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WHAT am I to do with my old bibles? I have been working for years with one my parents gave me before I went to train for the priesthood back in 1973, for which reason I am very attached to it. I was then given another when I was ordained in 1977, and precious it is.



Both have been drenched at funerals and soaked on the motorbike. Both have fallen or been dropped so many times that the spine of each has gone. Pages are missing. So for all that they are now hopeless, they carry scribbles I have jotted in the margins all my ministerial life; blots and dashes to remind me of something important once or maybe twice, but no more. Many of the jottings, even when I can read them, mean nothing now. But both my bibles are something of where I have been in the Spirit, like a suitcase blotched with luggage labels.

Now I have a new bible, innocent of notes and hieroglyphs. It is floppy because hard backs dent when they fall off the back of the motorbike. It is powder blue with a brown band, not because I have any love of Wedgewood, but because the print is big. Which things I note so that when I leave it in one of the Churches, as I inevitably will, you will know that it is mine. Thank you.

But again, what am I to do with the old ones? Throw them in the paper recycling is good, if unsentimental. Burning is the action of oppression. Throwing into the sea is the option of a Nordic funeral, and none the worse for that.

I cannot give them away. If I were to give a bible away it should be my nice new one, not some tatty broken object with pages missing. What if a missing page was of the resurrection? The good book would be missing much of the point and most of the good, I fear.

So what am I to do? Answers on the back of the B.V.N. please; preferably an old and ragged copy that has been dropped in a puddle and is of no further use, except for this one ponderable purpose.

*My thanks
Bob Thorn*

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISM

Harry Mark David Mayo. 2.00 pm Sunday 8th November at St Mary's Church, Burton Bradstock. He is lovely, and was just as quiet and calm as it is possible to imagine, all while being passed from one doating Godparent to another and posing for photographs after the bravely borne ordeal. We sang and prayed for the good of his soul and blessed him on his way in life. Of course at the same time he was blessing us in what we had seen of a child under the hand of the Almighty.

FUNERALS



The funeral of **LAWRENCE STONE** was held at the Church of St Mary, Litton Cheney on Friday 9th November. It had been some years since in his younger days he had lived in the village. We heard a tribute of his life and times, commended his soul to God, and laid him to rest in the churchyard.



On Friday 16th November the funeral service was held, at Weymouth crematorium, of the late **ROYSTON (ROY) LEONARD MORRIS**. He and his wife Diane had only recently moved into Burton Bradstock and his sudden death had been both untimely and unexpected. It was in shock and deep sorrow that neighbours and friends from far away joined Diane and her sons, Paul and Simon and their families to mourn and to commend Roy's soul to God's good company.



On the 28th November we interred the ashes of the late **THELMA SKUES** in the churchyard of St Mary's, Burton Bradstock. Friends and neighbours gathered on a cold morning to mark this place of her memory, outside the Church where with her beloved husband, Chris, she worshipped at the heart of the people.



The ashes of **IRENE (RENE) ALMA HUSSEY** were laid to rest in the churchyard of St Peter's. Long Bredy on Friday 30th November. Mr Robert Maltby joined Rene's son, Ken for the simple ceremony, when Rene's ashes were set with those of her late husband, Cliff, among the fields and farms they loved so well.



After the unexpected death of **ROBERT FREDERICK STROUD** many people came to celebrate his life at St Mary's Burton Bradstock on 15th November - people from his work days at

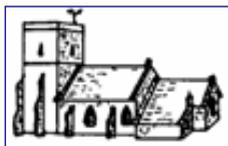
Aldermarston, his service to the community in the Bridport Civil Service Pensions and Probus organisations, as well as neighbours (who have had so many losses recently) and friends from the church.

Robert's last Sunday, two days before his death, was All Saints Day when we 'happened' to sing his favourite song , *When the Saints go marching in*. So, appropriately, we left his funeral service to this song of celebration and hope.

At the service his daughter Ruth and granddaughter Lizzie read Bible passages from Psalm 23 & Philippians 4.

We pray for Robert's wife Muriel, his children Jonathan and Ruth, and Jonathan's wife Joyce with their children Lizzie & Matt.

Peace from the Prince of Peace be theirs and ours.



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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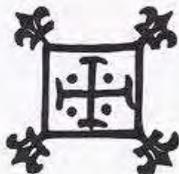
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ST MARY'S CHURCH, PUNCKNOWLE CHRISTINGLE

This service of celebration of the light of Christ in the world will take place on Sunday 27th January at 11.00am with the collection going to the

Children's Society.



FELLOWSHIP

The first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday Jan. 9th at 7.30pm at 12, Napier Close to which the young people are invited. Other meetings this month will be on the following Wednesdays at the same time:

January 16th at 30 Springfield,

January 23rd at Scrubbings, Hoopers Lane,

January 30th at 3 Lytton Close.

Everyone is welcome to join in for fellowship, Bible reading and prayer.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SWYRE.

TREE WORK

The work needed in the churchyard for safety reasons has been completed. There are logs in the churchyard which any parishioner who would like to have for their own use are

welcome to collect. A donation to the church funds would be much appreciated in return.

It came to our notice while the tree work was in progress that there is a general impression that the Diocese of Salisbury pays for such works as these. In fact any work that we have done in the church or churchyard is paid for by the church members, who are very few in number. Occasionally we are able to get help with funding from charities, but this was not the case for the tree work.

ADVENT COFFEE MORNING.

Thank you to all those who supported this event and helped us to raise £157 towards the Church Fabric Fund. We were delighted to see so many of you there, including a good contingent from Burton Bradstock, despite the very poor weather. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

We start the New Year off with our **EPIPHANY CAROLS OF PRAISE** led by Bob Thorn at 3.30pm on 6th January. This will be followed by refreshments and much friendly chatter no doubt!

Greetings for the New Year. We hope that you have all had a good and peaceful Christmas.

Yvonne and David Buckland

VILLAGE HALL



Results for November

Peter Upjohn	£15
Avril Upjohn	£10



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & W. BEXINGTON LUNCH CLUB

The January 2013 lunch will be on Tuesday 15th January in the Village Hall, Puncknowle, 12.30pm for 1.00pm. Any member who has not already ordered their meal or wishes to cancel a meal should telephone Ken Martin on 897622 before Friday 11th January.

