

Studland Parish News



November
2025



St Nicholas Church Studland

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St Nicholas Church, Studland
Rota of Readers and Sides Persons
November 2025

Date	Service	Sides Person	Readers	Readings
2 nd November	Family Communion. All Saints. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds</i>	Ginny Stobart	Peter Jennings David Hogsflesh	Ephesians 1, 11-23 Luke 6, 20-31
9 th November	Holy Communion. Remembrance Sunday. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds.</i>	June Fletcher	Sara-Jayne Smith Jane Hawksworth	Romans 8, 31-39 Matthew 22, 15-22
16 th November	Morning Prayer. Safeguarding Sunday. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds.</i>	Carol Wadley	Congregation Diana Edmonds	Psalms 91 1 John 3, 16-24
23 rd November	Holy Communion. Christ the King. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds & Rev. John Whittaker.</i>	Eric Stobart	Keith Tillyard Peter Jennings	Colossians 1, 11-20 Luke 23, 33-43
30 th November	Holy Communion First Sunday of Advent. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds.</i>	Sally Hogsflesh	David Hogsflesh Eric Stobart	Romans 13, 11-14 Matthew 24, 36-44

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Parish News Deadline Information

Please plan accordingly.

Submissions to sharonywestman@gmail.com

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Late contributions cannot be guaranteed.

December deadline is:

Wednesday November 19th 10am

January deadline is:

Friday December 12th 10am

Note from the editor...

I write this as the clocks have gone back and the seasons are really changing. I know some will not like the darker nights, colder winds, and distant sun, I include myself in those some. But I endeavour to search for the positive, to recognise and be happy with what is in front of me on any one day, in darkness or in light. These thoughts have inspired the chosen poem this month, to allow reality to be enough in the moment. I hope you find it inspiring too.

It's lovely to read what the village has been up to and as ever there remains opportunities to get involved in our community in a variety of areas. Enjoy flicking through the pages to learn more.

I draw your attention to the deadline for the January edition. As always, I am required to have submissions in earlier than normal, in order to work around timings and availability for printing etc. over the festive period, so please do make a note and let me know if there are any problems.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Sharon Westman, Editor

Mini Poem of the Month

'Dreaming the Real'

I'm lying down looking at the colour
of sky falling through trees, dreaming
the real, tasting what it feels like to love it.
Why did it take me so long to let go, simply
exhale, so the day could breathe itself in
and open without me standing in the way?
How could I forget the grace of my own body
strong as this blue, tender as the white
of the wild blossom, warm as midday light?
Let me practice a patience bold enough
to hold every weather, trusting the elements,
the beauty of rain, all its shades of grey.
I want whatever's real to be enough. At least
it's a place to begin. And to master the art
of loving it; feel it love me back under my skin.

Linda France

2026

I am starting to think
how the Parish News
will look next year.

Your ideas, thoughts
and opinions and most
welcome to shape what
you might see in these
pages.

I have some ideas and I
thank those who have
shared with me already.
Please do get in touch,
2026 is not that far
away now.
Thank, You.

St Nicholas Parish News

Dear Friends,

One feature of Facebook that I particularly like is when it brings up photos from the past, with the tag line “Eight years ago” or whatever. It is good fun to look back on these pictures. Remembering is important. Do you remember any poems? Perhaps you learnt them at school or maybe later in life, or maybe you heard one at a wedding, tracked it down and learnt it. One of my favourites is by Edward Thomas. It is a poem about remembering, recalling a short stop at a small railway station in the heat of summer;

Yes. I remember Adlestrop—
The name, because one afternoon
Of heat the express-train drew up there
Unwontedly. It was late June.
The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.
No one left and no one came
On the bare platform. What I saw
Was Adlestrop—only the name
And willows, willow-herb, and grass,
And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,
No whit less still and lonely fair
Than the high cloudlets in the sky.
And for that minute a blackbird sang
Close by, and round him, mistier,
Farther and farther, all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

In the church, November is a month for remembering. On the 2nd we take time to remember our loved ones who have died, celebrating their lives, reminding ourselves of hope and expressing our sorrow. On the 9th the whole nation will gather to recall the great price paid for our freedom by those who lost their lives in the two World Wars and in subsequent conflicts. We shall remember and we shall pledge ourselves to learn from the past and look for ways of peace. Here in St Nicholas Studland on the 16th we shall remind ourselves of the importance of treating everyone with respect, honour, and kindness as we give thanks for the work of our Safeguarding Officer and for the Diocesan Safeguarding team. The 23rd see us celebrating the feast of Christ the King, not a king in an imperial and aggressive military sense, but a king of self-sacrificing love, whose glory fills the universe. And finally, on the 30th we commence our countdown to Christmas with Advent Sunday, as once again we recall God’s astonishing story of redemption and love, centred in a baby born in Bethlehem.

