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and St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe

# THE SUNDAY SERVICES



## March 2022

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Wednesday March 2nd	9:30am Book of Common Prayer Said Communion	7pm Mission Community Holy Communion at Stockland			
Sunday March 6th	11am Mission Community Holy Communion Held at Yarcombe				
Tuesday March 8th		9:30am Said Communion			
Sunday March 13th	11am Family Service	11am Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Worship	11am Family Service
Wednesday March 16th	9:30am Said Communion				
Sunday March 20th	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion		11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday March 22nd		9.30am Said Communion			
Sunday March 27th Mothering Sunday	11am Service of the Word	9:30am Service of the Word	6.30pm Choral Evensong	11am Family Service	11am Holy Communion
Wednesday March 30th	9:30am Said Communion				

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<https://www.fivealive.org/>

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# MARCH: LONGER DAYS AND SIGNS OF SPRING

REV JULIE LOMAS

THE month of March is before us. As we move into the third month of the year, we have much to be grateful for not least the lengthening of the days, the signs of spring emerging all around us, and the need to remember to write 03 instead of 02 in the date sections of our cheques and other forms!

In the churches across our area, March 2nd is when we mark the beginning of the season of Lent with a choice of two services for Ash Wednesday — one at 9.30am in Dalwood and one at 7pm in Stockland. The tradition of receiving ashes on the forehead or on the hand goes back many centuries, and is one that is significant in my life as marking the change in focus towards Holy Week and Easter.



Another tradition is that we are encouraged to deny ourselves something, give something up for Lent. My pledge this year is to

decline the many delicious cakes that are on offer — please hold me to this — and I know that some of you have already told me that there are things in your life you want to lay down, detox from your life, and through the discomfort that this may incur to bring about a welcome change in your health and well-being. In a world where if you want it you can have it, and have it now, the idea of denying yourself something is counter cultural, and yet there is something deeply humbling and strangely fulfilling about this time of decrease, less, and even abstention.

Another idea is that we use this time during Lent to take up something new — across the mission community we will be offering a weekly study group on a Thursday at 2pm; contemplation and meditation on Mondays at 7pm and the ancient office of Compline at 9pm on Wednesdays. All of these will be on Zoom so please do take up one, or all, of these and participate wherever you live.

Something else to take up is to join in with the weekly Lent lunches on offer in Kilmington, enjoying good food and company and helping to raise money for those less fortunate. Dalwood church is also organising Little Lent Lunches.

March also marks the beginning of the wedding season, and I am looking forward with great joy to

welcoming Rev Anne Mills to Stockland to share with me in the marriage of Becky Dorson and Sean Spiller. We wish them and all the couples getting married this year a long and successful life of togetherness, supported and strengthened by God and the local church and community.

What else is happening? There is the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4th; St Patrick's Day on March 17th and, as we approach the end of the month, on the night of March 26th we are encouraged to switch off our lights for Earth Hour between 8.30pm and 9.30pm.



Then we must remember to alter our clocks by that hour (spring forward) before finding many ways to enjoy Mothering Sunday on the 27th.

Please take a look at the list of all the church services, times and locations, and enjoy this coming month.

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# PSALM OF THE MONTH

## PSALM 77 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

**THIS is very much a psalm of two halves. At first, the day of trouble leads to a most disturbed night of worry and frustration, bringing questions and doubts that border on blasphemy, when attempts to reach the ear of God seem to be of no avail.**

Then, verse 11, a solution is found when the works and wonders of the Lord are both remembered and called to mind! Meditation on them make it clear that there is nowhere that God's presence does not hold sway.

### PSALM 77

1. I cry aloud to God; I cry aloud to God and he will hear me.

2. In the day of my trouble I have sought the Lord; by night my hand is stretched out and does not tire; my soul refuses comfort.

3. I think upon God and I groan; I ponder, and my spirit faints.

4. You will not let my eyelids close; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

5. I consider the days of old; I remember the years long past;

6. I commune with my heart in the night; my spirit searches for understanding.

7. Will the Lord cast us off for ever? Will he no longer show his favour?

8. Has his loving mercy clean gone for ever?  
Has his promise come to an end for evermore?

9. Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he shut up his compassion in displeasure?

10. And I said, "My grief is this: that the right hand of the Most High has lost its strength."

11. I will remember the works of the Lord and call to mind your wonders of old time.

12. I will meditate on all your works and ponder your mighty deeds.

13. Your way, O God is holy; who is so great a god as our God?

14. You are the God who worked wonders and declared your power among the peoples.

15. With a mighty arm you redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16. The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and were afraid; the depths also were troubled.

17. The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side;

18. The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the ground; earth trembled and shook.

19. Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, but your footsteps were not known.

20. You led your people like sheep by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

### Bible readings March 2022

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Wed 2 Ash Wednesday [Pu/Lent Array]	Joel: 2:1-2,12-17 Ps: 57 (BCP Readings)	Jas: 4:1-10 Matt: 6:1-6, 16-21(BCP Readings)
Sun 6 1 <sup>st</sup> of Lent [Pu/Lent Array]	Deut: 26:1-11 Ps: 91:1-11	Rom: 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13
Tues 8 [Pu/Lent Array]	Isa: 55:10-11 Ps: 34:4-6,21-22	Matt: 6:7-15
Sun 13 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Lent [Pu/Lent Array]	Gen 15:1-12,17-18 Ps: 27	Phil: 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-End
Wed 16 [Pu/Lent Array]	Jer: 18:18-20 Ps: 31:4-5,14-18	Matt: 20:17-28
Sun 20 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Lent [Pu/Lent Array]	Isa: 55:1-9 Ps: 63:1-9	1 Cor: 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
Tues 22 [Pu/Lent Array]	Dan: 2:20-23 Ps: 25:3-10	Matt: 18:21-End
Sun 27 4 <sup>th</sup> of Lent Mothering Sunday [Pu/Lent Array]	Exod: 2: 1-10 OR 1 Sam: 1:20-End Ps: 34: 11-20 OR 127: 1-4	Cor: 1:3-7 OR Col: 3:12-17 Luke 2:33-35 OR John 19:25-27
Wed 30 [Pu/Lent Array]	Isa: 49:8-18 Ps: 145:8-18	John 5:17-20

### From the registers

#### Funerals

Funeral of Phyllis Harris in Dalwood held on 1st February

Funeral of Hazel Reed held in Kilmington on 8th February

Funeral of Alan Pearse held in Stockland on 23rd February

Funeral of Madeleine Scott-Nash held in Kilmington on 23rd February

Funeral of Derek Grant Sampson held in Shute on 25th February

*Note from Rev Julie Lomas:  
"We extend our deepest sympathies to family and friends and continue to remember these dear ones in our prayers."*

#### Weddings

Wedding of Rebecca Dorson and Sean Spiller, taking place at Stockland Church on 5th March

# WEDDING PAIRS CHECK THE TERMS

ON Saturday, February 5th, Rev Julie and Gill Highway welcomed four couples who are planning their weddings in the Five Alive Mission Community this year.

