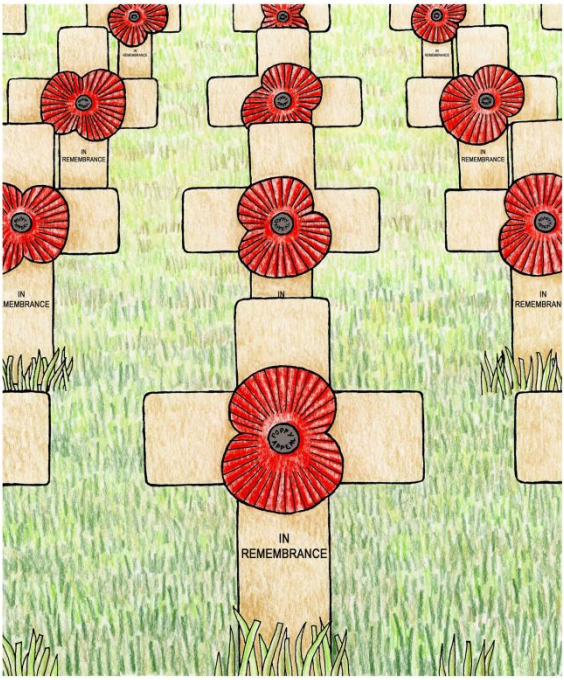
Studland Parish News



November
2026



St Nicholas Church Studland

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Note from the editor…

Compiling this month's edition took some time, as there is so much that has gone into it. People have shared an incredible amount of content, for which I would like to say thank you.

The opening submissions from Tony and Ian certainly got me thinking and reflecting on the power of memory, remembering and vocation. How each can support helping people reconnect with their identity, strengths, purpose, and personal story. This resonates with me deeply, so I thank you both for your words.

With the slower season upon us, I have to say, the community is certainly not slowing down. In the rest of this month's publication, you will find an array of events and opportunities to relish throughout the next month and beyond, so enjoy.

Studland Parish News 2028
Another call for your thoughts for the next year of your Parish News. Please do share what you have liked, what you might want to see more of, or even what you think we could change. All comments are welcomed.

I wish you all well.

Sharon Westman, Editor

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St Nicholas Church, Studland.
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November 2026

Date	Service	Sides Person	Readers	Readings
Sunday 1st November at 10.00am.	Family Communion. All Saints Day. *Revd. Tony Edmonds.*	Sally Hogsflesh	Keith Tillyard.	Matthew 5, v 1 to 12.
Sunday 8th November at 10.50am.	Liturgy. Remembrance Sunday. *Revd. Tony Edmonds.*	Carol Wadley.	Diana Edmonds. David Hogsflesh.	1 Thessalonians 4, v 13 to 18. Matthew 25, v 1 to 13.
Sunday 15th November at 10.00am.	Morning Prayer. Safeguarding Sunday. *Jane Hawksworth.*	Ginny Stobart.	Eric Stobart. Cindy Yeandle.	Isaiah 61, v 1 to 3 Matthew 18, v 1 to 11.
Sunday 22nd November at 10.00am.	Holy Communion. Christ the King. *Revd. John Cooper.*	Carol Wadley.	June Fletcher. David Harley.	Ephesians 1, v 15 to end. Matthew 25, v 31 to end.
Sunday 29th November at 10.00am.	Holy Communion. Advent 1. *Revd. Tony Edmonds*.	Sally Hogsflesh	Polly Warner. Sara-Jayne Smith.	1 Corinthians 1 v 3 to 9 Mark 13 v 24 to end.

Please contact Eric Stobart by email: eric@thestobarts.co.uk if any matters arise.

St Nicholas Parish News

Dear Friends,

The author Laurie Lee said: "*Memory is the most personal possession we have. It is the bank we own, the tower we defend, the treasure that has no end*."

Our memories play such an important part in who we are. They can shape us in good ways and in bad, and to some extent we are what we remember. The gradual slipping away of memory as Alzheimer's and related conditions take hold, can leave us feeling that the sufferer themselves is slipping away.

Memory too is central to the Christian faith and church. In St Nicholas, week by week we enact the memory of the last supper, recalling the quite shocking words of Christ, "*Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me...Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."* And in the organisation of our liturgical year, the Sunday-by-Sunday themes and topics, memory has a significant role.

November in particular is an exceptional month for remembering. On the first Sunday we celebrate the feast of All Saints, an occasion for the church and community to come together and recall with thanksgiving and no doubt with tears, those whose earthly story is over and who now rest in God's peace. A week later on Remembrance Sunday we bring to mind the sacrifice of those who fought for our freedom and we remind ourselves of the true value and cost of peace. On the third Sunday of November St Nicholas church revisits the central role of safeguarding both in our church and community. We listen again to God's commands to look out for, care for and protect the vulnerable, both young and old. The following week is the end of the church year. We celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This is a wonderful opportunity to look back at all we have heard and learnt of Jesus Christ and acknowledge him as the king of all that there is and the king who seeks to live in our lives. And finally, on the very last Sunday the Christian year starts afresh. We have done our remembering and now we look forward to the coming of Jesus, as the baby born in Bethlehem, as the saviour who comes in love to live in our hearts and lives and as the Lord of all things who will one day bring all history and all time to an extraordinary conclusion.