So much remembering! But it is important to remember. The philosopher George Santayana said, *“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”* Remembering as far as we are able is helpful. Our memories shape

who we are and how we respond to the world. They contain our joys and, yes, our sorrows: they bring us warnings and encouragements. Each week in church we do a lot of remembering, especially during the Communion Service, we repeat Christ's words to his disciples at the Last Supper: *"Do this in remembrance of me."* Yes, it is good to remember.

Rev Tony Edmonds

Church Alive Writes...

A new Archbishop of Canterbury (*finally!*)

Many people have already noted the contrast between the 16 days it took the Roman Catholic church to elect a new Pope after the death of Pope Francis in April 2025 and the almost 11 months since Archbishop Justin announced his resignation, it has taken, the Church of England has a new Archbishop of Canterbury designate. And in case we get carried away with the speed, she won't officially start her new role, until she is formally installed in a service in March 2026! (*yes, I am being cheeky!*)

Many might see this delay as unhelpful, even unnecessary, but unlike the Roman Catholic church, leadership in the Church of England is rather more collaborative and a lot less top-down. Lord Evans, Chair of the Crown Nominations Commission for Canterbury, spoke of how they had *"heard the voices of thousands of people as they expressed their hopes for this nomination."* Much of the delay was to take real time to listen to the individual voices of God's church.

This sense of listening is echoed in Bishop Sarah statement where she said:

"As I respond to the call of Christ to this new ministry, I do so in the same spirit of service to God and to others that has motivated me since I first came to faith as a teenager. At every stage of that journey, through my nursing career and Christian ministry, I have learned to listen deeply – to people and to God's gentle prompting – to seek to bring people together to find hope and healing. (my emphasis)."

So, whilst it has been frustrating to wait, let's appreciate the time taken to listen and reflect, something I myself often need to remember to take proper time to do. Perhaps that is something you can relate to as well? Our verse for 2025 up at All Saints has been "Keep in step with the Spirit" Galatians 5v25, and I am finding that more and more that God is in less of a hurry than I am.

Now, whilst there will no doubt be many people who are uncomfortable with this appointment, (yes, the Church of England does incorporate people with a variety of views on many things, including the leadership of women), there will be many of us who are rejoicing. No prizes for guessing how I feel!

But actually, my real hope comes from in hearing how people describe her, as a person of *"huge courage, wisdom, integrity, and experience"*, *"great compassion and courage"*, and showing *"the greatest respect for the different theological traditions."* Quite apart from the issues that arise from being a female

Archbishop in a church far from united on the role of women, she faces a deeply challenging to do list; divisions over sexuality, the rise of Christian nationalism, criticisms on the financial reparations of slavery let alone the dwindling congregations and exponential costs of historical buildings.

Where to start!? Bishop Sarah's statement continued,
"I want, very simply, to encourage the Church to continue to grow in confidence in the Gospel, to speak of the love that we find in Jesus Christ and for it to shape our actions."

Which is a great reminder for us too. We do face enormous issues, both globally, locally and I am aware, many of us personally, but the way to tackle these issues starts by going back to the gospel – to meeting the person of Jesus, discovering for ourselves his love and forgiveness, grace and truth, hope and purpose and inviting other people to meet him too.

How are we going to renew our efforts to **Make Jesus known** in our town and spheres of influence this Autumn? It's so easy to slip into a life that is focused almost entirely on ourselves and our families, and leave making Jesus known to someone else. But I suspect that isn't what *"keeping in step with the Spirit"* means in practice. Who has God laid on your heart to engage with? If you're not sure, why not pray and ask Him. The next few months bring with them many different opportunities to invite someone to join us at a church service, whether it is to remember a loved one, or service personnel, or looking further ahead, dare I mention the *"Christmas"* word!

Let's join in the heartbeat of our new Archbishop designate and speak of the love we find in Jesus Christ and allow that love to shape our actions.

**With every blessing,
Rev Joanna Levasier**



STUDLAND WI: Wednesday 8th October 2025

The President welcomed all members who attended the meeting. Apologies were given for those who were unable to attend.

The National Federation of The Women's Institute this year is celebrating its 110th Birthday. Although Studland WI is only 104 years old; we felt that this occasion should be remembered. We have arranged with Studland PCC to commemorate this by planting a Victoria plum tree in the church orchard. This is scheduled to be planted on Thursday 13th November at 10am and we hope that our WI ladies will come along and join the committee in the planting. After which we welcome ladies to join in the community coffee morning in the church hall.



Members have been busy this month with skittles matches starting, netball tournaments. Early October saw a few of our ladies heading up to the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club for an introduction to golf. A fun morning was had and some of the ladies' plan on taking their golfing skills further and attending further taster sessions along with Swanage and Purbeck WI.