Sue Drew hosted all the refreshments at St Peter's Church, Dalwood, (which included some amazing cake!) and each couple had time to meet the teams from the churches where they are being wed. This meant they could get to talk with the churchwardens, organists, bell captain, as well as Rev Julie and Rev Nigel Freathy who will be conducting the weddings.

After the meet-and-greet session, and more coffee and cake, Gill and Julie got everyone talking about their ideas and expectations of their wedding day and their marriage.

Linked to the Married by Design booklet which every couple receives as part of their take-home bag, the conversation focused on the three sets of promises that the couples make during the ceremony and what those words mean.

Rev Julie said: "Most of us never read the terms and conditions of a contract we are signing up for, but with marriage it's important to check out the small print!"

Lunch was served in the Tucker's Arms which is where the conversation continued to flow.

As a church community we are now praying regularly for each of the couples being married this summer — and welcome enquiries from anyone who would like to find out more about being married in church.



## Award nominations open

**THE Company of St Boniface was introduced by the Bishop of Exeter to honour people who have made a substantial contribution to the life of their church, local community or Church of England school.**

The St Boniface Awards 2022: Nominate Adults and Children Making a Difference nomination process is now open.

The public is invited to nominate someone to receive a St Boniface Medal who has gone above and beyond to serve the people of Devon with joy.

It could be someone involved in

children and families outreach, social action, online services and social media, pastoral support, environmental work, editing the parish magazine, teaching, leading worship, youth work, volunteering in the churchyard — anything you think is making a difference where they are.

This year, a new category has been introduced for 11 to 18-year-olds. The closing date for nominations is April 1st and the awards will be presented at a special service at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, July 23rd.

Visit [exeter.anglican.org](http://exeter.anglican.org) for further information.

## Generosity Lent course

**SURPRISED by Generosity is a new seven-week Lent course looking at God's generosity to us and our call to live generously in return.**

It is based on the Gospel of Luke and features video reflections, interviews, a small group study guide and suggested church service talks.

It has been devised by the Diocese of Exeter Mission Resources Advisor Brigit Kiyaga and written by contributors from across the diocese, including author and speaker Dave Hopwood.

The course will be running every Thursday afternoon during Lent from 2-3pm on Zoom, so anyone can join in from home — and bring the pets along as well!

Details are: Topic — Surprised by Generosity; March 3rd, every week on Thursday until Apr 14th, seven sessions. Meeting ID: 850 3703 7400; passcode: 507966.

## Jubilee choir

**LOCALS are hoping to raise a Festival Choir (four parts) for The Queen's 70th Jubilee from the Five Alive parishes of Yacombe, Stockland, Dalwood, Kilmington, Shute with Whitford.**

Anyone who would like to join and be happy to perform over the jubilee weekend in June would be welcome, whatever age. If there is sufficient interest we may have a separate children's choir. It will be fun and a chance to get together and rejoice in the fact!

We would also like to bring together a music group to add to the festivities. Anyone who plays an instrument and would like to join us is very welcome.

Names please to Lin Box, stating choir or music — or both — and if music then please state which instrument you play.

Please contact via email at [lin.box1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lin.box1@yahoo.co.uk) or leave a message on 01404 861400.

**Lin Box**

### Warm welcome again following heating issues

**WHILST** we can usually assure people of a very warm welcome at the Dalwood Methodist Chapel, this is sadly something we've not been able to do for the last six weeks or so because of the demise of our boiler.

There we were, all sitting quietly at art club, when the silence was rudely broken by a sound "like a mighty rushing wind".

The pressure had got too much for our 20-year-old boiler, and it expired in a cloud of steam.

Services were subsequently held huddled around a couple of electric fires — any more and the fuses would trip — and we all wore our coats and gloves to keep warm. Midweek activities also had to cease.

I'm delighted to say, however, that a new boiler is now in place and working well. All I have to do now is to get to grips with the time clock and thermostat so we don't roast!

Because of the heating problems we had to delay the start of a new venture, a Tea & Tots Club.

The first meeting was finally held on February 7th, and we were very pleased with both the numbers who came and the atmosphere there.

We are currently holding two meetings a month on Mondays from 10am to 11.30am, but we will be reviewing this in the light of demand.

Our art club restarted on February 9th, and our first coffee morning of the year, to raise funds for Children's Hospice South West, on February 28th. These will be held on the last Monday of the month thereafter, all to raise funds for charities operating in this area.

Services at the chapel are all at 11am in March, and it is nice to be able to assure you all of a warm welcome once more, in more ways than one.

*Roderick Ovey*

# Pupils hear parable of the two houses



**THE Open the Book team presented the parable of the two houses to Shute and Kilmington primary schools on Friday, February 11th, meeting in the two parish churches.**

Gay Atkinson explained to the children that in order to make an important point, Jesus often used stories called parables. In this story we heard about two builders — one, Simeon, was very careful in his building and asked God for guidance as he built. As a result, his house — although it took a long time to build — withstood the floods when they came. Another builder, Farid, was so intent on getting his house built quickly that he took no notice of God and just threw up a building on a sand bank and, as a result, when the floods came his house fell into the

river and all that was left was a pile of slush!

The story was narrated by Anna Crabbe and Christine Mills and the builders were played by Greta Lidster as Simeon and Caroline Nunns as Farid.

At the end of the story, Gay asked the children what they thought Jesus's message was. We finished with a reflection and a short prayer and the team led the children in the action song *The Wise Man Built his House upon the Rock*.

It is always a privilege and a joy to be able to share Bible stories with the children and we look forward to returning next month when we will be telling the story of how Jesus walked on water.

*Caroline Nunns*

## Proud grandparents' thanks

**STEVE and Julie Lomas would like to thank everyone for their kind messages on the birth of their second grandchild on January 23rd.**

Jacob Thomas was born at 9.58pm and weighed 7lb 9oz. His parents, Katie and Gareth, and big sister Megan have also been overwhelmed by the messages and gifts they have received from East Devon — you are all very kind!



In a new feature, we take look back at past issues of *The Parishes' Paper* to learn what was published at that time – although some readers may remember. The first article comes from 1993 and takes a look at what was happening in the parishes that September

# Looking back nearly 30 years at this magazine

By Martin Nunns

## WHAT was in *The Parishes' Paper* in September 1993?

Caroline and I moved into Popehayne Farm on September 29th in 1993 and a kind person delivered a copy of that month's *The Parishes' Paper*. I thought I would share with you what that edition had to say about events in the parishes at that time.

Unfortunately, Yarcombe was not part of the Five Alive Mission Community at that time and so apologies if Yarcombe feels a bit left out.

The Rev David Mosely was our Priest-in-Charge resident in the vicarage at Kilmington and The Rev Norton Giddings was the Hon Assistant Curate living in Stockland vicarage.

Andrew Vagg, from Whitford, and Nicola Lewis were married on August 7th and went to live in Helmstedt Way, Chard.

