

The PARISHES' PAPER

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All Angels Church, Stockland; and St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe*

ALL CHURCH SERVICES



Date	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute + Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
OCTOBER					
Wed 1st	9.30am Said Communion				
Sun 5th	11am Lay Led worship	11am Harvest Festival and Lunch	11am Shute BCP Holy Communion	11am Morning Worship	11am Harvest Festival and Lunch
Tues 7th		9.30am Said Communion			
Sun 12th	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion Hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD				
Wed 15th	9.30am Said Communion				
Sun 19th	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Worship in Whitford	11am Lay led worship	6.30pm Evening prayer
	Forest Church 3 – 4pm				
Tues 23rd		9.30am Said Communion			
Sat 25th		Wedding			
Sun 26th (Clocks change)	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Morning worship	6.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
NOVEMBER					
Sun 2nd Nov	11am Lay Led worship	11am Morning Prayer (BCP)	11am Shute BCP Holy Communion	11am Morning Worship with double baptism	11am Lay led Morning worship

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PUMPKIN POWER

REV JULIE LOMAS

AS your vicar, I am called upon to get involved in all sorts of things in and around our parishes, and it is always a real treat for me to be involved with outdoor activities and services, whether in the woods or on a farm.

Earlier on this year, St Giles's Church, Kilminster, decamped from the church to Nick and Jane Bond's farm on Shute Road, for the annual service marking Rogation. If you were there, you may remember we were all given a seed, and a pot of compost, and then left to our own devices.

Imagine my delight and surprise when this seed sprouted and began to grow, and kept on growing to the point where I did not know what to do with it. This is where friends come in!

Handing the pumpkin seedling over to 'foster parents' Peter and Glenis Squire, it took root on their allotment, and continued to grow, nay thrive!

Much to everyone's surprise a few weeks ago a beautiful pumpkin was harvested, and will now feature in harvest festival services across the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community. Special thanks to our friends for their expert care of the pumpkin, named as Penelope!

This got me thinking about pumpkins and their significance. Pumpkins are not mentioned in the



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Bible, but many Christian traditions use them in object lessons and metaphors to teach about the good news of Jesus and here are some examples:

- A pumpkin's dirty exterior is compared to sin in a person's life, while the act of cleaning the pumpkin symbolises God cleansing believers of sin through faith in Jesus Christ.
- The transformation of a pumpkin from a seed to a fruit reflects a Christian's spiritual growth and becoming a "new creation" in Christ, as described in 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- A carved jack-o'-lantern with a light inside represents Christians allowing God's light to shine

through them, serving as a beacon of hope and a witness to others, as mentioned in Matthew 5:14-16.

• The harvest season when pumpkins are abundant can be linked to biblical teachings on gratitude for God's provisions and blessings.

What do you think? Have you had any success with growing pumpkins this year?

What might God be saying to us through these large, colourful and tasty fruit (yes, botanists define it as a fruit) that can be so delicious when cooked as a vegetable?

And if I save the seeds from Penelope, maybe we can enjoy another harvest next year, with a little help from our friends.

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PARISH CHARITIES

Each month we will feature a different charity which is supported by one or more of our churches in the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community, either on a one-off basis, or as a regular commitment. This month, we hear from **Janet Eardley** from local charity **Through the Roof**



THROUGH the Roof is a Christian disability charity, based in the UK and also working in developing nations across Africa and India.

We were truly moved to be one of the two charities nominated for donations in memory of Elana-May Blackmore.

One of the things we do is to refurbish wheelchairs and mobility equipment in the UK and send them, along with a team of volunteers, to countries where disabled people would otherwise never have the opportunity of this type of equipment.

Our volunteers make sure people get the correct equipment for their needs, and also give each recipient a Bible in their own language. For those unable to read print, we take solar-powered audio Bibles so they can hear the Bible spoken out in their own language.

Elana was excited that her previous wheelchair went to Africa to change

someone's life there. Her more recent wheelchair will also do the same. Lives completely transformed with the love of God. It fits the memory of Elana so well.

In the UK, we aim to support churches to be able to welcome and include disabled people – another of Elana's passions. The Celebrate Together services are a great example of this, and also the way Elana was encouraged in her own faith journey by Rev Julie Lomas and all at Kilmington.

We also run accessible holidays and retreats, and online groups and events to raise awareness and provide fellowship for people affected by disability.

We will truly miss Elana at these events, and are immensely grateful that the donations made in her memory will enable lives to continue to be transformed in so many ways.

To find out more, please visit www.throughtheroof.org

Bible readings

Date	First reading	Gospel reading
Sunday 5 th October Yarcombe Harvest	Habakuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4	Luke 17: 5-10
Sunday 12 th October Proper 23	2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c	Luke 17: 11-19
Sunday 19 th October Proper 24	Genesis 32: 22-31	Luke 18: 1-8
Sunday 26 th October Proper 25	Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-end	Luke 18: 9-14
Sunday 2 nd November All Saints' Day	Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18	Luke 6: 20 - 31

Please help us keep the Five Alive community thriving by sending your local news and events

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

From the registers...

Funerals

The funeral of **Richard Paul Drake** took place on August 22nd at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, followed by cremation at East Devon Crematorium.

The funeral and burial of **Victoria Diane Herbert** took place on August 29th at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

The burial of ashes for **Donald John Wood** took place on September 1st at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

The memorial service for **Geoffrey Pearse** took place on September 3rd at St Michael and All Angels Church, Stockland.

The funeral and burial of **Elana-May Blackmore** took place on September 4th at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

The burial of ashes for **Jill Lesley Gotelee** took place on September 9th at St John the Baptist, Yarcombe.

We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends



In praise of the harvest and the Christian year

DALWOOD Methodist Church's September Songs of Praise, at which the congregations was joined as usual by friends from St Peter's Church, was somewhat different this year.

The Circuit Superintendent Minister, Rev Simon Leigh, wanted to come in the autumn, but the only date available was that of the Songs of Praise, so instead of having to prepare the service ourselves, he did the work for us.

