid any clashes.

Everyone is welcome to call into the shop to read the calendar.



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### SHOP OPENING TIMES

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

### POST OFFICE opening times

FRIDAY 10.-12.PM

# DALWOOD NEWS

## HUGE BREAKFAST RAISES £355

ST Peter's Church Dalwood BIG Breakfast fundraiser certainly was a big breakfast!

Over 70 sausages, eggs (kindly donated by Folwers), bacon, beans, and countless slices of toast, all expertly cooked by the kitchen team led by Lorna Gould with her exceptional organisational skills. The team would like to thank Lorna for "keeping them on the straight and narrow".

The popular event saw 54 guests served graciously and efficiently by 11 helpers over the course of two hours, raising a whopping £355 for St Peter's Church.

The excellent food was commented on verbally and with posts on the Dalwood Daily FaceBook page, including: "Thoroughly enjoyable way to spend a morning! Thank you Team St Peter's Dalwood," and "Great occasion to catch up with Dalwoodians and enjoy good food. Thanks to all."

There was a prayer of thankfulness on each table carefully chosen by Caroline Nunns and produced by her husband, Martin, to reflect the event. Perhaps the prayer that best summed up the occasion and reflects the FaceBook comments was:

*"We thank you for the food before us, For the hands that prepared it and for your abundant provision. Bless this meal, nourish our bodies, and strengthen our spirits. May our conversation be filled with love and gratitude."*

Thanks go to the St Peter's Church team, everyone is truly grateful.

Nicola Hobson



PHOTOS: Nick Harrison

**Keep the Five Alive community thriving by staying in touch and sending in your local news and photos — we want to hear from our parish readers**

*Email your contributions to your parish correspondents — see page 31 for contact details*



# KILMINGTON NEWS

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## Oliver shines in spotlight

By Christopher Thorne

ST Giles's Church, Kilmington, was delighted to welcome little Oliver Smith on Sunday, January 28th at 2pm, for his baptism.

Oliver's mum, Alice, grew up in Kilmington and his grandmother, Sue Wilson, lives on The Hill.

Oliver and his mum were not new to St Giles's as they have been part of the baby group and plan to return to the same group.

A total of 80 people were at the service, and all enjoyed singing All Things Bright and Beautiful and Shine Jesus Shine.

The congregation's prayers are with Oliver and his family as he starts his journey with the Lord and Saviour.



PHOTOS: [www.katherinewmanphotography.com](http://www.katherinewmanphotography.com)

### Easter Lilies

St Giles Church will again be decorated with Lilies for the Easter Period, also the "Memory Scroll" will be displayed with names of our loved ones. If you would like to add a name to the list and/or donate to the cost of the lilies, please contact Jenny Nickolls or Angie Clark on 01297 639758 or 01297 35817.



### POEM

#### Shine Your Light

*Jesus is said to be the light of life  
His light came to save us from sin  
and strife  
As disciples we must shine in the  
world  
To ensure that sins darkness is  
unfurled  
We must serve with a smile and warm  
embrace  
And Jesus's love will glow on our face  
Our joy in the Lord must be plain to  
see  
For others to join in our revelry  
We should all practice kindness,  
peace and love  
Whilst we praise The Lord in Heaven  
above  
We must shine our light so that all  
can see  
Our joy whilst we wait for eternity.*

**John Thorne**

THE PAVILION, KILMINGTON



## Lent Lunches

21st Feb, 28 Feb - 6, 13, 20, 27 March

12.00 noon

Donations welcomed

Enjoy soup and rolls, and good company.

**Cheese and biscuits to follow**

Charities to be advised on the day

CONTACT: CHRISTINE THORNE ON  
07814041059



## In the hot seat

THANKS go out to Mike and Ann Marsh for taking our Sunday Service on 11th February.

The service was delightful with only one small glitch which was easily remedied so thanks go to them for stepping in at short notice.

Thanks also go also to Jean Falconer for reading both lessons and to John Thorne for his intercession prayers.

Thanks also go to the tea Ladies and the bell ringers too. Reverend Julie Lomas, well done for picking such a great duo to lead in prayer and praise.

*Christopher Thorne*

## Lent lunches

LENT Lunches will continue every Wednesday in March – soup will be served from 12noon onwards at Kilmingon Cricket Pavilion.

Donations will be welcome with all proceeds going to charity.

If anyone cannot make it but would like their soup to be delivered to them, then please let the team know so that this can be arranged.

*Christopher Thorne*

## Celebrating birthday milestones together

By Elana May-Blackmore

ONCE again, the wonderful Celebrate Together family gathered for a fun-filled time with a service at St Giles's Church.

The group of 31 had an extra sparkle to their day on Saturday, February 10th, blessed to share four different birthday milestones – a 50-year-old, a 65-year-old, a 70-year-old and a 90-year-old. I make that 275 years in total. It was so much fun to tell the story of Zacchaeus in a way that was easy to understand and was interactive. The service was brilliantly led by Christine Mills.