Dennis Matthews wrote that the committee organising the Whitford show that year was unable to acquire a PA system but, nevertheless, thanked all those who played a part in making the afternoon of August 7th such an enjoyable event.

At Musbury and Whitford, the Sausage Sizzle raised £618.07 to help the Children's Hospice South West and Eve Morris expressed her thanks to everyone for helping to raise this magnificent sum.

Pat Lambert wrote an interesting piece about the Umborne Mystery Evening Tour, there is no mention of the route taken except to say that they all ended up, both hungry and thirsty, at the Awliscombe Inn.

Thanks went to Ray and Betty for helping to organise the tour.

In Stockland, Help the Aged raised £135 and Jane Forrest thanked everyone who donated.

Also at Stockland the school term ended in July with the sports day which was won by Hawkins House. Mrs Eleanor Wright kindly presented

afternoon for small schools at Hawkchurch.

Dalwood Village Hall 100 club — which is still running — announced its winners for the month: 1st prize of £20 went to Mrs Cousins; 2nd to Mr and Mrs Saner, £10; and 3rd prize to the Bowls Club, with Kathy Laing congratulating all the winners!

Likewise the winners of the Stockland Victory Hall 100 Club were announced by Monica Parris as Mr and Mrs Parris, Mr Raymond Hembrow and Mr John Johnson.

At Kilmington, H Kirkcaldie thanked all those helping with the Kilmington Village Produce Association annual show and Mr Allwood was due to speak at their next meeting on the subject of the Amateur Greenhouse.

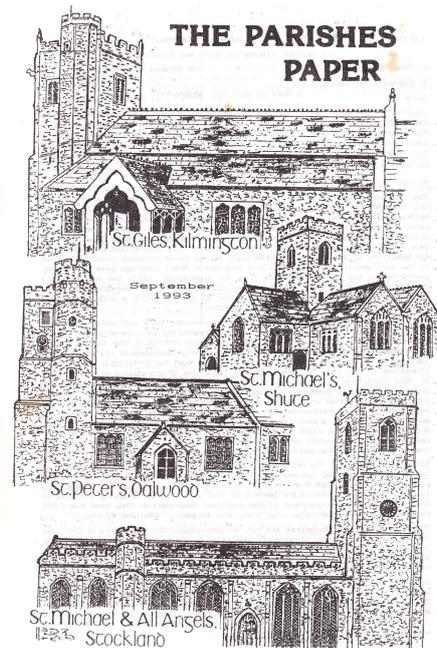
GM Harding announced the results of the house-to-house collection in Kilmington raising funds for Cancer Research.

Harry Price announced that the Kilmington Branch of the Royal British Legion had invited Mrs Antonia Hunt to talk to members about her life in occupied France during the Second World War.

Incidentally, her book, *Little Resistance: A Teenage English Girl's Adventures in Occupied France*, is still available at Amazon for £2.38 plus postage.

The paper had only one advertiser in September 1993, Shoobridge Funeral Services, the "Husband and Wife Funeral Directors" based in Honiton and Sidmouth.

*The Parishes' Paper* at that time was in black and white, 11 pages long, produced on a typewriter and then possibly photocopied. If anyone can remember who was involved in producing the paper at this time please let me know.



**THE front page of the September 1993 issue of *The Parishes' Paper***

the cup to the house captains. Monica Parris was pleased to report that work was well underway to provide indoor cloakrooms.

Ann Freeth wrote about the juniors at Dalwood's school attending the area sports event at Axminster Primary and how well the children did by winning a large number of first prizes.

The infants also enjoyed a sports



# DALWOOD NEWS

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## Postmaster Richard retires

AT the beginning of February, and after over 13 years, Richard Griffiths finally 'logged off' as Post Master of the Sub Post Office in Dalwood Community Shop and, with a flourish, handed over his keys.

Members of the shop committee gathered to say farewell to Richard and to wish he and Jane well in the next stage of their lives together.

Kathy Laing, chair of the shop committee, thanked Richard for all his hard work over the years, and is pictured presenting him with a gift from the committee and his customers.

- Dalwood's Sub Post Office will in future be open every Friday for two hours — 10am-12noon



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#### SHOP OPENING TIMES

**Monday- Friday: 8.30am - 6.00pm**

**Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm**

**Sunday: 8.30am -12.30pm**

**Are you getting ready for Spring?**

**Come in and see what we have in stock to help with...**

**And there is more on our shelves ...**



#### POST OFFICE SERVICES

**We now have a mobile POST OFFICE Service**

**FRIDAY 10.00AM -12.00PM**

**PLEASE USE THE SERVICE IF YOU CAN**



# DALWOOD NEWS

## It was all about the love at St Peter's

**DESPITE** the torrential rain and wind, those brave souls who made it to St Peter's Church to the all-age service on Sunday, February 13th were in for a warming service all about love.

We were called to the church by the uplifting sound of the bells, thanks to the bell ringers, and stepped into the church festooned with beautiful blooms in stunning arrangements, thanks to the flower arrangers.

The service was a simple, informal one, with some old favourites for hymns, a chorus for which we were taught the actions and a short talk about the different kinds of love, something the world definitely needs more of. After the talk, there was an interactive session where members of the congregation were invited to decorate and write messages on

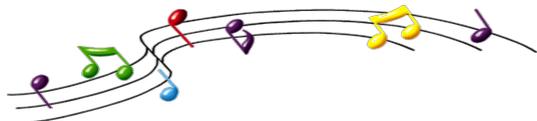


red hearts, to give to their loved ones — handy for those husbands who had forgotten to get a card for Valentine's Day! We finished with the hymn, Colours of the Day, the chorus of which begins "Light up the



fire, let the flames burn". Thanks to the efforts of many people that day, I think we all left the service with a glow of warmth inside us.

*Mary Harrison*



### MUSICAL COFFEE MORNING!

Saturday 26th March  
10 - 12noon  
St. Peter's Church, Dalwood

NOT a concert! - more like an "open mic" event.  
2 hours of continuous music - instrumental and song.

Call in to the Church any time from 10am for coffee/tea and biscuits and stay as long as you like to listen to local Musicians and Singers who have already agreed to perform.

And if you would like to take part too, just turn up - and we'll enjoy listening to you perform a couple of tunes.

We'll leave a donation box at the door and the collection will be put towards Church Tower Repairs.

Tina Mac & Sue Drew

Enquiries: 01404 831 280 01404 831 365

P.S. We're really hoping to discover some musical talent among people new to the village!

## 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 £3.50, please pay Sue or  
Caroline.



# DALWOOD NEWS

## Show returns

**CORRYDALE** entertainment group is planning to be back on stage later this year.

Due to the pandemic, the group were to perform in 2020 and 2021 but to return it needs help with lighting, sound and backstage crew — and on-stage cast.

No experience is necessary to join, just a sense of fun, energy and enthusiasm, say organisers. And there are no age barriers.

Corrydale shows have entertained for more than 30 years with funds raised supporting Dalwood Fair Fund.