He took the congregation on a journey through the liturgical year starting with harvest, moving on to Remembrance Sunday and then Advent and Christmas.

After this, the Methodist Covenant Service was covered, where we renew our promises to God, usually celebrated in January, moving on to Lent, before finishing with the joy of Easter. This was done through various readings and no less than nine hymns, truly songs of praise!

From my seat at the organ, I could hear the gasps as people sat down and looked at the hymn-board with its usual five hymns plus two extensions cascading down the wall and onto the harmonium to accommodate all the numbers.

The service made everyone think once again of the many aspects of the Christian year, and voices held up well, with no signs of flagging towards the end.

The chapel was decorated for harvest, not with an abundance of flowers and vegetables as used to be the case in the old days, but mainly with tins of food, donated by both congregations, which is going to support Axminster Foodbank.

Just a reminder that the next coffee morning on Wednesday, October 8th is to raise funds for Axminster Foodbank, and everyone is welcome there for a cuppa and a chat, at the same time supporting this worthwhile cause.

Roderick Ovey
Dalwood Methodist Church

ROAD TO DAMASCUS

FOR the first school visit of the academic year, the Open the Book Team decided to start a three-part story about the Apostle Paul.

The first part of the story begins with the story of Saul's conversion. As the story began, children saw Saul showing his approval at the stoning to death of the first Christian martyr, Stephen.

Saul then started a journey to Damascus where he planned the further persecution of Jesus's followers.

On the way, though, he was blinded by a fierce bright light. He fell to his knees and heard a voice saying: "Saul, why don't you like me?" Trembling, Saul asked the voice who he was.

"I am Jesus." The voice replied. Jesus then told Saul that he wanted him to continue his journey to Damascus where a messenger would meet him. Saul had been blinded by the light and so a friend guided him to Damascus, where he waited for three days without eating or drinking.

Meanwhile, Jesus spoke to one of his followers, Ananias and told him to go to a house in Straight Street where he would find a blind man, called Saul whom he must heal.

Ananias has heard about Saul and his persecution of Jesus's followers and hesitated before obeying Jesus, finding Saul and laying hands on him.

Saul's sight was immediately restored, he was baptised, received the Holy Spirit and vowed to follow Jesus. Saul was a changed man and changed his name to Paul. Paul became a major follower of Jesus and never tired of talking about what happened to him and how he changed on the road to Damascus.

This story tells us that we can all change and that if we are truly sorry, we can be given a second chance.

Our next stories about Paul will tell about, an earthquake, a shipwreck and imprisonment. The story of Saul's conversion can be found in Acts chapters 7-9.



Making Christmas greener, each day

IT might only be October, but planning for Christmas activities may well have already started in your household.

Fun, practical, biblical and thoughtful, Olivia Warburton, who heads up her local church's eco-group, offers 111 easy eco-tips to reduce, reuse and recycle and generally go greener at Christmas in her book, *Dreaming of a Green Christmas: Sustainability and Creation Care for Busy People*.

Olivia believes that everyone can make a difference to help our world flourish, however tiny our efforts may seem.

She said: "I wanted to give families a tool kit for approaching Christmas differently and to show that Christmas doesn't have to be expensive and wasteful, as well as, hopefully, removing some of the stress.

"My aim was to enable people to make choices they are happier with and give the context for why it's a biblical principle to try to look after the world God has given us."

The book is available for £6.99 from <https://www.brfonline.org.uk/products/dreaming-of-a-green-christmas-sustainability-and-creation-care-for-busy-people>



A MUSICAL coffee morning was enjoyed by members of the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community.

Photos: Maureen Lane

Enjoy the beautiful cathedral during seasonal fair

JOURNEY into the new season at this year's Exeter Cathedral Autumn Fair in the magnificent nave this October.

Support a diverse line-up of small local businesses in the captivating setting of Exeter Cathedral. Discover delicious artisan food and drink, handcrafted jewellery and clothing,

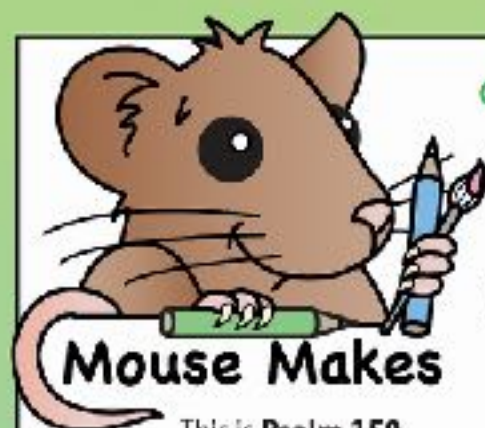
stoneware, ceramics and handmade crafts.

Entrance to the cathedral is free during the fair, so why not enjoy the peaceful atmosphere or look up to discover awe-inspiring architecture including the 14th Century stone vaulted ceiling – the longest continuous medieval stone vault in the

world.

The fair will be open on Tuesday, October 14th, 6.30pm-9.30pm, and Wednesday, October 15th, 10am-3.30pm.

Book a ticket for a timed visit at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/exetercathedral/e-qmjgbk> or visit the Exeter Cathedral website.



Mouse Makes

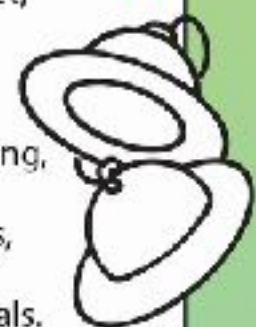


This is **Psalm 150**,
a song of praise to God,
it tells us why and how
to worship God.
*How do you praise and
worship God?*



Praise God in His Temple,
Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise Him
with the sounding trumpet,
Praise Him
with the harp and lyre,
Praise Him
with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him
with the clash of cymbals,
Praise Him
with the resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
PRAISE THE LORD!



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PRAISE • GOD • TEMPLE • HEAVENS • SANCTUARY • POWER • GREATNESS
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DALWOOD NEWS

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Records broken at fantastic fair

THE 680th Dalwood Fair was blessed with sunshine and a gentle breeze to welcome over 1,000 paying adults, and a similar number of under-16s, through the gates.