It is good that we finish November in this way, for although memory is important and although memory does in part shape who we are, the story of Advent reminds us that we are deeply loved by God. When memories fade, what we mean and who we are may seem to fade with them, but the good news of the Christian story is that who we truly are is held by those who love us. And the one who loves us most is our creator and redeemer.

From the registers:

Weddings - Jessica Hall and Jackson Strangward October 3rd 2026

Revd Tony Edmonds

Church Alive Writes…

Our Vocation

What goes through your mind when you hear the word 'vocation'? Perhaps you think of someone like a nurse, a nun, a vicar, or some other profession that is traditionally linked with the idea of vocation. Originating from the Latin word *vocare* (to call), vocation is about a strong, purposeful calling or a type of work that you feel uniquely suited for, to which you dedicate your time, energy, and commitment. I believe we all have a vocation and it's about us responding to God's call and using our gifts and skills in service to him and each other throughout our lives. St Paul wrote to the members of the church in Corinth: '*let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God called you*' (1Corinthians 7: 17). We are called and equipped by God to serve him and those around us in many different ways. Faith and action are inextricably linked, as James reminds us when he encourages his readers to '*be doers of the word*' (James 1: 22).

Pursuing our Christian vocation that uses our gift and skills to the glory of God can be an exciting endeavour and not only blesses those around us, but can give us a deep sense of fulfilment too.

As a Christian leader, one of the privileges I have is seeing people pursue their vocation and all that flows from it. It can be really exciting being with someone who is exploring their calling. Recently I had lunch with someone who I had known when she was exploring her vocation and what God might be calling her to do. It was great to see her responding to God's call and now she is a vicar. Over lunch, she expressed amazement at just how her vocation had developed and, though it was sometimes challenging, had a deep sense of fulfilment and enjoyment in her work.

Our vocations may change over time with age and circumstances (e.g. our health). Some of the people who have most inspired me have been 'senior citizens' faithfully and effectively continuing their vocation and ministry. I continue to be inspired by people around me who are living out their vocation and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and in deed in all sorts of diverse ways. I rejoice in what I see going on around me in the Team churches across Swanage and Studland, but also am aware that some of our ministries and activities could benefit and grow from more support. If you are reading this and are wondering how you might pursue your vocation, then please talk to me, Jo, Dave or Tony.

Our wonderful, hot summer has turned into a mild Autumn and the year moves on. Having recently celebrated Harvest, we now move into that time of year of Remembrance. It's an opportunity to pause and reflect before the busyness of Advent and Christmas descend upon us, and to be thankful to God for those whose love and care have positively shaped us as people. On Sunday November 1st at 3.30pm at St Mary's we will hold our annual All Souls' Service. In this quiet, reflective service names will be read out of those whom we love but see no

longer and candles will be lit in their memory. If you have names that you would like read out at this service, please add them to the sheet at the back of each church.

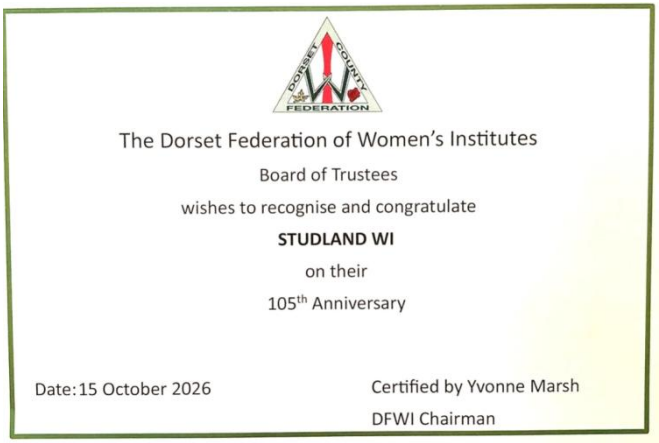
In this season of Remembrance, we also honour those who have died in war, who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the life and freedom we enjoy today. Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Sunday and St Mary's Church will be hosting the Swanage Civic Remembrance Service at 2.30pm. This Sunday is always a poignant and stark reminder of the human cost of war and the urgent necessity to seek the ways of peace. We are reminded daily of the plight of the people of Ukraine and of the conflict in the Middle East, but there are also so many brutal civil wars going on around the world, including in Sudan, with whom we have links as a diocese. These wars rarely make our news, but we need to continue to pray fervently for peace in our world, whilst acknowledging how hard peace is to achieve. That should not cause us to give up, but power us on in prayer for those parts of the world currently experiencing conflict. May we see more peace in our world in the coming months and year ahead.

Every Blessing
Ian
Rector

STUDLAND WI – Wednesday 14th October 2026

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

Our October meeting was well attended, and it was lovey to see everyone together chatting about the busy summer they have had and places they have been. Our information from both National and County was given.



October also sees our Dorset Federation Annual Meeting. A group of our ladies attended the meeting. This was an extra important meeting for us to attend this year. Studland not only picked up the trophy for winning the Dorset WI Skittle League, but we also received recognition for celebrating our 105th year!!

