

Bride Valley News

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The Knoll, Puncknowle: Rob Reeks

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The Bride Valley Team Ministry*

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Simply send me a donation, in return for which, your name(s) will be included in a list of all contributors on a dedicated page(s) in the BVN. The list of names will be below a *collective* Christmas greeting message to friends and neighbours (sadly, we are not able to include individual messages). Donations will be split between the **BVN & the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust**.

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I need this information, *along with the donation*, **no later than 7th November**, in order to catch the deadline for the December issue, so there's no time to lose!

*Susan Paul. Old Walls,
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FROM THE RECTORY

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WHAT A DAY

it was on the 27th of September, when the Revd Ryder Rogers along with 26 others was ordained Deacon at Salisbury Cathedral. The sun shone and the crowds gathered from all corners of the Diocese for the great celebration. It was a shame that stuffed as the Cathedral was with friends and supporters, the whole of the close would have been needed if all those wanting to had been there. But we made for that in part in the Bride Valley with a welcoming service for Ryder the following evening at St Mary's Burton Bradstock. And well we might consider this to be a great thing among us. There cannot be too many people from the Bride Valley who have been ordained Deacon over the past 450 years, give or take, since the reformation and the founding of the Church of England. This weekend was for us one of such an historic moment.

The service itself took the form of the Bishops, Tim and Stephen, laying their hands in prayer upon the candidates. This they did while the congregation sang, over and again for 10 minutes and more, a single phrase asking God's Holy Spirit to bless those being ordained. The singing after a while gave the impression of that enormous congregation breathing gently in song. Every so often the voice of a cantor leapt up over the chant before falling away again as the laying on of hands went round. It was quite something to be part of it.

The candidates the had their feet washed by the Bishops, as Jesus before the last supper washed the feet of his disciples, to show that Deacons are called to service in the Church. Again we sang as the Bishops, with towels and basins went round the 27 candidates washing feet and kissing them. Again, all sense of time was lost in the singing.

There were promises made and charges given. The candidates were vested in new robes, and all of these parts led into a service of Holy Communion. At the end Ryder and the candidates were each given a bible that they held up before the congregation to show that they are now charged with the proclaiming of the gospel in the service of the Church in the world. They then processed out, and all over the Cathedral, amidst the general applause could be seen patches of more intense shouting and congratulation as the supporters of one or another candidate saw their own special new Deacon go by. Out into the sunshine, and there were photographs and hugs and happiness.

The next evening at the welcome service, we sang hymns specially selected by Ryder to recall his life of faith and the journey that has led him to ordination. We said prayers for him and for Heather in this new adventure in

their already very adventurous lives. And we rejoiced with them in the birth to their daughter Dawn, of Jacob, a new grandson who arrived when Ryder was on his ordination retreat. Such weekends as this do not come often in life.

And Ryder is to be ordained priest on the 30th November. The good news is that this service will take place among us in the Bride Valley, so we will all have a chance to take part. It may well be that the Valley has never seen anything like it.

RYDER'S ORDINATION AS PRIEST ON 30TH NOV

There will be many notices I am sure about the service to be held on 30th of November when the Revd Ryder Rogers will be ordained Priest. This is just to get down times and places so that notes can be made in diaries, if they are not already there.

The service itself will begin at 6.30pm at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. It will be led by the Rt Revd George Browning, a retired Bishop who lives in Yetminster, and who, by the by, led the Lambeth conference discussions earlier in the year on what the response of the Church should be to the threat to the world's ecology.

We reckoned that if we were to have a bunfight after the service tummies would be grumbling by the time we got there. And I don't know about you, but these days if I eat too late of an exciting evening I can't get to sleep. Then there are people travelling from afar who will need food, but will also need to be thinking about the journey home.

So we decided that we would start with refreshments and a get together before the ordination service by having a high tea. This will start from 5.00pm at the Village Hall at Burton Bradstock. It will be a bring and share affair which is being co-ordinated around the Parishes of the Valley so that everyone will have a chance to be involved. After the beano we will then move (stagger, lurch) over to the Church for the start of the service at 6.30pm.

All are welcome. That is a daring thing to say in the circumstances. Churches usually put "all are welcome" on notices in the hopes of a few more people turning up. This service carries the notice as a proclamation of hope – that we will get everyone in somehow, and of faith – because everyone in the Bride Valley is a living part of this remarkable event, and of blessing – because God loves us all and is showing in the gift of Ryder's priesthood to us and to the world.

Bob Thorn

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

Michael Piotrek Niewiadowski was Baptized in St Mary's Church, Puncknowle, on Sunday, 21st of September, the feast of St Matthew. Mikey is the daughter of Rachel and Robert and grandson of Mike and Sue Brown, of Puncknowle. The





Church was filled with friends, relations and neighbours making the service both a family and a village occasion. We sang songs, said our prayers and the promises were made. In the midst of the throng, calm and serene, Mikey gazed upon us all with magisterial benevolence. When the words were said over him and the water was poured he responded with a perfectly timed “grrlzuurk,” to the gratification and amazement of his many admirers.

Following the service Mikey presided at a tea, given in his honour, at the Village Hall. It was a lovely occasion.

WEDDINGS.

On September 13th, at the beginning of the fine weather of that month, **ADAM THORN** and **FRAN SIMMONDS** were married at St Mary’s Church, Burton Bradstock, by their Father, the Rector. During the service, David, Fran’s Father who is a cellist, and Bridget Pearse played for the signing of the registers. The Church was aglow with flowers, and the service was fully heartfelt.

The reception was held in a marquee in the Rectory garden where Jim Armstrong provided a hog roast and the company danced the night away to David Powell’s Bride Valley Band. Ladies from Burton Bradstock and Shipton Gorge helped with the service, and all in all it was a very jolly Valley wedding.

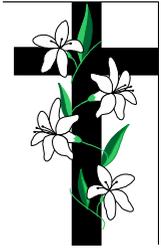
The sun continued to shine the following Saturday, 20th September, for the wedding of **LEE QUINCEY** and **MICHELLE PINCOMBE** at St Michael and All Angels Church, Littlebredy. Lee grew up in the village and the couple, who live in Abbotsbury came back into the Valley for their marriage. The little Church was full, and the service was fine; both Bride and Groom spoke their vows with confidence. It was one of those lovely occasions when most people knew nearly everyone else and all were settled, without effort or stress, into having a grand day. We sang “Give me joy in my heart” and “keep me travelling along with you” and those, both together, said what was felt by all.

And still the sun shone upon St Peter’s Church, Long Bredy, on Saturday 27th September for the wedding of **SAMUEL SAINES** and **VICTORIA HUNT**. After the long Summer of rain and cold, the season of September weddings basked in early autumn warmth. Sam and Victoria are another couple who are living away at the moment, in East Sussex, but who returned to the Bride Valley for their wedding. The Bride’s Mother read a poem she had written for the occasion, remembering her daughter’s childhood, and her growing to this wedding day. Then all set off to Abbotsbury for the reception and the world dreamed of lovely days under blue skies.



FUNERALS.

On the 4th of October in a very simple ceremony the mortal remains of **VICTORIA MANN** were buried in the cemetery at Burton Bradstock. This service marked a place for her to be at rest after more than a year during which the family had not known what had become of her. A service had been held in St Mary's Church earlier in the year to mark her birthday, and this was a great gathering of friends and family meeting to remember her. At her funeral in the cemetery, family members bore Victoria up the hill and said their prayers over her. May she rest in peace, and rise in Glory. Amen.



The timing of the BVN means that the thanksgiving service for the late **JOAN FOSTER** will appear in the December issue. The private service of her cremation has already taken place at the time of writing. The thanksgiving service, which is to be led by the Revd John McDougal, will take place on 18th October.

BEYOND THE VALLEY

GOOD BOOKS

St Mary's Old School, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3RL

Tel: 01308 420483 E-mail: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk

YOUR local Christian bookshop and resource centre with a wide range of greetings cards. Call in and see us when you're in Bridport for a cuppa and a browse. We also welcome new volunteers and are looking for book agents in local churches and villages – could this be you?

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 9am-1.00pm, Saturday 10am-12.00.

We may be able to open for groups at other times by special arrangement.



NOVEMBER NOTES FROM GOOD BOOKS

Advent candles and calendars, Christmas cards and gifts, cribs large and small and seasonal books, can all be found at Good Books. Call in for a browse and a beverage – and what we don't have in stock, we'll be pleased to order for you.

The next Chai & Chat (West Dorset/Africa network), 2.30-4.30pm on Monday 17th November, will focus either on South or East Africa (depending whether it's Shirley Smith or Veronica Ziegler who's available). Either way, it's bound to be an enjoyable and stimulating afternoon.

Are you looking for a topic/speaker or craft session for your group in 2009? The Bridport Book of Hours, based at the shop, is looking for people to visit next year so do give us a call. Good Books would also welcome new members to our Reading Group, we read a variety of novels and non-fiction and meet regularly to share our views and recommend good reads.