Anyone interested in further details is invited to a taster evening on March 15th at Dalwood Village Hall, 7.30pm.

For more information contact 01404 881750 or email [marjoryatdalwood8@outlook.com](mailto:marjoryatdalwood8@outlook.com). Covid-19 guidelines followed.

## Light Lent lunches

**ALTHOUGH** no decision has yet been made as to when we shall return to our popular monthly lunches, the St Peter's Church Community Lunch Team has decided to arrange two monthly light lunches during Lent.

The Soup with a Pud events will be held at Dalwood Village Hall on Wednesday, March 16th, and Wednesday, April 6th commencing at 12.30pm. The cost will be £3 per

head.

If you would like to join us on one or both of these occasions, and in order to aid our catering arrangements, please let Sue Drew know by the preceding Sunday on 01404 831365. Covid safety advice applicable at the time will be observed. We look forward to seeing you all again. We've missed you.

*Community Lunch Team*

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

To celebrate 70 wonderful years

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND**  
BEACON LIT on Danes Hill

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH**  
Community afternoon tea, treasure hunt  
and more on the Jubilee Field



## DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

invite you to a

# COFFEE MORNING

## AT THE CHAPEL

### MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

### 10-30 AM - 12 NOON

### WITH A "BRING AND BUY" STALL

### IN AID OF

## CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST

# DO COME AND ENJOY A

# CUPPA AND A CHAT!



**Dalwood Recreation Trust**

Reg charity no 1148103



**8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**

**PLANT SALE**

**MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2022**



The Plant Sale is one of our most popular Fundraiser. We could not hold it without our growers' generosity and donations.

Seed packets, donated by Shelagh Beak, are in the shop with plant pots. Please pick up your plant seed packs and any pots you need.

If you could grow plants for the sale, or donate any of your surplus plants we would value your contributions.

**Thank you**

More information to follow

**DRT trustees**



# KILMINGTON NEWS

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## Disability inclusion recognition award

**LOCAL young woman Elana-May Blackmore has written an article on encouraging disability inclusion in churches...**

HELLO, my name is Elana-May, some of you know me if you live in Kilmington. I am 20 and I have autism.

For some people, it may be easy to understand; some other people might find it hard to understand. I was deeply moved by the ministry Through the Roof, a registered charity that helps transform lives through Jesus with people who are disabled.

Quite often we read in the Bible how Jesus transformed the life of a disabled person; he walked alongside them; he healed them physically, and he spiritually restored them too.

In the UK today there are 12 billion people like myself who are living with a form of disability whether physical or mental. We are often overlooked and we have less access to education, transport and housing; but Jesus can still use us for his glory!

That's why Through the Roof is helping bring awareness to Disability in Churches; as we all know; we have had the arrival of Rev Julie and her equally amazing husband, "Uncle" Steve Lomas. They have been an incredible support to me over the months they have been here and made me feel included and a part of St Giles's Church.

They have had experience fostering and ministering to those who have had an additional need in the past. I feel like we have already formed such an amazing friendship; getting to know them as people and not just 'a vicar and her husband'. They have really helped me to realise we aren't so different. I am so blessed that they see God-given potential in me; they see my heart to help others like myself. I thought I would encourage



**REV Julie Lomas, left, Elana-May Blackmore and Steve Lomas with the Luke 5 Award at Dalwood church on Sunday, February 6th**

them by nominating them for a Luke 5 Award. They duly received their award via the post.

The award is based on Luke 5:17-19: *"One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. Some men came carrying a paralysed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus."*

This award helps others realise that there are some people in the church willing to break past barriers; physical and invisible. You can find more at [www.throughtheroof.org](http://www.throughtheroof.org).

*Elana-May Blackmore*

● Registered charity Through the Roof invites disabled people to nominate a church, ministry or individuals for a Luke 5 Award to recognise the difference they have made when steps have been taken to bring about full inclusion

## Popular Lent lunches plan

IT has been decided that the popular St Giles's Church Lent Lunches are to be served in Kilmington Cricket Pavilion this year on every Thursday during Lent.

The first one will be on Thursday, March 3rd and thereafter on March 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, and on April 7th and 14th at 12noon.

A simple meal consisting of delicious homemade soup and rolls followed by cheese and pickles, teas and coffee, charged at £5.

In the past, the proceeds after expenses have gone to charity such as ShelterBox, Tear Fund or Embrace. This is a chance to meet friends face to face once again and help those in need.

*Diana Mellows*

## Lilies return

**AFTER an absence of two years, organisers are happy to announce they will be using lilies to decorate St Giles's Church in Kilmington for Easter.**

The Memory Scroll with names of loved ones will also be displayed. If anyone would like to add a name to the list and/or donate to the cost of the lilies, then please contact Jenny Nickolls or Angie Clark on 01297 639758 or 01297 35817.

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

## Love in the air as good samaritan story shared

By Diana Mellows

**CARING and Loving one another was the theme for the Celebrate Service in St Giles's Church on Saturday, February 12th.**

Gill Heighway led the service as the church was filled with large red hearts, even on the tea tables. There was definitely a bit of St Valentine's Day there too!

To illustrate what Jesus meant when he instructed his followers to 'love your neighbour', he told the parable of the Good Samaritan.

In the Open The Book story, Bob

Hartman has called it The Kind Stranger and Anna Crabbe read this aloud, with Christine Thorne as the narrator, the Celebrate team donned costumes and acted out the drama to the delight of everyone.

The service follows a set pattern of songs and prayers. Margaret Hurford provided spirited piano accompaniment to the lovely songs with Elana-May Blackmore providing excellent signing from the front.

A short talk about the importance of caring in our community was given by Christine Thorne and Christine Mills had prepared

some beautiful prayers for all carers and helpers and those in need.

To round off the happy occasion, Barbara Woodsford and Val Harding, with the help of Sheila Hill and Pearl Hurford, had prepared a splendid tea for everyone at the back of the church. Thanks go to them and to all who led, helped with and came to the service.

The next Celebrate Service will be on Saturday, April 9th in St Giles's Church at 3pm. There will be an Easter theme and a warm welcome for anyone who feels in need of company or has special needs.

**Mothing Sunday  
Service  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30am  
St Giles Church  
Kilmington**



**All welcome.  
Talk by a Children's Society  
representative.**



**ABOVE, Elana-May Blackmore, Greta Lidster, Jenny Carte, Anna Crabbe, Diana Mellows, Christine Mills and Christopher Thorne were the Celebrate team that donned costumes for the story of the Kind Stranger**  
**Left, Joshua Cox, with triangle, at the Celebrate Service at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, on Saturday, February 12th**



# STOCKLAND NEWS

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## THE TEDDY TRAIL

By Gill Metcalfe

**STOCKLAND Primary School's Feathlerlake Class had a wonderful visit to the parish church with a lovely activity for the children to explore.**

Hidden around the church were teddies representing different elements and jobs throughout the place of worship. The children can still talk about and remember who each teddy represented, especially, Flora who loves flowers and Lucy who lights candles to remind people that Jesus is the 'light of the world' with one boy remembering the exact phrase.

