



We welcome you to this month's publication, which we hope will be something to lift your spirits and be

July Newsletter

thought provoking too! There are printed copies available in Lady St Mary Church and these can be picked up at the 10am service and taken to people who do not have the internet and so if you can please share it by posting a copy to a neighbour, thank you.

Dear Friends,

We went for a walk last night. A small group of us, equipped with hats, water bottles and some of us clutching walking poles set off from the church in Wareham to walk in a slightly different way from the way that most of us walk, most of the time.

This is a spiritual walk. Not a walk simply designed to get us from A to B; nor first and foremost a way of exercising our bodies; but a walk with spiritual purpose. An adventure loaded with the intention of noticing what is around us and wondering whether the person that I would call God might be encountered through the beauty and challenge of the natural world. But to engage properly in this adventure, we are going to have to leave some things behind us. The American poet Dan Gerber talks about the way that, sometimes when he walks, he realises that he has "taken the house with him." That his feet have been moving while his mind has been thinking about unanswered emails, and things that need doing in the house and so he has missed the things that might be encountered in the world around him.

The idea as we walk tonight, is to be fully present to every moment of this short journey, and to welcome whatever it brings.

We set off – walking slowly. To begin with we point things out to one another - a flower growing in the wall – somebody knows its name. The song of a particular bird, and the scent of the flowers on the Linden trees.

We find that we have much to say, enjoying the sharing of knowledge, and the telling of our stories about this place. But with so many words flying around it seems that in a slightly different way, we have also "taken the house with us."

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And so, we share a time of silence in order to concentrate on being in this moment in this place. We continue to walk, and our silence is punctuated by the noise of boots and sticks on the track as well as the gentle hum and buzz of the insects, and the insistent call of an irritated Chiffchaff.

We give ourselves to noticing, and in doing so we learn a little more both about what is around us, and about what is inside ourselves. And suddenly I (because I can't speak for the others) find connection in the silence. "The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it," and we are part of that everything, just as much as the trees, the flowers, the birds, the squirrels, and the deer that we have seen hiding amongst the reeds.

We arrive back at the church. I don't think I am imagining the fact that we all seem a little more settled than we did when we set off.

I speak the words of a First Nations blessing; "May the Sun give you new energy by day. May the moon gently restore you by night. Made the rain wash away your worries. May the breeze blow new strength into your being. Maybe you walk gently through the Earth and know its beauty of the days of your life. Amen

We shall do this, and other creation focused opportunities for connection with God again. You would be more than welcome to come and join us.

Hilary Bond

Spiritual walk – Wednesday, July 17 – 7 pm – venue to be decided.

Fire pit gathering – Sunday, July 21 – 4 pm – East Holme

Quiet afternoon – Wednesday, July 31– 2 pm to 4 pm – East Holme



Thank you

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you all for the wonderful send off that you gave us on 16th June; it was truly a day to remember for all the right reasons. The service and the party that followed were a celebration of God's goodness and we could not have felt more loved. The book you gave us is full of such kind words and good wishes it is quite overwhelming, and the gifts that we received from you were so generous. We are hoping for a warm and fine summer so that we can make the most of the barbecue you gave us and the gift of money will be spent on planning our garden, making it somewhere we can enjoy and relax in. Linda's flowers are exquisite and bring colour and scent to our front room. Thank you sincerely, we greatly appreciate all that you have given us in so many ways.

Yours ever in Christ,

Simon and Linda xx

News from the Ministry Team

Online Worship Update

Wareham Parish Online Worship is taking a break for the summer.

Prior to Simon's retirement, the ministry team, gathered to review what work could be sustained during the vacancy period, until a new Team Rector is appointed.

After much consideration, the decision has been taken to pause online services for the summer. We will be reviewing how we proceed with online worship in the future.

If you have any thoughts, or comments, to contribute to the review process, then please email the Parish Office, or Revd Deborah and Revd Neil and we will keep a record of your feedback, to be included when we meet to discuss this issue in the future.

On behalf of the ministry team and Wareham Parish, THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to online worship.

It's been very much appreciated by people within the parish and beyond and as you are aware, was a huge support and help, to people during the COVID pandemic.

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With thanks and every blessing,
from the Ministry Team

An alternative weekly service is provided by the Church of England, broadcast from a different church each week, bringing worship and prayer to wherever you are.

Find out more at:

www.youtube.com/@TheChurchofEngland

New Parish Office opening times

From the week commencing 12th August, the Parish Office will now be open to answer all face-to-face enquiries, telephone and email enquiries **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** 9am to 1pm. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Diary of Events

Going Deeper: Everyone welcome!

Do you want to deepen your faith, learn alongside others, and be encouraged in following Jesus Christ?

If so, you are warmly invited to Going Deeper:

6pm Sunday 14th July 2024

Sandford St Martin's Church

This month reflecting on witnessing by sharing faith stories.