Once again, Margaret Hurford played the piano as the congregation sang Zacchaeus was a Very Little Man. The bible story was read by Christine Thorne before a mini-drama was played out.

There was also a mini bible quiz after about the Zacchaeus story. It is always such a great time together, it was nice to have a few familiar faces as well as brand-new ones too.

There was a delicious tea provided by the wonderful tea ladies and an amazing birthday cake! There were 31 people in total and it was just so lovely to come together once again.

Anyone interested in coming to one of the services to see what it is all about will be warmly greeted.

For further information then please contact Christine Thorne on 07814 041059. There is level access and plenty of parking. The next Celebrate Together service in Kilmingon is on Saturday, April 13th at 3pm. In March, there will be a Celebrate Together service at St Paul's, Honiton, on Saturday, 9th at 3pm.



**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*

# KILMINGTON NEWS



## Transform seeds

THE next Kilmington Gardening Club talk is on Friday, March 8th and is titled **Perfect Partners**.

The guest speaker will be Jenny Short who will explain how to transform planting from ordinary to wonderful by carefully choosing how to combine plants.

The group will be holding a seed swap, so anyone who has any that they won't be using then please bring them along.

All are welcome, 7.30pm at Kilmington Village Hall. Tea and coffee will be available. Non-members £3, or why not become a member? Please feel free to enquire on the night.

*Lesley Rew*

## Country dance

A COUNTRY dancing club meets at Kilmington Village Hall every Monday 2-4pm September-December, January-April.

Country Dancing is a bit like barn-dancing. There is a 'caller' who calls out the steps as everyone dances.

No experience is necessary, just a love for dance! For more information, please contact either Gill Perkins 01297 32888 or Marie Thorne 01297 631194.

*Kate Newman*

## Shoebox thanks

Thanks go to all who helped and contributed to the Shoebox Appeal which took place towards the end of last year.

This appeal was organised by Samaritan's Purse and the Shoeboxes which we sent were delivered to children in central Asia. Thanks also to Celia Dunsford for her investigative work.

*Christopher Thorne*



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# STOCKLAND NEWS

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## It's definitely a win!

ANOTHER Friday evening in late January and the Lady Birds' skittles team was all off for a game.

Sadly, as our home pub The King's Arms has closed for the foreseeable future, we have had to source another venue to host our home games. We have been very fortunate in being offered the second alley at Offwell Social Club for the remainder of the season. They have made us very welcome, and the added bonus is we are enjoying the reduced drinks' prices as it is a social club – £3.25 for a gin and tonic. What a bonus!

After enjoying two wins before Christmas, the team had slipped to second place in 2024, with the three games we had so far played. But, we all enjoy our evenings out, and it really is a lovely way to spend a winter's evening.

This match was perhaps one of our favourite teams to play against, the Stockland Kings. Some very friendly rivalry amongst us all! The men won by 32, but what fun we all had.

And then success as we notched up our third win on Friday, February 9th – with a scorecard to prove it! A win indeed by a margin of three points. But a word of warning – too many wins may push the team up a league! However, well done team yet again.

The last game to be played is on April 5th at Colyton, which will come all too quickly, but whether we win or lose, what matters is we will look back on our Friday evenings with memories of fun and laughter.

*Sue Miskin  
Ladies' captain*



**CHECKING the scores  
to prove the win**

## Fundraising ideas and green fingers sought

By Gill Metcalfe

**THE run-up to half term at Stockland Primary Academy was extra busy for children and staff.**

First came the two evening meetings for staff and parents, then the normal highly active timetable and after-school activities, not forgetting the big one – the cross-country event with parents kindly contributing cakes and goodies for the teas. Thanks must go to them for their tasty contributions.

The school is also asking parents to help with putting on more events: film nights, Easter trails and a summer party have featured in some suggestions – are there any really innovative ideas to raise funds and that everyone could enjoy?

The next big challenge will be the renovation of the school polytunnel and garden.

Goren Farm Festival organisers

generously donated some funds for this project, but help with the design is desperately needed.

Such an input with an anticipated involvement over the next couple of months would be most welcomed. If anyone who knows gardens and is willing to get involved that would be really helpful with parental help sought for a day's chopping back and clearing in spring.

It is also pleasing to report that all the Christmas efforts raised almost £1,000 which will go towards buying the equipment for the new Year 2 area – very exciting for them!

Finally, headteacher Becky Bendall met with Cheryl Weyman, CEO of ACE (Academies for Character and Excellence) and Jonathan Coe, who is the Flourishing Communities Ambassador, thus ensuring the promotion of the school with a wider circle of Nation educational support groups.



**BECCY Bendall, right, with Cheryl Weyman and Johnathan Coe**

*PHOTO Courtesy of Beccy Bendall*

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# STOCKLAND NEWS

## Past and present exhibition and fundraising concert

FOLLOWING the success of the November Come and See exhibition in Stockland's St Michael and All Angels, it was quickly realised that several people missed it and those that came brought along some of their own wonderful local pictures, articles, and memories to share.