MUSIC NIGHT

This happening on Saturday 10th November was hugely enjoyed by all who came along – except one! The band, *Impromptu*, played some lovely cool jazz numbers, then lively ones towards the end – all excellent musicians so many thanks to Polly Gifford Vocalist, Dan Shackell on saxophones, Dave Bell on double



bass & trombone (not at the same time!) Phil on drums, and last but not least Jonathon Jevons on keyboard. I say many thanks indeed, as they played for the Hall for free - so with the raffle and the bar, we made a bit of money towards the Hall's upkeep. The "one" did win a raffle prize so it was worth coming on the night! Thanks to Darren also for stepping in and manning the bar, with his helpers.

Carol Bennett

ART CLUB

Our workshop with Jane Huxtable-Brown was a revelation. We worked hard on our still life of cooking apples in the style of Lucian Freud with surprisingly good results.



Our AGM on January 11th will be at Sue's and 25th in the hall. New members are always welcome.

Christine Malony

BOOK CLUB



Our book called "White Mughals" – set in another time and country in 18th century India, turned out to be a scholarly work by William Dalrymple, but not an entertaining read. It was so full of detail (brilliantly researched) which got in the way of the story – all true as this was non-fiction. It was about the intermingling of two cultures – British and Indian - during the early days of the East India Company and the consequences.

Our next will be "The Last Weekend" by Blake Morrison – which was televised in play form recently.

Carol Bennett

THE NAPPER CHARITY TRUST

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

The Napper Charity Trust raises a small fund each year to be used for the **benefit of residents of Puncknowle** and awards from it are now available on application – either in the form of grants to individuals or to groups. (The full terms of the Charity are available on request - see below.)

In order to indicate how such awards may be distributed, the following are just some of the uses to which the fund may be considered:-

- Providing assistance to families or students towards educational needs e.g. purchase of books, school uniforms, trips/excursions, or other items;
- Giving financial support to community groups who provide social and cultural amenities in Puncknowle.

The above list is not intended to be limiting but rather to offer some ideas on how best this small fund may benefit the community. Any person or group can make an application for a share of these funds.

Please apply "in confidence" to the Clerk of Puncknowle Parish Council (Carolyn Buckland) - Telephone No. 01308-897726 or contact any of the Parish Councillors (see Notice Boards) for further details.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

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ROBERT STROUD

Robert was cremated at Weymouth on the 15th November followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church. His ashes were laid to rest in St Mary's Churchyard at a private family ceremony on 8th December. Muriel and her son and daughter would like to thank all those friends who attended the Church for the Thanksgiving Service and for their kind messages and support at this difficult time.



THANK YOU

FROM STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION



The tremendous support throughout Burton Bradstock and beyond for this cause – enabling a seriously or terminally ill child to fulfil a wish, such as meeting top sportspeople at a big sporting event or a visit to Disneyland or whatever – has been very much appreciated by the Starlight Charity, and by Annie and myself.

The showing of *'Les Vacances de M.Hulot'*, a classic of cinema, struck a major chord on the night, and we hope he'll return in a different film in 2013 – we hope to be able to organise one or maybe two films a year, comedy only.

We are grateful to so many people that we cannot name all, but it was excellent to be able to use the newly installed digital projector; we are enormously thankful again to Gwen at the Post Office for organising the sale of the tickets without cost to us; to those who earned so well from the bar, raffle and choc-ice trays; to all who attended and worked behind the scenes; and to all who donated in different ways including the anonymous donor who gave £200 to take the total profit to over £1000. The fact that most of the profit came other than from ticket sales shows just what a fine and generous village we live in.

Thank you! Annie and John Grantham

CHESIL COURT COFFEE GROUP

This group started about 7 years ago with 4 people attending and we now have around 20 regular members. The idea was to have a meeting place where people in the village who wished to meet with others for a friendly coffee and chat could do so.

The group is organised and run by the Pastoral Assistants of St Mary's Church. We meet every month on the second Thursday (usually) and over the years we have added various things as and when there was interest from everyone to do so.

The year is now made up of coffee and chat mornings, lunch gatherings, gentle exercise sessions, an annual outing to Mangerton Mill for lunch, to browse in the craft shops and stroll round the lake, afternoon tea in the summer and a Christmas lunch in December. We even introduced a games afternoon last November which proved to be a fun time and so we may organise more of those this coming year.

We meet in Chesil Court (hence the name) which is in South Annings. The group is open to anyone in the village. If you would like to meet us then do come along, we meet this month for coffee on Thursday 10th January between 10.30am and 12noon. You will be made most welcome.

For more information or a copy of the new programme for 2013 then please contact Lesley on 897695.

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY

THE SPIRIT OF TIBET

It was standing room only for those late for Jane Steenbuch's talk on 16th November, 2012.

She is a local girl, over from her home in Denmark. "This," she began, "may explain why I've been kissing everyone." Oddly, her father seems to do that too; well, the other way round, all the girls seem to want to kiss Derek – and I say that purely in envy. Jane, née Parsons, began by telling us that she had contemplated Everest, but realised her knees weren't up to it. So it was to be a walk along Friendship Highway from Lhasa to its base camp. But there was much more to her story than the tramp from the capital of Tibet to Nepal.

Since as recently as 2011, there have been 58 self-immolations by Buddhist monks seeking to draw attention to the appalling situation in Tibet under its Chinese yoke. The change in leadership in China has presented a world opportunity for Tibet to publicise its yearning for independence, for the return of the Dalai Lama and for the teaching and use of the Tibetan language in schools.

Jane explained that photographs of the military or police or their buildings are expressly forbidden as crimes and that a minimum visit of 6

persons was now the only way to obtain a visa.