Threads of Hope sewing group is also meeting at the shop on Wednesdays 5th and 26th November, 2.00-4.00pm, a chance to see what's being made for the children at Julia's House hospice and maybe be inspired to join in. And lastly, we're accepting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas

Child between 1st and 18th November. Thanks to everyone for keeping us busy!

Roger Jones' new musical *Rock*, the story of Simon Peter, is being performed next year on Monday 26th October 2009 at Bridport United Church as part of its year long national tour. Local choirs will be trained in Bridport and Dorchester to support his soloists, band and technicians - please let us know if you think you might like to be involved. Secretary, Churches Together 01308 427851

THE BRIDPORT NATIVITY,

Generously supported by Bridport Town Council, this will take place on Saturday 20th December in and around Bucky Doo Square from 11.00am, with carols played by St Swithun's Band. If you would like to be involved - dressing up as angels, shepherds, townspeople etc or stewarding - call the Secretary, Churches Together 01308 427851.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch)

Our September Branch holiday was regarded as a success by the forty participants. The weather was kind, as was the welcome we received in France. Most travellers were quite surprised at the beauty of the scenery in the Auvergne region.

Our AGM will commence at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 1st November, 2007 at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, to be followed by wine and cheese.

We have arranged a visit to the Land Registry, Chickerell, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 8th November. We will use our own cars for transport, so if you would share or need a seat let me know. The visit will be up to two hours duration and you must book with me in advance please.

Our Christmas Shopping trip this year is to Exeter to see the newly opened shopping area. It should prove fairly easy to spend money there by all accounts! This event is OPEN with a 50p booking fee. The fare will not exceed £10. Coach leaves Steepleton Pond at 8.50 a.m. on Thursday, 22nd November, Kings Arms, Portesham at 9 a.m. and Abbotsbury Square at 9.05 a.m.

Portesham Village Hall is the venue at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th December, 2007, for our Pie and Mash Supper evening.

Bookings for all the above events through me or any Committee Member please.

If anyone is interested in going to Westpoint arena, Exeter for the Holiday on Ice show somewhere between 19th and 24th February, 2008, let me know: depending on response we may book for that event.

I anticipate leading a group tour of Iceland in May/June, 2008 - let me know if this interests you so that I may have an idea of the amount of interest at this stage.

Please note my new telephone number - 01305 267617.

Des Baker. Branch Vice Chairman.





November:

Wednesday 3rd November 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, Dorchester Corn Exchange.
WESSEX BATTLE – Annual Inter-Club Competition

Wednesday 12th November 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay.
COMPETITION NO.2 LANDSCAPE - Judge: John Tilsley

Wednesday 26th November 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Masonic Hall, East Street, Bridport. LANDSCAPE AND NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY talk by Guy Edwardes

December:

Wednesday 10th December 2008, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay, AN EVENING WITH Spike & Penny Piddock

January:

Wednesday 14th January 2009, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay, TRAVEL AND NATURE talk by Mary & David Cantrille

Wednesday 28th January 2009, 7.30-9.30pm, The Salt House, West Bay, COMPETITION NO.3: NATURE - Judge: Bert Wason

For more information about any of these events, please call 01308 459443 or check www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk

VALLEY NOTES



MOTHERS' UNION.

The November meeting is on Thursday 27th November at 2.30pm. at St. Catherines Cross, Shipton Lane, Shipton Gorge. "Time for Relationship" - Mrs. Janet Belton and Mrs. Shirley Smith.
Yvette Smith. 898219.

BIBLE QUIZ

People of all ages have expressed an interest in taking part in the next round of Bible Quizzes. How would you like to represent your village this time? Training, for those who want it, will start in January 2009, and the quiz matches will begin in September. Phone me on 897780 to book your place.



Heather Rogers



CHILDLINE

URGENTLY NEEDS SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS...

Currently, ChildLine is unable to answer all calls from children. We need people to help us raise money so no cry for help goes unheard.

We need Santa's Little Helpers to place cardboard dispensers of our Letter from Santa leaflets in the local community. This is a fun idea, each leaflet enables parents/grandparents to

make a donation (suggested £5) to ChildLine and their child then receives a personal letter from Santa. The money raised from one dispenser of leaflets on average, pays for one child to receive the counselling they need, when they need it most, from a volunteer ChildLine counsellor.

If you can help by taking dispensers and leaflets and placing them in your local shops, garden centres, surgeries etc, or if you are able to help raise money for ChildLine in other ways, please contact Eleanor Pack on 01305 259169 or e-mail: epack@nspcc.org.uk



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(Bride Valley Branch)

A big thank you to all who came to the Musical evening in October, this event has been held for 22 years in aid of The Poppy Appeal.

The next event in aid of the Poppy appeal is on Thursday November 6th at 10.30am in the Burton Bradstock Village Hall. Entrance is £1 which includes coffee or tea, and whilst you are refreshing yourself you can take part in a raffle and browse the stalls.

The pilgrimage around the war memorials and war graves will start at Burton Bradstock Library at 10 am on Saturday, 8th November 2008.

The Remembrance Service at St. Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock at 10.45am on Sunday, 9th November 2008.

Ray West, Chairman.

BURTON BRADSTOCK W I.

The deadline for the entry to BVN for November is before the October meeting, so no account of that meeting. In November we meet on 11th November at 2.15, when Mrs. Langstone-Wring will be speaking on "Reflexology".



The usual groups will be meeting - do check the board or your summary letter for the dates of the Majhong the Walking group, the Book Club, the Embroidery group and the Creative writing group.

BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our September meeting had a good attendance and was enjoyed by all. Joy Wallis from the Dorset Wildlife Trust urged all gardeners to do their utmost to help with the conservation of our wildlife by leaving little patches in the garden wild, leaving a patch of hedge untended, encouraging friends and neighbours to do the same.



Phyl Hyde, our past Treasurer, was presented with a clematis with our sincere thanks for all the efforts she had made to keep the club viable and for her invaluable input.

At the time of writing, the Club is looking forward to a good attendance at the October meeting when Mr. Steve Maros from the Dorset County Council will be talking about 'Trees in the Garden'. This will be the last

meeting for 2008.

With our new Acting Chair at our head we are making great strides in forming a new programme for 2009 which promises to bring, yet again, a varied range of interesting topics. We hope to encourage everyone to join who has any interest in gardening whether they are beginners with no knowledge or people with years of experience who could perhaps pass on some of their knowledge.

Finally, the March 2009 meeting is offering free entrance to visitors so watch the Bride Valley News for the date and further information, or telephone 01308 897358. Membership is £5 per year. Visitors normally £2 per meeting. All are welcome.

JOBS TO DO:

Start winter pruning of apples and pears. Tulip bulbs for spring can still be planted. Mulch and protect tender plants such as agapanthus – cut down ferns make a good blanket. Clean out birdbaths and nest boxes and put out water and birdfood regularly. Clean, dry and service garden machinery.

*Sylvia Delves, Acting Chair. e-mail sylvia@delvesuk.freemove.co.uk
Valerie Cameron, Club Secretary. e-mail: secretary.bvgc@virgin.net Tel: 01308 482240*

VALLEY TO BE CELEBRATED IN SONG

Local musicians have been developing songs and music that reflect the landscape, people and recent history of the West Dorset area. Much of their material is original, though with a strong sense of the traditions and legends of the area. The result is *The Vale of the Bride*.

Exit Smiling, who are also members of the renowned Bride Valley Ceilidh Band, play powerful songs are performed on a variety of instruments including guitar, bouzouki, cello, melodeon and didgeridoo.

Simon Douglas said; “For the past year we have been working on this show. Performances in the Bride Valley led us to play three concerts at this year’s Sidmouth Folk Week. We’re all really looking forward to bring the show back to West Dorset.”



Keith Hatch from Arac Promotions added; “The songs and music really provoke a sense of place. The concert is bound to be enjoyed, not only by those interested in the Bride Valley and its history, but by anyone who likes to hear the past, and future, of the English countryside represented in song.”

See/hear “Exit Smiling” at the Royal British Legion Hall, Bridport on November 1st at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 / £6 (concs) and on sale from Bridport Music on 425707 or email Keith Hatch - keithhatch@lineone.net, for more information.

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

As I ponder what to include in the November issue of BVN I confess that my mind keeps wandering. My difficulty is that in the context of recent national and international events, the daily goings on and activities of the school seem rather trivial. The knock on implications for education establishments are to ask sobering questions such as, 'What kind of a world our children are growing into?' and 'How can we best equip young people to cope with an ever changing and unpredictable world?'