The visitors dug deep, and with the aid of working card machines, over £13,000 was raised.

Whilst the committee is still awaiting some final expenses, it anticipates the overall profit on the day to be around £10,400.

This year has broken records for the highest attendance, highest takings, highest fair day profit and, it is hoped, the highest charity distribution ever after the committee reviews the figure at its next meeting.

Final distribution figures will be announced and presentations made at the annual meeting on Sunday, October 26th at 7pm in the village hall. Full details of all the games' and stalls' takings, and the annual accounts will then be available.

Needless to say, without the unstinting support of all the volunteers, who set everything up on the four days before the fair; all the people manning the gates and running the myriad of stalls (bric-a-brac, cakes, books, plants, crafts and games), food and drink outlets, participation events and demonstrations; all those taking everything down again and repacking the trailer; and not forgetting the farmers providing the field and large machinery support; and finally the committee for planning and executing the event, the fair would not happen. So thanks go to each and every supporter.

Nick Harrison
Treasurer



Flower Rota for St Peter's Church, Dalwood October 2025	
4 th October	Mel Tompkins, refresh 11th October
18 th October	Caroline Nunns refresh on 25 th October and 1 st November

DALWOOD NEWS



AGM

'Beyond Housing'

14th October 7.00pm

Dalwood Village Hall

All very welcome

Please join us

Dalwood Fair Committee want to say a

HUGE ...



TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK
CONSTRUCTING AND DISMANTLING THE FAIR FACILITIES
BEFORE and AFTER FAIR DAY.

THANKS ALSO GOES TO THE VILLAGE STALL HOLDERS and their
TEAMS THAT CONTRIBUTE SO MUCH ON THE DAY. THEY SERVE
FOOD AND DRINKS ALONG SIDE ALL THE GAMES AND
ACTIVITIES THAT MAKE DALWOOD FAIR DAY such an
ENJOYABLE EVENT.

We could not do it without the support of such
wonderful volunteers

Date for your diary our AGM: 26th October 2025

At the AGM all the beneficiaries of the funds we have raised together will be
distributed to local charities and organisations.

Please join us if you can.

Dalwood Community Shop Post Office & Coffee Shop



Monday to Friday: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am - 12.30pm

Post Office:

Friday: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Dalwood 2026 Calendar now on Sale!

Special Promotions Throughout October:

National Vegetarian Week 1st - 7th

International Coffee Day - 1st

(Celebrate with a Coffee in the Coffee Shop)

World Egg Day on 10th

(our eggs are less expensive than the
supermarkets and are much fresher!)

World Pasta Day on 25th

Plus Everyday essentials

Well priced Wines, Spirits, Beers and Ciders

Dalwood Coffee Shop and social space

Pop-in for

a cuppa & delicious cakes from Joshua's

Post Office - Mike's friendly service

And much, much more!

DALWOOD NEWS



Renowned ensemble concert

SUPERLOCRIAN is an exciting and accomplished UK wind ensemble made up of six outstanding musicians and led by renowned British composer Sam Massey.

Blending the sounds of brass and woodwind in well-loved popular favourites, classical and original works, their style appeals to a wide range of audiences and ages. A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square, Nobody Does it Better, Just Say You Love Me and Piazzolla's Libertango are just a few in their repertoire. They are now based in the south-west and will be visiting Dalwood for a concert in St Peter's Church on Sunday, October 5th at 3pm. Parking will be in the village hall car park. Wine, soft drinks, tea, coffee and cake will be available during the interval. Tickets: £12.50, cash/card at the door. If possible please book in advance via email: klaing@hotmail.co.uk or t.mackenney111@btinternet.com.

St. Peter's Church

Quiz Night

**SATURDAY 11TH
OCTOBER**



**VILLAGE HALL, 7PM
START**

TICKETS £5 PER HEAD

Max: 6 people per team

Quiz Master Haydon Davis

Nibbles, Pay Bar and Raffle

Contact Mary Harrison 01404831975 or marylizh13@gmail.com

Fundraiser for St Peter's Church Dalwood

**DALWOOD MUSIC
PRESENTS**



Superlocrian



A concert of classical & popular music
by an accomplished six piece wind ensemble

Sunday 5th October at 3pm

**St. Peter's Church, Dalwood
EX13 7EG Near Axminster**

Parking at the Village Hall
Wine & soft drinks; tea/coffee/cake

£12.50

klaing07@hotmail.co.uk t.mackenney@btinternet.com

Jumble Sale

Saturday

1st November 2025 at 2.00pm

In

Dalwood Village Hall

**Toys, Books, White Elephant
Nearly New, Shoes, Raffle
and much more!
Admission 20p**

In aid of Dalwood Village Hall Funds

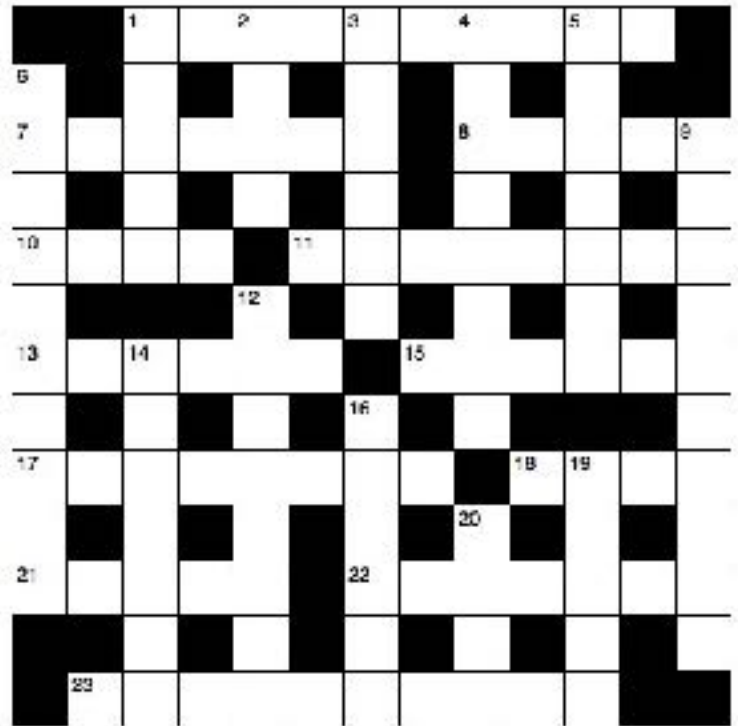
PARISH PUZZLES

Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
 8 Relieved (5)
 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
 18 (and 20 down) 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her —' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an —, — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
 20 See 18 Across



