



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 please share it by posting a copy to a neighbour, thank you.

April Newsletter

News from the Ministry Team ...

Around the Easter season at some point lots of us take a holiday; a break; a rest from the normal everyday things of life. So, with my post Easter days off I have a few plans. I shall spend time in my garden. I find having my hands in the soil very lifegiving, as well as working towards a productive veg garden. I shall read some books which have been on my – “I want to read this” pile for quite some time, and I shall walk, probably with my camera, but also with the hope of recovering some of my lost fitness.

I have recently realised though, that in terms of rest, once again I have got it wrong. There is a book by Tony Horsfall called “working from a place of rest,” and in it he highlights something about rest from the biblical creation story that I had never noticed until I read this book. In that story, God spends six days creating the world, and then on the seventh he rests; and in that he gives us a pattern to follow, and permission to stop and have a day off. But it is only on day six that he has created people. That means, that humanity begins with a day of rest, and works from there. How many of us do what I so often do with a week off and wait until we are tired and in need of a break before we actually take time off. And of course, working from a place of rest doesn't just hold true for taking a week off. It works in terms of having a day or a weekend off, or a couple of hours off during the day, or even a matter of minutes in between meetings.

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Tony Horsfall says that he was inspired to write this book when he read the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman meeting at the well, and as so often happens, a story that he thought he knew, suddenly spoke to him in a different way as he read John chapter 4 verse six. The verse says, “Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well.” And what the author realised, was that in that time Jesus was doing nothing. He was simply taking a break, just sitting and being. And then he realised that because Jesus was simply doing nothing, the rest of the story had the space in which to happen. Time and space to rest is important, and even if we don't realise what he's doing at the time, God will use that. So, if you are having an Easter break, enjoy the rest, and maybe God will draw you into an unexpected story - just like Jesus.

Hilary

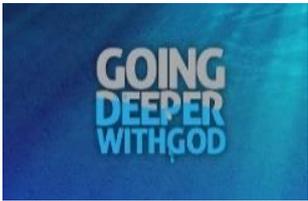
Retirement of our Team Rector

Last month it was announced that our Team Rector would retire in June of this year, his last service will be in Lady St Mary Church, 10am, on **Sunday 16th June 2024** and will be a united Holy Communion. Following the service there will be a celebratory bring and share lunch.

Worse Things Happen at Sea - Humorous insights into life at Sea

On **Sunday 28th April 2024**, there will be a fundraising lunch in the Parish Hall, which will be followed by a talk given by the Team Rector, Canon Simon Everett. In this he will be reflecting on his ten years as a Deck Officer in the Merchant Navy and how it led him to his vocation in the Church. The tickets are £10 (with concessions), and these will be available after Easter.

Diary of Events



Going Deeper: Our next Going Deeper evening at Sandford St Martin's church, a time of worship, input from God's word, and time to pray together **will be on Sunday 12th May 2024 at 7pm.** All are welcome. **Please note that there will be no meeting in April as this will be an Easter break.**

Wholeness and Healing service

The service will be held in The Priory Church of Lady St Mary on **Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.00pm.** This is a quiet reflective service and a time for lifting our needs to the Lord for his blessing. All are welcome, whether you are seeking healing for yourself or others.



Ladies That Lunch and Pray: The next meeting is to be confirmed. Please bring a sandwich, lovely cake and drinks will be provided. 12.00 - 14.00pm at the Rectory. For further information or RSVP please contact Linda Tel: 01929 289236 or l.everett1@icloud.com



Open House - at Sandford St Martin's Church - **Thursday 25th April 2024, at 2 pm.** The Talk will be "Being a Vet" There will be a talk, followed by a cup of tea, chat, and a raffle. All are most welcome.