There are no easy answers to these questions and whilst sound academic grounding is important, we all know that some of the most 'successful' people in life have got on because of who they are as individuals. This is why there is so much emphasis on the 'creative curriculum' at present. Creativity encourages flair and thinking outside the box. I believe that another important aspect that should underpin everything we do is a firm value system. With this in mind, we are now basing our collective worship on 'Values for Life', a publication from Salisbury Diocese that supports the teaching of Christian values in primary schools. Last half term we started with 'Thankfulness'. This was a good place to begin and tied in particularly nicely with our Harvest Thanksgiving. A number of gift boxes of produce were distributed and we received some lovely letters of appreciation from thankful recipients. The children have had time to reflect on a range of things to be thankful for, hopefully appreciating all manner of things they may have previously taken for granted. I somehow doubt that we (primary school) will reap any immediate reward but I would like to think that we have sown seeds for the future. It would appear that values such as integrity have been sadly missing in the world's money markets.

We would like to thank villagers who have given us vouchers for the Morrisons 'Let's Grow' scheme. As we develop our outdoor growing areas we greatly value and appreciate your support.

Before we know it we'll be celebrating Christmas - now there's an interesting time for 'values'!?!
Mark Stratta

BRIDE VALLEY FLEDGLINGS PLAYGROUP

A big welcome to more new children - Marcus Poynton and Hazel Thompson.

Nestlings has re-started on Thursday afternoons and is now run by Kate Smith and Emma Thompson - so if you have a baby or toddler, please do drop in and see what is happening - it is only £1.50 which includes a snack & drink.

Fledglings children were invited to join in with school Harvest Festival assembly in October, and they all sat beautifully - apart from James who wanted to watch through the doors with Fiona. Mrs Johnstone complimented them all at the end!



Reception Class joined playgroup children on a walk to the Playing Field in Litton Cheney after reading the famous “We’re going on a Bear Hunt!” story, but did they find any bears on the way? One of the role play activities during the month was an Ice Cream shop - which went down really well.

There was a fund-raising meeting one evening at Maria’s house, which was well attended - planning for the next *CHRISTKINDLMARKT* got well under way, with lots of stalls already booked. This will be the 3rd Fledglings Christmas Market with Nativity, Father Christmas Grotto, and lots more - live music, lovely raffle prizes, home made goodies, bottle tombola, Scouts BBQ, bar for mulled wine and beer, refreshments and mince pies, Lucky Dip - plus Christmas crafts and Christmas film for children. Let them make and watch while you shop! Venue is Thorner’s School, and the date for your diary is Saturday 29th November, from 4.30 to 7.30 pm.

Our next Committee meeting was scheduled for 21st October - more from this next time. For information re Playgroup or Nestlings, please ring us at school on 01308 482410.

BURTON BRADSTOCK PLAYGROUP

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new members of staff to our team Ashley Roots and Tina Fry. Additionally, the playgroup wishes to acknowledge new children and their families to the group; Jude Wright, William Caplen, Harley Brook and Jake Brook. Hope you all enjoy your time with us.



The new extended days are working extremely well. The continuity of staying for a longer session reaps many benefits. The range and the learning resources are vast throughout the day, providing both structured and unstructured play, as I believe every child has their own preferred learning style. The learning environment is continually adapted throughout the session to ensure the children thrive, and their learning and development is enhanced. I would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for allowing the Playgroup to extend the hours without their support and help this would not have happened.

Thank you to everybody who participated in the beach clean, the weather was fantastic and lots of rubbish was collected. A great learning experience for the children.

The new opening times are as follows:

Mondays	9.15 till 2.15
Wednesday	9.15 till 12.45
Friday	9.15 till 2.15

FINALISTS FOR 2008 DIGITAL PHOTO COMPETITION

The Burton Bradstock Online Photographic competition for 2008, closed on 16th September with 220 adult entries but sadly only 27 in the junior section. The judging panel of Mary Bailey, David Barnikel and Mike

Southgate filtered out the ineligible entries (from committee members, incorrect subject matter etc.) leaving 172 adult and 16 junior entries to be judged.

In the senior competition, each of the judges compiled their own shortlist of ten pictures and these were combined with overlaps to form the final shortlist for panel selection of the prize-winners. The names of those who submitted photos in this final shortlist are:

Jane Croft, Paul Loebig, Gordon Gleave, Carol Lumley, Jan Hinton, Dennis Lumley, Pat Hinton, Patricia Neale, Philip Howse, Dianne Sinclair, Mike Kempsey, Eonne Sinclair, and Simon Kirby.

The panel reviewed the entries in the junior section and decided that because of the low number and limited subject matter presented, prizes should be limited to one of £25 selected from a shortlist of 3 pictures. The entrants on this shortlist are:

Thomas Bird, Millie Reeve, and Aaron Sinclair.

The prizes will be announced and presented at 11:00am Saturday, 6th December in the Village Hall, during a Village Hall Trust Coffee morning. All entrants on the two shortlists are invited to be there and will not be required to pay the usual entrance fee.

Ken Pett - Secretary, Burton Bradstock ONLINE

BEST COMMUNITY VILLAGE OF THE YEAR.

The Bride Valley had two villages in the top three in this year's Dorset Community Village Competition, (Litton Cheney & Shipton Gorge) which just goes to show that we live in a wonderful part of the world!

Shipton Gorge Villagers were proud to be told that they will be representing Dorset in the next round of the challenge. They will go on to meet villages from the South of England (from East Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey and West Sussex) and will be judged on four compulsory categories - Community, Business, Sustainability and Communications.

Thanks go to all members of the community who contributed to their application - we'll be contacting you soon with a view to the next one!!

John Kent SGVS

HAVE YOU GONE THROUGH YOUR WINTER SAFETY ROUTINE?

It is this time of year when the central heating is turned back on, we get the electric blanket out of the cupboard, we prepare more hot meals and the festive season sees us using more candles and open fires. We also know that over the past months we have seen the cost of gas and electricity rise so the pennies don't go as far anymore. We are concerned that some may look to other means of keeping themselves warm and providing a light in the dark evenings and mornings.



For Dorset Fire & Rescue Service, 2008 has seen a terrible toll in fire related deaths. In the main these fires have tended to involve older people, often living alone, the majority have been smoking around the time of the fire whilst the others have seen electrical heaters or blankets as being the cause.

Many accidental fires in the home could be easily avoided if we spend a few minutes to think about our safety and that of our relatives, friends and neighbours. Being aware of the dangers of fire and taking simple preventative measures, could help save lives.

Smoking. Always use proper ashtrays and ensure that cigarettes are put out properly! At night before going to bed empty the ashtrays outside preferably into a metal container. Do not smoke in bed and remember it is easy to be careless when you are tired or if you have been drinking.

Candles. Always use a proper holder. Don't leave them unattended, position them away from curtains, fabrics and any other combustible materials and where they can't be easily knocked over by pets. Ensure you put them out completely at night.

Lights. Use common sense and keep lights away from combustible items, like curtains and other fabrics. Check those Christmas lights and remember to turn them off when you go to bed.

Cooking - (including chip pans and deep-frying). Never leave a saucepan on the heat if you are called away, keep the top of your cooker clean, keep toasters away from curtains. Make sure the Christmas roast is not the Christmas toast!!

Heaters and fires. Always position heaters at least one metre (3 feet) from combustibles such as furniture, curtains or clothing. Always use a fireguard for open fires. If you use paraffin or flammable liquid fuelled heaters ensure that you store any fuel in small quantities and in containers only designed for flammable liquids in a secure area away from children, if possible in secure storage outside your premises. Do not attempt to refill any liquid fire whilst it is still turned on or hot.

Open Fires. Ensure that your chimney is cleaned especially if you have not lit an open fire for long period. Have your chimney cleaned on a regular basis, especially if burning logs or wood frequently.

Overloaded or faulty electrics. Be careful not to overload sockets, use the correct adaptor and fuse ratings. Do not plug an adaptor into adaptor. Always turn off electrical appliances at the wall, and never repair damaged cables with insulating tape.

Electric blankets. Have them checked at least once a year by a qualified electrician. Make sure that they are not rolled up whilst they are on.

CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARM. Check the battery is working by pressing the test button. This should be done weekly. Do not be tempted to disconnect or tamper with smoke alarms during Halloween or other festivities.

Check your family, friends and neighbours are safe. Do they have a smoke

alarm? Would they need help and assistance to be alerted to a fire or get to a place of safety if a fire did occur? If so let us know. Dorset Fire & Rescue Service carries out **FREE HOME SAFETY CHECKS**.

Fires strike when you least expect them, often during the night so ensure that you and your loved ones have an escape plan of what to do and where to go in the event of a fire. Be aware fire spreads quickly but it is smoke that is the real killer. If you are asleep when a fire starts and you don't have an alarm to wake you, your chances of surviving are zero.

