

July 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,

As I write this, the news is full of worries about rising food prices amid predicted global food shortages.

Food is one of our most basic human needs and to share our food with another is a step towards loving our neighbour as we love ourselves. It shows the other person that we value their body and its needs as we value our own. Hospitality has been a sacred duty for God's people since Old Testament times but one that I think we sometimes lose sight of in our affluent individualistic culture. And, of course, having government restrictions on who we were allowed to invite into our homes has not helped. I suspect I am not alone in having rather got out of the habit of practising hospitality these last couple of years. And it is something that needs practising, or else we forget how to do it.

There is something especially precious about our food. My mother, who had lived through World War II, could never bear to throw any food away, and that is the right instinct while many in our world go hungry, and while the environment is being damaged by the production of food. Here in our parish, it is good to have the community fridge up and running: please do make use of it and buy less, so that less food is wasted.

One of the things that God promised Abraham was a land of his own, which would provide both a home and sustenance for Abraham and his descendants. Land is valuable because of the resources it provides and fundamental to that is the soil of the land. Soil is an amazingly complex substance. One tablespoonful of it contains as

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many organisms as there are people on earth and it takes at least 500 years to form an inch of topsoil, so to allow it to be eroded away is to damage the land for centuries to come. Soil stores about a quarter of our carbon dioxide emissions each year, but its ability to store carbon is damaged by many modern intensive farming methods. So, when we waste food, we are needlessly damaging the environment.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray 'Give us this day our daily bread'. We are to ask for 'our' bread, not 'my' bread, reminding us that we are called to be in community with others, and that our food is something to be shared, not hoarded. We pray for bread, not for luxuries, reminding us that it is God who meets our basic human needs, God on whom we depend for life itself.

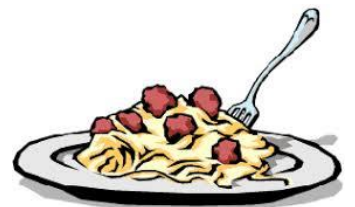
And it was ordinary bread, broken and shared, that Jesus commanded his disciples to use as a permanent reminder of his death, when his body was broken on the cross for our sins that we might have eternal life. Communion is rooted in a shared meal, when believers sat down to share food together, ensuring that all received what they needed, all of equal value in God's kingdom, all dependent on God to provide both physical and spiritual food. When we celebrate communion together, we are joined together as Christ's body on earth, God's people around the world and throughout the ages, worshipping around the throne of grace. And part of the outworking of that is to recognise that each worshipper has equal rights to a share of the good things our earth provides. We have no right to take more than our share at the expense of those in the developing world or those who will inherit the earth from our generation.

So let us pray, 'Father, give us this day our daily bread.'

Yours in Christ,

Helen

Meals for those in need: since the new year we have been storing frozen meals in the parish hall to support those in need. Many thanks to those who have helped with this. However, our supplies are now getting low and so if anyone could make a casserole, shepherds pie, lasagne, crumble etc it would be much appreciated . Debs in the office will be able to show you where to store them. Many Thanks in anticipation of your help, Linda Everett (Tel 01929 289236)



News from the Team



A special Jubilee weekend!

The extended bank holiday weekend at the beginning of June provided many opportunities around the parish to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Many people were involved in local street parties, in addition to larger organised events.

Thank you to everyone who joined in and took part in these events.

In **Sandford** several different community organisations, including the church, joined together for the Jubilee Celebrations on the Saturday afternoon. We had a brilliant time, the sun came out, and many from the local community came to join the fun. On our church stall we had Jubilee-



themed crafts, and we reckon that over 100 children decorated a crown biscuit, and over 100 children decorated a drinks coaster with colourful Jubilee designs. Lots of



people turned out to see the children from Sandford school choir (and some adults from church!) sing the Jubilee song 'Rise up and serve', and to see the colourful winners of the decorated crown competition. In addition, the school PTA were kept busy doing face painting, the Scouts ran a brilliant cake stall, and the RBL Women's Section provided great refreshments.

In **Wareham**, a special civic service on the Quay on the Sunday morning was very well attended. Prayers were said for the Queen, giving thanks for her long service and her inspiring faith in God. And an impressive sum of **£380** was raised in support of **QCT Platinum Jubilee Fund for Young Leaders and The Queens Green Canopy Charity**. Thank you to everyone who helped to arrange this special outdoor service, and to all who took part.

Helen Williams

As part of her training, Helen has to do a 'rural placement' and will be on placement in the Benefice of West Purbeck from 4th to 17th July. During this time, she will need to focus on what is going on there and will not be available to be involved in anything here, though she will deal with emails that are essential for forward planning.

Open air united service at Sandford

Many of us enjoyed new opportunities to worship out of doors during the covid pandemic, and we will be holding our next united parish service in the open air on **Sunday 31st July at 10am** in the grounds of Sandford School. All are welcome to come along and join in this time to worship together outdoors, in the midst of God's wonderful creation.



A reflection in the likeness of Psalm 2

Why do the nations posture and pose,
trying to outdo each other, and outdo God?
Why do they seek to expand their borders,
destroying life and environment?

The rulers of the earth spend fortunes on armaments and vain projects,
pushing boundaries in time and space,
Whilst the poor die of hunger, disease, and displacement.

Meanwhile the earth withers.