Our September speaker was David Bailey talking about "Wildlife Wondering". David is an award-winning wildlife photographer and was born in the New Forest. After moving to Wales for his work he then moved back to this part of the country and now spends his time working with wildlife film makers, writing books, working with the BBC, and discussing wildlife matters in Westminster. We were treated to a superb talk and film show as he explained how he goes about getting his amazing pictures by speaking with local, knowledgeable people and landowners who understand about wildlife habits and locations. This was a very enjoyable talk, and the pictures were just superb.

Next month our meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th November at Studland Village Hall at 7.30pm. Our speaker for the evening will be Nick Dobbs talking about "Native Reptiles".

WI is here for all ladies of all ages, and we would love to welcome you to join us, so why not come along and join our friendly group. Fun, friendship and plenty of laughter.

Lynn Elliott - President

BRIDGE CLUB Meets every Monday from 6-8PM in Old Harry's Bar. Experienced players and beginners welcome.

Virginia Lynch 01929 450177



STUDLAND GARDENING ASSOCIATION

Gardens always seem to look sad and unloved at this time of year, so this is the perfect opportunity to plan for next year's crops and floral extravaganza. I think sitting with a cup of tea, last year's planting notes and the 2026 seed catalogues is one of the autumn highlights.

Not quite the same but still an autumn highlight is the Studland Gardening Association Annual General Meeting. This will take place on Monday 24th November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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Studland History Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 19th November at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Sarah Ferguson with 'Dad's Longest Day.' She writes, *"I was asked in 2024 to research and prepare a talk for Studland's 80th D-Day Anniversary. The one-hour presentation, 'Dad's Longest Day', was the result. In a trunk in the attic, I discovered his war memorabilia including a file labelled 'Top Secret – Not To Be Taken On Shore' and a recording of his voice recounting his story. Col Kenneth Ferguson's D Day was preceded by many months of planning and recounting these details illustrates the 'Longest of Days'".*



All welcome. Visitors £3.50. To include tea/coffee and biscuits.

The Christmas Lunch is being held on Wednesday 10th December at the Village Inn. Pre booking is essential so if you would like to attend, please contact me for a menu. Menu choices and payment due at the November meeting.

Joyce Meates. Secretary

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Studland Village Hall

The new doors fund now stands at over £20,600! Many thanks to those who attended the Harvest Supper where £1,029 was raised and to The Measures Charitable Trust for their donation of £1,500.

Some dates for your diary:

- **ArtsReach Event** - Thursday 4th December at 7:30 pm – "A Night at the Opera". Callie Gaston & Roger Paterson provide an evening full of highlights from the world's most memorable operas.
- **Ladies' Fashion Show** – Friday 10th April 2026 – details to follow



Updates from the National Trust

Middle Beach transformed! Thanks to perfect weather and sea conditions, work at Middle Beach was completed ahead of time. The old sea

defences and concrete slipway have been removed, and the cliff has been reprofiled to make a more gradual slope. The cove is now being left for nature to reshape – but we hope you agree, it already looks so much better without the man-made structures. We're expecting quite rapid



adjustment of the shoreline initially as it moves to a more natural alignment. For that reason, this section of the beach will remain closed. We are also monitoring the material that's washing out of the cliff (the area was once used for landfill) – we've had everything from bricks, blocks and metal pipes, to ceramics and bottles.

We're really excited to see our long-term vision for Middle Beach coming to fruition – a beautiful cove that people can enjoy and where wildlife can thrive.

(Photo: Fleur Castell)

Hamza's Hidden Wild Isles: Did you watch this stunning nature series on the BBC? Wildlife cameraman Hamza Yassin takes us on a tour of the hidden nature of the UK. In the first episode alone (spring), there was incredible footage including the courtship displays of great crested grebes, hares boxing, nightingales singing (they have a repertoire of up to 1,000 different phrases learned from other birds) and numerous adders curled up together to bask. And guess what? Almost all the species featured in the show can be seen here in Purbeck! If you missed the series, you can still catch it on BBC iPlayer.

(Photo: BBC)

Going for gold: There's no mistaking this gorgeous bird with its bright red face and yellow wing patch. The goldfinch is a very sociable bird, often seen in large flocks, filling the air with its melodic twittering song.

They are specialist feeders, their fine beaks allowing them to extract otherwise inaccessible seeds from thistles and teasels. If you want to attract them into your garden, try cultivating thistles and teasels, or putting niger and sunflower seeds in your bird feeder.

(Photo: Mark Singleton)



If you have any queries, email us on purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

Corfe Castle Surgery/The Patient Participation Group News

By the time this is read the Saturday October flu clinics will have been completed at the Surgery so it is very appropriate to thank the team for their time and commitment to this service. The events become 'social gatherings' with many catching up with friends, and PPG members having the opportunity to support the Surgery in a practical way. Our thanks to Dilys and Howard Thomas for organising a MacMillan coffee morning alongside the second flu session.