Well done to Studland WI and all we have achieved in the last 105 years, with plenty more to come.

In October we celebrate Harvest and after the meeting we all had a lovely supper of homemade bread, pates, cheeses and salad. Along with a glass or two. Recently our quiz team had taken part in the County Quiz. The made the finals but sadly pipped to the post by Child Oakford. Not to be disheartened we had a quiz after supper to round of the evening. Our local quiz master Mark Elliott quizzed us on 4 rounds of a previous WI quiz from a year ago. Six teams of us all coming very close so by the end of the evening we were all winners.

The ladies will be crafting, making and baking for our stall at the Studland Tabletop Sale on Saturday 28th November 10am-2pm, so do please come along and support us.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm where our speaker will be Amy Brennan talking about "Heirloom Jewellery.

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

Lynn Elliott - President.



STUDLAND GARDENING ASSOCIATION

November in the garden feels like tidying up the year before the cold sets in properly. First, clear fallen leaves, especially from lawns and paths, but maybe save a few for leaf-mould if you've got the space, because that's like gold for the soil later. Cut back perennials that have finished, like salvias or lavender, and give tougher plants a light tidy, not a hard chop. Protect crowns and roots of tender plants with mulch, but keep mulch away from stems to avoid rot. Prune hardier shrubs if needed, but leave anything that flowers on old wood until later. Finish by emptying and cleaning pots, oiling tools, and generally putting the garden to bed gently. That way, everything wakes up healthier in spring. A hardy variety broad bean such as Aquadulce can be sown in pots and propagated ready to plant out in a few weeks. I've found that overwintering this variety produces a large crop of early beans.

Studland Garden Association's AGM will be held on Tuesday 1st December 2026 in the Village Hall starting at 19:30. Apart from hearing about what's happening in the coming year there will be a great quiz, mulled wine and mince pies.

Studland History Group



The November meeting is on Wednesday the 18th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. "Studland 1840 – Portrait of a Rural Community", with Carlton Hobbs. One year either side of 1840, two important events took place. First in 1839, a survey was conducted, as a result of the 1836 Tithe Commutation Act, which finally ended the practice of paying tithes in kind, replacing it with a

financial charge. This involved surveying every tithable plot in the Parish, so showing us both who owned it and the sitting tenant. Then in June 1841, the first census which actually names individuals, was conducted countrywide. Carlton takes us on a tour of the farms in Studland Parish and also gives us an insight into what the other inhabitants did for a living.
All welcome. Visitors £4. To include tea/coffee and biscuits.

Joyce Meates. Secretary.
07816 988890

Updates from the National Trust:

Chick this out! Fifteen barn owl chicks have been ringed in Purbeck as part of a new monitoring programme.



The project, which includes nests at Greenlands Farm, will help track the fortunes of these beautiful birds and measure whether nature-friendly farming is supporting their recovery.
Barn owls have declined nationally over recent decades, but this year have shown an increase in numbers. Let's hope the trend continues for these iconic farmland birds.
The ringing was carried out under licence by specialists from the Carey Ringing Centre.
Read more here: https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/spyway/barn-owl-ringing-helps-measure-nature-recovery
(Photo: Kate Fox)

Scars can heal…For the first time, we have scientific evidence that the scars left in Studland Bay's seagrass meadows by dragging anchor chains are healing.



Thanks to more boaters choosing eco-moorings that don't damage the seabed, some of these bare patches have shrunk by more than 90% over five years.
This is a huge win for our precious seagrass meadows, which provide a home for countless marine species, including seahorses. It also shows what can be achieved when organisations, researchers, volunteers and the boating community work together to protect this special place.
The research was carried out by MSc student Kira Dunn from the University of Southampton. Read the full story on the new Studland Bay Marine Partnership website: https://www.studlandbay.org/update/proof-that-eco-moorings-help-save-seagrass/
(Photo: Jon Bunker)

Antisocial behaviour causing concern: We're disappointed to report that there have been more instances of fence-cutting along Ferry Road and across the heaths. Livestock such as cattle, ponies and pigs graze the heathland year-round and play a crucial role in restoring nature. When fences are damaged – or gates left open – animals can stray onto the road, posing a serious risk to their welfare and public safety.



If you see anything suspicious or have any information that could help identify those responsible for fence cutting, please contact Dorset Police on 101.
(Photo: Mark Singleton)

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

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

Purbeck Integrated Neighbourhood Team Annual Update – Reminder!

A reminder to come along to the Purbeck Integrated Neighbourhood Team's next Annual Update, which is being held on Thursday 19th November, 2-4pm, at the D'Urberville Centre, Collier's Lane, Wool, BH20 6DL. No booking is needed.
This is your opportunity to hear what's been happening over the last year, to ask questions and to get involved.
Tea and coffee will be provided.