In a series of vivid (permissible) photographs, we made that journey with her, hearing of the 6,000 monasteries that were destroyed during the cultural revolution, of the origins of Tibet in the theocracy founded by the Dalai Lama in 1368 and of the flight of his modern successor in 1959. The overriding memory of Tibet, for anyone, is, apparently, the smell of yak butter, which fuels the lamps in the monasteries and is carried as a staple in thermos flasks by simply everyone, as well as fouling the soles of one's shoes. This humble people live on boiled noodles and vegetables at 10,000 feet above sea level; they endure an imposed "2 children per family" policy and have a life expectancy of 52 years. Despite this, "Hello" in Tibetan can be translated as, "I greet the Divine in you".

We were fascinated by the pictures of Tibetan villages: predictable stone houses, but interspersed with red brick monstrosities built by the Chinese. Every monastery seems to have paper money crammed into every orifice. There is no coinage in Tibet, just almost worthless paper notes. But in this way, the monks scrape a living. Jane explained that it is not permissible to ask questions about the Dalai Lama as there are so many (official) informers in every place – it made one think that, like rats in Britain, one is probably never more than a few feet from an informer.

In this part of Tibet the Bön religion is a distillation of a belief in demons and spirits and Buddhism. A demoness straddles the high plateau of Tibet and her body is pinned down by temples.

Finally, we are treated to striking photographs of Qomolangma (Goddess mother of Earth: Everest); they are, indeed, striking, but our attention is lured by Jane's description of the hotel at Base Camp, best summed up by the departing mountaineer, who commented to her, "You only stay in this hotel once..." The disgusting picture of the only loo – or was it just a hole in the floor? – will stay with us some time.

John Grantham did his best to praise this monster of a talk and he did it well, wittily invoking the 'autonomous region of Burton Bradstock'. This was something we could never have seen on television.

"The world needs the peaceful religion of Tibet" we agreed.

‘SCENES FROM EVERYDAY LIFE

- paintings and photographs from the 19th to the 21st century' is the theme of a talk to be given by Tate guide David Hutchinson, at Burton Bradstock Village Hall on Friday 18th January at 7.30pm.

From pots of geraniums in Cézanne's greenhouse to photographs of crowds at the coronation and funeral of George VI, great art meets history and nostalgia for an entertaining evening.

David makes a welcome return to talk with us...the word 'with' is deliberate, as he looks forward to getting the audience's views too on the evening.

John Grantham

FUTURE BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE SOCIETY DATES

Unless something currently unforeseen changes these, the forward dates for our talks this year are as follows:

Friday 18th January, Friday 15th February, Friday 15th March, Friday, 19th April, Friday 17th May, Friday 20th September, Friday 18th October, Friday 15th November, Friday 20th December.

John Grantham

BURTON BRADSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

“200 CLUB” DECEMBER 2012 DRAW

WDDC Licence no: SLO080

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£83.60	No 127	Mrs Pauline Woodford
2nd	£41.80	No 40	Mr Derek Parsons
3rd	£20.90	No 208	Mrs Helen Sinclair



Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the January 2013 draw should telephone Alan Clarke on 01308 897051 and let him have £12.

There are double prizes in the December draw.



Our next event will be a one man show on Saturday 9th February 2013 when Pip Utton will present “Churchill” in Burton Bradstock Village Hall.

Those of you that saw his “Dickens” show will remember that he has the remarkable ability to ‘become’ the characters he represents. This show has been seen in various countries in Europe and has had great success and good reviews.

“Utton is the doyen of the Fringe one man show...” *Daily Telegraph.*

“takes you to a history that we must not and will never forget...”

Theatre Paradijs (Nederlands premiere)

Put the date in your diary NOW !

Norman Saunders-White, Promoter for Artsreach Burton Bradstock. 01308 897214

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Reading Room at 7-30pm

FRIENDS OF BURTON BRADSTOCK LIBRARY

Many thanks to all who supported our Ploughman's Lunch in November which raised a magnificent £654.

As you will know the Friends have been responsible for the building since September but we are still awaiting final approval of the document making us a Community Library in accordance with the arrangements with

the Dorset Library Service; it is intended all will be complete by the end of January.

We are very grateful to all Patrons and Members who have paid subscriptions in the last few weeks, however, if anyone would like to join the Friends as either a Patron or a Member then we would be delighted and application forms are held in the library. If you feel able to "Gift Aid" your subscription then again the relevant forms are in the library. I am sure you are aware that, provided you are a tax payer, then by gift aiding your subscription the Friends are able to reclaim tax from HMRC which all helps towards our ever increasing expenses. *Ian Wigglesworth Treasurer (897083)*

LITTLEBREDY

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IT SEEMS a long time ago now, but copy for last month's edition went to the editor just before Remembrance Sunday, which was marked here on a chill but sunny morning with a short ceremony at the War Memorial and a moving service, attended also by neighbours from several other parishes in the valley, and led by Ryder Rogers. The occasion provided an opportunity to remember with pride Captain Tomasz Jennings, tragically killed in Afghanistan in December 2011. His widow and children are the daughter and grandchildren of Kerrie Peck of 2, Whitehill Cottages. To all the family we extend renewed sympathies in their loss.



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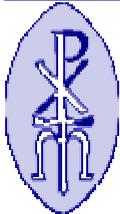
Social Club's Annual Meeting at the end of November, Liz Fitzpatrick gallantly assumed the Treasurer's role as well as that of Secretary. A small subscription increase was agreed, as, if the profit from the enormous success of the Jubilee Extravaganza is discounted, the Club continues to run at a steady loss. Undaunted, however, the committee has put together a varied programme for 2013, starting with an event in the Hall in February close to St. Valentine's Day. More news will follow in due course.

As for Liz herself, she was rewarded for her public-spiritedness the following day, when she and Nick were among the crowd at Twickenham to watch England's momentous victory over the All Blacks. What an occasion!

A very happy, prosperous and fulfilling 2013 to all in Littlebredy and the Bride Valley, or with connections of any sort with either.

LITTON CHENEY

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ST MARY'S CHURCH

As the year ends the PCC wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who have served on the various church rotas (cleaners, flower arrangers, readers, clock winders, church lockers, coffee servers) and others who have given their time so generously in caring for our Grade 1 listed building and the churchyard during the past year.