GET EQUIPED, Smoke alarms are a proven life saver. Dorset Fire & Rescue Service can offer a free home safe check to priority groups. If you have no smoke detectors we can install, free of charge, a 10 year smoke alarm. We can also test existing alarms and replace them if necessary. We can also provide alarms with strobe lighting and vibrating pads for people who are hard of hearing or deaf.

Finally, if you are unfortunate to experience a fire in your home, **GET OUT, CALL US OUT, STAY OUT.**

For further fire safety information visit www.dorsetfire.co.uk or if you would like to know more about free home fire safety checks please ring (01202 538282 or 01305 259660).

HAVE A SAFE WINTER



CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR REFUSE/RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

NORMAL DAY

Thursday, 25 December
Friday, 26 December
Monday, 29 December
Tuesday, 30 December
Wednesday, 31 December
Thursday, 1 January
Friday, 2 January
Monday, 5 January
Tuesday, 6 January
Wednesday, 7 January
Thursday, 8 January
Friday, 9 January

REARRANGED DAY

Saturday, 27 December
Monday, 29 December
Tuesday, 30 December
Wednesday, 31 December
Friday, 2 January
Saturday, 3 January
Monday, 5 January
Tuesday, 6 January
Wednesday, 7 January
Thursday, 8 January
Friday, 9 January
Saturday, 10 January

Normal collections resume on Monday 12th January

"If you put tomfoolery into a computer, nothing comes out but tomfoolery. But this tomfoolery, having passed through a very expensive machine, is somehow ennobled and no one dares criticize it."

- Pierre Gallois



Thorner's School Association

😊 Christmas Bingo 😊

😊 Friday 21st November 😊

Thorner's School, Litton Cheney

Doors Open 7.00

Eyes Down 7.30

Refreshments/Raffle

If anyone wishes to donate prizes or goods towards Hampers can ring Sue on 482204 or drop them into school.

😊 Chocoholic's Party 😊

Thorner's School, Litton Cheney

😊 Wednesday 3rd December 😊

Entrance £2.50

[to include Mug of Hot Chocolate/glass of wine and a Squidgy Chocolate Brownie]
For those of you who haven't been to one before it works just like Anne Summers or Body Shop parties, but you get to order **CHOCOLATE**.

It is good quality chocolate, ranging from stocking fillers to lovely hand-made boxes and it's not expensive!

Come along and buy all your Christmas chocolate's in one GO.

Orders taken on night, will be delivered for Christmas.



First Steps ToddlerGroup



Long Bredy Village Hall

Term-time: Wednesdays, 10am-to 12noon

Suitable 0-4 years

£1.50/session incl refreshments. Tel: 01308 482315

Small & friendly group Wide range of equipment & resources
All welcome

Meet friends

01308 482126

**Health Visitor, 1st Wednesday each
month**

For more information

LITTON CHENEY

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LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **BONFIRE PARTY** will be held on Saturday 1st November at 6pm in the usual field in Barges Close. Please **DO NOT** bring any fireworks. There will be burgers and drinks available. Admission will be free but there will be a collection for a donation to "Children in Need". Hope to see you there.



The **LITTER PICK** is on Saturday 8th November – remember to bring your gloves. Meet at the bus shelter at 10am.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all at the **BARN DANCE** listening to the Casterbridge Band and dancing to old favourites such as Strip the Willow and to some new dances expertly and patiently led by Ruth Thompson. Many thanks go to all those who contributed to the success of the evening. Special thanks go to Tess and Alison for providing us all with an excellent supper.

Many thanks go to Lois for organising a very enjoyable **THEATRE TRIP** to the Lighthouse in Poole - Don't Look Now - but watch out for another trip next year.

The **CAROL SINGING** around the village will now be on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December. More details next month.

Sheila Davison Secretary

LCSC 482262



LITTON AND THORNER'S COMMUNITY HALL



Sight of the pictorial progress record being maintained in the hall of Thorner's School of the construction of the new community hall, the trenches and mounds of spoils appearing on the site itself and the inquisitive faces of the children peering over the hedge. All pretty solid evidence that in the not too distant future Litton Cheney will boast a brand new community hall.

Funding continues (yes, we still need your pennies so please dig deep) and we are already planning a grand opening programme which will give every interest group a chance to view and sample the goodies.

Those who attended the Wine Tasting with Steven Spurrier on September 20th at Thorner's School left with a swagger having gained much new knowledge about the art of viticulture. Steven has promised a return match at the new hall when we shall be concentrating on New World wines. Form an orderly queue please. Grateful thanks Steven.

2009 desk calendars depicting Bride Valley views and skies are proving very popular and can be found at Modbury, Bride Valley Farm Shop in Abbotsbury and by contacting Ron Davidson (482661), John Firrell (482313) or David Taylor (482532). They will also be available at the Christmas Producers Market on Saturday 15th November at Thorner's School.

Not long now. Prepare to be amazed. If you wish to join the ever growing list of donors please contact the gentlemen mentioned above.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCERS MARKET

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER

The market will run from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm, and offers early Christmas shoppers the chance to sample and buy the best of local food and gifts. Once again the market will be in aid of the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust, our local cancer charity.

More information can be obtained from Wendy Taylor (482532) and Sallie Firrell (482313)



ENGAGEMENT

Richard Cuzens of Whiteway House, Litton Cheney is proud to announce the Engagement of his daughter

CHARLOTTE TO ANDREW MUNDAY.

The Wedding will take place on August 15th, 2009 at St Mary's Church, Litton Cheney.

I can picture in my mind a world without war, a world without hate. And I can picture us attacking that world, because they'd never expect it.

Jack Handey Deep Thoughts

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

HARVEST RESTIVAL

St Martin's Church was beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit, and glowed in the sunshine.

Mike Read preached to his impeccable standard after doing the 'Bride Valley Dash' and we had two lovely anthems sung for us by the Burton Bradstock Church Singers.

It was a heart warming service and our most grateful thanks go to everyone who worked so hard to beautify our church.

HARVEST SUPPER

We were very honoured to have Archdeacon Paul Taylor join us for our Harvest Supper. It proved to be a wonderful fun filled evening. As usual the food was superb and the entertainment supplied by Grayham was outstanding. Who would have expected that he would form a Skiffle Group and have an Archdeacon and a Rector playing in it!

There are so many people to thank for making this such a successful evening, the people who set the room up, the ladies who cooked and provided the food, all the people who cleaned up both on the evening and the following morning. On behalf of the PCC a very huge THANK YOU.

Gillian Maxfield. Churchwarden

TOWER NEWS

On Saturday 8th November the West Dorset Branch of the SDGR will be holding its AGM in Shipton Gorge. Ringing from 3.00pm, service 4.00pm followed by tea and possibly further ringing from 7.00pm. Everyone welcome.

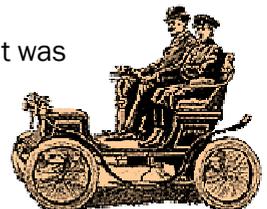
SHIPTON GORGE LTD

The Annual General Meeting of Shipton Gorge Ltd will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 17th November starting at 7.30pm. Everybody is welcome to attend.

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

GRAND CAR TREASURE HUNT

The second Shipton Gorge Grand Car Treasure Hunt was held on Saturday 4th October. Despite the appalling weather conditions several cars full of intrepid "hunters" explored the Bride Valley area, discovering some previously unknown areas and getting wet feet!



Two teams scored equal points, but first prize was presented to Bob and Jean Ayers and Terry and Ann Hunt who had travelled the shortest distance. We were delighted to have entrants from other parts of the Bride Valley, and hope that they will join us on future events. The start and finish points were at the New Inn and our thanks go to them for extending their opening times, and for the excellent meal shared afterwards by some of the competitors.



Quiz

A Quiz Evening with Fish & Chip Supper will take place on Friday 7th November in the Village Hall starting at 7.00pm. Tickets costing £6.50 each can be booked through Sally on 897168.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP

This will take place on Thursday 4th December leaving the New Inn at 9.30am, returning from Exeter at 4.00pm. Tickets £10 from Sally – 897168 before 19th November please.

Sally Parker

NEW INN SUPPORT LTD

New Inn Support Ltd Annual Open Meeting; Monday 10th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th November commencing at 7.30pm.

Ernie Thomas – Parish Clerk



MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF COFFEE MORNING

This took place on the 26th September in our village hall and £235.77 was raised. Many thanks to all who contributed to a very enjoyable and successful event.

Janet Lane

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Three groups of cyclists set off from our village on a beautiful Saturday morning in September to visit all our Bride Valley churches. We had a great day out, and as usual our sponsors have been very generous. Many thanks to them for helping us raise £407, half of which will go to St Martin's church.



Janet Lane



SHIPTON GORGE WI

Ladies, please remember to join us for a cup of tea and memories – 3-5pm on 11th November at Shipton Gorge Village Hall.

SEE YOU THERE.

Pamela Bates

PRE CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

Come and join the “Pre Christmas Get Together” on Sunday 23rd November, 12-2.30pm in the Village Hall. Please bring a bottle or two and some eats for the table.