We are also grateful to Howard for organising a further Health talk on 'hip problems on Thursday November 13th 7pm at the Corfe Club when Professor Robert Middleton, Head of the Orthopaedic Research unit at Bournemouth

university and Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon will be giving us a talk on “Hip replacement Robotics - The solution and the future.”

Please do support this event - hip problems being common for many of us.

In early October the Primary Care Network (PCN) organised a successful health fair at the Mowlem in Swanage and the viewing of a film introducing us to the many health related services available to us in Purbeck. I was delighted to represent the 6 PPGs in Purbeck. There will be further opportunities to view the film later in the year.

Please do give us feedback on the PPG led ‘exercise classes’ being held at the Corfe Village Hall for a 6-week trial starting mid-October - another opportunity to exercise and meet socially.

Enjoy the Autumn time! Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

Winter 2025 Flu Vaccination Campaign

It's that time of year again! We urge everyone who is eligible to book their flu jabs as soon as possible - if they have not already done so. Those eligible for a flu vaccination this Autumn include:

- People aged 65 or older
- People aged under 65 with health problems (in a high-risk group)
- People aged under 65 who have a learning disability
- Children aged 2 to 16
- People living in care homes
- Frontline health or social care workers
- People who live with someone with a weak immune system
- Those who are the main carer of an older or disabled person, carer's allowance

If you have not already been invited to attend the Surgery for your flu jab, please ring the Surgery to book an appointment as soon as possible.

Please note that Dorset HealthCare will be taking care of flu vaccinations for housebound patient and care home residents, as well as school age children.

Pregnant women will be offered a flu jab through their Maternity Service.

Winter 2025 COVID-19 vaccination Campaign

We also urge everyone who is eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccination as soon as possible. This Autumn, those eligible for a free NHS COVID-19 vaccination include:

- People aged 75 or over (including those who will be 75 by 31 January 2026)
- People living in care homes for older adults
- People aged 6 months to 74 years who have a weakened immune system.

You can book via the NHS Vaccination and Booking Services webpage at: www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/vaccination-and-booking-services/ or by calling 119. You can also visit a walk-in clinic, without needing to book an appointment - find out more at: www.staywelldorset.nhs.uk/vaccinations/walkin/



Health and Wellbeing Fair held at The Mowlem on 2nd October

It was good to see so many people at this event, which was organised by the Purbeck Integrated Neighbourhood Team (INT). If you were not able to attend, you can watch the film about health services in Purbeck, shown at the event, by following this link:

<https://vimeo.com/1094006054/09aaba93ad?ts=0&share=copy>.

The INT would like everyone in Purbeck to complete the survey questionnaire, launched at the event, so they can better understand your health and wellbeing needs. The following link takes you to the questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/e/05BBHhuzyw>.

PPG Meetings

Our next PPG meeting will be held at the Surgery on Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 12:30pm, when Diana Edmonds will be telling us more about the work of the Friends of Swanage Library.

You can find more information about the PPG, including Minutes of our meetings and our current Priorities, at: www.swanagemedical.org.uk/pages/Patient-Participation-Group. If you are interested in joining the PPG, please contact Natasha Ritchie, the Practice Manager, or email the PPG directly at ppgswanage@gmail.com.

**Dr Margaret Guy, Chair
Swanage Medical Practice PPG**



Isle of Purbeck Golf Club

Winter Fun at the Golf Club!

We're gearing up for an exciting season of winter events and delicious meals at the Golf Club, and we can't wait to welcome you!

November marks the popular return of our **Soup and Sandwich Month**. Enjoy a comforting soup and sandwich combo for just £11, with certain options available for an additional £2. This favourite will be available **Monday through Thursday** throughout November — perfect for a cosy midweek treat.

Our next **Quiz Night** takes place on **Saturday, 15th November at 7:30 PM**, and it's always a laugh with Dave, our Quiz Master. Gather your team of up to eight and join the fun — **entry is just £1 per person**, with all fees going to the winners. Dinner will be served from **6PM**, with a choice of **Scampi and Chips, Chicken Madras with Rice and Naan Bread, or Goat's Cheese and Red Onion Marmalade Quiche with Chips and Salad for £12**, plus tempting desserts at £7 each. Bookings are essential!

Christmas at the Club is filling up fast! From **1st – 23rd December**, we'll be serving festive Christmas lunches, and our six **Join-In Parties** (5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th) are already booking quickly. To reserve your place, please call **Kathy at extension 3**.

We're also hosting a special **Christmas Eve Brunch from 9 AM to 12 PM on Wednesday 24th December**. The menu is available on our website, and booking is advised to avoid disappointment.