This relaxed gathering, starting with refreshments, includes worship and a talk, on an aspect of faith, opportunity to ask and discuss questions and reflect together more deeply. In July we will be inviting people to share their personal faith stories – more information to come.

Treehouse Theatre
presents

The Shaftesbury Tales

Visit Dorset in the Dark Ages!

discover the Tale of Edward the Martyr

Join our merry company at 'The Pilgrims Inn'
as we walk St Edward's Way
from Corfe to Shaftesbury,
entertaining along the way with
tales of murder, miracles, music and mayhem

Immersive, family-friendly theatre



Sunday 14th July

1pm free workshop + 4pm performance

Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

Featuring Double Act Drama Group

Tickets £10 / £6 // workshop FREE with ticket, booking essential

www.treehousetheatre.com/shaftesburytales



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Men's Breakfast - The next Men's breakfast **is to be confirmed** please look out in the



Weekly Newsletter. The guest speaker this month is to be confirmed. Whether you are a regular at men's breakfasts, or have never been before, you are most welcome to come along. **Please contact the Parish Office no later than the Wednesday before to book your place, on 01929 550905 or email:**

parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk

Canzonetta

Music for a summer afternoon
Sunday 21st July
Free entry 3pm



retiring collection in aid of the church fabric fund



ST. MARTIN'S, WAREHAM.

St Martin's-on-The-Walls
Wareham
BH20 4AG

Ladies That Lunch and Pray: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd



July 2024. Please bring a sandwich, and drinks will be provided, between 12.00 - 14.00pm. For the venue and any further information or RSVP please contact Elaine Orchard, Margaret Harris, or Debs at the Parish office Tel: 01929 550905 or



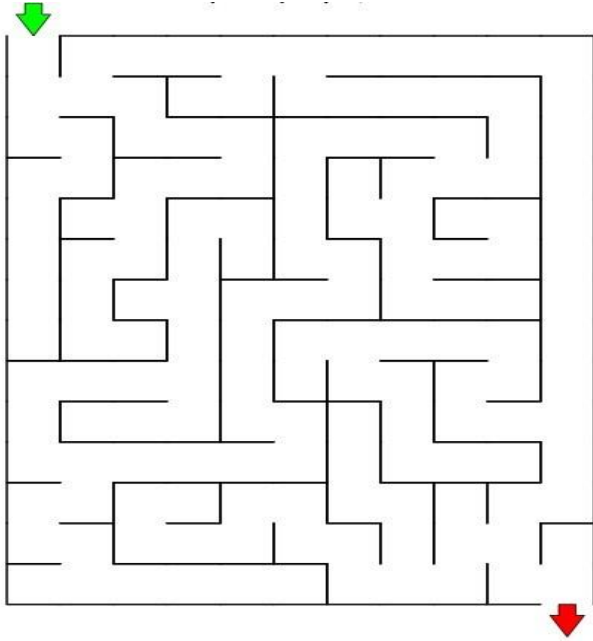
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Open House

'Open House' at Sandford St Martin's Church - 2 pm - Thursday 25th July 2024. - with time after for giving a donation to Sandford's Mission Fund, cup of tea, chat, and a raffle. All Welcome.



Puzzles



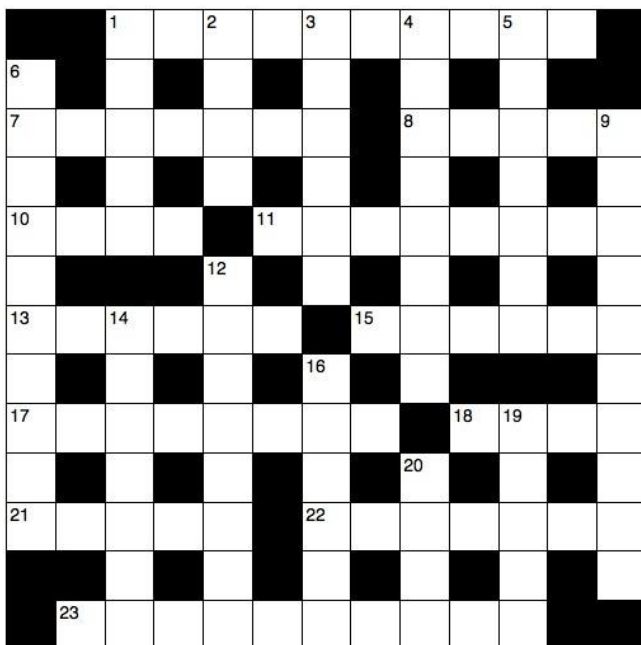
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Sudoku

Crossword



Clues Across

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1-6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)

21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)

22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)

23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Clues Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1–11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

Contact information!

Parish Office

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