This is a good opportunity to meet up with friends old and new and especially for all newcomers to the Village to meet everyone and make new friends.

If you need any further information please contact Christine or Robert Cornish on 897833.



JEWELLERY PARTY

A Jewellery Party will be held at the New Inn from 7pm on Tuesday 4th November. Ideal Christmas presents. Hope to see you there!

SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE HALL

100 CLUB OCTOBER DRAW

£10	No 20	David Smith
£20	No 98	Colin Green

ARTSREACH

Our first show for the autumn/winter season is on Wednesday 19th November at 7.30pm in Shipton Gorge Village Hall. Please put this date in your diary now to welcome *Thespis* and their show **Chetwode, Sandy & Co.**

In this witty play you can expect the unexpected as we follow the real and imaginary lives of its three characters: Chetwode, Sandy and Bunty. Did Chetwode really cross the Rhine in '44? Was Bunty the Prime Minister's Private Personal Secretary and will she be the first woman to play cricket for England? Is Sandy indeed the re-incarnation of Horatio Nelson? Find out when you come to this hilarious comedy written by David Conville. Tickets are £7 and available from Doris Benselin on 897562.



SWYRE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE

COFFEE MORNING

Our next coffee morning is to be on 29th November from 10.30am to midday. Cakes, preserves, raffle and other goodies will be on sale and tea/coffee will be available to all who come. We are raising money for our new PA system for the Church and hope you will all be able to come and enjoy this social event.





Before the start of the coffee morning, at 10.00am, there will be a short service for the lighting of the first advent candle. This will be for about 15 minutes and all are most welcome to join us for this celebration.

SERVICES.

Holy Trinity, Swyre will have a change in the pattern of worship from November as the fourth Sunday of each month will be a communion service by extension.

May I also remind all that the evening service time will change from 6.30pm to 3.30pm from November onwards.

CHURCHYARD

Although working parties will not be a regular feature during the winter time there is always a lot of tidying to do, and help with this will be most appreciated. There will always be someone in the Church on Saturday mornings doing various cleaning jobs so why not join us to keep your village church looking its best for the benefit of all in the parish.

Churchwardens.

<p>BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE CORRESPONDENTS: CATHY & JOHN LAY-FLURRIE 22 BEACH ROAD, BURTON BRADSTOCK CLAYFLURRIE@TISCALI.CO.UK TEL: 897281</p>	
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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Home boxes should be returned in November (latest 30th please) to Pauline Woodford (898327) or Basil Dent.



All are welcome to our Christingle Service to be held this year on Friday 12th December at 3.30pm in St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock.

Children from the school will be taking part and it will be followed by tea in the village hall.

HOME WATCH



Did you know that Crimestoppers is a Charity?

Are you worried about what might happen to you if you talk to the Police? Maybe you've seen or heard something about a crime but don't know what to do. Are you scared to come forward and be a witness? If you feel like this, it's easy to think there is nothing you can do. But would you say something if no-one knew it was you? Then Crimestoppers is for you.

This charity provides a unique service to help you. Tell them what you know, not who you are. They record no personal details about you. They simply pass on the information you have about crime to the Police whilst

protecting your identity. You will not be required to reveal your name, make a statement or appear in court. Your call to Crimestoppers cannot be recorded or traced. They will listen to you about any crime or criminal activity that you have information about.

Crimestoppers is not an emergency service and if you see a crime taking place you should ring 999 to report it immediately. But to give information anonymously to Crimestoppers now, call 0800 555 111

(Synopsis of a presentation given Oct 10th to the Bridport Association of Home Watches)
John Grantham

VILLAGE SOCIETY SPANISH EVENING



In a warm Spanish square I dreamed fitfully of a quiet rural past; of a sun-baked landscape; of bustling orange-burdened market places; of bristling brown men and grandchildren fidgeting at their feet. In my siesta, there was the passionate rhythm of a maple-topped guitar. Roger Cox played magnetically for us at the Village Society Flamenco Evening; there were love songs, hot-blooded passion and the roots of it all, India.

In the interval (apart from the raffle, which always seems to be won by those we have seen winning before....) we had tapas and Spanish wine, further flavouring Roger's absorbing reminiscences of Spain and the growth of his love for its music. A fascinating mixture of Glen Gould and Don Quixote, this was no typical village Spanish evening; it was the Compleat Andalusia!



BURTON BRADSTOCK BRIDGE GROUP

We meet on Tuesdays at 2pm prompt in the Village Hall, excluding 11th November.

For further information please telephone Chris on 898117

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

The Library fund raising committee are hosting a Ploughman's Lunch on Saturday November 22nd between 12.00 and 2.30. There will be a choice of Ploughman's, and a bar.

Tickets are £5.00 each and available from Burton Bradstock Post Office and Sandy Adderley 01308 898358

Please come along and support the Library



THIS YEAR WITH BURTON BRADSTOCK'S VILLAGE SOCIETY

Having got off to a splendid start with our first meeting, on 19th September (reported elsewhere in BVN), readers may be interested to note in their diaries, the programme for the rest of the year. As you know, the Society meets in the Village Hall, usually on the third Friday of each month

between September and May (the exceptions being December and March, when it is the second Friday); its last meeting is the Annual General one.

During the early summer there is a further flourish with the Coffee Morning on Saturday 16th May and the Finale, the famous Annual Flower and Produce Show, on the 18th July.

Membership of the Society brings discounted entry to the Meetings (see below).

For your diary, the dates and subjects are tabulated below:

- 17th Oct **Ancient Stones** of Dorset (Stones Circles and other Stone Age monuments)
- 14th Nov **Butterfly World** (a presentation about the David Attenborough tropical forest project in St Albans)
- 5th Dec **The First Human-powered Circumnavigation of the World**
- 16th Jan **The St Lawrence Seaway in Canada**
- 20th Feb **The Naming of Names** – the search for Order in the World of Plants
- 13th Mar **Dorset Country Houses**, Art and Architecture
- 17th Apri **Search for the Wreck of HMS Wager** (1741) off the Coast of Chile

As ever, the eclectic feast that has brought the Village Society its fame!

Do please remember that the Society encourages membership from all; the annual subscription is a mere £2 with entry to meetings only £1 which includes refreshments! Visitors may attend meetings for an entry price of £3. How do you join? Just turn up on the night avec your £2.



As I am writing this in October I want to thank everyone for their prayers, best wishes, gifts of fruit and (from those who know me very well) chocolate!! All your kindnesses, phone calls. E mails and visits have been very much appreciated and I am sure will aid my recovery.

By the time you read this I hope that the shingles will have given up the attack and that I am out and about thanking you personally.

May I add to this huge “Thank you” a small “Please”. It is really worrying me that there are two months of the year when I have no one to distribute your BVN and they may have to be collected centrally from the Church for example. If you know anyone with two hours to spare once a year, please give them my number (01308 897281) and we can add them to the team.

Cathy Lay-Flurrie

AN INTERNATIONAL EVENING IN BURTON BRADSTOCK

There will be a special international evening in the Village Hall on Friday 21st November at 6.30pm (for 7.00pm) hosted by the Missions Committee.

You are invited to a free three course meal. Representatives from our chosen charities will entertain us between courses. A Neema Crafts stall will be manned (for you to purchase Christmas gifts) and a short

presentation on DVD from Susie and Andy Hart in Tanzania will be shown.

Please will those with culinary skills, who are prepared to make an *international* supper dish, please contact Mary (897849), Liz (897451) or Heather (897780).

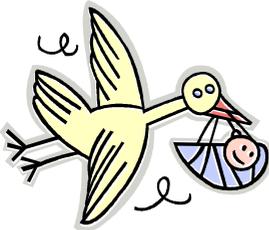
Admission will be free, but donations to support our projects will be welcome. Please come and bring a friend

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LONG BREDY VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is available for hire to anyone who wishes to use this spacious historic hall, including kitchen facilities. Bookings can be made by contacting Sara Winter on 482637 or Jonathon Cook on 482501.

NEW ARRIVAL!



Congratulations & best wishes to Hugo & Juliet Busby who are celebrating the arrival of Lettice Mimi Hespa, born August 27th, a sister for Beatrice. The family would like to extend a huge thank you to Reverend Bob Thorn for allowing Father Boyle of Bristol to come and baptize Lettice in possibly the first Roman Catholic Tridentine service held at St Peter's since the reformation.

LONG BREDY VILLAGE PLAYGROUND

The Parish Council are calling all the families in the village and beyond! With a wonderfully growing number of families and children in the village it would be fantastic to enhance the play facilities for children in Long Bredy and the surrounding area. The possibility of a grant has been established to do just that, so can all families please start to think what they would like to see in the playground if a grant application is successful. Volunteers to help compose a case will be required and as much feedback as possible on questionnaires, to follow. More details next month or contact via the details above.