ANSWERS: ACROSS: 1, Jehoiachin; 7, Endured; 8, Eased; 10, Rash; 11, Startled; 13, Eastern; 15, Rubric; 17, Impurity; 18, Feet; 21, Eye at; 22, Ready to; 23, Holy Spirit; DOWN: 1, Judas; 2, Harm; 3, Is duty; 4, Cheerful; 5, Insular; 6, Jezreelite; 9, Dedication; 12, Secretly; 14, Supremo; 16, Stir up; 19, Egypt; 20, Hair.

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| Luke | Prodigal |
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| | Women |
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| Greek | Lepers |
| Physician | |
| Travelling | Sinners |
| Faithful | Jerusalem |
| | Pagan |
| Paul | Rome |
| Compassion | Early |
| Parables | Christians |





KILMINGSTON NEWS

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Solar panel funds

THANKS is given to everyone who has so generously contributed to the solar panel fundraising in Kilmingston.

The church team is delighted to announce that it has raised over £6,000.

Recently, a 3D survey was completed of the building, that will assist with planning permission for solar panels and any future planning applications.

Any excess money raised will go in a fund for future eco-projects.

Thanks goes to Mike and Mary Tyler for hosting the musical coffee morning and anyone else who has helped or contributed in any way.

Anna Crabbe

Help ring the bells

WOULD you like to try something new? Previously, there were hand bell bands in the village – from Kilmingston Primary School and then two adult bands.

Tunes were rung, mainly Christmas carols, on hand bells and a group is hoping to start it up again – hopefully to ring for Christmas and, this time, to keep it going.

There is no need to be able to read music as the group will 'ring by numbers' and it is really quite easy and different. So, if you are interested to find out more, please make contact via email at rnorman345@aol.com with 'Kilmingston Hand Bells' in the 'subject' line or drop a text or call on 07831 498029.

Richard Norman



ST Giles' Church

Harvest Festival Lunch

Cottage pie, apple crumble and harvest loaf and cheese.

Sunday 5th October 2025

Kilmingston village hall

12:30 pm for 12:45pm

£10 per person, Children under 12 free

RSVP by 1st October

Don't forget to bring your homegrown pumpkins along!

**For more information
contact Lesley Rew
on 07900827689**



One man went to mow...



A VERY generous gift to the Kilmingston Frogs has been received from Richard Norman.

He has donated his pre-loved ride-on mower to the team and it has been put to good use – as can be seen above, as Lewis Milford mows the lower churchyard in readiness for the autumn.

Steve Lomas, Frogs chairman, said: "This will help us manage the graveyard for wildlife and for people to enjoy and we are very pleased to have received this gift. Thank you Richard."



STOCKLAND NEWS

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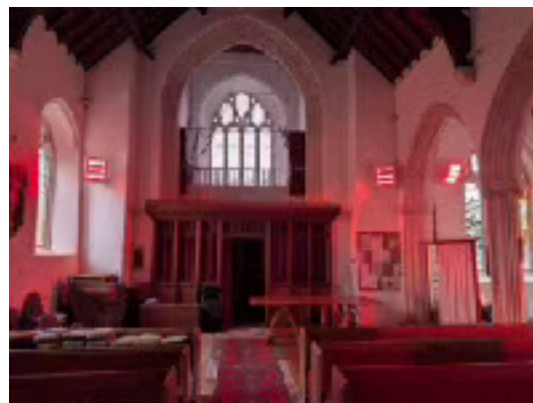
Creating a very warm welcome

THE final element of the first phase of the replacement heating project for St Michael and All Angels Church was carried out in August when the new electric heaters were installed.

The first phase of the project has taken over two years to complete as a result of various lengthy delays from the diocese approval process, National Grid and energy supplier.

The preparation work was completed in July with an upgrade to the three-phase supply and a new three-phase smart meter installed.

A total of 17 under-pew heaters and three wall-mounted infra-red heaters were installed; 15 of the under-pew heaters were installed in the front central pew section with additional under-pew heaters for the vicar and the



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

Three wall-mounted heaters are positioned at the back of the church to heat the non-pew area where tea and coffee are served after the service. An additional wall heater is placed over the main entrance door to create a 'warm welcome' as visitors enter the church.

A bespoke heating control panel was manufactured to enable the heating system to be easily controlled and contains countdown timers to ensure the heating automatically turns off to conserve energy. The heaters have

been installed just in time as one of the two aging oil boilers has already been condemned. The aim is to use the electric heating only for the majority of our services. For large services such as Christmas and funerals the electric heating will be supplemented by using the oil heating as well for as long as the remaining oil boiler keeps working.

The benefits of electric heating are that it is efficient, requires virtually no warm up period, the technology is well tested, the ongoing maintenance costs are low and, by using a green renewable electricity tariff, enables our church to meet the Church of England's aspiration that all churches will be net carbon neutral by 2030.

The effectiveness of the electric heating will be reviewed over the coming winter and the information used to determine the scope of any additional future heating phases.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

A Prayer for Farmers

God of all creation, we give you thanks for those who cultivate the earth; for those who wake before dawn and labour in the fields; for those who care for livestock, for those who plant and tend with care.

Too often we overlook the gift of farmers as we grow ever more distant from the processes that bring food to our tables, from the community on whom our survival depends, from those who do the planting, tending and harvesting.