PPG Meetings

The PPG will next be meeting at the Surgery on Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 12:30pm.
You can find out more about the PPG, including Minutes of our meetings and our current priorities, at: **https://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**.
We would be particularly pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking on the role of Secretary for the PPG

Dr Margaret Guy
Chair, Swanage Medical Practice PPG

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MONDAYS - PURBECK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

TUESDAYS - EMMANUEL CHURCH SWANAGE

Corfe Castle Surgery/The Patient Participation Group News

"*What a lovely surprise to be given a flu jab and offered cake and coffee!*" -said a grateful patient.

On Saturday 3rd October 2026 the Corfe Surgery team, supported by PPG members, provided 460 flu vaccinations - a record number of attendances for the hard-working team who coped admirably with a steady flow of patients for the whole session. Team work at its best for this very well organised morning. Thank you to all.

A Macmillan Coffee Morning was held on 3rd October at Corfe Castle Surgery while patients were attending the flu jab clinic. There were many scrumptious cakes with coffee in the garden behind the surgery and the magnificent sum of £423.65 was raised (twice as much as last year) for this very important cause.

For those who missed the session, appointments can be made through the surgery and Dr Lepper may be leading another Saturday session later in the month (but no coffee and cake this time!)

I have now become a member of the PPG led Exercise group which meets on a Thursday morning at Corfe Village Hall at the new time of 10-11. The benefits of this chair-based exercise class, in a friendly group led by Vanessa Neish, are valuable and recommended. If you are interested, please contact Sally on 01929 439052 to book a place. Session cost is £8 with some concessions available for Corfe residents.

The Surgery is still losing a lot of clinical time due to patients not attending booked appointments. Please cancel any unwanted appointments so that they can be offered to other patients.

Our recently extended PPG group will meet later this month to discuss any issues and ideas raised during our PPG survey - we will feedback in this column.

Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair

Isle of Purbeck Golf Club

A Season of Good Food and Good Company

There's plenty to look forward to at Isle of Purbeck Golf Club this winter, with tasty seasonal menus, sociable evenings and a few good reasons to pop in and see us!

Throughout November, our much-loved **Soup and Sandwich Month** offers the perfect excuse for a midweek visit. Enjoy a warming bowl of soup paired with a sandwich for just £12, with selected options available for an additional £2. Available **Monday to Thursday**, it's an ideal way to brighten up a chilly day.

If you enjoy a little friendly competition, join us for our next **Quiz Night on Friday, 6th November at 7:30pm.** Dave, our ever-popular Quiz Master, will be putting teams of up to eight through their paces. Entry is **just £1 per person**, with all entry fees going to the winning team. Make an evening of it by coming

early for dinner from 6pm, with a choice of Scampi and Chips, Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice and Naan Bread, or Linguini Pasta in Mushroom Cream Sauce with Garlic Bread (V), all for £13.50. Delicious desserts will also be available for **£8 each. Advance booking is essential**.

The festive season is fast approaching, and **Christmas at the Club** is proving popular. Christmas lunches will be served from **1st to 23rd December**, while our Join-In Christmas Parties offer a chance to celebrate with friends and enjoy the festive atmosphere. Two evenings are already fully booked, but places remain on **4th, 11th, 18th and 19th December.** To book, please contact Kathy on extension 3.

For those who prefer to start Christmas Eve with a leisurely bite to eat, we will also be serving our **Christmas Eve Brunch from 9am to 12 noon on Thursday, 24th Decembe**r. You can find the menu on our website, and we recommend booking ahead to secure your table.

Winter golfers needn't't miss out on a good breakfast! Our popular **Winter Warmer** offer runs from **1st November through to the end of March**. Enjoy a round of golf, a bacon bap and filter coffee included for **£40 Monday to Friday or £50 at weekends**. If you fancy something more substantial, you can upgrade to an English Breakfast for an additional £5. Food must be booked at least 24 hours in advance, with reservations available online or through the Pro Shop.

Whether you're joining us for a meal, a quiz, a festive celebration or a winter round of golf, we look forward to welcoming you. For menus and further details, visit our website or contact the Club by phone or email to book.

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

Virginia Lynch 01929 450177

Studland Village Hall

Getting ready for winter! By the time you read this, work to improve the drainage around the hall perimeter will have been completed. The new all-weather surface looks much smarter and will also help stabilise the earthen bank alongside Heath Green Road. We have recently employed contractors to repair part of the roof that was leaking and we hope to start on re-furbishing the hall floor soon.

There will be a **Table-Top Sale** to raise funds for the hall on Saturday 28th November, 10am – 2pm. See separate advert for more details.

Other dates for your diary include the **Kanji Quiz** on 14th November, the **ArtsReach Event** on Saturday 21st November at 7:30pm starring award-winning Canadian Trio, Duane Edwards and the Hot Club of Conception Bay and **Snow Angel** on Friday 11th December at 7 pm.



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!

NEW OPENING HOURS

We are now open 5 days a week for the Autumn/Winter Season
MON, TUES, FRI: 5pm - 11pm
SATURDAY: 12pm – 10.30pm
SUNDAY: 12pm – 8pm
(Closed on Tuesday and Wednesday)

What's Happening at Old Harry Bar?