Finally, our **Winter Warmers** return from **November 1st through the end of March**. Play a round and enjoy a hearty breakfast — **£40 Monday to Friday and £50 Saturday and Sunday, including a bacon bap and coffee**. You can upgrade to a **Full English for £5**. Please remember to book 24 hours in advance if you'd like food included. Reservations can be made online or in the Pro Shop.

For more details, menus, and bookings, visit our website or get in touch by phone or email — we'd love to hear from you!

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Purbeck Youth Music

Purbeck Youth Music's end of term showcase of work in progress is on Tuesday November 25th at 6pm in Swanage United Reform Church. All welcome!

Some of our young musicians will also be performing at the St Aldhelm Christmas Tree Festival on Sunday December 7th at 1pm in St George's Church, Langton Matravers. This raises money for local charities including PYM, and is a joyful celebration of the Christmas spirit with festive refreshments available too. Christmas trees, music, and festive fare ... a perfect combination!

Dilys Thomas (PYM Trustee)



Come and get cosy with us as the nights draw in!
We serve beers, ciders, wines, spirits & soft drinks to Studland locals and we particularly welcome visitors in our family and dog friendly bar.
You will find us opposite the shop, tucked just behind the village hall.
We have a full-sized pool table; board games and we also serve tasty stone baked pizzas!

OPENING HOURS

We are now open 5 days a week for the Autumn/Winter Season
MON, TUES, FRI & SAT Open: 5pm - 11pm
SUNDAYS Open: 3pm – 8pm
(Closed on Tuesday and Wednesday)

What's Happening at Old Harry Bar?

Collins Creepy Halloween Quiz

Saturday 1st November from 7.30pm

A fun family friendly quiz night with daft questions on trivia, music, nonsense and all things spooky. Team of up to 6 people. Only £1 per person!

Fancy Dress Optional!

MONDAY – Bridge Club – Beginners Welcome - 6pm

THURSDAY – Crochet Club – Yap and Yarn – Brand new for Autumn - 5.30pm

FRIDAY NIGHT: MEAT RAFFLE – weekly at 9pm

SATURDAY NIGHT: MEMBERS DRAW – weekly at 9pm

(You must be a member and be there in person for a chance to win!)

Italian Stone baked Pizzas

(Available to eat in or take away - Order on 01929 450561)

12" Margherita - £12 - (Tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese)

Plus, a wide selection of extra toppings to choose from at 50p each

We also have deals for 2 pizzas and 2 drinks

And our brand-new deal just for Kids of Pizza, soft drink and Ice Cream!

See our 5 Star Reviews on TRIPADVISOR

See: Facebook, Instagram, our members newsletter or visit:

www.oldharrybar.co.uk

ARTSREACH AT STUDLAND VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 4th December 2025 at 7.30pm

Our next Artsreach show at the Village Hall features “A Night at the Opera”.

Delve into a world of vengeance, love and regret this winter with a musical feast from soprano Callie Gaston, tenor Roger Paterson and pianist Elspeth Wilkes. Callie and Roger work internationally as performers in a variety of touring ensembles, but this new opera gala tour makes it possible to bring the grand drama of opera to life in the Village Hall. Featuring a variety of well-loved



opera arias and duets followed by some musical theatre classics, this show is ideal for anyone wanting a relaxed introduction to the genre. Revel in the romance of Puccini, the passion of Gounod and the heartbreak of Verdi. Each piece is set into context by the performers, so no prior knowledge is necessary. Expect a wonderful show for both opera newbies and aficionados alike.

More info at www.calliegaston.co.uk and www.rogerpaterson.co.uk

As usual, there will be refreshments available and the Old Harry Bar will be open. Tickets Adults £12.50, under 18s £6, family (2 adults 2 children) £35, available online from www.artsreach.co.uk and nearer the time in person from Studland Stores. Telephone bookings and enquiries 01929 450587. Tickets will also be available on the door unless we have sold out by then.



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Update from Studland Parish Council November 2025

Studland Parish Council (SPC) met on October 20th. All councillors were present, except Lyn Hool. Also present were Cllr Ben Wilson of Dorset Council, Emma Wright and Hannah Newton, of the National Trust (NT).

During the Public Participation section, a resident raised concerns – on behalf of others – that as mobile signals in the village were poor, some villagers might miss out on alerts in the case of fires, or other emergencies; clarity was also sought on where the hubs would be situated. Cllr Mark Elliott said he and the Resilience team were aware of these concerns, and would address them in the plan he is developing. Mark also asked that the concerned residents be told that he will be at the Table Top sale in the Village Hall on November 22nd, and will be available to speak to any residents with concerns there.

Emma and Hannah gave updates on behalf of the NT:

*A new pay and display scheme, linked to ANPR, will be installed at Middle and Knoll Beaches. The JustPark app can be used. Residents with a pass will need to register their number plate at the Visitor Centre when the scheme goes live.