Teachers and children can't wait to visit the church again and begin to gain the community feel back after such a trying time over the last couple of years.



**THIS beautiful Ridge Lane sunset was captured by the talented Tim Phillips**



## Valentine gig as locals flock

**STRONG gales and rain on Sunday, February 13th, saw many villagers decamp from their homes to the King's Arms for musical entertainment.**

The day before Valentine's Day, pub landlords had bought into the festivities with a red rose for all the ladies on their arrival.

The Valentine theme progressed throughout the afternoon with the Good Ole Boys set up for a round of entertainment — song and music — and their contribution of a Valentine T-shirt to the festivities.

The pub buzzed; all new arrivals were greeted as long-lost friends with a few Valentine jokes slung in for good measure.

What an afternoon and indeed how rewarding to a village that bought its pub — here was the societal hub at its very best; clearly the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Having seen the demise of the village pub throughout the country, it was rewarding to see ours full and also to hear that the previous evening it had hosted 75 Young Farmers' Club members from East Devon on their monthly outing.

A pub quiz nights for Wednesday, March 2nd is promised, 8pm for 8.30pm start.

Thanks again to the King's Arms and to the Good Ole Boys – great pub, great gig!

*Gill Metcalfe*

## 100 winners

**STOCKLAND Victory Hall 100 Club lucky winners of the January draw have been picked.**

The winners are: number 14 Jim Durrant - £20; number 9 Lizzie Marshall - £10; number 1 Bryan and Rowena Drew - £5.

# STOCKLAND NEWS

## Stunning tower at parish church

**THE most significant gem of the village of Stockland must surely be the Church of St Michael and All Angels with its imposing 100-foot tower.**

Early documentation indicates that the church stands on Saxon foundations with much of the current building being constructed in the 15th Century.

The Western Tower is indicative of the latter re-building. The fine perpendicular upper stages added in that period were most certainly built on much earlier foundations: the lower window is clearly much older.

The tower overshadows what appears to be a typical Anglo-Saxon burial ground in shape and structure. These characteristically were roughly oval in shape and enclosed by surrounding ditches of water.

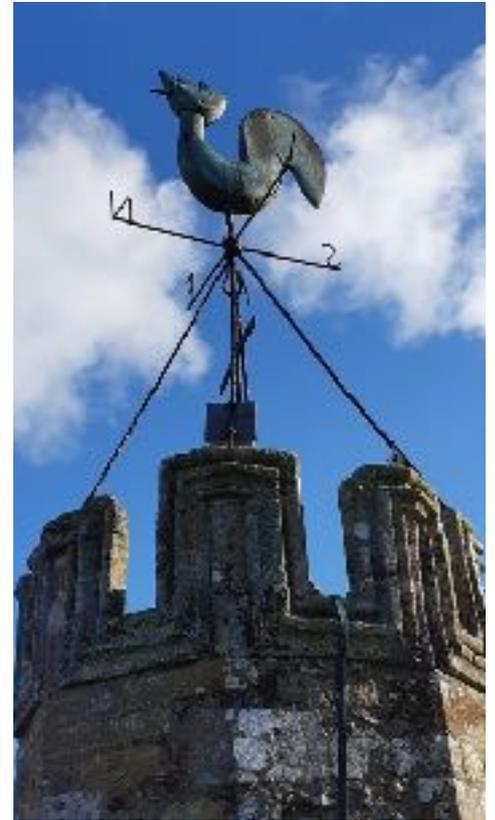
This colossus of a monument soars above the church and dominates the village — seemingly so far below — with the vista of the Blackdown Hills. And the Devon and Somerset countryside spread before it.

A climb to the top reveals the splendour of the view — such visits are rare and indeed it is likely that many parishioners have only viewed the tower from ground level.

On a stunning November day in 2021 with beautiful blue skies, such a view took place.

With cameras at the ready, some breath-taking photographs emerged accentuating its awesome height and dominance of the landscape as well as offering a tribute to its early founding fathers in its architecturally deliberately low, typically Saxon siting of the original religious edifice.

***Julia and Andrew Howard***



Send your Stockland news to parish correspondent  
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### PAUSE FOR PRAYER

#### A Prayer for Lent

God in the midst, come close to us,  
and help us come close to you,  
as, for a fraction of time,  
we step back from the activities of the day.

May we treasure such moments with you.

Moments when we can bring to you

the things we are doing,  
and find new meaning for them,  
and new strength for doing them.

And moments for recalling  
how we are meeting you already,  
in the stuff of daily living and engagement,  
when faith is tested  
and compassion is translated into action.

So, if as the day goes on, we forget you,  
do not forget us, O God.

*Amen*

***Submitted by Philippa Wilks***

**THE vista from the top of the church tower; above, Stockland's chicken weather vane enjoying the sunshine**



# STOCKLAND NEWS

## Let them eat cake at coffee club for ladies

'LET them eat cake' was the order of the inaugural Ladies' Coffee Morning on Wednesday, February 1st. Whether or not these words were actually spoken by an erstwhile French Queen were of no consequence to the morning gathering.

Indeed, neither were the New Year's resolutions nor the Covid weight gains taken into consideration when the beverages and cakes were served: all really far too tasty to pass over with unspoken thoughts of gym visits or extra walks as pay back for indulgence! The King's Arms pastry chef certainly pulled out the stops to make the morning such a success – delicious Victoria sponge, mouth-watering chocolate tarts and the less fattening lemon drizzle slices.

Along with the obvious lure of the tasty morsels what more could be on offer? Firstly, the get together: loads of chat and laughter plus — well what more than a mini-quiz to challenge the grey cells? The quiz was based on 'knowing Stockland' but perhaps more succinctly being clued up about the road running past the King's Arms as all the five questions were based on it.

Three of the answers were visible

from the pub windows and of course the majority of the group hailed from the village.

It perhaps was surprising that no one scored top marks — five out of five and perhaps one of the questions was a red-herring.

Were the questions too difficult? To take just one example the missing word taken from the plaque on the bridge by Parkhayes residence. Could anyone remember the wording or the word FELONY — the challenging omission! How many times would a local resident have driven over the bridge and how many photos would have been taken of it over the years – the wording – ah well!

Then the raffle with boxes of primulas, fat balls and the obligatory bottle of fizz just adding to the event and reminding how good it feels just to meet up and enjoy each others' company.

Thank you to Rev Julie Lomas for joining in with the group and thanks again to the King's Arms staff — proper job again!

**Stockland Coffee  
Club Committee**

## Double charity donations given

THE Stockland Educational Foundation and Stockland Parish Lands General Charity Trustees met and made monetary disbursements as set out in the original Trust Deeds dated 1908 and 1911.

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 or medical emergencies or on-going hospital treatment or other personal situations.

Further information and requests for consideration in 2022 are invited.