So for farmers who keep food on the shelves and make plenty a possibility, we give thanks. Guide them and bless them, O God of Abundance.

We pray for favourable weather, abundant crops, communities of support, fair economic practices, strength and perseverance.

And may all of us tend to the gift of creation as stewards of life on this earth in celebration of each new day. Amen.

*From Young Clergy
Women International*



Variety of new faces this term

By Cara Gilmour-White

AFTER the hottest summer on record, the new term at Stockland Primary Academy got off to a super, albeit stormy, start.

Torrential rain and thunderstorms, with plenty of 'wet breaks' inside during the first couple of weeks of term, certainly added an extra element of excitement to the return to school. The new starters, all of whom have settled in brilliantly, were warmly welcomed. Reception class, new families with children in years three to six and Ethne Staniland, the new headteacher.

Ethne brings a wealth of experience in leadership with her, most recently as teaching head at Buckland St Mary. Stockland Academy and Buckland have enjoyed a strong partnership since joining a multi-academy trust at the same time several years ago. The Stockland school is thrilled, therefore, that Ethne has taken up the role of head, thus strengthening the partnership further.

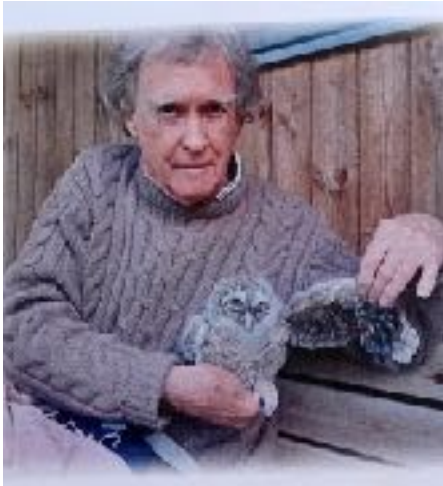
The first half of autumn term is always a busy and exciting one, celebrating harvest at school and church with generous donations (including those from the school garden) to local food banks. In addition, this year the children have also chosen to support two charities, Hospiscare and Jeans for Genes, demonstrating just how deeply rooted the character trait compassion is in them.

At the time of going to press, the school is hugely excited by the return of the Stockland Scamper with many of the children – and staff – putting in some practice. The school also looks forward to hosting two cross-country events this term. Bucehayes can't wait for an overnight stay at Pixies Holt, Featherlake look forward to exploring on welly walks and Huntshayes have an exciting Enquiry Day to plan for.

To find out more about how the school lives out its vision, 'That they have life, life in all its fullness', John 10:10, visitors are warmly welcomed to Bucehayes class assembly at St Michael and All Angels, Stockland, on Wednesday, October 22nd at 2.30pm.



STOCKLAND NEWS



Geoff Pearce
1943-2025

GEOFF Pearce was born in Cornwall in October 1943, moving with his father's employment to Abingdon, then Swindon where he went to school.

It was here where he met Martin Jagers who tells me Geoff had an encyclopaedic memory and sharp intellect that projected him into top grades at grammar school.

They met Roy and the three became life-long friends at the wild time of rock 'n' roll, jiving, smoking... and girls. They also became keen on wildlife, particularly birds and egg collecting. Geoff was also sporty, finding he was good at the pole vault.

Geoff trained as a film cameraman at the BBC Ealing Studios that led to work at the BBC natural history unit in Bristol. His many assignments included work in the Andes on *The Flight of the Condor* and on *The Living Planet* with Sir David Attenborough in Aldabra and then the Seychelles, as well as underwater photography off Baffin Island.

Geoff's long association with Stockland can be traced back to the early 1960s when his uncle was headmaster at the school. Geoff was, for a while, the owner of Beare's Farm, apparently bought with the winnings from the races. He caused quite a sensation among the village girls when "this gorgeous young man" joined the parish, I am told!

His long-term study of the barn owl, published in *Devon Birds* in the period 1983-1992, had a spin-off at the primary school where Geoff ran an after-school class in the dissection of

GEOFF: A FREE SPIRIT



owl pellets that showed that short-tailed voles are favourite prey; one pellet even contained the skull of a snipe.

I first met Geoff in 1993 at Quantock in Stockland where he was already well-known to my mother as the 'bird man'. He was quick to draw my attention to the importance of the Stockland turbaries, triggering a close association over the next 30 years, culminating in his film and our book, *The Stockland Turbaries: management for wildlife and people*. Geoff had been studying, recording, filming and ringing birds in and around Stockland for over 45 years.

Geoff was a free spirit, wild, perhaps a lovable rogue to some; to me he was a remarkable man and a great friend. Ian Howell, his step son, found him calm, caring and wise; Ian and his

brother, David, developed great affection for him.

Geoff was very good looking and had had various admirers and attachments, but it was Sally who was the love of his life. They got together in 1993 and were married in about 2002. After Sally's untimely death, he moved to Colyton from where he intensified his passion for birds and the Stockland turbaries.

Only recently did he realise he had cancer and kidney failure. He acknowledged he had had a varied and exciting life, accepting his terminal illness with great courage. He died peacefully and without pain at his home in Colyton on August 6th, with his sister, Lyn, at his side.

We shall all miss him!

David Allen

STOCKLAND NEWS

Cosy church coffee club

THE morning surpassed itself with 25 turned out for the after-the-summer-break September start-up of the first Wednesday get-together of the Stockland Ladies' Coffee Club.

The now regular venue also shone with the new heating installations – overhead heating plus heated pews; the latter to be increased with further future funding. But for now they provided such a welcome and believe it or not made the rear of the church somewhat hot.

Well, so much chatter and bon homie plus cake devouring and morning beverages: it was so good to see one and all back again after the break and to regale each other with stories of holidays and family time. The warm summer had certainly been enjoyed though the now cooler, longer evenings were also welcomed.

The group was reminded of the next three meetings up to the end of the year, with the Sidmouth Arms' menu information – yes book now please – plus the Christmas celebration details come December: so much to look forward to, plus the raffle... goes without saying!

