

May Newsletter

We welcome you to this month's publication, which we hope will be something to lift your spirits and be 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 share it by posting a copy to a neighbour, but please be careful to practise all necessary precautions.

News from the Ministry Team ...

Dear Friends,

We are living in challenging times, having been through two years of a global pandemic, facing a climate crisis, severe financial pressures, and witnessing the horrors of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It is easy to find ourselves despairing at all that is going on in our world.

Yet, as Christians, it is so important to remember that we live on this side of the cross and the empty tomb. Around 2,000 years ago Jesus Christ died and was raised to life again, and these events continue to be good news for us and for our world today, just as they were for the first disciples and the early followers of Jesus. Good news because at the cross Jesus overcame sin and death, so we have hope beyond the grave. Good news that God has not given up on his world, because the risen, ascended Jesus is interceding at the right hand of the Father. And good news that God is with us now, because he has sent his Holy Spirit to live in us, to comfort, guide and empower us.

In 1 Peter 1:3-4 we find this encouragement: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade." So, in these challenging times, may we hold on to this living hope, and as a church may we seek to share this hope with others, through what we say and what we do.

One opportunity for this is our annual Mission Sunday service, taking place this year

on Sunday 29th May at 10am at Lady St Mary Church. This will be an opportunity to support and encourage our mission partners through prayer and financial giving towards the work they are doing to share the gospel, locally and around the world.

In addition, our guest mission organisation for 2022 is A Rocha, a Christian charity which seeks to respond to the biblical mandate to care for the earth and to demonstrate the Christian hope for God's world. On Mission Sunday we will have a guest speaker representing A Rocha, Jean Morgan, based locally in Wimborne. She will share with us more about the work of A Rocha, and why as Christians we should be involved caring for creation and tackling the climate crisis. There will also be the opportunity to give towards the work of A Rocha.

Mission Sunday gives us the opportunity to support our mission partners, but also to be reminded that we are all called to share in God's mission to our broken, hurting world. So, in light of the cross and the empty tomb, may we be people of resurrection hope in a troubled world, sharing and showing the good news of Jesus through our words and actions. Amen.

Every blessing,

Stuart

Comings and Goings in our Ministry Team

At the end of April, we will be welcoming a new member to our Ministry Team, the Reverend Solveig Sonet. Solveig is in the third year of her curacy and up to now has served in the Swanage Team Ministry. However, with the Team Rector retiring and the Team Vicar post in vacancy the Bishop decided to place Solveig with us for the last part of her training, with me taking on the role of Training Incumbent.

Week by week throughout May, all the different congregations will get a chance to meet Solveig but by way of an introduction she has written the following piece:

'My name is the Revd. Solveig Sonet, I have been the curate at the Swanage and Studland Team Ministry for 3 years, and I look forward to spending the next few months with you. Prior to arriving in Swanage, I have been training for priesthood at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford. Before that I have moved around the country quite a bit, having worked as a Sacristan for Salisbury Cathedral and Winchester Cathedral. I also spent a wonderful year working as a Pastoral Assistant in St Barnabas Clapham Common in south London.

You may notice a funny accent every now and then, and don't let my name fool you, I sadly have no connections with Scandinavia; however, I am French and arrived in the UK around 20 years ago. I was born in Paris, and spent my childhood in Strasbourg (France), where I also did my first Theology Degree. I then studied more at Winchester University, and later while training for ministry at Cuddesdon. In my spare time I enjoy sea swimming throughout the year, planting way more flowers and vegetable than could possibly fit in my garden, some (increasingly clumsy) slackline walking and aerial acrobatics, and when travelling is not restricted, I enjoy scuba diving in exotic locations. I look forward to getting to know you all and journey through the next few months alongside all of you.'

As Solveig arrives, we will be preparing to say farewell to Brigid Barrett, who will be moving to Ringwood when her house purchase is completed. We will have a fuller article in next month's News, but I know many will wish Brigid well and we will have a Farewell service once we have clearer idea on dates of departure etc. Brigid has been a valuable member of our team since she moved here from her curacy at St Peter's Parkstone and Poole Hospital in 2015. And, of course, before she trained for ordination Brigid was active in the parish in many other ways. It is fair to say Brigid has certainly left her mark on the parish in a very positive way. *To be continued next month!*

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Responding to the war in Ukraine

We all still continue to be shocked and disturbed by the news from Ukraine, and many people are asking what they can do to help.



The first thing of course is to **pray**, and our regular prayer meetings for Ukraine continue at 12 noon and 5pm, Monday to Saturday, in the Edward Chapel at Lady St Mary Church. We are also encouraged to join an online prayer event for Christians across Southwest England to pray for Ukraine on Sunday 20th March at 6pm. Click here: www.southwestprays.com

Secondly, the best way to support the humanitarian effort is to **give financially** to charities who are responding on the ground. We encourage you to give online and if possible, to Gift Aid your donation. The DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) includes 15 major UK aid charities, and you can give to their appeal online. We would encourage you to give to Christian charities who are members of the DEC,

such as Christian Aid (www.christianaid.org.uk), Tearfund (www.tearfund.org) and World Vision (www.worldvision.org.uk). If you require some help to make a donation online, we can make opportunities available for you to come into the Parish Office for assistance with this. Please contact the Parish Office about this.

Thirdly, many people are considering how they could **support Ukrainian refugees** coming to the UK, including the possibility of offering accommodation. To find out more visit the government's Homes for Ukraine website (<https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk>) and also the Sanctuary Foundation (<https://sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk>) which has been set up to respond to the refugee crisis. Please also feel free to speak to members of the ministry team about any of the above.