This is why, with the Parochial Church Council, the team applied for some of the Government's levelling up funding through the Creative East Devon Fund which was gratefully received.

This funding has enabled more amazing footage and photographs, old and more modern, to be collected that beautifully illustrate village and farming life in East Devon.

There will be various additional activities linked to the exhibition that everyone is welcome to join for example, life on the farm tour; tea, cake and an informal talk about ancient

and not-so-old finds by local detectorist Simon Durrant; the art of cider making and organic farming; plus a village history trail. All free but any donations would be most welcome.

The end of the exhibition week is celebrated on Saturday, March 16th at 7.30pm with a church fundraising concert – Songs of Devon – with award winning singer and musician Jim Causley. This special show will include a tune or two composed by Stockland fiddle player Fred Pidgeon.

Fred and Len Pym were renown in these parts and frequently played at the King's Arms and many other Devon hostleries.

Jim Causley is a proud Devonian, who has dedicated much of his career to researching and reviving the forgotten gems of songs from his native south west.

Drawing from the collections of

Victorian folksong collectors such as Sabine Baring-Gould and Cecil Sharp as well as more modern collectors and writers, including Cyril Tawney and Tony Rose, living singers as well as a few of his own self-penned hits, Jim presents an evening jam-packed with Devonshire delights.

From Arcscott of Tetcott to Widecombe Fair and everything in between, this show is a thoroughly enjoyable introduction to Devon's rich musical culture. Jim is an all-round entertainer, and his concerts give a full night of beautiful singing, moving ballads and hilarious ditties. Book tickets at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/stockland-promoters/t-yamleel](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stockland-promoters/t-yamleel) or on 01404 881207. There will be a licensed bar at the concert and accessible loos. Please call the above number for info regarding any access arrangements to either the exhibition or the concert.

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### STOCKLAND PAST & PRESENT

# EXHIBITION

Village history & farming life  
in and around Stockland

**10 - 16 MARCH, 2024**

SUNDAY 12PM - 5PM

WEEKDAYS 3PM - 7PM

SATURDAY 10AM - 2PM

**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS  
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The exhibition opens after the 11am Mothering Sunday service (all welcome). There will be refreshments with an informal talk from detectorist Simon Durrant from 12pm. Bring your local finds and old photos - we'd love to see them! Take part in the village history trail - winners drawn on 16th March.

FOR INFO ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY, TO VOLUNTEER OR TO VIEW BY APPOINTMENT  
PLEASE CALL WENDY 01404 881207



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**ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH, STOCKLAND EX14 9BR**  
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OR CALL WENDY 01404 881207. £10 ADULT, £5 U25.

# STOCKLAND NEWS

## Much amusement over meet-up raffle but huge £75 was raised

By Gill Metcalfe

STOCKLAND church afforded an excellent venue for the first meeting of 2024 for the ladies' coffee morning.

Thanks to Rozanne Bulmer for ensuring that the church boilers would mean that we were all warm enough and indeed entrance into the church immediately offered such a welcome.

As temporary accommodation, this was an excellent alternative. Tea and coffee were more than plentiful whilst the homemade Victoria sponge, chocolate cake – with extra-large chocolate button decorations – and the lemon drizzle cake were absolutely

delicious, only a few crumbs were left. Thanks go to the cake makers – you are stars!

It was rewarding to hear how appreciated these get-togethers are and how much there was to catch up on. In all, there were 22 in the group.

With the proceeds of the raffle and exceptionally generous donations, a whopping £75.80 was raised as a donation to the church.

This was genuinely an outstanding amount from such a small group. Thanks go to all.

Arguably, the raffle prizes encouraged investment – bird seed, round-up, a posh packet of biscuits (kindly donated) and an unusually fragrant potted plant – all generating

much amusement with a genuine mix-up of tickets: but no worries, all went down with good humour.

Again, what a lovely get-together – just chatting and catching up, after all, many had not met up since the excellent Christmas lunch at the Sidmouth Arms.

As a follow-up event, the next meeting will be a lunch returning to the Sidmouth Arms.

The normal daily menu is offered, this is extensive and makes any choice difficult.

Again, please join the group on March 7th at the Sidmouth Arms for a 1pm lunch. Booking is essential, contact 01404 881121 or 07754 748456.



ST MICHAELS & ALL ANGELS CHURCH STOCKLAND

### EASTER MONDAY BRUNCH

(Full English breakfast)

AT STOCKLAND VICTORY HALL

10AM – 12 NOON

WITH A RAFFLE

FOLLOWED BY A WALK AT 12.30PM

MONDAY 1ST APRIL

£10 each or £5 for under 10's



TIME to chat and relax in Stockland's warm church

PHOTO: Gill Metcalfe



# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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## New chair and school gets a climbing frame

WHITFORD Produce Association recently held its annual meeting and, after 12 years of being chairman, I have now stepped down from that position and look forward to working with new chairman Mike Norris.

I am sure he will find the role as rewarding as I have, it has been a real pleasure seeing the summer show develop and grow, especially after the difficult covid period.