Men's Breakfast - The next Men's breakfast will be on **Saturday 27th April 2024 at 8.45am** at Not Just Sundaes Café. 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**



APCM Details

Timing of elections for the PCC and Church Committees:

This is a formal notice informing parishioners of the date **Sunday 14th April 2022** of the forthcoming elections to the PCC and Church Committees. Submission of nomination papers should be sent into the Parish Office by **Friday 12th April 2022**.

The voting paper, is in three parts, for each church will then be drawn up showing:

- a. those wishing to be considered as the Local Warden/main point of contact with the PCC
- b. those wishing to be considered for the remaining places on the PCC
- c. those wishing to be considered for the remaining places on their local church committee.

For LSM and Sandford St Martin's, it is proposed that these elections should take place after the service on the particular Sunday, with ballot papers put in a sealed box, and then counted later in the day. **Nomination forms can be obtained through the Parish office or your local church.**

Details of vacancies please see below;

Make up of the PCC plus vacancies listed below

Clergy: 3

LLMs: 0

Note: One representative from **each** church (*who would normally, but not necessarily, be the local warden*) should be designated as the **main link person** between their congregation and the PCC and Parish Office. This person should be the first representative to be elected by the congregation.

Arne (2): The above representative plus 1 other

East Holme (2): 2 Churchwardens of the Parish Church

LSM (7): 2 Churchwardens of the Parish Church, as elected at the APCM, plus, the above church representative, plus 4 others

SMOW (1): The above representative

Sandford (3): The above representative plus 2 others

Co-options: (i) PCC Treasurer (ii) To be decided as required

plus, the current PCC Secretary.

Vacancies as of April 2024;

2 Representatives for the PCC from Lady St Mary church, Wareham

1 Representative for the PCC from Sanford St Martin's church

1 Representative for the PCC from St Nicholas church, Arne

Notice of the Parish Electoral Roll Revision

A GUIDE TO THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

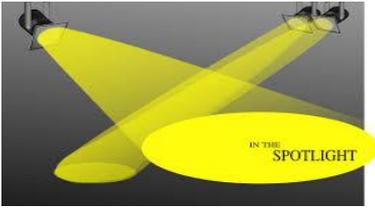
General information

It is essential that the Church Electoral Roll is accurately kept, is revised annually and that a new Roll is properly prepared when required. The Roll is used to determine eligibility for attendance and participation at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). It is also used to determine eligibility for election to the deanery, diocesan and general synods. In addition, it is used for the calculation of the number of representatives who may be elected to each of these synods in the following year.

Revision of Roll

The Roll is revised every year (except when a new Roll is prepared – which will be in 2025) in time for the APCM. Notice of the revision will be displayed 6 weeks, 13th March 2024, before the APCM to allow for 14-28 days revision period followed by 14 days display of the newly revised Roll prior to the APCM. Please note that to comply with data protection requirements only names will be displayed on the published Roll, not people's contact details. The forms are available at the back of your local church, or they can be collected or emailed to you through the Parish Office.

SPOTLIGHT ON.....