Contact chairman Monica Parris on 01404 881535 or via email at or secretary Fiona Drew on 01404 881644.

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ACTIVITIES**



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# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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By Bijan Omrani

**IT has been announced that the National Trust property Shute Barton will be reopening for public visits in 2022.**

During the pandemic, the National Trust announced that public visits to Shute Barton would cease and that Shute Barton would be run solely as a holiday property.

However, following a grassroots campaign which was covered in the regional and national media, the National Trust conducted a consultation with the local community which led to this announcement of the property's reopening.

Before the pandemic, the property was open for public tours on four weekends a year.

St Michael's Church offered tea and cakes to the visitors with help from the Friends of Shute Church, and considerable funds would be raised by this for the maintenance of the Church.

In 2022, Shute Barton will again be open for eight days. The days will be as follows: Wednesday and Thursday, June 15th and 16th; Saturday and Sunday, July 2nd and 3rd; Wednesday and Thursday, October 12th and 13th; Saturday and Sunday, November 19th and 20th.

It is intended that, as before, the church will again be open to serve refreshments and welcome visitors to Shute.

Consultations will be continuing between the local community and the National Trust to develop further ways in which the property can benefit the local community, and also further ways in which the rich history of the property and the parish can be told, particularly through the church.

Historical research continues to bring many new discoveries about the history of Shute, and these will be publicised as part of this continuing collaboration.

Volunteers are always needed to assist with serving refreshments in the church to the visitors.

## SHUTE BARTON TO REOPEN FOR PUBLIC VISITS



**ABOVE, National Trust property Shute Barton, which was closed to the public, will now be reopened thanks to a consultation with the local community**

This is usually a rewarding and enjoyable experience, and greatly benefits the church and community.

For those who would like to volunteer with this, please contact Bijan Omrani via email at [bijan.omrani@btinternet.com](mailto:bijan.omrani@btinternet.com).

Everyone is warmly encouraged to use these opportunities to visit Shute Barton, and to enjoy this crucial part of local and national history — not to mention tea and cake at Shute's church afterwards.

## Show goes on

**WITH thanks to a positive response to a call for help regarding setting up Whitford Produce Association Summer Show, the event can go ahead.**

Thanks go to all who have volunteered, the committee are delighted that such a long-standing event can continue. The show will take place on Saturday, August 6th, 2-5pm. Updates will be published in future issues of *The Parishes' Paper*.

**Maureen Davey  
Chairman of Whitford  
Produce Association**

## Locals come together for community lunch

By Maureen Davey

**WHEN** Whitford Village Hall installed a new kitchen, it was suggested that a community Sunday lunch was held on the first Sunday of every month.

This proved to be very popular and, before the pandemic, there were regularly 50 villagers and friends visiting to enjoy a variety of Sunday lunches, depending on who was cooking that month.

The 'cooks' are supported by lots of volunteers such as setting out the hall to make it look bright and inviting, waitressing, washing up, serving delicious homemade puddings that are brought along for everyone to enjoy.

So it was really good to see the village getting back to normal with



43 villagers and friends enjoying Sunday lunch of roast beef, Yorkshire puddings and all the

trimmings at the February lunch, pictured. Please note, Sunday lunch may not be every month at present.

## 'In-person' festival to make comeback

**IT has been announced that an in-person Shute Festival will be held again this year.**

The festival will be held at Shute from October 7th-9th and, although the programme has not yet been announced, it is intended to include talks by locally and nationally-renowned authors, as well as musical performances and talking walks.

Shute Festival events, both musical and literary, have been held online over the course of the pandemic, garnering a global audience.

A number of occasional in-person events have been held in the latter part of 2021, including

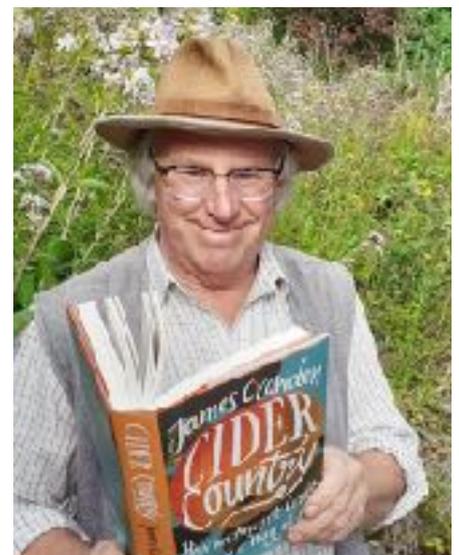
talking walks, lectures and concerts.

However, the event in October will be the first time that a full-length three-day in-person festival has been held since the coronavirus outbreak.

Further details will be published in following months and other occasional in-person and online events may also be held over forthcoming months.

Shute Festival organisers look forward to welcoming everyone to these events.

**RIGHT, local author James Crowden, who appeared at Shute Festival last year**



Please send all your Shute and Whitford news, club reports and photos to parish correspondent Bijan Omrani at [bijan.omrani@btinternet.com](mailto:bijan.omrani@btinternet.com)



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## Teacher Christ

THE stormy weather on Sunday, February 13th was a day when most people would prefer to be warm inside their homes and not venturing outside. But we were very fortunate at St John the Baptist, Yarcombe, to have a good number in the congregation, who braved the weather, including many young people, which was a lovely and unexpected surprise!

On entering church we followed footmarks down the aisles, a clue to what was to come.

The theme for the service was 'Christ the teacher' and how we need to follow His teachings to be true followers. The clear way of love that is required is a demanding commitment, involving one's whole attitude and outlook as well as one's actual behaviour. The Ten Commandments are a kind of shorthand for this or guidelines but not the whole picture.

In her talk, Mary Smith spoke about the Ten Commandments in the Bible in Exodus and then asked the children and congregation to play a game trying to match various objects and pictures to each commandment. For example, a photo of Mary's parents, represented 'Honour your Father and your Mother', and a 'Closed' sign matched 'Remember the Lord's day and keep it holy'.

Finally, we read the two most important commandments: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. Our thanks go to Jake Dear and Margaret Hoare for reading, to the children for their participation in the game and Gavin for playing the organ.

*Rebecca Bell*

## Roof work 'feels like Forth Bridge'



By Rebecca Bell

**ONLOOKERS may have noticed the scaffolding at St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe, over the last six months.**

This was due to an enormous amount of work that has been undertaken to overcome damp creeping down the interior walls and leaks inside the church.

The work has been undertaken by The Bucknall Partnership who have done a sterling job, working in very

difficult weather conditions, so not for the faint-hearted. Initially, the interior walls of the south transept — that were very 'green' in places — have been treated and painted and it is a great improvement.

The exterior work involved repairs to the roof, including renewing a large area of lead, refurbishing the guttering and replacing rotten woodwork.

We are drier for the moment but it does feel a little bit like working on the Forth Bridge at times; as soon as you fix one leak another appears!