Again thanks to all for the generous donations in support of the coffee morning venue plus the reminder that the raffle funds a generous tip to the Sidmouth Arms hosts without having to rush madly to the handbag to produce change and to support the fun and anticipation of the draw. So, thanks to everyone for the support given.

Gill Metcalfe

Save the date

STOCKLAND Christmas Market is being held in Stockland Victory Hall on Saturday, November 27th 10 am-12noon.

The market welcomes any crafters who might like to book a space – contact monica.parris@outlook.com or 07887 40 2124.

Author natural wisdom



STOCKLAND resident Ines Garcia, pictured, will release her latest book, **Nature's Blueprint for Business: Harnessing the Hidden Power of Edges**, this September through Taylor and Francis.

This is Ines's third book in her series exploring how organisations can evolve, following *Sustainable Happy Profit* (2021) and her contribution to *Food*

Force For Good (2022, with all proceeds in aid of Action Against Hunger).

Living in the Blackdown Hills, Ines draws inspiration from the local landscapes – from the fungal networks in the turbaries woodlands to Devon's wetlands – to explore how nature's 3.8 billion years of evolution can inform better business practices. As a global agile and climate coach who speaks at international conferences and works with organisations from start-ups to major UK utilities, she brings practical experience to her nature-inspired approach.

The book focuses on 'edges' – those dynamic boundary zones where different ecosystems meet and thrive – as a model for building more resilient organisations.

After completing a six-month biomimicry programme, Ines translates these natural strategies into frameworks that businesses can actually implement.

She said: "Every day, I'm reminded of the interconnectedness and adaptability that surrounds us."

"My book invites organisations to learn from these time-tested natural mechanisms that have been fine-tuned over billions of years."

More information is available at www.inesgarcia.me

Ladies coming back strong

AT last, the long-awaited return to the skittle-playing circuit along with Stockland Ladies Skittle Team promotion in the league no less (questionable) – not by default!

But yes, the comrades in skittles are back together ready to take on all opponents in the knowledge that they will meet mainly male competition.

Baron de Coubertin is so often praised for his words regarding the merits of taking part as to the winning.

What is not mentioned alongside these words is that he was talking about an Olympic ideal that only included male athletes. Ah well – the taking part has really proven to be the maxim for the stalwart Stockland team – win or lose the Friday evenings provide such enjoyment for all.

So, Friday, September 5th saw the first game of the season and, as the results show, a loss to an all-male team: but the



scores and some of the male counterparts were well challenged inching ahead by so few points. In all, a fair start to what will indeed be a challenging season but with lots of camaraderie and even with some wining scores. Good luck to the team and much praise for carrying the Stockland team flag forward.

Stockland Ladies Skittle Team



SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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Village celebrates with Maureen

MAUREEN (Mo) Davey, long-term and widely-known resident of Whitford, had a significant birthday recently.

One of several events to celebrate this milestone was a gathering of over 50 village friends and family at Whitford Village Hall on Sunday, September 7th, for lunchtime drinks and pasties, all provided by Mo herself, to show her appreciation of the many years of love and friendship she has enjoyed in Whitford.

It was a very jolly and lively affair. Mo decorated the hall tables with flowers and folk sat around talking and laughing or made merry in the bar which was ably run by Xenia Ruscombe-King and David Balcombe. Of course, there was a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday at one point and everyone went home warmed by a shared sense of community and belonging.



Another Sunday fellowship

ON the first Sunday of every month, there is another sort of fellowship, apart from the worshipful kind in church, to be found in The Bar at lunchtime, in the Coronation Room of Whitford Village Hall.

Here, a merry band of villagers – and often family friends or local visitors or simply passers-by – meet up for a couple of hours of chat and laughter and, of course, a few pre-prandial drinks (which include non-alcoholic beers and soft drinks).

The Bar, run by a group of volunteers who are always looking for willing joiners, is also open every Thursday evening – if you have never been before do come along and enjoy the cheerful company. There is always someone to talk to.

Fanny Balcombe



Artist on doorstep

WHITFORD chapel services are mainly led by Rev John Lees – but how many locals know that his wife is a practising local artist?

Jan Dean has recently had an exhibition of her work at the Sou'-Sou'-West gallery on Symondsbur Estate, Bridport. The gallery supports and promotes artists, designers and makers, primarily from the South West, through a professionally curated programme of exhibitions and events.



SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

Autumn delights await at show

AS the leaves begin to tumble and the chill sets in, Whitford Flower and Produce Association has been shaking off the autumn gloom with a flurry of activity.

The changing weather might put some off, but not this group. Instead, they have been getting ready for the finale to the association's fundraising efforts this year.

After the success of the summer show – think delicious home-baked treats, friendly competition, dazzling displays, local craft stalls and so much more – they simply couldn't resist the chance to gather the community once more. So, all are invited back for another round of fun, and perhaps a spot of healthy rivalry!

Whether you're a master baker, a champion grower, a brilliant brewer, a dabbler in crafts or simply a keen supporter of all things local, there's something for everyone at this year's Whitford Autumn Show.

It doesn't matter if you're itching to enter your prized produce or just fancy soaking up the sights and smells of the season – you will be very welcome.



Expect refreshments galore, raffle, games and the famous auction of produce.

The event will take place on

Saturday, October 25th at 2pm at the village hall. Join in the fun and help raise donations to Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support.



POPULAR ANNUAL TEA PARTY

RECENTLY, Honiton Disabled Group visited Whitford Village Hall for a delightful tea party, organised and run by Margaret Clarke, of Whitford, and her band of faithful helpers.

This is an annual event, greatly enjoyed by everyone who comes, so much so that an immediate booking is made for the next year.

The delicious tea and the friendly company, in a setting 'away from home', makes this a memorable afternoon for the visitors.

Margaret would like to thank her team of helpers for their kindness and hard work, which makes this happy annual event a reality.

Fanny Balcombe





YARCOMBE NEWS

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Community together as YFC joins paint project

AUGUST is usually a quiet month for Yarcombe Jubilee Hall with most organisations taking a break for the summer – but not this year.