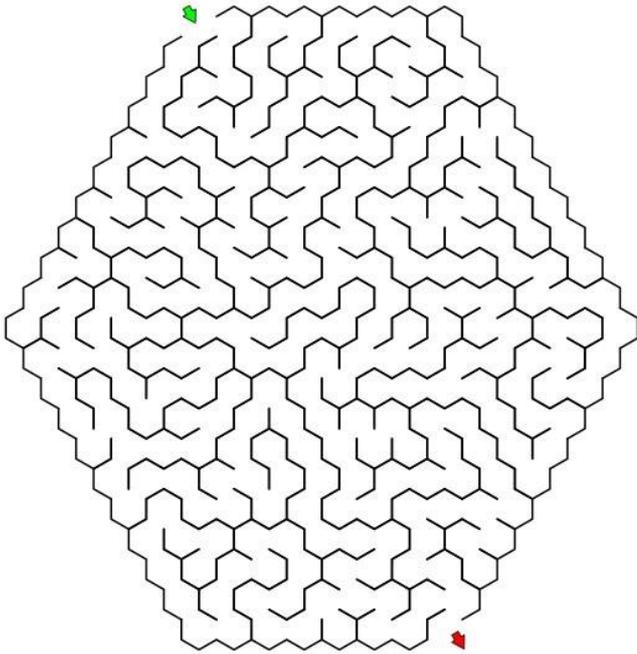


Our feature for the monthly newsletter entitled “Spotlight on...” Each month we interview and introduce personalities and their roles within the five churches of our Parish, as well as articles on aspects of church life. **This month we are acknowledging Pat Cherrett, as a Lady St Mary church, Flower Arranger.**

Many years ago, I joined the Young Wives group at LSM and on one of the evenings Mary Longmire took a Flower Arranging Class. I had never ever given it a thought but at the end of the evening it was suggested that I should take it further. I then attended evening classes and the rest is history. Joining the Purbeck Flower Club and the Dorset and Guernsey Area of NAFAS gave me the opportunity to enter competitions, taking part at the Malvern Show, competing at National level and Chelsea flower Show. I have also had the honour of doing flowers at Westminster Abbey and for the Queen’s Golden Jubilee. At the beginning I was on the rota for Flowers in LSM which was run at that time by Jo Johnson and Eve Crew. When Clive became Verger he volunteered to run a Flower Festival for one year, this led to 32 years of Festivals which became well known.

When Jo and Eve decided to retire as organisers I volunteered to take over and have been blessed by having a wonderful team who undertake to each do flowers twice a year for two weeks duration. They also undertake to decorate LSM for special occasions such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas. For Advent we have the Advent ring which is placed on the Font. This is mainly made with holly and evergreens with the three purple candles, one pink and one white. These represent the first purple is for Isaiah , second for the Bible, third is pink for Mary, and fourth for John the Baptist. The white is lit on Christmas morning for Jesus. For Easter we invite the congregation to purchase a lily in remembrance of a loved one which is then placed in the sanctuary. Unfortunately, flowers have become very expensive and we try to cut back and we are extremely grateful to our group of ladies who cover a lot of the costs although we do have a small fund. We are always looking for more people to join our group so come and join us. You don’t have to be a flower arranger just love flowers. Flower arrangers find that doing the flowers in the church proves to be very calming and are for the Glory of God.

Puzzles



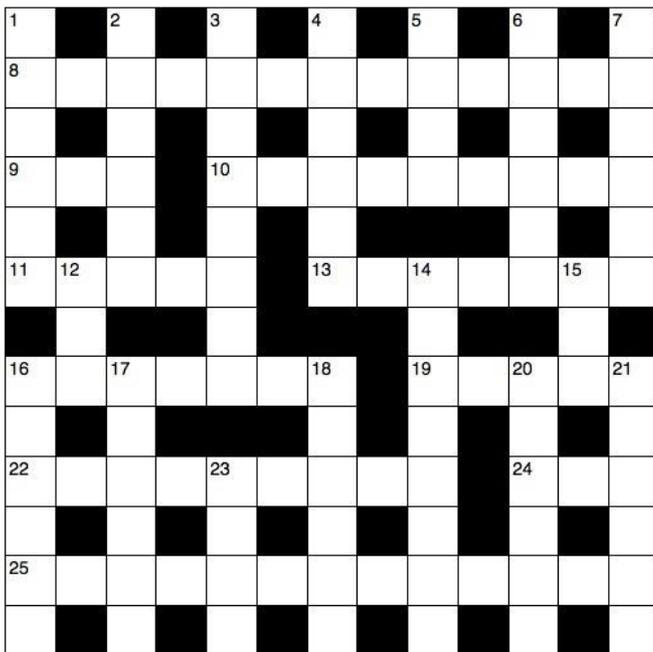
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Sudoku

Crossword



Clues Across

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
- 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
- 10 Comes between Galatians and Philipians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

Clues Down

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)

- 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
- 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

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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