Please send all your Yarcombe news, club reports and photos to parish correspondent for The Parishes' Paper — Rebecca Bell at [rebecca.e.bell@outlook.com](mailto:rebecca.e.bell@outlook.com)



## YFC panto Aladdin raises £1200 for Exeter NHS trust

**JANUARY has certainly not been a quiet month for Young Farmers' Club (YFC) members, continuing to have meetings in halls discussing upcoming events. Also, members have been busy practising a couple of times a week for our pantomime performance of Aladdin.**

On Friday, January 28th we performed Aladdin, competing against two other clubs in East Devon. We came a very respectable second place, but we would have come first if we didn't incur a four-minute time fault for going over one hour of performance time.

A massive well done to the cast for putting on a fantastic performance and all their time and effort throughout the past few months.

A lot of hard work has gone into putting the performance together painting scenery, learning lines, and practicing dances.

Thank you especially to James Burrough and his team. We won best moment throughout the whole

weekend for our final dance. Also, during this weekend, one of our members, Natalie Sampson, competed in East Devon YFC Senior member of the year speaking competition, well done for taking part.

The club has been busy with sports activities. Firstly, on January 20th, members played against Axminster YFC in pub sports, taking part in pool, darts and skittles. We won the pool. More games coming up against other clubs.

Well done to the girls' East Devon hockey team who played at the Devon round and came first, going through to the SWA round. A special well done to Izzy Pearse who was part of the team, competing on January 23rd.

On Sunday, February 6th, we put on an afternoon of entertainment performing the re-run of our pantomime, Aladdin, followed by entertainment by our vice-chairman.

This event was well supported by club members, parents and friends all coming to watch.

We raised just over £1200 for our charity of the year, Exeter Foundation NHS Trust. Thank you to all those who came to support, a fun afternoon was had by all and to see the great performance of Aladdin.

At our club meetings we are busy planning our upcoming charity tractor run which is going to be held on Sunday 20th February. Also, all looking forward to South West Area weekend away and Devon YFC ball in March.

If anyone has any further questions and would like to become involved with Young Farmers, please contact our Chairman Jack Tomlinson on 07712 479384, or our Secretary Emily Dunster on 07368 654447.

We have our club meetings every other week on Mondays in either Yarcombe or Upton Village hall 8pm start.

***Natalie Sampson  
Press Secretary  
Yarcombe and District  
Young Farmers' Club***

### YARCOMBE WEATHER JANUARY 2022

	2022	2021	2020
Average Max.temperature	8.3°C	6.5°C	8.8°C
Average Min.	3.3°C	2.5°C	4.5°C
Average Overall temperature	5.8°C	4.5°C	6.6°C
Rainfall	50.0 mm	147.3mm	106.4 mm
Wettest Day	8th 9.9mm	20th 30.0 mm	14th 21.5 mm
Sunniest Day	14th 8.0 hrs approx	23rd 8.0 hrs	19th 8.0hrs
Warmest Day	1st 13.4°C	28th 11.7°C	14th 12.2°C
Coldest Night	21st -2.0°C	24th -2.9°C	20th -0.7°C
Sunshine hours.	84 hours approx	66 hrs	76 hrs

Heather does not believe me but January was a warm dry and sunny start to the year.

***Tony Newman***

*This month sees the launch of The Parishes' Paper's new eco pages, where we showcase our local groups and projects which focus on sustainability and taking care of our planet*

# Kilmington team encourages Toilet twinning and Earth Hour

**IT is the intention at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, to twin the church toilet as part of the Toilet Twinning scheme, a fundraising wing of Christian charity Tearfund.**

For a small donation of £60, this will enable a community in a Third World country to have access to clean water, to be provided with education, to be able to build a toilet and to have basic hygiene training.

Anyone who would like to make a donation towards this scheme can contact Rev Julie and Steve Lomas or Christopher Thorne who would be able to advise how best to donate.

They are encouraging others, whether as individuals or as part of a church community, to look into this scheme and decide if it is something they would like to support.

Please look into Earth Hour, a worldwide movement organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature, which takes place on Saturday, March 26th at 8.30pm.

This is an annual event where millions of people across the world show their support for the planet, raising awareness of nature loss and climate change which are considered to be the two biggest threats facing our shared planet.

Join millions of others by ensuring that non-essential lights are turned off at 8.30pm on the last Saturday in March for one hour. This is to show support for a healthy planet and to encourage others, including world leaders, to think about the power used and how it should be used responsibly.

Those who feel they can go

further and turn off other non-essential energy-hungry appliances then this will surely make world leaders see how the public cares about the planet with this special one hour of low energy use. Please do not turn off fridges or freezers — non-essential appliances only are to be turned off.

Teams at St Giles's Church are currently looking to install bird boxes, bat boxes, bug houses and hedgehog houses on church land. This is to provide nice homes for these small animals with whom humans share this wonderful planet.

If anyone would like to help with this or has any advice then please contact Rev Julie and Steve Lomas, Christopher Thorne or John Thorne.

*Christopher Thorne*

## Sustainable Stockland gives thoughts for action

**TUESDAY, February 1st saw the second meeting of the new Sustainable Stockland environment group at the King's Arms.**

After an initial exploration of ideas before Christmas, it was fantastic to have a large group of people all keen and upbeat about the positive environmental impact they could make together in 2022.

The group was pleased to welcome Vicky Whitworth, of Chardstock Eco Group, who gave an inspiring talk about the work of her group and all they have achieved in their first year together, including work on a biodiversity audit, tree planting, litter picking and planning a community engagement event.

Vicky gave visitors a demo of her

water quality testing kit, complete with water freshly collected from the River Kit.

It was fascinating to hear how Chardstock residents are taking part in a citizen science volunteer project, supported by the Westcountry Rivers Trust, to monitor river water quality across the River Axe catchment area. The Axe and its tributaries are declining in condition and so this monitoring is hugely valuable to be able to understand and protect waterways.

Group members were so impressed that several of the Stockland team have volunteered to monitor the water quality in this neck of the woods — including the local stretch of the River Yarty, as well as the Cory and Umbourne Brooks.

The group also learnt about the planned works to protect the Stockland Great Castle ancient monument, discussed the feasibility of installing an electric vehicle charging point in the village, shared book recommendations.

Those gathered also heard from teenage members of the group about the importance of educating young people on environmental matters and also had a really spirited and thought-provoking conversation about how the group can learn more about the pressures that our farming neighbours face in relation to the environment and climate change.

Sustainable Stockland meetings are held monthly at the King's Arms pub.

*Claire Holgate*

**Send local 'eco' and sustainable news and group reports to the relevant parish corespondent or direct to the editor**

# GROUP WANTS LOCALS TO BECOME 'PLASTIC-SMART'



**PLASTIC Free Axminster** was formed in 2019 and is working under the auspices of the marine charity **Surfers Against Sewage**, to gain plastic-free status for the town.

It is the group's over-riding belief that plastic, especially single-use plastic and the world's obsession with it, is ruining the countryside, the rivers and oceans and health. There is ample proof of this: 40 per cent of plastic produced is for single-use and 91 per cent of plastic ever produced is still in the environment, which is just shocking. There are, of course, areas where its use is necessary for health and hygiene reasons.