Our monthly work parties to keep the yard in check will continue on the first Thursday each month for an hour or so commencing at 9.30am, but we will have a holiday in January; see you on 7th February!

LITTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL There will be a meeting of the Litton Cheney Parish Council on Tuesday 8th January at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of Litton and Thorner's Community Hall. All local residents are welcome and indeed actively encouraged to attend.

The Parish Council wishes everyone in the Bride Valley a very happy New Year

EVENTS AT LATCH

JANUARY 2013

ZUMBA will be starting on Thursday 10th January, at the new time of 6.00 - 7.00pm.

YOGA - Usual time on Fridays. Starts 11th January for 6 weeks until half term, then March 1st for 4 weeks ending on Friday 22nd March.

ART CLASSES will be starting on Thursday afternoons in January - watch out for posters.,

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 8th - 7.30pm in the meeting room

"MIDNIGHT IS A PLACE", Friday 18th - Show starts 7.30pm. Full details in "Valley Notes"

THE BIG BREAKFAST - Village Café run by Thorners School Association, Saturday 19th.



LITTON CHENEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **Barn Dance** was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended, and it was noticeable how many people from outside the village came along to enjoy the evening. It was pity there could not be more from the village as

the ladies prepared a wonderful supper which really added to the evening. Thank you ladies for all your enthusiasm, time, and hard work! We are planning to hold one again next year but will be making changes, as we made a significant loss this year, and also hope that as a village event it will appeal to more villagers.

The **2013 EVENT CALENDAR** will soon be on the website and notice boards. All the usual events will be taking place, but we are making a change to the village walks. They will no longer take place every month but rather every 3/4 months and information will be provided well in advance e.g. a walk round Lewesdon Hill at Blue Bell time in May.

There have been changes to the committee. Lois Evans has "retired" (just from the committee!) after 5 very enthusiastic and helpful years. Lois has given a lot to the committee and village during these years and on your behalf I thank her very much for her time and infectious enthusiasm.

We are fortunate that 2 new members have come forward to join our merry band, June Lawrence and Lyn Lacey. June was a member some 5 years ago, but just couldn't keep away, and Lyn has always helped whenever and however she could. It is a pleasure to welcome both, and always good to have a fresh contribution.

We are keen to welcome further members to help broaden the committee, particularly thinking of families.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ron Davidson: LCSC 482661

FROM THE VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT:

Thank you to all contributors who have assisted me in compiling this section of the Bride Valley News during the past 12 months.

John and Sandra wish all readers a very happy and prosperous 2013

SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Service of Quiet Contemplation and Reflection was led by Janet Lane and Vicky Thomas. We were joined by Barbara Montgomery, granddaughter of Harry Sanders whose twin brother, Will, was killed at Ypres in 1915 and is commemorated on the memorial triptych in St Martin's



Church. A congregation of some 40 people heard Barbara giving a moving tribute to her great-uncle and she placed a wreath of Flanders poppies in remembrance of all those who gave their lives in past and present conflicts.

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SHIPTON GORGE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The SGVS Committee wishes all Parishioners a very happy and prosperous New Year.

EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR 2013

Sat 16th February Quiz Night+Fish & Chip Supper, Village Hall (7.00pm)

Wed 20th February SGVS AGM in the Village Hall (7.00pm)

Sat 20th April. Race Night in the Village Hall (7.00pm)

Sat 22nd June. Village Fete in Village Hall + Field (2.00pm)

Sat 10th August. Flower & Vegetable Show in the Village Hall (2.00pm)

Sat 7th September. Village Walk Meet at New Inn Car Park (10.30am)

Sat 14th September. Quiz Night + Supper in the Village Hall (7.00pm)

Wed 20th November. Bingo in the Village Hall (7.00pm)

Sat 23rd November. Xmas Bazaar 'Table Top Sale' in the Village Hall
(10.00am - 1.00pm)

All Things Xmas (except Reindeers !!)

Wed 4th December. Xmas Shopping Trip to Exeter (9.00am) Meet New
Inn Car Park

You are invited to join us for

COFFEE AND CROISSANTS

AND A CHAT!

in the Village Hall, Friday 18th January

10.00am until 12.00noon. Proceeds to St Martin's Church



VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

£50	No 73	Robert Cornish
£25	No 25	Jenny Burt
£10	No 82	Betty Shepherd
£10	No 108	Tony Mallett
£10	No 110	Phyl Webster

PARISH COUNCIL

There will not be a meeting of the Parish Council in January;. Please see next month's BVN for the date of the next meeting.

Notices of the change to the collection of domestic refuse over the Christmas and New Year holiday are posted on the village notice boards.

Once again a lot of notices are being put up on telegraph poles around the village. As we have four very nice notice boards, supplied by the Village Society and Parish Council only a year or two ago, please could people use these boards instead of posting on poles which is unsightly, illegal and also distracts people from looking in the notice boards.



ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace:'

Why church planting only causes trouble

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for coming to talk to our church council about your New Year's programme for church planting. (Though I wonder: why should a new year have to have new ideas? We haven't yet used the ideas we had last year.) Anyway, you may have been interested to hear the discussions on the subject after you left early to get your bicycle chain mended. A few folk thought that, in urging us to do some church planting, you were making veiled attacks on our flower arrangers. Others were disappointed you didn't say whether yew or holly would be better for planting in the churchyard.

I must admit, I learned some new facts. I had always thought that the point in sending parishioners to

start a new church in another area was simply a way of getting rid of those you found tiresome in your own congregation – even if that would mean I would feel obliged to suggest a good half of our people may find a new vocation.

We did in fact attempt something similar many years ago with a colleague from a neighbouring village. A moment of inattention on my part allowed someone to be elected on to our church council who had ideas for change. As a way of energising church life, he suggested a group from our congregation should be exchanged with an equal number from a neighbouring village. Naturally, I made sure the people sent from our church were the ones I would be greatly relieved to see take an extended holiday. Unfortunately, my clerical colleague had the same idea. After a disastrous three months, we decided to swap back. It was rather like the exchange of spies in a Le Carre novel: both parties stood at either end of the bridge across the stream marking our parish boundaries and wanly welcomed our own parishioners back. Better the devil you know...