While the sun shone late into the evenings this summer, members of Yarcombe Hall Management Committee took the opportunity to pressure wash the exterior walls, scrub them all down and fill holes in preparation of a fresh coat of paint.

A very talented member of the committee replaced the old rusty corner beads on the main porch followed by some fresh render.

The community project day arrived – all the windows were covered, down pipes and signs removed and meters of black silage sheet strategically positioned, in preparation!

In the evening when the sun decided not to shine, members of Yarcombe and District Young Farmers' Club gathered and chatted while they painted. After a steady start, momentum gained and, just before

the light completely faded, the first application was complete.

Members of the hall committee completed the project with a second application, which is always the easier of the two.

Everything has been returned to its rightful position and the hall looks very welcoming. It is ready for all the events and activities, which includes the monthly village market held on the second Saturday of every month, 10am-12noon providing an opportunity to buy local produce, gifts, crafts and enjoy light refreshments. A date for diaries is the Christmas bingo on Saturday, December 13th at 7.30pm.

Yarcombe Hall Management Committee would sincerely like to thank the members of Yarcombe and District Young Farmers' Club who assisted with painting Yarcombe Jubilee Hall exterior. It is very much appreciated.

Helen Parris

Club exchange and junior event

OVER the past two months, Yarcombe and District Young Farmers' Club (YFC) has had an action-packed schedule with events ranging from the summer disco to the club exchange.

On July 25th, the club hosted a water party, by kind permission of the Parris family. The event was a massive success and raised £3,300 in profits.

That same weekend, the club had the pleasure of hosting Cheshire Young Farmers' Club for its part in the club exchange. From Friday to Sunday, Yarcombe members gave the visitors a taste of life in the village, showing them the farming lifestyle and, of course, the lively party scene! Huge thanks goes to Izzy Pearse for organising everything and making sure the weekend ran smoothly.

In early August, four of Yarcombe's members joined 115 junior members on the Isle of Wight for the Junior South West Area event. They had an incredible time, taking part in various activities and forming friendships that will last a lifetime.

Also in August, Yarcombe YFC exchange members made their way to Cheshire, where they toured a variety of farms – from beef and dairy to a chicken farm, which was a new experience for many. They also visited a dairy processing plant and farm shop. It was an eye-opening weekend, and members look forward to keeping in touch with all the new friends they have made.

As the YFC year draws to a close, the club has its harvest supper which will be held on Sunday, September 28th at 7pm for 7.30pm. Please contact 07951 895958 for tickets, where members look forward to reflecting on the year's events.

Lily Farmer

Yarcombe YFC press secretary



Keep the Five Alive community thriving by sending in your local news

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

God is with us through all seasons of our lives – in joy and in sadness

Families In Rural East Devon Project Update

AUTUMN is my favourite season. As we go into it, we are fortunate to have some warm days, the harvest is brought in and we can thank God for his provisions.

I also love colours of the autumn leaves, although due to the heat earlier in the year, many trees started shedding their leaves much earlier.

The activity page this month is based around some of Ecclesiastes chapter 3. It encourages us to remember that God is with us through different seasons. Some within our parishes are going through times of great joy, but others are in a season of sadness. Please know that God is with you in every season.

The forest church community has been in a season of mourning, as we acknowledge the loss of Elana Blackmore. She has been a regular at forest church. Her enthusiasm was infectious. She tried to ensure everyone was included and inspired others to take part. She will be greatly missed.

The September forest church was after *The Parishes' Paper* print deadline, so look out for a report on it next month. The next Forest Church is Sunday, November 16th at 3pm-4pm (please note we will be back to the winter meeting time). Forest church is held in a private woodland in Dalwood, near Burrow Farm Gardens. All ages are welcome.

The schools have started the new academic year and I look forward to the opportunities that we will have to share our church buildings and our faith in God with the children.

Revelation Youth Club in Kilminster has started back after it's summer break with table tennis, games, snacks, baking, chill time and a chance to reflect on faith and the Bible. It is now meeting on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Any year 7s to year 11s are welcome to attend. It is hosted by the team at The Baptist Church, Kilminster.

Our secondary school and college-age young people are looking forward to the next The Gathering on October 11th in Exeter, where young people

from across the region come together to have fun and to explore more of what it means to be a follower of God. If your young person is interested in attending, please get in touch.

Look out for harvest and light-themed activities in your local churchyard and church during half-

term. They are currently in the planning stage, so there aren't any more details to give you yet.

Check out Facebook and the churchyard gate nearer the time.

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Fun family activities for October 'Seasons of Change'

(Adapted from Care for the Family's Kitchen Table Project / New Century Version Bible Translation)

Together, as a family, look out of your window, or go for a nature hunt outside!
As you go through the activities, we'll be reading parts of Ecclesiastes 3
and remembering that God is with us, through different seasons of life.

- 1) As seasons change, some things end and some things begin. It's good to remember that God is with us in new seasons and will help us grow.

*V 1-3 "There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under
the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot."*



- Are there any dead leaves? What do they feel, smell, sound and look like?
 - Look underneath some fallen leaves. Can you find signs of life?
- 2) We can tell God how we're feeling as we spend time in his creation - stamp in a puddle, dance in some grass or find a quiet place to listen to the wind in the trees.

*V 4 "a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,"*

- Can you find a good place to be loud or fast?
- Can you find a good place to be quiet or still?

Tell God how you are feeling.

- 3) Wherever we are, God is with us! Even in your best hiding place, he is there. It's good to remember in a new season that God is with you in everything.

*V 6 "a time to search and a time
to give up,
a time to keep and a time
to throw away"*



You could play hide and seek inside or outside, or you could leave a treasure trail for someone to find later.

- 4) Autumn is a time when some birds migrate, they are getting ready to go on a big journey. As you spend a few minutes in silence you will notice many other sounds.

*V7 "a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to
speak,"*

- What happens when you are silent for a while? What can you hear?



Talk about how God is with creatures that migrate, and he is with us too in whatever comes next.