Lucy Siegle, journalist and writer on environmental issues, sums it up: "What this is, is a battle against avoidable, unwanted, useless, nuisance plastic, that is unnecessarily forced upon us and then into the natural environment, where its impact is devastating."

Plastic Free Axminster wants to

encourage the citizens of the town and surrounding parishes to reduce their dependence on plastic, to become more plastic-smart and to spread the message of its dangers to the planet and to human beings, animals and marine life.

Plastic Free Axminster volunteers, pictured, can be seen taking part in litter picks around the town on a regular basis. The group has pop-up events at various venues and attends local events such as Light Up Axminster and the Axe Vale show. Through the Facebook page, members encourage simple swaps to more sustainable products and share tips on how the public can reduce dependence on plastic. With a little bit of perseverance, everyone can do it.

Schools and nurseries can sign up to the initiative to be plastic-free, and businesses may like to know how to cut single-use plastic and become a Business Champion. Or community groups or churches can find out more. Plastic Free



Axminster members are happy to chat with you. Contact via email at [sasplasticfreeaxminster@gmail.com](mailto:sasplasticfreeaxminster@gmail.com) or visit the Facebook page and join the group. Plastic Free Axminster urges everyone to join in the worldwide battle to provide a cleaner planet for future generations.

The big companies won't change unless the individual consumer takes a stand and makes changes in their own life. Like ripples on a pond, the message will spread.

# Talk on Children's Society work

By Rev Julie Lomas

**WE are most familiar with the work of the Children's Society through the annual Christingle services at Christmas, when we take the orange and decorate it with different symbols, and raise money for this charity.**

We are delighted that local representative Chris Shepherd is coming to speak about the broader work of the charity in Kilmington at 9.30am and in Dalwood at 11am on Sunday, March 27th, which also happens to be Mothering Sunday.

Here's what she has to say by way of introduction: "Mothering Sunday is a day when, originally, people thought about their 'mother church', the church they were born into. More recently though we have thought about parenting, about thanking our mothers for all they do,

and about all the important skills of looking after the next generation! What on earth — literally — could be more important than caring for, nurturing and loving our young? And it's not just mothers, of course — it's fathers too, and other responsible adults.

"We like to think that children today have a better time than in the Dickensian days of orphanages, workhouses, and children on the streets begging for food and without shelter. And though that era is over — an era in which Edward Rudolph founded the first homes for the Church of England Children's Society — unfortunately things are not better; in many ways, they are worse these days.

"You will have read on the news of child exploitation: county lines, grooming and abuse of all kinds. Many children are 'looked-after', or have run away and left home through family breakdown, or are

themselves carers, suffering stress and mental health problems. Bullying is rife in schools, and refugee children can turn up without their families. It's hard being a child today.

"The Children's Society made the tough decision a few years ago to focus mainly on teenagers, aged 10-18. Many teenagers these days are at risk, and some of the worst problems in our society occur because their longing for love and security can make them vulnerable, abused and exploited by criminal gangs and in danger of being seen as criminals themselves.

"I'll be coming to talk to you on Mothering Sunday this year about some of the problems faced by young people today, and ways in which the Children's Society is trying to tackle problems, and give young people hope, whether through campaigning or through projects and funding counsellors."

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

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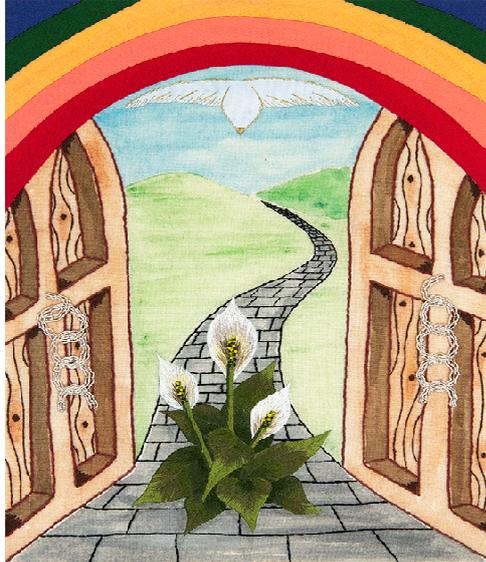
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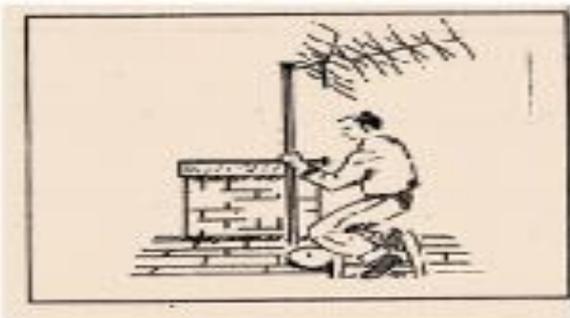
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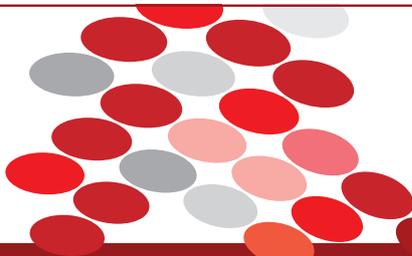
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10am - 12noon Every Tuesday	The Beacon, Kilmington	Post Office - Pop-up Pop Office available for walk in services. Held each Tuesday morning.
10am-12noon Every Wednesday	St Giles's Church, Kilmington	Mother and Baby Group - A special time for mothers and young babies in a safe and warm environment. Taking place each Wednesday morning including half term & holidays
7pm-8.30pm Each Thursday	The Beacon, Kilmington	ALPHA - A place to come and explore faith in an open minded environment. A meal and refreshments are provided
10.30am Each Tuesday	Stockland & Yarcombe	Pause for Prayer followed by coffee at 6, Battens Stockland - Contact Philippa Wills on 01404 881366 and in Yarcombe - Contact Mary Smith on 01404 861541
10.30am-12noon March 1st	The Beacon, Kilmington	Messy Sparklers - A fun sensory morning session for preschool children followed by lunch. Dress for mess!
11am March 4th	The Beacon, Kilmington	World Day of Prayer - an interdenominational service and open for everyone to attend and is written this year by the women of the UK
6:45pm & 2pm March 9th and 10th respectively	Kilmington Village Hall	Kilmington Community Cinema - Little Women (2019 U) Booking is essential. To book email watsjohn307@gmail.com or visit <a href="http://www.kilmingtonvillage.com/other-organisations">www.kilmingtonvillage.com/other-organisations</a>
10am-12noon March 26th	St Peter's Church, Dalwood	Musical Coffee Morning
2pm March 26th	Stockland Victory Hall	Jumble sale
10:30am-12noon March 28th	Dalwood Methodist Church	Coffee morning with a 'bring and buy' stall
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