Church planting may be all very well for you, when you are surrounded by thousands of people and where there is a surfeit of vacant cinemas and pubs to move into. My congregation is very reluctant to say their prayers in anything built after the Middle Ages – in fact, most of them live as though we are still living in that era. They also see little point in striking up conversations with those in the village they have politely ignored for the last thirty years.

We do, in fact, have a church plant of sorts. Every year we hold our Harvest Supper in a local farmer's barn, and those who would otherwise never attend worship come to eat the obligatory hot pot. As I shake their hands when they leave, I do my annual bit for church

growth. I say warmly: 'See you again next year.' As I always do (see them again at the Harvest Supper, that is), and it works fine.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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Solutions on page 31

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A healthy male adult bore consumes each year one and a half times his own weight in other people's patience.

John Updike (1932 -),
Assorted Prose (1965)



FROM LITTLE THINGS

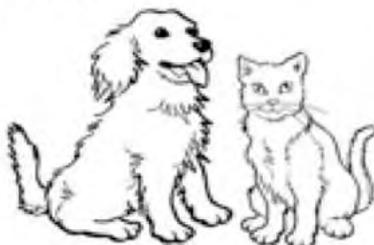
Sometimes the smallest, most innocent looking things can cause great changes. The proverb says that great oaks grow from little acorns and it seems a miracle that something as small as an acorn, so small that you can hold a lot of them in your hand, can grow into something as huge and strong as an oak tree.



Jesus talked about this power in the parables, the stories that he told, when he said that the Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast (Matthew, chapter 13, verse 33). Yeast is a small fungus but without it we wouldn't have bread, wine or beer. Jesus reminded us that you don't have to be big to make a difference. A very small amount of yeast turns a lot of flour into bread. We may be only one, small person but we too can make a difference.

BABY NAMES

When a cat has babies they are called kittens. What are the babies of these other animals called. Answers at the bottom of the page.



A baby DOG is a		
fluppy	puppy	huffy
A baby GOAT is a		
kid	cuddle	groat
A baby HARE is a		
harbour	cub	leveret
A baby BEAR is a		
cub	hug	teddy
A baby KANGAROO is a		
roo	joey	bluey
A baby ELEPHANT is a		
dumbo	tusker	calf

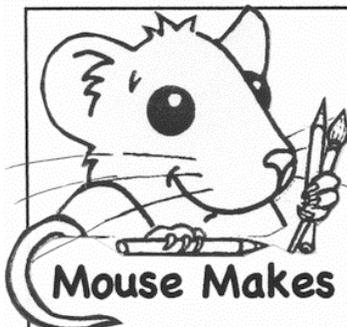
How can you tell a baby snake?

By its rattle.

What's a baby whale called?

A little squirt.

1.puppy 2.kid 3.leveret 4.cub 5.joey
6.calf



◊ THE BAPTISM OF JESUS ◊

Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptised by John in the Jordan.

As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove.

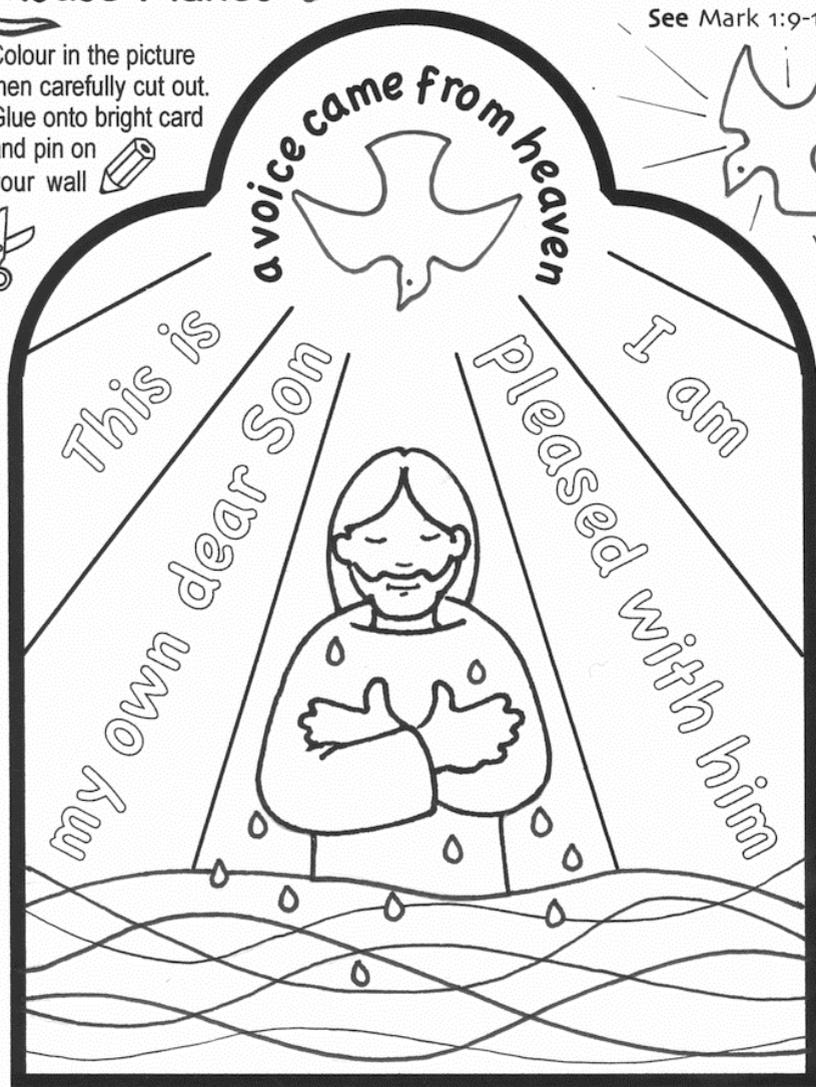
And a voice came from heaven:

"You are my own dear Son.