Monthly Sunday Open Mike!
15th November - 4pm – 7pm
Play, sing, recite a poem or just come along for a pizza and a pint and enjoy the talent!
Hosted by Milly Watson
*****

Gala Christmas Raffle

Get your tickets at the bar for our very special Christmas raffle
Prizes Galore…and support Studland Village Hall!
*****

MONDAY – Bridge Club – Beginners Welcome - 6pm
THURSDAY – Crochet Club – Yap and Yarn – Bring your own crafty project to work on - 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!)

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Plus, a wide selection of extra toppings to choose from at 50p each
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www.oldharrybar.co.uk

Swanage & Purbeck Rotary

Whilst Rotarians are 'people of action ' and enjoy supporting projects both for the local community and internationally through fundraising and service, socialising and fellowship are key aspects within Swanage & Purbeck Rotary.

In mid-October over 20 members and friends attended the Rotary District Conference in Torquay, supporting our very own District Governor Steve Parsons. Held at the Imperial Hotel which has impressive sea views and entitled SERVICE WITH A SMILE, members enjoyed an excellent programme of inspirational presentations including ShelterBox and Purple Community Fund, both organisations we support, an entertaining talk from Eric Knowles, BBC TV presenter and Auctioneer *and* a thought-provoking talk by Luke M Luke from Planet Purbeck in Swanage.



It wasn't 'all business' and in the evenings we were entertained by comedians on the first evening and 'Abba Angels' on the second who provided a great opportunity for many guests to dance after enjoying a delicious dinner. Great opportunity to dress up as well! (Photo of Chris and Liz Le Fevre)

If you would like to find out more about Swanage and Purbeck Rotary please visit our website, swanagerotary.org or email *secretary @swanagerotary.org*. Also consider having a stall at our Christmas Market on Saturday December 5th in Swanage, applications and more information are available on the website.

ARTSREACH AT STUDLAND VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 21st November 2026 at 7.30pm

Our next Artsreach show at the Village Hall features **Duane Andrews and The Hot Club of Conception Bay.**



Duane Andrews casts a wide net in the musical ocean. Uniting what would seem to be impossible - traditional Newfoundland music with the swing jazz of the legendary guitarist Django Reinhardt, Andrews makes it not just work – he makes it soar.

This Juno award winning composer, arranger, producer, conductor and globetrotting performer's latest album

is the best evidence yet of his inimitable musical vision and is the sound of him, literally, bringing it all back home.
For this UK tour, Duane will be joined by the hottest swing band around, The Hot Club of Conception Bay, featuring Erin Power with her magical mandolin and vibrant vocals and Niall Lynch with his fiddle of fire.
Touring with Artsreach, Dorset's rural arts charity.
More info at https://duaneandrews.ca/video/ and www.artsreach.org.uk
As usual, there will be refreshments available and the Old Harry Bar will be open. Tickets Adults £15, under 18s £6, available online from www.artsreach.co.uk and 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.



CHER COMES TO STUDLAND!

8pm on Saturday 7th November

My FemmeOlution and Jersey Girls are bringing their new show "Cher She Is" to Studland on 7th November.

This stunning tribute to the iconic Cher will give you a night to remember, featuring many hits you know & love. Emma-Lou brings the likeness of Cher to life and is joined on stage by dancers Bianca and Sam with their high energy choreography.

As they need the stage I've booked the Village Hall, but feel free to grab a drink from the bar and come through! It's sure to be an entertaining night. All are very welcome.

I'm not charging for entry as I want to enjoy the night and not be on duty. But I'll have a bucket out for donations to Forest Holme Hospice if you have enjoyed the show and want to contribute.

There are two taster videos on YouTube – search "BE Productions Cher" – but only the top two in the search results! The rest are nothing to do with them.

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Update from Studland Parish Council October 2026

Studland Parish Council met on 19th October. All councillors were present, as were Cllr Ben Wilson of Dorset Council, and Emma Wright of the National Trust (NT).

Under Public Participation, a resident commented that the new bench on The Green for Alan Churchill is very suitable and good.

Under Declarations of Interest, Cllrs Steve Smith, Tim Yeandle and Mark Elliott all declared they are members of the Management Committee of the Village Hall.

The minutes of our previous meeting, on September 21st, were approved as accurate.

Emma Wright had submitted an update on behalf of the NT:

- A resident had identified some footpaths in the village that had become overgrown, particularly with bracken. The NT will cut these back this winter.
- The NT are working on plans for the removal of the gabions on South Beach. However, as yet, no plans have been submitted to Dorset Council for approval. Once the plans are known, there will be an online meeting with owners of beach huts.
- The NT Summer Incidents Report shows:
  *The number of fires / barbecues on / around the beaches increased last summer to 31.
  *Anti-social behaviour of a sexual nature was at the same level as in 2025.
  *But dogs off their leads increased by 50% on last year.
  *There were 17 camping incidents, mostly around Bramble Bush Bay / Jerry's Point.
  *Some tree works along Ferry Road will take place when the ferry is shut.
  *New ANPR systems will be installed in South Beach, Middle Beach and Shell Bay car parks when the ferry is shut in November.