AUTUMN CLEAR UP

Please remember that if you are free on Saturday 1st November the Autumn clear up is scheduled at the Churchyard, weather permitting, 10.00am onwards.

PUNCKNOWLE & WEST BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Riders from St Mary's taking part in this year's Dorset Historic Churches Trust cycle ride raised the princely sum of £450, half of which comes to the church, and half to the Trust. Many thanks to all those who took part, and to those who so generously sponsored them.



FETE MEETING

Much to our regret the following letter of resignation has been received by the PCC so it is now time for us to look at how to continue in the future.

We have been so well served in the past that it is not going to be easy to live up the reputation of previous fetes. However we will do our very best.

By the time this is read, we will have had a meeting in the Hall to discuss the way ahead. If you are interested in any aspect of the fete, or have any bright ideas as to how it should be run in the future do let us know.

The church will be forever in debt to Ann, Ruth and David for their invaluable dedication and hard work in the past. We extend our most heartfelt and grateful thanks to them and wish them well in the future.

Following the continued success of the fete this year we have decided now is the time to hand over the organisation to a new team. Having run it since the early 90's, we resigned after the fete in 2004, only to help again in 2007 to keep it running. Despite a late start and change of site the fete produced £5400, and this year made £5026, so would seem to be on a sound footing and ready for a change of team.

We will, of course, be happy to advise on anything we can, please feel free to ask any of us at any time. We have records of takings and expenses for every year, which has helped us to decide on planning which stalls to concentrate on as well as providing "fun" stalls for the children.

It's never too early to start planning, indeed some things must be done before the year ends.

We are proud to have been involved since 1990, since when the fete has grown in size whilst staying a traditional non-commercial village fete and has made over £70,000 for the hall and churches. We wish it continued success as a very important part of the village life.

There are too many people to thank individually for their efforts, so we just say a big thank you to all the helpers over the years, both "church-

goers" and "non church-goers" for helping to make it a success. The church will always be an important part of the village both in a religious sense and as a piece of living history. Long may it survive.

Ruth Brierly, David Jenkins and Ann Roberts.

PUNCKNOWLE ART GROUP

We met at The Crown to create pictures with pen and wash. All our paintings were later removed to make way for the decorators. Our following meeting was a joint visit to an exhibition at Eype Church and one at Slader's Yard, West Bay. We are looking forward to our workshop in the village hall with Jane Huxtable-Brown on 14th Nov. We hope that our following meeting on 28th will be back in The Crown, otherwise it will be at Patria. *Christine Molony*



PUNCKNOWLE AND SWYRE VILLAGE HALL

OPEN NIGHT

at

**Puncknowle, Swyre and
West Bexington, Village Hall**

Thursday 6th November: from 7.00pm



For bookings, telephone
01308 897724

Come and meet us for some refreshment and a chat and see the progress we have made with the renovations and repairs to your Village Hall. Join us for the Annual General Meeting and hopefully let us have your ideas for further uses and improvements.

Can you help with the running of the Village Hall? We need new members for the management committee and for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Please telephone Mike Brown on 897953 or Sid Marshall on 897318 for details.

QUIZ NIGHT

The next Quiz Night will be on the 28th November at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Look out for local notices.



100 CLUB

Prizes for August

Barry Clarke	£ 5
Pam Massey	£10

Prizes for September

Pam Carter	£ 5
Sandy Marshall	£10



Rachel & Robert would like to thank everyone in Puncknowle who joined them for Mikeys' Baptism (see "From the Registers"). We all had a wonderful day and felt very welcome. Special thanks to Sally & Jonathan and the children, for the lovely music during the service and to Bob for officiating, and providing extra sparkle to the service.

THE NAPPER CHARITY TRUST

The Napper Charity Trust is a Charity Fund for the people of Puncknowle. The small fund is available as Grants to Individuals or Groups.

Any person or Group can make an application for a share of these funds by applying "in confidence" to the Clerk of Puncknowle Parish Council – telephone 01308-897726, or contacting any of the Parish Councillors for further details.

LITTLEBREDY

VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

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How good the Church decorations looked for the Harvest Thanksgiving service on 27th September. The new look team of flower arrangers set themselves a high standard, and the excellent results amply justified it. The service itself – Evensong with the traditional harvest hymns – created a splendid atmosphere, and it was followed by a Harvest Supper to which many villagers brought generous contributions. A fine village occasion, as ever.

Though we did not hear the sad news till later, **Bryan Hansford**, of 2, Stonehills Cottages, had died in Dorset County Hospital that same day, shortly before his 74th birthday. Bryan first came to Littlebredy in the late 1960's, and lived for a time in one of the Church Walk Cottages (what is now one house was then three). After renovations at Stonehills, he moved there, and, especially after his retirement from the travel industry, became a familiar figure around the village, with his successive golden retrievers, Nai and then Prom. His time as Chairman of the Social Club marked its revival from a period of difficulty, and laid the foundations for today's successful organisation. He will be much missed, and our sympathies are extended to all his friends and relatives.

At his wish, his cremation was private to the extent of anonymity, but there is to be a **Thanksgiving Service** in Church here at **12.00noon on Thursday 27th November**, followed by a **lunch in the Village Hall**, for which Bryan has characteristically made full provision in his will. No doubt plenty of his neighbours here will wish to attend both if they can.

Before that, a reminder that **Bonfire Night** will be celebrated on the **Village Green on Wednesday 5th November**, with the bonfire lit at 7.00 p.m., fireworks shortly afterwards, and a Village Hall supper after that. Those attending are asked to bring a big firework on the night or deliver one beforehand to the Baxters at Spring Cottage. Let's hope for a dry evening, which should be an enjoyable one.

MISCELLANY

AN ATHEIST IN THE WOODS.....

An atheist was walking through the woods. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look and saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charging towards him.



He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer. He tripped & fell on the ground.

He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant the Atheist cried out, "Oh my God!"

Time Stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky, "You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to some cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I now to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very Well," said the voice. The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed.

The bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke, "Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord, Amen."



OVER THE GARDEN WALL

I was at the builders' yard the other day – nice new premises up on the Bridport Trading Estate. Completing the paperwork across the bright new plastic imitation wood counter top, the young man tried to brush off some specks that were probably black paint. “It’s woodworm,” I quipped (I thought, wittily – it was a *plastic* counter top).



“Goodness me, the b*****s have mutated!” was his immediate reply.

Why do I recount this anecdote? That young man is almost certainly doomed. Despite being as bright as a button and possessed of more social skills than fifty of his contemporaries, he can probably never aspire to much more. Before retirement, I had a privileged insight into working for a university and was often struck in much the same way, as I sat occasionally, to enjoy a morning cuppa with the maintenance team – almost all just as sharp, worldly and exceedingly funny at times – to a man uneducated beyond a mediocre comprehensive.

Just what are we doing? Maybe a grammar school would have put them on the right track, I don’t know. I cannot believe that no one has yet noticed their alert young minds and pragmatic dependability. One thing is certain; they are lost to us and we are the poorer for their stifled potential.

“Perry Scope”

ALL GOOD GIFTS AROUND US



To be part of the continuing history of rural England is an emotional experience; maybe it’s old age; maybe it’s the realization that such rituals take a hold on us now as they have done for hundreds of years.

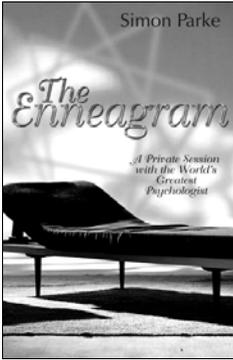
The Harvest Supper may have become Morrison’s macaroons and meringues, electronic fiddles and a dotty ditty by the Proust-loving Priest; but look at the Children! Grasping every esoteric step, through an evening of dances that delighted Hardy and before, they carry our traditions with them, starry-eyed, intact and innocent into the next generation.

This Fellowship of the simple life is indeed the Good Gift as it always has been: free and for nothing.

“Perry Scope”

If the automobile had followed the same development cycle as the computer, a Rolls-Royce would today cost \$100, get a million miles per gallon, and explode once a year, killing everyone inside.

Robert X. Cringely, InfoWorld magazine



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The Enneagram is a means of understanding personality types and human behaviour. It is both ancient and modern. Developed over 1500 years ago by both Sufi and Christian mystics, it was overhauled in the 20th century by the disciplines and insights of Western psychology. It identifies nine types of personality, nine different ways of being, and is widely used today as a perceptive guide to self-understanding.

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Simon Parke was an Anglican priest for 20 years, before deciding on new adventures, one of which is writing. He is a regular columnist for "The Mail on Saturday" and the "Church Times". He has also written satire for radio and TV, and has won a radio Sony award.