One of the charities the association supported last year was Colyton Family and Friends' Association in its effort to raise money for a new climbing frame for the town's primary school. In my first role as vice-chairman, I was delighted to

attend the opening of the now newly erected climbing frame and although it was raining, this did not deter the enthusiasm that was radiating from the pupils, especially watching the town crier dressed in all her brightly coloured livery, ringing the bell before her opening speech.

The association's summer show this year will take place on Saturday, August 3rd at 2pm.

Anyone who would like to support the event in any way, is asked to contact Mike or myself via email - [menorris@btinternet.com](mailto:menorris@btinternet.com) or [maureendavey@btinternet.com](mailto:maureendavey@btinternet.com).

*Maureen Davey*

## Little church, big welcome

FOR almost a year now, a well-attended Sunday service has been taking place in St Mary At The Cross, Whitford.

Every third Sunday in the month at 11am, there is a goodly congregation of Whitford villagers and some visitors from further afield, in the lovely little chapel, for Whitford worship which is followed by refreshments and lots of cheerful chat.

It is very heartening to see the chapel in regular use again and to draw good numbers from the local community and beyond.

The services are usually led by Rev John Lees and Rev Julie Lomas leads as often as she can get there – as she is spread over five parishes.

About 20 people come to the monthly service and on Christmas Eve there were 53 crammed in for a great celebration.

St Mary At The Cross will continue to welcome any visitors, not just from the Five Alive Mission Community.

*Fanny Balcombe*

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## Donation helps chapel 'step up'

THANKS to a very generous donation from Whitford Produce Association, the crumbling and broken steps up to Whitford chapel gate have been repaired and a beautiful new wooden handrail has been installed.

This has enormously improved the accessibility of the gate and path to the chapel and means that anyone and everyone can now securely walk up to the chapel for our Sunday services.

Whitford residents are hugely grateful

to the produce association for funding this welcome development.

Thanks also go to Brian Pike, who has carried out these repairs with skill and speed, and who also smoothed out the sloping ground beside the step to create a ramp for those who need it.

Great thanks also go to Brian for all the other chapel maintenance work he carries out so unobtrusively and faithfully.

*Fanny Balcombe*



# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

## The bar is open – who needs a pub?

ANYONE passing through Whitford on a Thursday evening, should see the colourful lights of the Coronation Room at the village hall, beckoning in all customers to the bar.

From 8pm until 10pm every Thursday, a lively community of villagers, with friends, visitors and hangers-on, fills the Coronation Room with chat and laughter – village life at its friendly best. Who needs a pub when you've got such a lively local bar?

The bar is run by a crew of volunteers, two at a time, who keep the customers well-oiled – more volunteers are always being sought to join the merry band.

The bar is the social hub of the village and offers a range of draught ales and good wines, plus non-alcoholic and low-alcoholic drinks – and contactless payments are accepted.

*Fanny Balcombe*



**A GROUP of visitors to Shute Barton joined the 10.30am service at St Michael's Church, Shute, on Sunday, February 4th during a Regency dance weekend**

## Parish celebrates as Bijan and Mary receive awards

SUNDAY, February 4th was a day of awards at Shute parish church.

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), church member Mary Thomas received the ECO Church Bronze award certificate, which is now on display in the church.

This brings the total number of churches in the Five Alive Mission Community which have achieved the bronze level award to four – a great achievement which helps remind everyone of the commitment to creation, to playing a part in helping to care for the Earth, and to make small but important changes in the way everyone lives their lives.

Churchwarden Bijan Omrani received the certificate from the national and international charity, Toilet Twinning, ([www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org)). By twinning the church toilet with a latrine in Nepal, a project has been funded in a community that helps families to build their own basic toilet, access clean water and learn



**BIJAN Omrani, left, and Mary Thomas, centre, receive awards from Rev Julie Lomas in Shute's church**

about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.

## Julie's inspiring stories of fostering

REV Julie Lomas came to talk to **Umborne Ladies on Thursday, February 1st about her family's experience of fostering in Derbyshire.**

Both Julie and her husband, Steve, had been brought up in one-parent families and Julie's grandmother had been adopted by a married aunt.

Once their own children were on the way to independence, they decided to begin the process of becoming foster parents. It's a lengthy and very intrusive journey, necessarily so but difficult at times.

Julie told the group of the brother and sister, age five and four, that came to live with them, both with special needs.

The little girl was also suffering from scoliosis of the spine and had very little verbal ability.

With tremendous hard work and commitment, huge support from other foster parents and the wider church

family, not to mention the support from their own three children, the two flourished, were eventually adopted by a lovely couple and are now 12 and 11, and still in contact with Julie and Steve. They will hopefully have long and happy lives.

Julie was honest about the difficulties for foster families and the authorities trying to care for an ever increasing number of children needing care, long or short term, and directed anyone wanting to help in some way to a charity called Home for Good.

There is a need for lodgings for young adults leaving the care system with nowhere to call home, hindering further education as well as moving into adulthood.