*From Oct 27th, the car parks will be open from 9.00am to 4.30pm.

*The number of fires / barbecues on the beach last summer was down a lot on previous years. However, there were more incidents reported of dogs off the lead. Camper vans parking overnight on Ferry Road had increased.

*The works to remove gabions and other sea defences at Middle Beach are largely completed. The NT expects the sea to erode the cliff face back progressively – so that much of Middle Beach car park will be lost over the next 20 -30 years.

Cllr Ben Wilson gave updates on behalf of Dorset Council:

*The ban on overnight parking on Ferry Road will now be enforced: enforcement officers visited and fined vehicles camping overnight 3 times a week in September, and 2 nights a week in October. Enforcement will be ramped up over the October Half Term period, and then less frequently until March, when it will be ramped up again. This is part of an initial contract with an enforcement team that Dorset Council has agreed; a longer-term contract will be agreed in the Spring. This is a major achievement for Cllr Ben Wilson.

*Dorset council is offering grants of up to £5,000 to support not-for-profit groups delivering arts, heritage, sports, and community events in Dorset.

*The deadline for responses to the Local Plan have been extended to 31st October.

*Dorset Council has become the 100th place in the UK to become an Age-friendly Community.

Three planning applications had been received:

*The Knapp: SPC had no objections to these plans, but supported comments by the Conservation Officer that the red brick be used and displayed, not smooth stucco render, to be more in keeping with surrounding houses.

*Valley View Glebe: there were no objections.

*Church Cottage: this was not formally on the agenda, as the plans had arrived too late. SPC initially see no reason to object. Formal consideration will however be given after the next SPC.

On Highways, the incidents at the Swanage Road / Corfe Road triangle intersection, will be reported by the Clerk.

No incidents of crime had been reported.

The Clerk had been asked by a resident for an update on the stolen post box from Agglestone Road. The clerk had contacted the Royal Mail to report this, and to request a replacement box. However, the Royal Mail, despite being sympathetic, has taken no action to replace the post box.

Under Officer reports, Chrissie Neville reported that she and the Voluntary Tree Wardens had gathered details on the trees with TPOs (tree protection orders) in

the village, plus details on the evaluation method used to assess if a tree should have a TPO. This method – TEMPO (tree evaluation method for preservation orders) will be used as guide in Studland. Other guides also exist to assess the life expectancy of different types of trees, and whether these get classified as Ancient, Veteran or Notable trees and should have TPOs applied. Chrissie will provide a longer update in the Parish News in the future.

Other Officers also gave updates:

*David Battle reported that the eco-buoys will be removed shortly to be cleaned, and then replaced in the Spring.

*Stephen Yeoman had submitted statements to the Local Plans and Local Transport Plans on our behalf: his comments highlighted the absence of any mention of the need for improvements to no.50 bus service, to the Ferry service, or to parking issues on Ferry Road.

*Steve Smith reported that maintenance work around the village was ongoing; he also said that the new bench to commemorate Peter Bowyer will be delivered soon.

*Tim Yeandle said that he received a positive response from Stephen Mephram of Dorset Highways to a request to place a sign on Swanage Road, at the top of Heath Green Road, to advise walkers not to walk down Swanage Road. Tim said he had also received a request from a resident that we place name plates on some of the footpaths in the village that have local names e.g. Love Lane, Windmill Lane. He is going to progress that.

*Mark Elliott said that he was fine-tuning the Resilience Plans, and these will be published soon. As mentioned above, he will be available to discuss these plans with any resident at the Table Top sale on November 22nd in the Village Hall.

*In Lyn's absence, Chrissie Neville gave an update on the Community Speed Watch: the team had met twice, and was joined by the head of Dorset Police Speed watch – who gave very favourable feedback on the excellent work done by our team.

It was agreed to pay all invoices.

Peter Hammond has asked the NT for the relevant manager there to discuss financing works to the pond, and their responsibility as the owner.

We are entering the period when SPC has to plan projects and expenditures for 2026/27, and the precept required. The Clerk has started worked on this, and the SPC Finance Committee will meet on December 8th to go through the details.

The next meeting of SPC will be on November 17th. Items for the agenda will include: an update on the pond, a Christmas Tree for the Green, and feedback from a "Future Dorset" meeting.

Nick Boulter, Chairman

Words of Hope and Inspiration by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

A special kind of courage

‘We face grave problems in the life of our country, but our predecessors, and many alive today, have faced far greater difficulties, both in peace and in war, and have overcome them by courage and calm determination. They never lose hope and they never lacked confidence in themselves or in their children.’

1980

‘For many, the future is a source of excitement, hope and challenge. For others, however, the future is a cause of understandable anxiety. There are many, for example, of my age or amongst the more vulnerable in society who worry that they will be left behind. The sheer rate of change seems to be sweeping away so much that is familiar and comforting.