I am pleased with you"

See Mark 1:9-11

Colour in the picture then carefully cut out. Glue onto bright card and pin on your wall



Bible Sketchbook

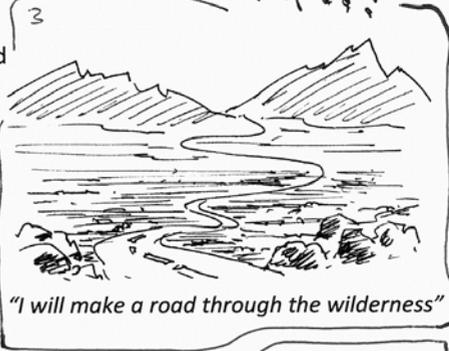
WATCH OUT FOR
NEW STUFF
NEW YEAR!!!



Are you going to hang on to the old stuff as you step into this new year? Or is this a fresh start and a letting go of the old? Isaiah was a great guy 2,800 years ago and he felt God saying: "Go for the new stuff! Things might be tough, but I'm going to make a way for you; I'm going to refresh you and all those old problems are going to melt away!"



"Do not cling to the past!"



"I will make a road through the wilderness"



"I'll give you streams of water there"



"...ostriches will praise me"

He added: "It will be like wild animals will worship me and rivers will flow in the desert – to give beautiful water to people like you!" Wow! What a promise and still true today! **Go for it and read more in Isaiah 43: 18-21**



"Wild animals will honour me..."

William Mather ©



GREETINGS PAGE

A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who supported *The Bride Valley News* and *Footprints* by sending greetings in the December issue. I am delighted to tell you that the total collected was an amazing £950 which will be shared between the two of them.

My **APOLOGIES** go to Janet Fowler for failing to include her name in the list; Janet sends the season's greetings to her friends and neighbours and wishes them all a Happy New Year. S.P.

And special thanks to SP for putting in the effort to organize it all! - Ed.

THE ALTERNATIVE VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT

I have been appointed the 'Down Your Way' correspondent for the *Bridport News* and I would like to hear from anyone living in Burton Bradstock and the Bride Valley that has any interesting village news, issues or events going on, or any society or organisation that has an event to promote that they would like to see endorsed in the *Bridport News* 'Down Your Way' page.

Please contact me with any items of interest or forthcoming events. Either telephone me, Kaz, on 01308 897709 or send information to my e-mail kazmbroad@yahoo.co.uk

Looking forward to hearing from you.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

BRIDE VALLEY BRANCH.



We are pleased to announce that a total of just over £3,700.00 was raised for the Poppy Appeal this year as a result of the House to House Collections, the Band Concert, the Coffee morning and the Church Collection on Remembrance Sunday.

A special thanks to the St. Swithun's Band and all the people who supported the Annual Band Concert. A special thank you to all the people who collected throughout the Valley and supported and helped with the other events. Well Done

ADVANCE NOTICES:-

Following the change of Landlord at the Three Horseshoes the following dates for the **SOCIAL EVENINGS** in 2013 have been agreed with the stand in Landlords: - Monday January 28th and Monday March 25th. Future dates will be advised when the New Landlord is in place. Let Jim Reeves or Basil Dent (897091 or 897125) know if you are attending. Dates for future

meetings have yet to be agreed with the Permanent Landlord

The **ANNUAL DINNER** of the Branch will be held at Bridport Golf Club on Monday 18th February at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Please put this in your diary so that we get a full turn out.

A reminder to all members that we are still in need of a Chairman of the Branch, any volunteers will be welcome.

Membership of The Legion is not restricted to ex-Servicemen and women it is open to all and you are welcomed to join us. Please contact Jim Reeves, or Basil Dent on the above telephone numbers for more details.

Malcolm Lawrence Secretary (898616)

ABBOTSBURY & PORTESHAM BRANCH



Before Christmas we ran a successful coach trip to Winchester for shopping and sightseeing. In the Cathedral Close were a large number of seasonal stalls together with an open-air ice-rink. Lots of shopping was accomplished but none of our party braved the ice!

Committee Members are reminded of the **BRANCH QUARTERLY MEETING** to be held at Portesham Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th January. Other Members are welcome to attend as observers.

The Dorset County RBL **ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will be held at Ferndown Village Hall on Sunday 13th January - Branch delegate on this occasion is Des Baker.

We are challenged to a **SKITTLES MATCH** by the Women's Section at 7 pm on 14th January at the Swan Inn, Abbotsbury, when we hope to avenge last year's defeat by one pin. Members are urged to get some practice in before that date! Supper at £4 per head will be available: book with the writer or Peggy Ford (01305 871269) if possible.

On 7th February we visit the Pavilion Theatre, Bournemouth for "**ONE NIGHT IN VIENNA**" (fully booked, but there is a waiting list). Coach pick-ups as follows: Abbotsbury Square 5.25pm, Frys Close 5.30, Portesham Green 5.35, Steepleton Pond 5.45, Martinstown 5.50, London Road, Dorchester 6.00pm.

The Branch **ANNUAL LUNCH** will be held at Highlands End Leisure Centre, Eype on 14th March. The venue will add to the sense of occasion - don't miss out on this pleasant social event. Book your place with the writer at your earliest convenience. Open to non-members.

September 17th an **8 DAY TOUR OF TUSCANY & UMBRIA**, Italy. Privately organised and escorted by Des Baker for the benefit of RBL Poppy Appeal & 'Dors to India'.

Coach travel to/from Gatwick, British Airways flights, 3* half-board accommodation, local guide accompanying daily excursions to Florence, Pisa, Pienza, Montepulciano, Siena, Orvieto, Assisi and Perugia, all for only £995 per person (in a shared room).

The fully detailed itinerary is available from Des Baker. Plenty of seats available at the time of writing. *(As a result of the Kent Tour 2012, £350 was donated to the Poppy Appeal)*

Des Baker: Entertainments Chairman (01305 267617) or email aveswood@sky.com

BRIDE VALLEY BIBLE QUIZZES – 2012

The book of Ruth was this year's challenge as the three junior village teams and the two schools' teams prepared to do battle. All fought valiantly but in the end the Puncknowle Village Team, captained by **ROSE THOMPSON** along with team members **CLARA JEVONS** and **CATHERINE LILLYWHITE** were the victors.