Cllr Ben Wilson submitted a report. Of most significance for residents was a daily breakdown of enforcements against parking overnight on Ferry Road: this shows a total of 928 parking enforcements during the period April – September: this is a big increase on previous years.

Ben, together with Lloyd Hatton, the MP, have asked Dorset Council about a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) to restrict the number of camper vans parking at the View Point. If anyone has photographic evidence of camper vans jutting out into the road, etc, please pass to our Clerk or Chairman.

Ben was also quizzed about the date of the Planning Committee that would be reviewing the Knoll House Hotel planning application. No date has yet been agreed, but this will not be before January 2027.

Two planning applications had been received this month for SPC to review:

- Some minor brick / mortar work at Brownsea Castle: we had no objections
- Some tree work at Knapwynd: a decision on these was deferred until the Tree Officer has had the opportunity to review this work with the applicant.

On Highways, two items were mentioned:

- As residents may have noticed, the SIDs (Speed Indicator Displays) are not working: one was vandalized and is being repaired.
- A white line indicating the dropped kerb by the bottom of the Social Club steps will be painted.

On Crime, there is the vandalization of the SID. Also, the Chairman advised residents to look out for possible thieves posing as delivery people: people with large envelopes / packages supposedly looking for places to leave packages, but actually inspecting houses / sites for robbery.

The Chairman also noted that the "triangle" at the top of Beach Road and Rectory Lane is looking much better: the A frame advertising boards have been reduced and moved to the centre of the triangle, so they do not block drivers views of traffic on Ferry Road. We thank the local businesses for their co-operation. For information, no A Boards should be placed within 1.8 meters of the road.

Reports were given by Officers:

- Environment and Trees: Chrissie thanked the 8 residents who pruned and tidied up the orchard by the Old Harry Bar. Our team were advised by Gerry Edwards, who is a nationally renowned apple expert and chair of the RHS Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Expert Group. A further pruning session is planned for January: a photograph of the team is shown on the back cover of the Parish News.
- Marine and Coastal: David Battle said the remaining eco-moorings will be taken up for cleaning in November.
- Planning and Transport: Stephen Yeoman had written to Morebus to ask if, in future years, the 2 buses an hour Rota could be maintained until later in the Autumn. Morebus has replied saying the buses are needed for the university students once term had restarted. Stephen had also written to the Ferry Company to ask that the period of the shutdown be added to the length of time vouchers are valid for; the Ferry Company have replied to say "no" but in the event of a prolonged shut down – as happened a few years ago – that they would consider this.

- Resilience: Mark Elliott said that Dorset Council is compiling a list of resilience activities being conducted by villages across Dorset.
- Playing Fields and Studland Care: Steve reported a replacement seat for the see-saw has been ordered; he said that the Lengthsman has been busy around the village – cutting back vegetation, unblocking drains, clearing mud / leaves from the sides of roads, etc.
- Community Speed Watch: Lyn reported that the team had recently had a session: 233 vehicles went past, of which 14 were speeding – one at 43mph. Lyn said this shows why the village needs 20mph speed restrictions.

Following on from the "Community Conversations" reported in last month's Parish News. Stephen Yeoman will represent the Parish Council on planning for possible devolution of some Dorset Council services and improving local decision making across Dorset, and more locally improving transport options and the ways different organisations can work better together. On this latter point, he will attend a meeting on 4th November to look at broadening the Swanage Town and Community Partnership to look at improving local service delivery by joint working between the Town Council, surrounding Parish Councils and other organisations such as the National Trust.

SPC received the financial update from the Clerk, and approved the payment of outstanding invoices.

A grant application from the Village Hall had been received. Whilst the Village Hall is doing a lot of fundraising e.g. the Fashion Show, the Table Top sale, etc. it needs extra funds to undertake a series of works. SPC sees the Village Hall to be key to the health of the village, to be "at its heart": SPC donated £10,000 to the restorations.

Dorset Council is currently conducting a consultation about the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on key roads in the village. Residents will be receiving leaflets about this. Residents are advised that they have until November 6th to respond. Details for how to respond are shown on Dorset Council leaflets in the shop, and around the village.

The Clerk presented an outline of a budget for 2027/28. SPC members will meet for two Finance and General Purposes meetings to work up the detail, and to present a budget to SPC in January / February 2027.

Chrissie outlined that the WI in Studland is interested in developing a labyrinth on the Millennium Garden (just north of the shop).

The next meeting of SPC will be on 16th November. Finance and General Purposes Meetings to review the budget for next year will be held on December 1st and January 5th.

As always, more information about our meetings can be found on our website, now: **https://www.studlandparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Nick Boulter, Chairman

HARVEST SUPPER ROUND UP



What an extraordinary evening of wonderful food, company and entertainment - as Ab Churchill remarked - 10 years from the first reboot in 2016 (only nine Suppers owing to Covid).

It has become an amazing example of "many hands make light work'. Whilst the main aim 10 years ago was to bring people together to celebrate the season, it has become a fantastic fund raiser, despite the bargain ticket price of just £12.50!