But I do not think that we should be over-anxious. We can make sense of the future – if we understand the lessons of the past. Winston Churchill, my first prime Minister, said that ‘the further backward you look, the further forward you can see.’

1999

‘When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future’

2008

‘It’s in hardship that we often find strength from our families; it’s in adversity that new friendships are sometime formed; and it’s in a crisis that communities break down barriers and bind together to help one another

Families, friends, and communities often find a source of courage rising up from within. Indeed, sadly, it seems that it is tragedy that often draws out the most and the best from the human spirit.’

2011

‘It is through the lens of history that we should view the conflicts of today; and so, give us hope for tomorrow.

2011

‘For every poppy a life; and a reminder of the grief of loved ones left behind.’

2014

What's the Big Idea? Introducing the Books of the Bible:

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: 2 Corinthians

'For anyone operating under the naïve presumption that joining a Christian church is a good way to meet all the best people and cultivate smooth social relations, a reading of Paul's Corinthian correspondence is the prescribed cure' (Eugene Peterson).

Paul sent four letters to the Corinthian church: 1 Cor.5:9; 1 Cor; a 'severe' letter 2 Cor. 2:3-4; and 2 Cor sent around AD 55 around a year after 1 Corinthians. Paul had a number of reasons for writing this letter: To express the joy he felt at their response to his painful letter (1:3-4; 7:8-9,12-13); To share his troubles in Asia (1:8-11) and why he changed his travel plans (1:12-2:4); To ask them to forgive those who had offended him (2:5-11); To warn them not to be *"yoked together with unbelievers"* (6:14-7:1); To explain the true nature of Christian ministry (2:14-7:4); To encourage them in giving and completing the collection for the Jerusalem Christians (chs. 8-9); To deal with the opposition (chs. 10-13) and prepare for his coming visit (12:14; 13:1-3,10).

In this very personal letter Paul defends his leadership against accusations of inconsistencies in motives and credentials. A major theme concerns the relationship between suffering and the power of the Spirit. His opponents argued that Paul *suffered too much* to be a Spirit-filled apostle.

Paul responds by saying that his sufferings embody Christ's death and his endurance reveals God's glory: *'He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.'* (2 Cor 12:9).

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Galatians

Paul's letter to the Galatians has been described as the *'Magna Carta of Christian Liberty'*, because it emphasises the freedom that we have through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul vigorously defends the truth that people are justified (*'made right with God'*) by faith in Jesus Christ alone. Our standing with God is not determined by what we do, but by dependence on what Christ has done. It is generally believed that Paul wrote this letter in 48/9AD to the churches in the southern area of Galatia, which he planted on his first missionary journey. It was written before the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15), making it the earliest of Paul's letters. Paul is dealing with Jewish-Christians (or Judaizers) who were advocating ceremonial practices of the Jewish law, including circumcision, in addition to faith in Christ as the means of salvation. They were undermining Paul's authority as an apostle, by asserting that his gospel didn't agree with the apostles in Jerusalem. In response, Paul defends his apostolic authority and presents the true gospel, by emphasising the unique importance of Christ and His cross in salvation. He argues that *'a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ'* (2:16). He appeals especially to the examples of Abraham (3:6-9) and Hagar and Sarah (4:21-31), who stand in contrast as being a 'slave' under the law and 'free' in Christ. *'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.'* (5:1). We are justified through faith alone and it is by faith alone that we live out our new life in the freedom of the Spirit.



Reformed Studland Cricket Club season 2025

Summer 2025 was a highly successful season for the newly reformed Studland Cricket Club. Now a social team, the current incarnation springs from the former Corfe Castle Veteran's Cricket team which, in both guises, has now been active for well over a decade. Its primary ethos is to take the game seriously whilst still having fun. We have over 30 players of all ages and both genders on our books, many of whom had limited experience of the game before joining us. Most games are 16 to 20 overs and played midweek with a few longer format games played on Sundays. This year we played 22 games with 13 wins and 9 losses.

The team also acquired sponsorship for new team shirts, organised by Mr. Mike Ferguson and we thank Old Harry Bar, The Priory Wareham, The Salt Pig and Studland Bay House for their kind generosity. The whole team also thank Mr. Pat Ward for his unerring commitment, passion and organisation!

Our season concluded with a very enjoyable team presentation evening held at the Knoll House Hotel who provided an excellent venue and hospitality. End of season awards went to team captain Ashley Hayes - top batsman with 373 runs, Tom Birch – top-wicket taker with 18 wickets and also Captain's Player and to Phil Winton for Player's Player. Rhys Smith took the coveted 'most ducks' award..

We are grateful to the Ferguson family for use of what must be one of the most picturesque cricket grounds in England and we look forward to the 2026 season including participation in the proposed Purbeck Evening Cricket League.