The Schools' Cup was retained, yet again, by Thorners, so congratulations to **CLARA JEVONS** (captain), **Archie Dunbar**, **BROOKE GULL**, **CATHERINE LILLYWHITE**, **WILLIAM STAZIKER**, **BETH WILLIAMS** AND **ROSIE THOMPSON**.

Runners up for both the Junior "John Paul" Village Shield and the Schools' Cup were Burton Bradstock with **JASMINE PARSONS** (village captain), **SEAMUS FITZGERALD** (School captain) and **RYAN TOZER**. Some of the named children are now at secondary school but did the training whilst still at their respective junior schools.

Hopefully next year we will see senior village teams taking part again for the "Bertie Berdoe" Shield. In the New Year why not start brushing up on the story of Joseph – selected chapters from Genesis.

Sincere thanks to the quiz masters, score-keepers, refreshment providers, parents, contestants and all who came to help and cheer on the teams with special thanks to Cilla Jones for taking on 50% of the work load this year. Well done everyone!

Heather Rogers



BURTON BRADSTOCK W.I.

Burton W I celebrated its 95th birthday in style in November, with a celebration cake made by the President, Barbara Pursey, and a toast. Martin Fielding gave an entertaining talk entitled "My Life as a Vet".

On 8th January, John Lay-Flurrie will talk to us about puppets. (This is a change from our printed programme, as the speaker had to cancel.) We are delighted that John and his puppets have agreed to come instead; prepare to be fascinated!).

The Walking Group walked from West Bexington, and the Reading

Group indulged in nostalgia for the food of our youth when they read Nigel Slater's "Toast". The tapestry and Mahjong groups also held their regular meetings.

Any woman living locally is welcome to come to some meetings before deciding whether to become a member (contact secretary, 898484).

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE VC SCHOOL

As I write this report on the 5th December, the joy of the Christmas season can be seen and heard all around - from the sprinkling of glitter in the classrooms to the melodious singing in the playground as the children happily sing the carols we have been learning for our Nativity this year.



The children are working hard rehearsing for the Christmas service. This year the service will be held in St Mary's church, with the older children sharing Christmas poems and singing both traditional and modern carols, and the younger children sharing the Nativity story.

The school's Christmas Fayre has already taken place and we were delighted that Father Christmas himself had a free slot in his diary and could attend. The children loved meeting him in the snow cave and had a photograph taken as a memento. Our thanks to everyone who braved the wind and rain to attend our Fayre; it was lovely to see so many people from the village. The Fayre raised £750 for the school, our largest amount ever! Some of the money raised will be donated to our link school in Northern Thailand, the Huay Nam Yen School, to support the children and their education and the rest will go towards new equipment for the children to use in the back playground when it is redeveloped in the new year.

The Friends of the School are now busy on their next fundraising event which will be a Beetle Drive in the Village Hall on Friday 8th February - more details to follow shortly.

As you read this report in January the festive celebrations will be over, the costumes packed away but no doubt the carpets will still be twinkling with glitter. We will be looking forward to a successful 2013 and all that the new year brings.

The staff and children of the school wish you a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!

Claire Staple, Headteacher

THORNER'S CE VA SCHOOL

A very happy new year to our readers!

Our Autumn Term ended on a very busy note. We had a special assembly in our **Discovery Area** with a speaker from Friends of the Earth talking to the children about interrelationships in nature and the importance of clean energy.



The children thoroughly enjoyed (oh yes, they did!) a **pantomime** of Goldilocks in school performed by the Treehouse Theatre.



We supported various charities. The School Council raised a huge £120 for **Children in Need** by selling cakes and biscuits.

We collected 37 shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** – each ‘shoebox’ is full of gifts for children in other parts of the world.

We received news that the **Shelterbox** that we sponsored in early 2012 has been used in Pakistan to provide families with emergency shelter and life-saving equipment after a severe flood. It is good to know that we have made a difference to the lives of people made homeless by disaster.

Visits and visitors: Our **school nurse** talked to the Litton children about being healthy. Chesil’s Science topic on ‘Health and Growth’ was brought to life by a **medical doctor** talking to them about medicines. Chesil and Litton children have had some fun Friday mornings playing **games with grandparents!** Chesil and Litton went to Colfox for a morning of **multiskills**. Bredy went to **Tutankhamun Exhibition** in Dorchester in support of their history topic on Egypt.

Eggardon went to **Carey Camp** for outdoor education. They are also learning **orienteering** in our very own fields and Discovery Area using maps freshly updated by Mike Kite – thank you, Mike.

Our children did us proud, winning the **Bible Quiz Schools trophy** for the fifth year in a row. Burton Bradstock were ahead on points but we snatched a winning line early in the deciding round. It was very tense and (I hear from one with a ringside seat!) all the parents were exhausted by the end!! Well done to our team who gave up several playtimes preparing for the quiz. The children also did really well in the village contest, with Puncknowle victorious this time.

Sports: All the children enjoyed their weekly football by **Team Theme**. There was a great turnout for **cross country running** at Colmer’s Hill. Our children all encouraged each other and showed great team spirit; our boys’ team came third and one of our boys came 4th. Our team came third in the pyramid **netball** tournament, no mean feat as this was achieved on a particularly cold morning! Eggardon successfully completed their **Global Steps Challenge**. The children took the challenge really seriously and Thorner’s came 128th out of over 5000 schools nationally! The children

managed an average of 23,902 steps a day, all recorded by their pedometers!

Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher

FLEDGLINGS NEWS

Recent topics for the children have included healthy living, looking after our teeth and our bodies - bringing in the wearing of safety helmets while riding bikes. They have had a tea party and baked gingerbread men, to tie in with the story of the famous Gingerbread Man. They have also used some computer games with the mouse, done some white board mark making, and made some interesting pictures by blowing ink on to paper.