We hope you enjoyed yourselves if you attended and thank you for your support. Just over £1,000 was left after costs and this will be split between the Village Hall and Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

Special thanks to the following for making it all possible:
Bournemouth Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Co
Ab & Agi Churchill
Lynn & Mark Elliott
Sarah Ferguson
The Harvest Chefs & Susie Worthy for this year's harvest loaf
Isle of Purbeck Golf Club
Pat & Margo Lawler
The National Trust Studland Bay
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Yvonne Suhr
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Chris Stow & The Studland Players
Tony the Vicar II
The Pig on the Beach
Jonnie "Corbett" Witterick

Foragers, pudding makers and anyone else we have not mentioned –
THANK YOU!

STUDLAND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Studland Village Hall
Sunday 6th December 1pm

Tickets on sale from 7th November in Studland Stores
** Look out for posters with more details **
** RAFFLE**
All proceeds in aid of Studland Village Hall

This will be followed by the lighting of the
Village Christmas Tree
& Carols at 4.30pm on the
Village Green

ALL WELCOME

Studland Cricket Club 2026.

Summer 2026 saw another successful chapter in the history of Studland Cricket Club with 29 games played across the season. The final record was 16 wins to 13 losses. A new feature for the year was our first tour game, played in Bristol against the Friendly Cricket Collective, a similarly socially minded outfit to ourselves. A splendid pre-match evening in Bristol featured many, many stories… none of which I could possibly go into here. Although I can confirm we did eventually, after many hours, find our Vice Captain Tom, after he failed to return from a chip buying expedition…

The club held its annual post season dinner and presentation evening at the Knoll House Hotel at the beginning of October. Compared admirably by Patrick Ward, the winners were Mike Trim, Players Player of the Year and Captains' choice, Ashley Hayes for top run scorer and most catches, John Gavigan was our top wicket taker and finally, once again it fell to the legendary Rhys Smith to take the coveted most ducks award despite stiff competition from a variety of sources… The club thanks the Knoll House Hotel and its staff for a wonderful dinner and setting!

We continue to be a friendly and inclusive social team who play our home games at the Ferguson family's beautiful Studland Bay House ground overlooking the bay. Most games are short format (16 overs) and take place midweek with a few longer format games at the weekend. We do also travel to other local teams in the south Dorset area.

We are already in preparation for next year and will issue a full fixtures list in due course which we will post in The Old Harry Bar. Anyone is welcome to join us, contact Pat Ward on 07816 664633 if you would like to know more!


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DISCOVER No.6 EXPLORING PRAYER

Prayer is communicating with God. Christians believe that God made human beings to have a relationship with him so talking with God is perfectly natural. He wants us to bring him our concerns, our requests, our thanks and our praise – to talk to him, to listen to him, to spend time with him and to share our lives with him, just as we would with a close friend or relative. Everyone can pray – you don't need to 'be good' or live a good life first.

There is no magic formula for praying. You don't need to be religious, nor do you need to use particular words or phrases (or even any words at all!). You don't need to go to a church or any special place. You can pray alone or with others. You can pray out loud or silently or even sing your prayers. You can use prayers that have been written down by others or you can make up your own. You can just be still and open your heart and mind. God loves to hear from us whatever way we choose to communicate. Some people close their eyes and clasp their hands together to help them focus. Others light a candle or use a string of beads, holding each one as they pray for an individual person or situation.

Prayers are an important part of church services. Some will be formal prayers that have been used for centuries, such as the Lord's Prayer; others will be prepared for a particular context, or are just spontaneous.

Prayers are usually addressed to God the Father, one of three dimensions of God. But you can also pray to Jesus or the Holy Spirit too. In some denominations, such as the Roman Catholic Church, prayers are addressed to Mary, Jesus' mother.

'When I pray, coincidences happen. And when I don't, they don't' William Temple

Finding a time and place to pray

We can speak and listen to God at any time, but it can also be helpful to find a time of day and a particular place where we can focus on being with God without being distracted. If you have young children or other major demands on your time, this might not be easy so just reach out to God as and when you can!

Many people find a pattern of prayer helpful. They might start by reading a short passage from the Bible and then begin their conversation with God by asking forgiveness for anything they have said or done wrong before moving on to thank him for his goodness and then making requests.

Explore different ways of praying

Christians believe that if you pray - in other words, talk to God - he will always hear you. This includes bringing our needs and requests. However, God does not always give us what we want; sometimes the answer to our prayers might be a 'no' or 'not yet'. We might not understand why, but God sees the bigger picture.

(Shared with permission. Further resources from: https://explorechristianity.info/. Acknowledgments: Allchurches Trust [now Benefact Trust], Jerusalem Trust, Kirby Laing Foundation, The Diocese of London)



Linda's Story

Linda Jacskon wrote this charming account of her life, as a daughter of a farm worker raised in Studland in the mid 1920's/30's for her grand-daughter. As editor, I have been asked to share her memories here for readers…

Continuation…

Ron Jackson.