It was inspiring and shocking to hear first-hand and made everyone present sit up and think.

The next meeting is on Thursday 7th March at 1.45pm

**Please send all your Shute and Whitford village news, photos and event reports to the parish correspondent, Fanny Balcombe, via email at: [fbalcombe@btinternet.com](mailto:fbalcombe@btinternet.com)**



# YARCOMBE NEWS

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## Post office: 'Use it or lose it' warning given at meet

By Nina Simmons

IT was good to start 2024 with a community lunch menu of baked tortilla mince with roast potatoes and vegetables followed by warm mixed berries, ice cream and a biscuit.

A very delicious and filling lunch for the new cost of £7. Since 2002, when the lunches started, Pam Foxwell has been helping in the kitchen and manning the dishwasher. A garden voucher was given to her to say a huge thank you for years of commitment and help.

A speaker had not been organised, but, just the day before, Ruth Marshallsay, from Churchinford Shop, had sent an email to say that the Post Office was high on a list for closure due to lack of support. Very fortunately, Ruth

was able to join the group for the lunch and afterwards give a talk about all the facilities offered by the Post Office.

These include using it like a bank with depositing cheques and withdrawing cash; returning online items; ordering foreign cash and paying bills.

There needs to be at least 10 regular customers each week to stay open in the village hall car park on a Tuesday morning from 10am-12noon. Are there some groups or businesses who could use it as well as more individuals? The bottom line for residents in Yarcombe is 'use it or lose it'.

The next community lunch will be on Wednesday, February 21st when, hopefully, there will be a speaker from AgeUKDevon with a presentation on Scams Awareness.

Mary Smith

## Keeping the Friday faith in the cold

ON one of the coldest days of the month, a dozen people came to the monthly Friday Faith Forum at Glebe Farm.

The usual shared lunch was much enjoyed and was followed by a discussion led by John Woollam.

Following the theme of 'Quote... unquote', he chose the saying of 'God bless you', used to say goodbye, starting in the book of Numbers, Chapter 6, with the lovely blessing that Moses gave Aaron for the children of Israel: 'The Lord bless you and keep you...'

He spoke about the creator God, the caring God and the living God.

This all led to a lively discussion including the proof of God's existence, the problems of suffering and the inequality in the world.

The group was challenged to make a difference to those who are not born in such privileged circumstances.

The next Friday Faith Forum will be on February 16th when Thelma Clarke's quote will be 'That was then and this is now.'

Mary Smith

## A 'thank you' note

A LETTER of thanks has been written to helpers who gave up their time – and energy – to work in Yarcombe churchyard recently.

Rebecca Bell, on behalf of the churchwardens and PCC of St John the Baptist, wrote: "A short note of heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who worked incredibly hard in the churchyard on Wednesday, February 7th.

"Work undertaken included cutting down over grown shrubs and overhanging branches of old trees at the

back of the church.

"This resulted in uncovering a few headstones that had been engulfed in the undergrowth and the area is now full of light and will be much easier for the grass cutters to mow.

"The the huge amount of offcuts were then manoeuvred to the car park and into the wood chipper.

"Excellent exercise you may say but exhausting at the same time!

"Special thanks to Gareth Dear for his initial cutting down work and for co-ordinating the activity. Thank you so much."

## Helping a child

ST John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe, has announced that its sponsorship of 'Angella' through the Compassion charity has come to an end as the young lady has now finished her education.

The church has decided to sponsor a new child through this charity.

'Bernardo', four, is from Brazil and loves to clap his hands to rhythm and jump! Currently, he is waiting for a vacancy so he can attend school.

The support of this church will ensure that Bernardo receives an education, health check-ups and the opportunity to attend a church-based Compassion project where he will be known, loved and protected.

Someone is sought to write regular letters to Bernardo as Kaitlin King did for Angella. Letters will come back from him (or someone writing for him). It would be lovely for a younger person to take this on but any volunteer would be appreciated.

Would you like to take on this role of writing to Bernardo?

Anyone interested in doing this is asked to let Rebecca Bell know – rebecca.e.bell@outlook.com – so that a welcome pack from Compassion can be sent to them. This includes all the details of the web page and app where they can send letters, messages and photos digitally and speedily. Also, messages will be translated into Bernardo's language (Portuguese) and his letters back would be translated into English.