St James the Least of All

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace:'

On the perils of eating with members of your church

*The Rectory
St. James the Least of All*

My dear Nephew Darren

I repeated your apologies for being unable to dine with Lord and Lady Shuttlingsloe when I was there yesterday evening. I invented a parish meeting you had to attend and did not mention the real reason of your lack of a dinner suit; your customary trainers and jeans would not have been appreciated.

The evening followed the usual pattern. Being greeted by the footman made me think that your bicycle propped in the entrance hall would have looked rather forlorn, since that is where we hold our Harvest supper for 200 people. The journey from entrance to drawing room would have benefitted from a rest stop half way for coffee and sandwiches to break the journey.

There were the usual guests - most of whom were merely continuing conversations they had had the

previous evening at another stately, decaying pile in the county. The guests were standing, because all the chairs were occupied by the Lord's dogs, comfortably settled among the cushions, after clearly having had an enjoyable afternoon rolling in the mud. Since one aged golden retriever recognised me, having developed an over-familiarity with my own dog, he amicably let me squeeze beside him on a sofa - even if it left me for the rest of the evening looking as if I was wearing an Afghan coat.

When the meal was ready, the butler arrived with our overcoats, to wear as we moved along the corridors, away from the drawing room fire to the dining room, - a cavernous room heated by a one bar electric fire placed next to our host. The house is rumoured to be haunted, but I suspect any sounds of footsteps come from guests of previous years, still wandering the corridors trying to find their way out.

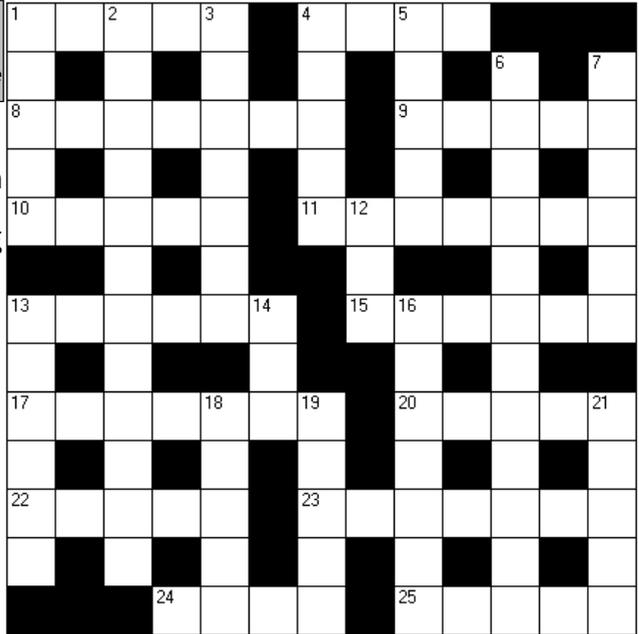
The meal would have been good if eaten in the kitchen, but after another mile long trek through the house, it arrived at the table stone cold - which Lord Shuttlingsloe considers perfectly acceptable, since his family have been eating in this way for the past 500 years (which is how long most of the present staff have worked there). Conversation at my end of the table was less than easy, since Lady S slept soundly throughout the meal and my companion on the other side seemed to hold me personally responsible for the Spanish Inquisition. Had I been, she would most definitely have been on my list for questioning.

As Rector, one has one's social responsibilities, but I confess, there were moments when I rather envied your own evening, with a meal on a tray in front of the television - although without the bicycle by the front door.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

CROSSWORD

Use the NIV Bible



ACROSS

- 1 Plant under which the behemoth lies in Job ch. 40 (5)
- 4 Do not ____ a young goat (Lev 23.19) (4)
- 8 Holy war (7)
- 9 What the wicked do to the Lord's people in Psalm 94 (5)
- 10 Loaded, as Israel was loaded with silver and gold in Psalm 105 (5)
- 11 Processions (7)
- 13 In wrath you _____ through the earth (Hab 3.12) (6)
- 15 Description of the wolves in Acts ch. 20 (6)
- 17 Hates, as the Lord hates the way of the wicked in Proverbs ch. 15 (7)
- 20 How can I _____ you like Admah (Hos 11.8) (5)
- 22 Like the crowds following Jesus in Matthew ch. 19 (5)
- 23 25 cents (US slang) (3,4)
- 24 The lilies in Luke ch. 12 do not do this (4)
- 25 Haul on a rope (5)
- 12 Donkey (3)
- 13 Seat in which Rachel put the household gods in Genesis ch. 31 (6)
- 14 ..fathers will ____ their children (Ezek 5.10) (3)
- 16 Home town of Nicolas in Acts ch. 6 (7)
- 18 Abram fell into a deep one in Genesis ch. 15 (5)
- 19 The Devil (5)
- 21 Do not handle! Do not _____! Do not touch! (Col 2.21) (5)

DOWN

- 1 Description of the councils mentioned in Mark ch. 13 (5)
- 2 Atmospheric disturbance having a path cut in Job ch. 38 (12)
- 3 Coloured like the glass in a church window (7)
- 4 Inexpensive (5)
- 5 Happen (5)
- 6 The first Sunday in Lent (12)
- 7 Morally pure (6)



FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE

Rainbow Rhymes

Poems and Promises to cut out and collect.

Poppy

Dancing, Twirling,
Cheerful, bright,
Lifts her face
In new delight.
Smiling, waving,
Giving pleasure,
A scarlet-coated
Dark-eyed treasure.

Sol says: "I seem to remember something about poppies & November. Now what was it? Good thing God's memory never fails!"

I'll never forget you, never. Look, I've written your names on the backs of my hands.
Isaiah 49:15b (The Message)

Poem by Daphne Kitching, Picture by Elaine Hill, Coloured by



St MARTIN DE PORRES

Martin was born in 1579 in Lima, Peru, the son of a former slave. He grew up in poverty and was taken in by a religious order as a servant boy. The monks looked down on Martin because he was mixed-race but in time his behaviour led to the Dominican Order stopping their racial limits on admission and he was made a full brother. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor starting an orphanage and a children's hospital.

During his lifetime he was seen in other places. An African slave said Martin came to comfort him and many others. When the same man later saw him in Peru, he was very happy to meet him again and asked Martin if he had had a good voyage; but Martin had never left Lima.

In pictures, Martin de Porres is shown as a young man with a broom, since he thought all work sacred, no matter how lowly. He is also shown with a dog, cat and mouse, all eating in peace from the one dish.

DOG, CAT & MOUSE

St Martin de Porres is often shown with mice because, according to one story, the monastery had problems with rodents and decided to put traps out. Martin was so upset that he spoke to the mice and agreed that if they would leave the monastery, he would feed them at the back door of the kitchen. From that day forward, no mouse was seen in the monastery.

Which of these animals do you think are actually mentioned by name in the Bible?

1. Cat
2. Horse
3. Dog
4. Mouse
5. Lamb
6. Frog
7. Monkey
8. Lion
9. Donkey
10. Ox



Answers at the bottom of the page.



How does a group of dolphins make a decision?

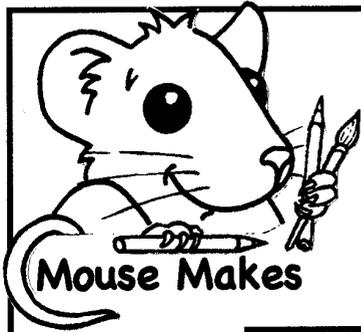
Flipper coin.

How do sheep sign their letters?

'Ewes sincerely.'



Answer: all are in the Bible except numbers 1 and 7, the cat and the monkey.



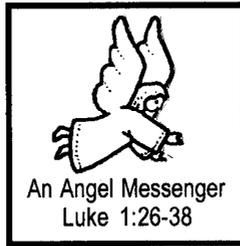
Mouse Makes

ADVENT comes from the Latin 'AD VENTO' which means 'ARRIVAL'

In advent we celebrate Jesus' birth and look forward to the time when Jesus will come again.