Diary Dates

Men's Breakfast



The next Men's breakfast will be on **Saturday 7th May at 8.30am at Not Just Sundaes**. Whether you were a regular at men's breakfasts in the past, or have never been before, you are welcome to come along. The cost will be £6 per head, please contact the Parish Office on 01929 550905 or parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk to book your place.

15-21 May 2022

Christian Aid Week



We're raising our voices to call for climate justice. Together, we can restore justice to our world. Please contribute to Christian Aid for Christian Aid Week

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Please give generously Thank you

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Ascension Day – 26th May 2022

From a poem by Christina Rossetti

'When Christ went up to Heaven the Apostles stayed'
Gazing at Heaven with souls and wills on fire,
Their hearts on flight along the track He made,
Winged by desire.

"Earth is one desert waste of banishment,
Life is one long-drawn anguish of decay.
Where Thou wert wont to go we also went:
Why not today?"

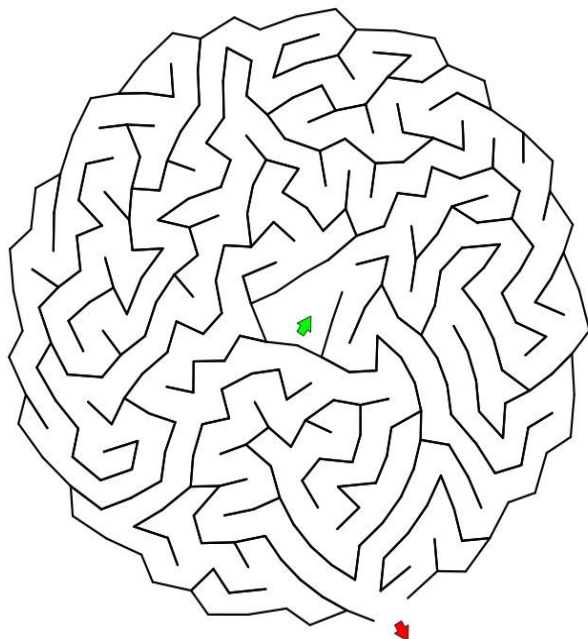
Nevertheless a cloud cut off their gaze:
They tarry to build up Jerusalem,
Watching for Him, while thro' the appointed days
He watches them.

They do His Will, and doing it rejoice,
Patiently glad to spend and to be spent:
Still He speaks to them, still they hear His Voice
And are content.

June Dates for the Diary

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| Sunday 5 th June | There will be an outside service on Wareham Quay to celebrate Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Platinum Jubilee at 10am. |
| Wednesday 29 th June | The World-renowned Maltese Tenor Joseph Calleja will be performing in Lady St Mary church. (More details will follow in next month's magazine and our posters around town) |

Puzzles



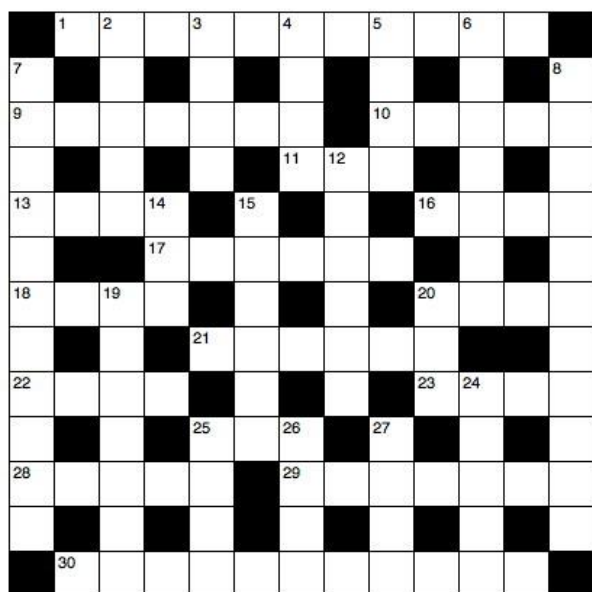
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Sudoku

Crossword



Clues Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- 10 'Each man—a sword to his side'(Exodus32:27)(5)
- 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
- 13 Stagger(Isaiah 28:7)(4)
- 16 'Anyone,then,who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
- 17 Stir up or provoke(Acts13:50)(6)
- 18 Burden(Luke11:46)(4)
- 20 'As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
- 21 Sign(Luke23:38)(6)
- 22 'After that,Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)

- 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
- 25 Has(anag.)(3)
- 28 'This is the account of Shem,Ham and Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
- 29 'I will...make them drunk,so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
- 30 Paul said of him,'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Clues Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
- 3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
- 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
- 5 Slip (anag.) (4)

- 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
- 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
- 8 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
- 12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)
- 14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)
- 15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on — —!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
- 19 Refrain (1 Peter 2:11) (7)
- 20 'She began to — his feet with her tears' (Luke 7:38) (3)
- 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)
- 25 'Give to everyone who — you' (Luke 6:30) (4)
- 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my — come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
- 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

Something to make you smile



...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...



Mrs Logan went for her atmoiser and Mrs Pugh went for hers...



*"It comes to something when the state of the pound is such that we **hope** to find lots of foreign coins!"*

Contact information



Parish Office

The Parish Office has now reopened to answer all face-to-face enquiries, telephone and email enquiries Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 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.

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