Rebecca Bell  
PCC Secretary

St John the Baptist Yarcombe



# 40 NATURE ACTIVITIES TO EXPLORE THIS LENT

Tick off the activities when you complete them

<p><b>Ash Wednesday</b> Draw the shape of a cross in some soil</p>	<p>Get up early to hear the dawn chorus</p>	<p>Discover how many petals a daffodil has</p>	<p>Be still &amp; listen to the sound of the rain</p>	<p>Can you find any plants growing in a pavement or a wall?</p>	<p>Look for a rainbow after the rain</p>
<p>Dance &amp; splash in puddles</p>	<p>Find a spiderweb &amp; take a closer look</p>	<p>Create the first letter of your name using stones</p>	<p>Find 6 flowers that match these colours</p>	<p>Collect rainwater to water plants</p>	<p>Can you find an evergreen tree?</p>
<p>Go on a blossom hunt</p>	<p>Search a patch of soil for earthworms</p>	<p>Create a Hedgehog Hotel with sticks &amp; leaves</p>	<p>Grow some cress seeds in the shape of a cross</p>	<p>Go on a sound walk. What nature sounds can you hear?</p>	<p>Lie on the ground &amp; watch the clouds</p>
<p>Wrap up warm &amp; go stargazing</p>	<p>Make a bird bath from a recycled container</p>	<p>Go on a bug hunt</p>	<p>Make some mud to help the birds build their nests</p>	<p>Water plants with recycled washing up water</p>	<p>Hug a tree</p>
<p>Treat your feet &amp; walk barefoot on clean grass</p>	<p>Smell 3 different Spring flowers</p>	<p>Make a nature card for someone special</p>	<p>Hang apple slices on a tree for the birds</p>	<p>Go on a litter pick around your area</p>	<p>Draw your favourite wild animal &amp; find out where it lives</p>
<p>Plant some seeds to help the bees</p>	<p>Feel the wind on your face on a windy day</p>	<p><b>Maundy Thursday</b> Wash your wellie boots</p>	<p><b>Good Friday</b> Make a cross with 2 twigs</p>	<p>Find 4 leaves. Did you know each leaf is unique?</p>	<p>Have a picnic tea or breakfast outdoors</p>
<p>Read the Easter Story together under a tree</p>	<p>Create an outdoor den</p>	<p>Decorate an Easter Tree for Easter Day</p>	<p><b>Easter Day</b> Celebrate with an Egg Hunt</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid purple; height: 150px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Draw your favourite nature find here</p>	

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"Care for the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the wild animals and all creatures that move along the ground." Genesis 1:28  
 Creator God, may our everyday actions make a positive difference to the world and all those we share it with. Amen



## MARCH IN BLOOM

By Gill Metcalfe

**LOADS** of rain, lots of wind, stormy days and yet somehow Stockland is in bloom.

Every early flowering plant and tree can be found – snowdrops, hellebores,

forsythia, flowering cherry, daffodils, tulips, heathers and camellias all fighting to bring cheer to the soaked land, the quagmires on roads, the mud-filled lanes, the ploughed-up verges and hedgerows. Just to come across a brave plant in bloom raises a smile and offers some cheer.



PHOTOS: Philippa Wilks/Gill Metcalfe

## Please support the Earth Hour

**MANY** are aware that all of the Mission Community churches are actively working towards their own individual ECO Church accreditations.

As well as focussing on what actions we can take towards protecting the local environment, the ECO Church requirements task us with encouraging our congregation to participate in regular global sustainability initiatives. One of these initiatives is the annual Earth Hour.

Earth Hour encourages individuals, businesses, and governments around the world to take positive actions for the environment by turning off all unnecessary equipment and switching off their lights for one designated hour.

Concerned with tackling issues such as global warming, climate change, and the loss of biodiversity and natural habitats, Earth Hour is a non-profit organisation, supported by its parent organisation, the World Wide Fund for Nature, efforts of which are aimed at creating wider environmental change and legislative action on issues that matter to the planet.

Earth Hour this year takes place from 8.30pm to 9.30pm on Saturday, March 23rd.

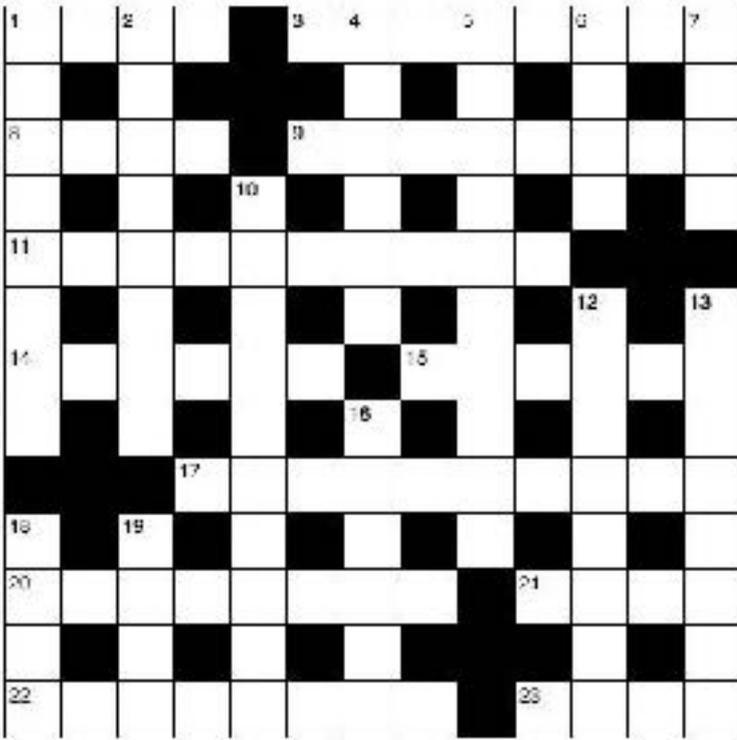
We would ask that all readers will take part in supporting Earth Hour 2024 by undertaking the following actions during the designated hour:

- Switch off all lights and any unnecessary equipment
- Switch off all screens (TV, computers, tablets, mobiles)
- Step outside and enjoy the wonders of creation by observing the night sky
- Start a discussion with your household on climate change and what changes you could make going forward.