There was a visit from Seth's dad, who is a doctor, who showed them how to use his stethoscope – how to listen – and group activities have included making a Feelings Tree, and now a Christmas Tree on which to display other items.

New notice boards and stickers have been put up in the Fledglings area. Our Christmas Party was held on Wednesday afternoon of 12th December and end of term was on 20th December. Start of Spring Term is Tuesday 8th January, when we will welcome back Fiona, who was away for 2 weeks in December visiting family in Australia. Emma Christmas (Yes) was acting manager with Jackie Rendall, Julie Arak-Newman and Carol Bennett filling the gaps to help her and Maureen keep things running smoothly.

On the Fund Raising front – the Auction of Promises held on 23rd November at The White Horse – thanks Cassie – was brilliant with a long list of donated items, which when auctioned off raised a fantastic **£2,560**. So a **HUGE THANKYOU** to all who donated the Promises, to all those who paid for them and to all people who worked so hard to make it such a success!!!!

Fledglings Pre-school is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time, and children can stay for a hot lunch, or bring a packed lunch. For further information about Fledglings Pre-school please contact Fiona Evans, Manager, on 01308 482410 or check out the website www.bridevalleyfledglings.co.uk

Carol Bennett

“MIDNIGHT IS A PLACE”

Friday 18th January 2013 at LATCH.

Forest Forge Theatre Co. is returning to Litton Cheney with another classic tale by Joan Aiken. It follows the adventures of children Lucas and Anna-Marie as they find their place in the world and learn the importance of family and truth. On the way they encounter a hilarious mix of characters – with all twenty being played by only four actors!

Midnight is a Place will be suitable for families and children age 5+. It

will include original music and songs, inventive use of props, some great moments of comedy and beautiful winter storytelling and adventure.

Box Office, 01308 482748 opens Monday 7th January. Adults £8, U18 £6, Family (2+2) £24. Doors open 6.45pm, performance starts 7.30pm. Bar (wine, beer, soft drinks) + ice creams during the interval.

BRIDE VALLEY FILMS

THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL

'a great feel good film'.

Cert. 12 2 hrs. Thursday 10th January

After all the excitement of Christmas come and join us and the cream of British acting talent including **Dame Judi Dench, Dame Maggie Smith, Penelope Wilton, Bill Nighy, Tom Wilkinson** and **Ronald Pickup**. As a group of British retirees they travel to India to take up residence in what they believe is a newly restored hotel run by **Dev Patel**. Less luxurious than its advertisements, they are forever transformed by the colour, beauty and chaos of India as well as by their shared experiences - discovering that life and love can begin again when you start to let go of the past. From the Director of *Shakespeare In Love* and featuring excellent performances, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* is a charming, life affirming comedy drama about life, love and new beginnings.

Doors Open: 7.30pm, film starts 8.00pm. TICKETS: £5.00 (to include a glass of wine) in advance from: Sally Dyke 482752, Lois Edwards 482605, Elizabeth Kingston 482162, Bella Spurrier 482367 or on the door if available. (All nos. 01308)



MORE FILM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, February 21st, "The Artist",

Thursday, March 21st, film title to be announced).

Look out for more details on posters, on the website and in the BVN.



TEA & CHAT



Baglake Farm
Litton Cheney



Tuesday, 8th January

3 `till 5 pm

Saturday 19th January 2013

At LATCH, from 10.00am to 12.00noon

The Village Cafe Farmhouse Breakfast

A real plateful! (Small breakfasts available)

Cakes, books, raffle ,stalls

run by Thorners School Association



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Every evening at 7.30pm plus
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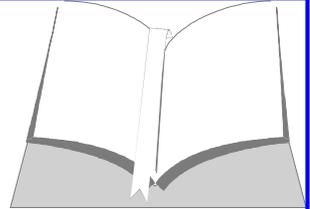
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VILLAGE WEBSITES

giving details of events, news, history, photographs etc



www.burtonbradstock.org.uk

www.littoncheney.org.uk

www.shiptongorge.org.uk

www.puncknowle.net

www.swyre.org.uk

www.westbexington.org.uk

www.littlebredy.com

DIARY, JANUARY 2013

Wed	2	19.30 Book Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	3	14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
Mon	7	19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Thu	10	18.00 Zumba	LATCH
Fri	11	10.15 Art Club	Sue's
Mon	14	19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	16	19.30 Fellowship	30 Springfield
Thu	17	14.30 BV Guild of Health Meditation	Othona Community
		18.00 Zumba	LATCH
Sun	18	15.00 Family Afternoon Service	LATCH
Fri	18	19.30 Midnight is a Place	LATCH
Mon	21	19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Tue	22	12.30 Puncknowle & Swyre Lunch Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	23	15.30 Afternoon Tea	Village Hall, Puncknowle
		19.30 Fellowship	Scrubblings Hoopers Lane
Thu	24	18.00 Zumba	LATCH
Fri	25	10.15 Art Club	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Mon	28	19.30 Zumba	Village Hall, Puncknowle
Wed	30	19.30 Fellowship	3 Lytton Close
Thu	31	18.00 Zumba	LATCH



SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY CHURCHES: January 2013

	1 st Sunday 6 January Epiphany	2 nd Sunday 13 January Baptism of Christ	3 rd Sunday 20 January Third Sunday of Epiphany	4 th Sunday 27 January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Burton Bradstock	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Songs of Praise 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion 6.30 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Family Service 11.00 Holy Communion <i>(by extension)</i> 6.30 Evening Prayer	9.30 Family Communion 11.00 Morning Prayer 6.30 Evening Prayer
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Swyre	3.30 Epiphany Carols	11.00 Holy Communion <i>(by extension)</i>	11.00 Morning Worship	11.00 Holy Communion
Puncknowle	9.30 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Communion <i>(by extension)</i> 5.00 Evening Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion	11.00 Family Service Christingle
Litton Cheney	9.30 Morning Worship	9.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer 3.00 LATCH Service	9.30 Holy Communion <i>(by extension)</i>
Long Bredy	11.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Worship	11.00 Morning Worship	
Littlebredy		11.00 Holy Communion		11.00 Holy Communion