A huge **Thank You** to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning at Avalon on the 26th September.

With your amazing generosity we raised **£630.50** for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thanks again, Ann and Stewart

HARVEST SUPPER 2025

Thank you to all who helped make this year's Harvest Supper such a roaring success.

We would like to thank in particular the following:

Studland Watersports (raffle prize)
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David Wilson & the Studland Players
Cindy Yeandle & the Chef Team
Lynn & Mark Elliott
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Jon Witterick
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Tony Edmonds
Mike Neville

All who helped in any way - THANK YOU - it's a huge team effort! We raised a colossal £1049 for the Village Hall Doors Fund - so THANK YOU. Next year's Harvest Supper is Saturday 10th October, 2026 so make a note in your diary. For enquiries about joining in next year, just ask any of the regulars on the list above.

We are so lucky to have such an extraordinary community of people willing to give so much time and effort to make the Harvest Supper the extremely popular event it has become. We are listening to ideas for how to prioritise ticket sales to Studland residents and hope to implement them next year.

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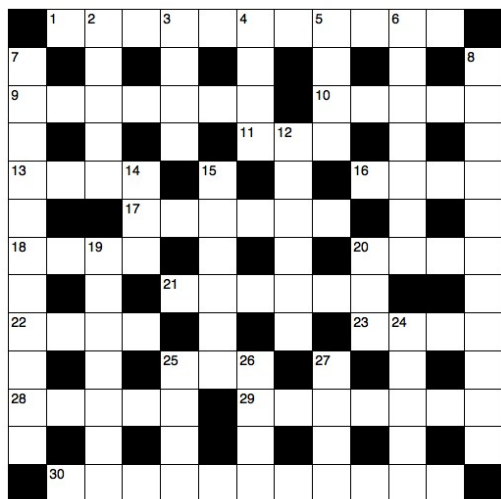
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Puzzle Place – Crossword – Ans P35



Across

1. The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
9. 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
10. Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
11. From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
13. One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
16. Metallic element (4)
17. At line (anag.) (6)
18. 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
20. Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
21. He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy

34:9) (6)

22. 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
23. 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
25. 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
28. Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
29. 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
30. Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

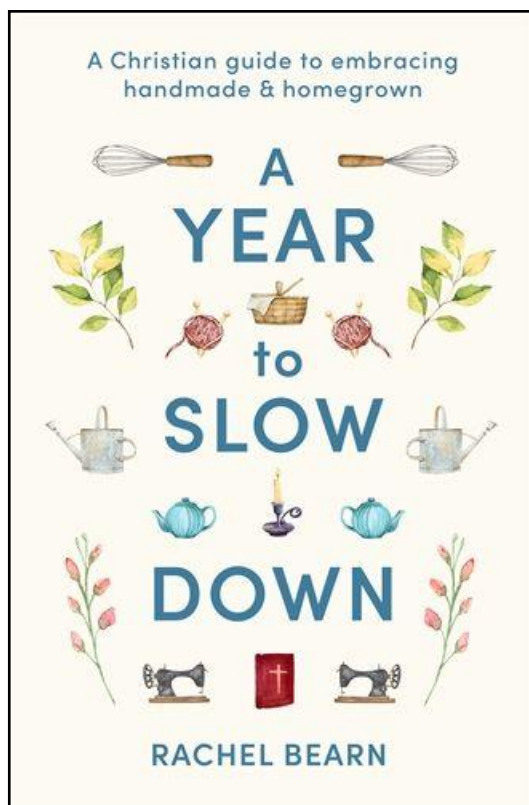
Down

2. 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
3. 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
4. The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
5. He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
6. I veto me (anag.) (7)
7. Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
8. Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
12. 'I have made you — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
14. Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
15. 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
19. 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
20. 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
24. Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
25. The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
26. Heroic tale (4)
27. 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

Colouring in – for the children and the adults...



Book Review



A Year to Slow Down - a Christian guide to embracing handmade & homegrown, By Rachel Bearn.

Rachel Bearn shares her own experience of how reducing her pace helped her begin to heal from severe chronic illness and connect deeper with her faith. Over 12 months she shares the benefits of living slowly, quietly and in the present moment, dependent on God and God alone - as He always intended for us.

This is a practical guidebook that takes readers through the four seasons of the year, incorporating the festivals and celebrations that have punctuated the Christian calendar for generations and encouraging you to live seasonally and in the moment.

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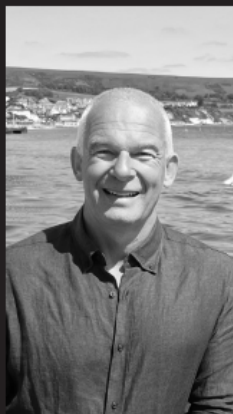
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