*Andy Howard  
Stockland ECO Church  
Representative*

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# PARISH PUZZLE



## ACROSS

- 1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)  
 3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on — — ' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)  
 8 Seep (4)  
 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)  
 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)  
 14 'A city on a hill — be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (6)  
 15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12-13) (6)  
 17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)  
 20 'Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour' (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)  
 21 Sail (anag.) (4)  
 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)

23 Eye sore (4)

## DOWN

- 1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)  
 2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)  
 4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)  
 5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)  
 6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)  
 7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)  
 10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)  
 12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)  
 13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)  
 16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)  
 18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)  
 19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)

Unto.  
 Turn, 10, Before long, 12, Iscariot, 13, Take care, 16, The Son, 18, Loaf, 19,  
 Stye. DOWN: 1, Wrong act, 2, Nazarene, 4, Health, 5, Assemblies, 6, Envy, 7,  
 Cannot, 15, Elisha, 17, Getsemane, 20, Own house, 21, Lisa, 22, Flogging, 23,  
 ACROSS: 1, Wine, 3, The alert, 8, Ooze, 9, Passover, 11, Garden Tomb, 14,  
 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23



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Approximately six trillion (yes that's 6,000,000,000,000) cigarettes are purchased each year around the world and of these, around four trillion cigarette butts are tossed away to pollute the natural world annually.

Smokers feel they are being tidy by putting them in the public drains and are unaware that these eventually make their way into our rivers and oceans to be eaten by marine life and birds who mistake them for food.

Those cigarette ends left on the



ground are equally polluting as they break down into microplastics. Have a watch of this short clip from Litter Free Dorset which illustrates the problem: Bin Your Butt animation (YouTube).

Did you know that apart from plastic, cigarette butts contain arsenic, nicotine, lead and other chemicals? They are hazardous to animals, birds, marine life and researchers have found that they even affect plant growth.

An American epidemiologist reported that "one cigarette butt in a litre of water, kills half the fish" (National Geographic).

So if you smoke, why not invest in a pocket ashtray from as little as £2.50 to keep in your handbag or pocket – after all, if a sizeable smart phone can fit in a pocket, then fitting in one of these would be a cinch!

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After the St Michael & All Angel's Parochial Church Council and Friends created a wondrous history exhibition last Autumn, several folk commented that they either missed it or had photos and memories that they would like to share. Lots of you did actually bring along some terrific photographs and memories.

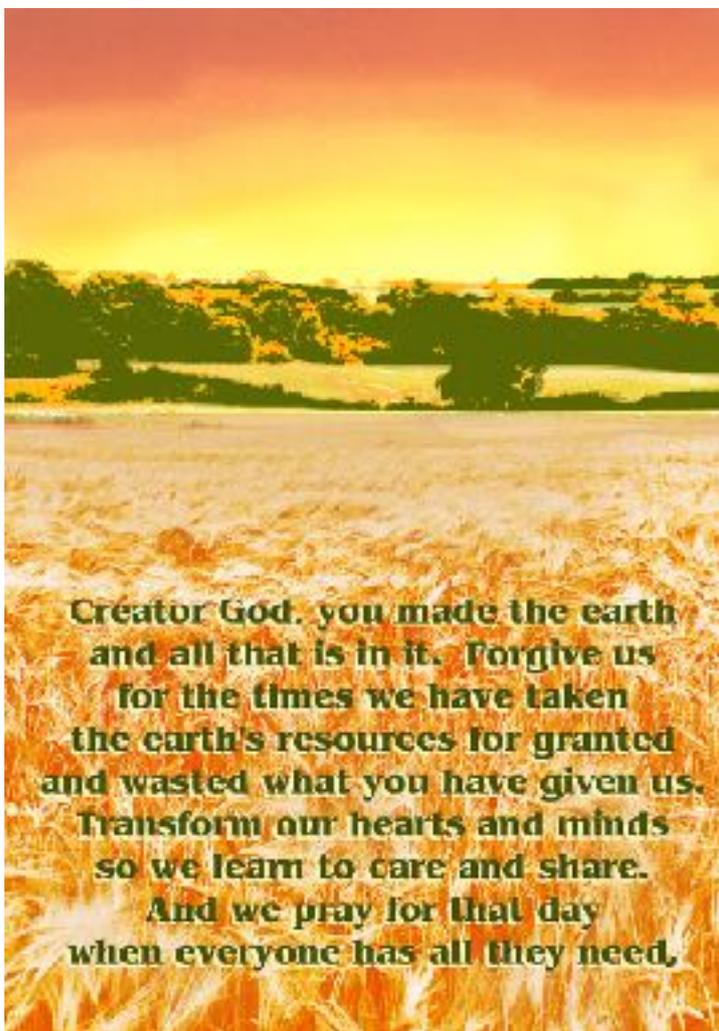
Please note this is the time to let me (Wendy) know if there is anything that you have that would add to our Village archive and that you would be willing to share or lend-either photographed/copied or recorded that you feel would be a great addition to a new exhibition which our beautiful church will be hosting during mid-March.