They say, "We're in charge, the world is ours and all that is in it."
But God weeps at their arrogance and ignorance.

When will they learn?
(God says) "I have shown them the way,
but they ignore it."

They are doomed to destruction
whilst rejoicing in this world's victories.

Open your eyes you rulers, see the needs around you.
See what there is you could be doing to help.
Then you will know the ways of the Lord.
Then you will see his hand at work,
For he blesses those who seek the good of others.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen

Diary Dates

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's breakfast will be on **Saturday 2nd July 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.



Ladies That Lunch and Pray:



Please note that there will be no Ladies That Lunch and Pray during the months of July and August.

Ladies afternoon: Ladies would you like to take time out? Come along for an afternoon of reflection, fun and craft followed by a cream tea. The programme will include, reflection by Hilary Bond, pottery with Barbara Wells, hand massage with Angie, Healthy cooking with Mel and painting with Carol.

Date: Saturday 9th July, 1.30 - 4.30pm

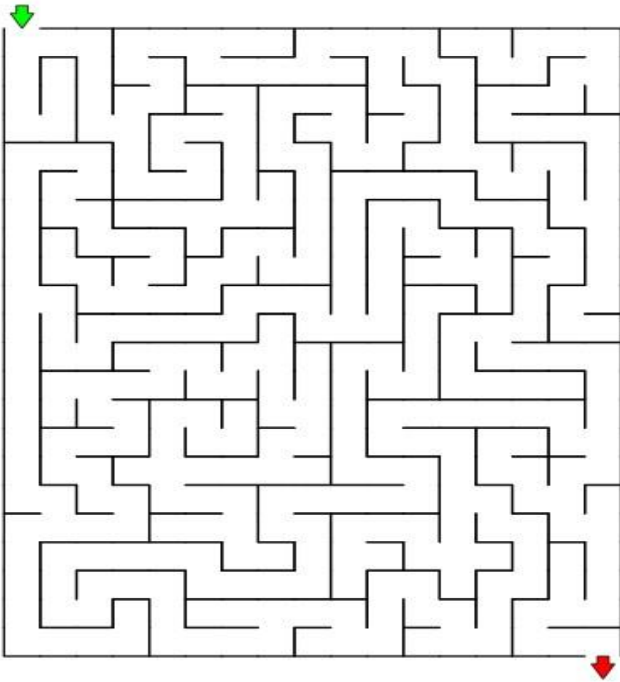
venue: Sunnyleigh, Hyde, BH20 7NT

Transport can be provided.

Tickets £5, concessions available. Please contact Debs in the office, Linda Tel 01929 289236, l.everett1@icloud.com or Anne Laking Tel 07921 648148, if you would like to book your place.



Puzzles



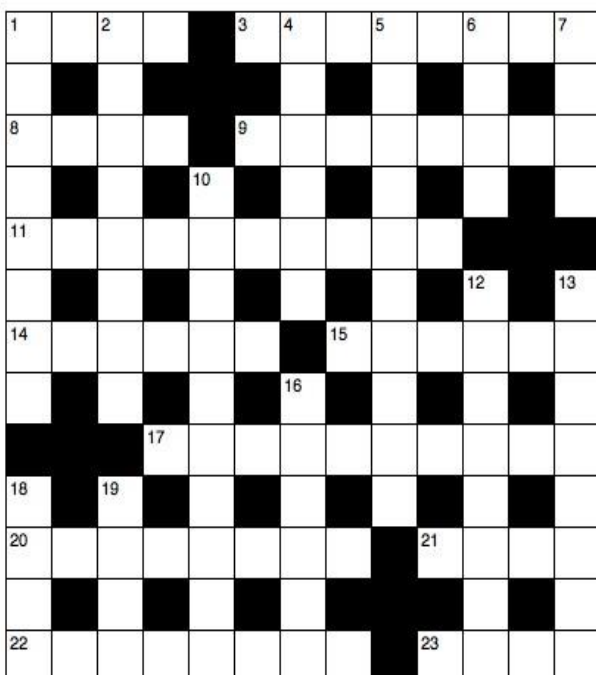
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Sudoku

Crossword



Clues Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31)(10)
- 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)
- 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)
- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)
- 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23 'As the — pants for streams of water,so my soul pants

for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

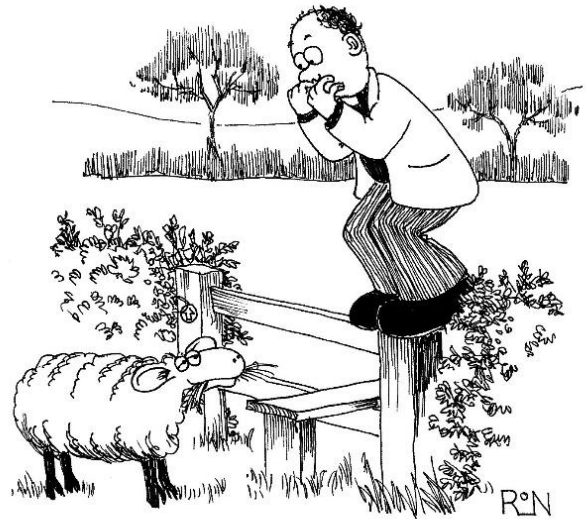
Clues Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)
- 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)
- 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
- 19 Rear(anag.)(4)

Something to make you smile



It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!



Not everyone has a natural gift for rural ministry

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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