God's Promise
Isaiah 9:6-7



An Angel Messenger
Luke 1:26-38



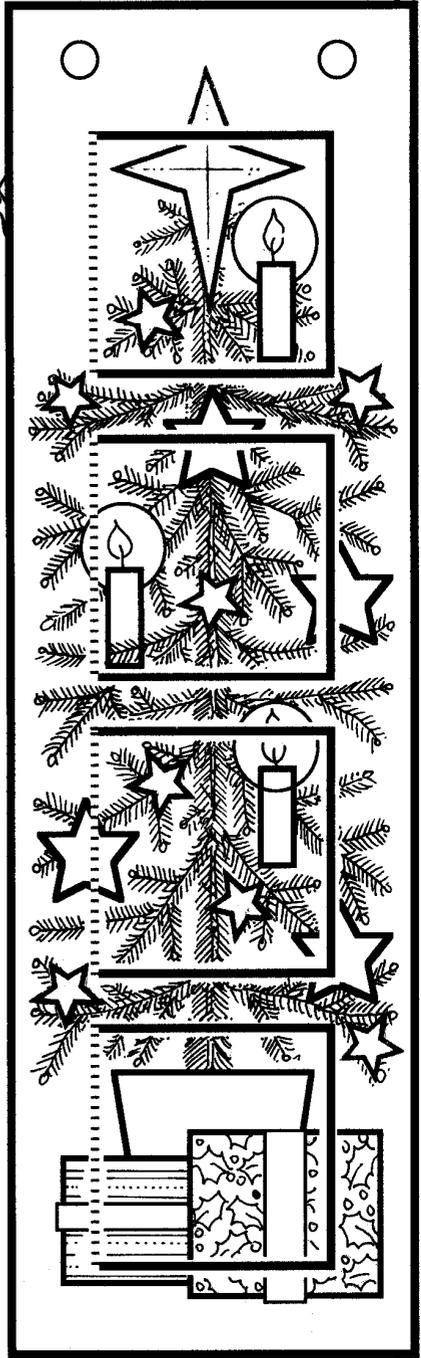
A Long Journey
Luke 2:1-20



The Best Gift Of All
John 3:16

Make this Advent calendar to count down the four Sundays before Christmas

1. Cut out the front of the calendar. **2. Ask an adult** to cut around the thick lines of each window with a craft knife, then fold them open along the dotted lines. **3. Put glue** on the back of the calendar around the edge and stick onto card. **4. Cut out the** pictures and glue onto the backing card behind each window. **5. Punch holes** in the top and hang.



POETS' CORNER

THE PERILOUS PICNIC'

Today I saw a sparrow rest
On my best Sunday hat.
He said, "I thought it was a nest."
Well, really, fancy that!
And then there came a butterfly,
She lit upon my nose.
"Do pardon," said the butterfly,
"I thought it was a rose."
And when I saw an adder slide and
Slither through the grass,
I must confess I ran to hide
Until I saw him pass!
A spider sauntered up my leg
And lingered on my knee,
No need to say I had to beg
That further not went he!
I spread a cloth upon the ground
To lay my picnic fare,

I heard a noise, I looked around,
A bee had come to share!
The bee he buzzed across a bun
And feasted on the jam,
Although, some lunch was left for
one,
He didn't touch the ham!
A gnat she landed on my neck,
To her, a toothsome site.
By now I was a nervous wreck
And smarting from her bite!
A quiet day I'd thought to spend
Out in the country air,
I never guessed I'd have to fend
Off beasties lurking there!
I fled the open air and went
To picnic in my kitchen,
Ah, what a splendid time I had
...In peace instead of itchin'!

Sandra Yates

NOVEMBER

Sat	1	ALL SAINTS	
		10.00am Churchyard Clear Up	St Peter's, Long Bredy
		7.30pm RBL (Ab'bury Br) AGM	Strangways Hall, Ab'bury
		7.30pm "Bride Valley in Song"	RBL Hall, Bridport
		Bonfire Party	Barges Close Field, LC
Sun	2	COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS	
Tue	4	10.00am National Trust Drop-in "Surgery"	Hive Cafe
		2.00pm BB Bridge Group	BB Village Hall
		2.30pm Tea Dance	Bridport Arts Centre
		7.00pm Jewellery Party	New Inn, SG
Wed	5	2.00pm Threads of Hope	Good Books, Bridport
		7.00pm Bonfire Night	Littlebredy Village Hall
Thu	6	10.00am RBL (BB Br) War Memorial Pilgrimage	BB Library
		10.30am Poppy Appeal - Coffee Morning	BB Village Hall
		3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
		7.00pm Village Hall Open Evening & AGM	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	7	7.00pm Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper	SG Village Hall
Sat	8	10.00am Village Litter Pick	LC Bus Shelter
		3.00pm RBL (Ab'bury Br) Visit to Land Registry	Chickerell
		3.00pm WD SGDR AGM	St Martin's, SG
Mon	10	10.30am New Inn Support Ltd Open Evening	SG Village Hall
Tue	11	2.30pm WI Meeting "Reflexology"	BB Village Hall
		3.00pm Shipton Gorge W I Reunion	SG Village Hall
Fri	14	10.30am Puncknowle Art Group	PSWB Village Hall
		BB Vill. Socy. "Butterfly World"	BB Village Hall
Sat	15	9.30am Producers' Christmas Market	Thorner's School, LC
Mon	17	ST HILDA, ABBESS OF ST KILDA	
		2.30pm Chai & Chat	Good Books, Bridport
		7.30pm Shipton Gorge Ltd AGM	SG Village Hall
Tue	18	2.00pm BB Bridge Group	BB Village Hall
		2.30pm Tea Dance	Bridport Arts Centre
Wed	19	10.30am Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		7.30pm Artsreach "Chetwode, Sandy & Co"	SG Village Hall

Thu	20	EDMUND OF EAST ANGLIA	
		3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
		7.30pm Puncknowle History Society	PSWB Village Hall
Fri	21	6.30pm Missions C'tee "International Evening"	BB Village Hall
		7.00pm Thorner's Christmas Bingo	Thorner's School, LC
Sat	22	12.noon Library "Ploughman's Lunch"	
Sun	23	12.noon Pre Christmas Get-Together	SG Village Hall
Tue	25	2.00pm BB Bridge Group	BB Village Hall
Wed	26	2.00pm Threads of Hope	Good Books, Bridport
Thu	27	12.noon Thanksgiving for Bryam Hansford, & Lunch	St Michael & All Angels, Littlebredy
		2.30pm MU Meeting	St Catharines Cross, SG
Fri	28	10.30am Puncknowle Art Group	Crown Inn, Puncknowle
Sat	29	10.00am Lighting of Advent Candle	Holy Trinity, Swyre
		4.30pm BV Fledglings "Christkindlmarkt"	Thorners School, LC
Sun	30	ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	
		5.00pm Pre-Ordination Beano	BB Village Hall
		6.30pm ORDINATION OF RYDER ROGERS	St Mary's, BB

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR ALL PARISHES:

DECEMBER

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Tue	2	10.00am National Trust Drop-in "Surgery"	Hive Cafe
		2.30pm Tea Dance	Bridport Arts Centre
Wed	3	Thorner's "Chocoholics"	Thorners School, LC
Thu	4	3.00pm Guild of Health Meditation Group	Othona Community
		9.30am Christmas Shopping Trip, Exeter	New Inn, SG
Fri	5	BB Vill Socy "1st Human Powered Circumnavigation"	BB Village Hall
Sat	6	11.00am Village Hall Trust Coffee Morning	BB Village Hall
Fri	12	3.30pm Christingle Service	St Mary's, Burton Bradstock
Tue	16	2.30pm Tea Dance	Bridport Arts Centre
Sat	20	11.00am Bridport Nativity	Bucky Doo Square, Bridport

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM MINISTRY

ST MARY: Burton Bradstock ST MARY: Litton Cheney

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Littlebredy

ST PETER: Long Bredy CHILCOMBE (Dedication unknown)

ST MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Puncknowle

ST MARTIN: Shipton Gorge Holy Trinity: Swyre

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WEEKDAY SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY: NOVEMBER 2008

Wednesday 5th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 6th	9.00	Swyre	Morning Prayer
Friday 7th	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 10th	9.00	Littlebredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 12th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 13th	9.00	Puncknowle	Morning Prayer
Friday 14th	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 17th	9.00	Long Bredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 19th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 20th	9.00	Swyre	Morning Prayer
Friday 21st	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer
Monday 24th	9.00	Littlebredy	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 26th	9.30	Burton Bradstock	Morning Prayer
	10.00	Burton Bradstock	Holy Communion
Thursday 27th	9.00	Puncknowle	Morning Prayer
Friday 28th	9.00	Litton Cheney	Morning Prayer
Friday 3rd	9.00	Shipton Gorge	Morning Prayer

CHURCH SERVICES

THE BRIDE VALLEY TEAM OF PARISHES

November 2008

Date	1 st Sunday 2 nd Nov; 4 th before Advent All souls	2 nd Sunday 9 th Nov; 3 rd before Advent Remembrance	3 rd Sunday 16 th Nov; 2 nd before Advent	4 th Sunday 23 Nov; Next before Advent Christ the King	5 th Sunday 30 th Nov Advent Sunday
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Songs of Praise 3.00 Memorial service 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 10.45 Remembrance 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family service 11.00 Holy Communion (By extension) 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 6.30 pm Ordination
Shipton Gorge	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Service of Remembrance	9.30 Holy Communion	6.30 Evening Prayer	
Chilcombe					
Swyre	3.30 Evening Prayer		11.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Communion by Ext	
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (Said)	11.00 Family Service	11.00 United Valley Service
Litton Che- ney	11.00 Family Service		9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion (By extension)	8.00 Holy Communion
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Morning Worship		
Littlebredy		11.00 Family service		11.00 Holy Communion	