I would love to record stories old and new about Stockland life and of course if you have any great artefacts or photos then please contact me on 01404881207.

I'm delighted to say that we have been successful in acquiring a grant to create this local project which is funded by the Creative East Devon Fund through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

### Stockland Past and Present

*In collaboration with local historian and author Bryan Drew, the project will gather photographs, footage, documents, and stories from the community, then curate it for the Stockland Past & Present exhibition in March. The culmination of the exhibition week will be a concert featuring Devon folk musician Jim Causley, which will include tunes from Stockland fiddle player Fred Pidgeon on Saturday 16 March.*



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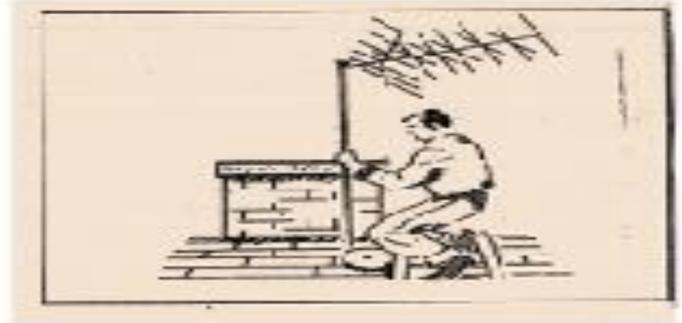
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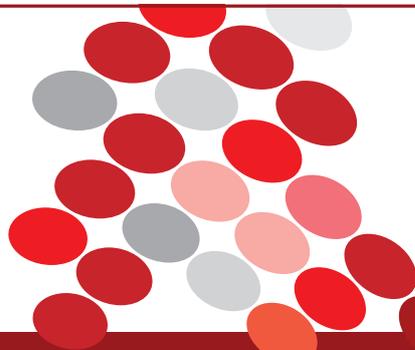
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Mondays 2pm-4pm Wednesdays, 10am-12pm,	St Giles' Church, Kilmington	Baby group every week including school holidays. Contact Mary Tyler 01297 34958.
Mondays throughout March 7pm-8:30pm	The Vicarage, Kilmington	The Pilgrim Way - A Guide to the Christian Faith (5 week course). To book email revjulielomas@gmail.com
Fridays, 10am-12pm	St Giles' Church, Kilmington	Coffee Shop
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
March 1st	St. Giles Church, Kilmington	World Day of Prayer Service. Tea & cake afterwards.
March 1st 7pm	The Baptist Church Kilmington	Spree Quiz Night (fundraising for young people to attend a youth camp in the summer)
March 2nd 12:30pm	Exeter Cathedral	Saying Goodbye Service' for anyone who has lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, birth or infancy. www.sayinggoodbye.org'
March 5th, 2.30pm	Minster Rooms, Axminster	Mothers' Union Meeting - 'My Salvation Army Story' - Alan Dobson. Contact Mary Harrison 01404 831975
March 9th 10am-12pm	Yarcombe Village Hall EX14 9AA	Second Saturday of each month. Homemade cakes, local honey, eggs, jams, plants, woodwork, cards, and bric-a-brac.
March 10th-15th (after the service)	St Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland	Past and Present, an exhibition of village history and farming life in and around Stockland'. See advert.
March 13th	Sidmouth Arms, Upottery	Ladies Lunch
March 13th 10:30am-12noon	Dalwood Methodist Church	Coffee morning in aid of Hospice Care.
March 13th 6.45 for 7.15pm	Kilmington Village Hall	KCC: "The Old Oak (15) To Book email wattsjohn307@gmail.com
March 14th 1.45pm for 2pm	Kilmington Village Hall	KCC: "The Old Oak (15))" Cream teas @ £3.50. Please order when booking seats.
March 16th 7.30pm	St Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland	Songs of Devon' a Church fundraising concert. See advert for details.
March 20th 12:30pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Dalwood Community lunch. Bookings to be placed with Kathy Lang 01404881601
March 24th 3pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Dalwood Jazz. "La Vie en Rose" (Gipsy Jazz) t.mackenny111@btinternet.com
March 31st 10am-3pm	Burrow Farm Gardens	Spring Plant Fair, see back page for more details.
April 1st 10am-12noon	Stockland Victory Hall	Easter Monday Brunch followed by a walk at 12:30pm.

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