KEEPING THE PLASTIC TAP OPEN

By Kay Pike

YOU may have heard about the Flex-collect three-year trial currently under way, which involves kerbside collections of specified soft plastics as part of the usual weekly collection by some councils.

Recoup reported that the UK produced 309,000 tonnes of flexible plastic packaging, but only 8 per cent of this was collected for recycling.

The aim of this trial is to collect data and insights for all councils to introduce similar collections by 2027.

However, before we cheer this development, let's stop and ask a few questions. Does the move encourage us to reduce reliance on single-use plastic? Is it just perpetuating the use of fossil fuels? Who will the councils be selling it to? Where will it end up; are we guaranteed that it will be processed in the UK or will it complete its journey

by being taken abroad to other countries to pollute their environment? Or just incinerated?

Typically, this type of low density polyethylene can only be recycled once and, of course, all plastics have a limit on how often they can be recycled. The more we recycle plastic, the more degraded it becomes and eventually this plastic becomes waste.

By applauding recycling, are we just encouraging manufacturers to continue using these products under the 'greenwashing' guise of it being 'recyclable'?

Our efforts should be towards reducing the production and use of these materials in the first place. Instead, we find that manufacturers are increasing plastic production and it is estimated that plastic waste is set to triple by 2060. The situation has not been helped by the collapse of the recent Global Plastics Treaty talks.

Some manufacturers have begun to

move towards more sustainable packaging and we, as consumers, have the power to drive this change. However, we need to remember too that packaging marked as 'compostable' and 'biodegradable' isn't necessarily the answer either and cannot be collected kerbside. These items either need specialist facilities, of which there are very few in the UK, or a combination of specific conditions to breakdown. No wonder we are all left feeling slightly befuddled!

Instead of feeling good because we've recycled that packaging, let's push harder by choosing to buy loose and going for refillable options wherever possible. People-power can achieve great things and small changes in your buying habits will mean less of this stuff to dispose of. Refuse, reduce, re-use, repair first!

Recycled plastic doesn't leave the planet, it just turns into a new problem for the future. Single-use is no use.

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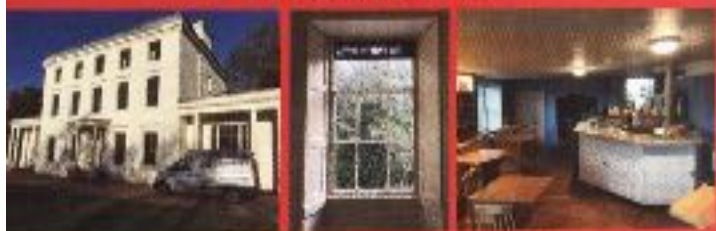


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Mondays 10-11am	Kilmingon Baptist Church	Prayer Meeting
Mondays (inc. school holidays) 2-4pm	St Giles' Church, Kilmingon	Baby group. Contact Mary Tyler 01297 34958
Tuesdays (weekly) 10-12noon	Kilmingon Baptist Church	Post Office Services with Warm Welcome Cafe and free refreshments
Wednesdays (term time) 9.15-11am	Kilmingon Baptist Church	Tummies Toddlers & Tinies
Wednesdays 10:15-12pm	Yarcombe Post Office	Post Office open each week from March 19th
Thursdays 8-10pm	Coronation Room, Whitford	Village Bar open. All welcome
Thursdays 10:15am-11:30am	Kilmingon Baptist Church	Just For You Ladies Bible study group
Fridays 10-12noon	St Giles' Church, Kilmingon	Coffee Shop
Friday (1 per month) 9.30-11.30am	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland & Yarcombe Toddler Group. Call 01404 881450 for future dates
Saturday October 4th 9-11am	Dalwood Village Hall	Car Wash and Big Breakfast. Have breakfast and someone will wash your car!
Sunday October 5th 3 - 5pm	St. Peter's Church, Dalwood	A concert of classical & popular music by "Superlocrian", an accomplished 6-piece Wind Ensemble.
Sunday, October 19th 3 - 5pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Dalwood Jazz - Benny Goodman Tribute with "Three Good Men"
Saturday, October 11th 7pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Quiz evening to raise funds for Dalwood Church, see advert for more details
Sunday October 5th 11.00am-12.30pm	St Giles Church and Kilmingon Village Hall	Harvest Festival service. Harvest Lunch in Kilmingon Village Hall.

*Please submit upcoming Future Events via the online form **by the deadline date on page 31**. To access the online form, please go to the Five Alive Mission Community website; from the drop-down menu select Parishes' Paper; and then click on the 'link' in the second paragraph.*

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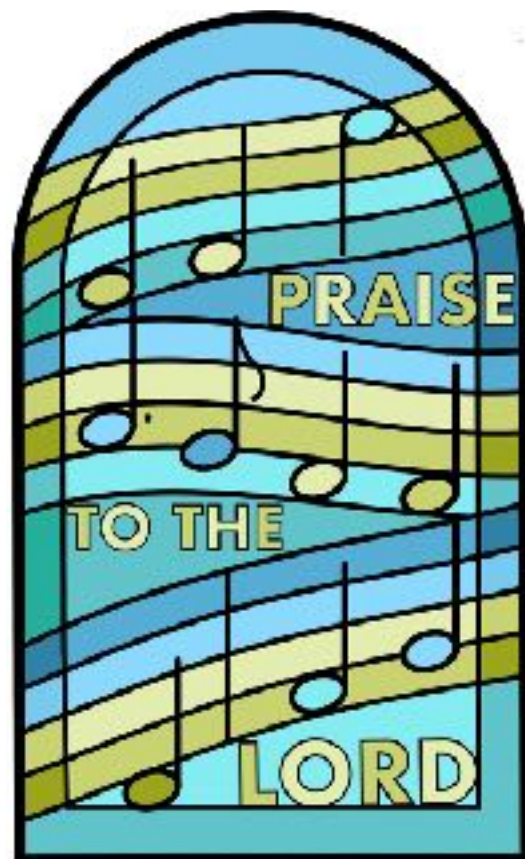
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