I didn't know a lot about Ron. He was born in Tan-y-Fron in North Wales and had three sisters and a younger brother. Every day a little boy would come round to Ron's mother and say your Ron is fighting down the road. Mrs. Jackson would take Mr. Jackson's belt off the wall and go and fetch him home, where he got a belting. One day, the usual knock was heard on the door and Mrs. Jackson called out, '*I'm coming*'. A voice replied, '*I am the insurance man*.' One week he threw his best friend's stick over the hedge and refused to go and get it. He was obviously a bit of a handful.

The headmaster of his school got special permission for him to take his eleven plus when he was ten and a half and he came seventeenth out of 250 pupils. When he left Grove Park Grammar School, he was apprenticed to a lawyer but his father passed away very suddenly and Ron had to work in a steel works where they paid good money.

War broke out and Ron volunteered to go into the army. He started by volunteering for the Parachute Regiment and dropped on land and at sea. He thought he dropped in Studland once but was not sure as it was night time so couldn't be properly sure where he was. He strained an ankle badly one day so he was not considered fit enough to remain and had to leave the unit. After that he was one of the first commandos when it was formed, but he did not tell me much about this time with them.

He had one very traumatic journey when he was sent to Norway to bring back a high-ranking officer to England as the Germans were taking Norway. He was rather accident prone as he had to leave the commandos after damaging his knee as it gave him a lot of pain and had to return to his regiment, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, later just known as the Royal Welsh.

Ron fought on the beaches at Normandy. During the action, only Ron and six men in his company were left. He was at the Falaise Gap and went to shelter between behind Hill 112. When he got through, it was also sheltering a Bofors Gun, four men and a shell-shocked Lieutenant. Ron took over firing the gun till all the ammunition was gone. A few fields behind Hill 112 were German Panzer tanks. And in front of the hill a few fields away, British tanks. Ron walked up to the tanks and asked them to follow him to get the men out, but they refused. Ron asked them a second time to help the men get away, but received the same answer. When walking back to the hill, a missile landed at his feet and shrapnel entered his right eye.

To be continued…



PARISH Cindy

Passed away peacefully at Swanage Hospital on 28th September 2026 aged 82 years.

Cindy's passing was only a month after her partner Eugene Fraser's passing (on 29th August 2026).
Friends and family are invited to celebrate both Cindy's and Eugene's lives after Cindy's funeral in the Studland Village Hall.

Cindy's funeral service will be held at St Nicholas Church, Studland on Friday 13th November 2026 at 12 Noon.

Family flowers only please but donations, if wished, to Friends of Swanage Hospital and Forest Holme Hospice, may be made on-line at funeraldirector.co.uk/cindy-parish or sent to James Smith Funeral Directors, 60a Kings Road, Swanage, BH19 1HR, Tel: 01929 422445.

Pamela Clark

4th Aug 1929 - 22nd Sep 2026

Pam was born in Preston, Lancashire and moved to Studland in 1949 to work in reception at Knoll House Hotel. There she met local lad Ken, who first approached her outside Studland Stores and offered her a lift on his Triumph motorbike, which Pam accepted. So began a loving relationship that would last for over 60 years. Pam and Ken were married in 1954 and were soon able to move into 1 Harmony Terrace, where they had four children: Penny, Chris, Erica and Louise. In 1969 Ken stopped working at Manor Farm and the family moved down to Woodside.

As well as being a busy wife and mother, Pam was an active member of village life. At different times she belonged to the Mothers' Union, the W.I. (president and treasurer), the Parish Council, and the Village Hall committee (Treasurer). She was also the Studland Avon lady for many years, and was on the PTA at Mount Scar school.

As her children grew older Pam decided to return to work. In 1976 she started working for Commander Grant, managing the beach hut bookings and working in the beach office at Knoll Beach. When the National Trust took over, she then became employed as a book-keeper at Tatchells shoe shop in Swanage. When Tatchells closed she then started work in the office at Wytch Farm oil field.

After retirement she was the Village Hall treasurer and Studland Parish clerk. She was also an active member of the Art Group, proudly selling several of her paintings at the Art Group exhibitions.

Pam and Ken enjoyed travelling to many countries - hiking in Scotland and Switzerland, visiting family in Bermuda, Reunion Island, California, Paris, and Canada, sunny vacations such as Portugal and Mallorca, and relaxed on some

Mediterranean cruises in later years. Pam was still adventurous after Ken died, flying across the Atlantic Ocean to California on her own aged 87.

After Ken's death in 2016 Pam was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, subsequently moving to Clifftop Care Home in Swanage, where she was looked after by their wonderful staff for the last eight years of her life.

There will be an afternoon tea to celebrate Pam's life in the Village Hall on Sunday 15th November, at 3pm. Please come along if you would like to remember Pam.



Thank you

We would like to thank everybody for their love and support since May when Steve was taken seriously ill. As a family, we have certainly felt the love in our wonderful community, thank you those to everyone who cooked meals for the family.

We'd like to thank everybody who came and supported the Coffee morning at the Tearooms to raise money for Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. Throughout September and October, a very lovely lady, Susan Stares, has also been busy knitting toys which she kindly donated for people to give a donation for in the tearooms. People have been extremely generous and we would like to say a huge thank you to Sue.

We have raised an amazing amount and as a family, we are truly grateful. Love to you all.

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Three of Wareham's prized institutions came together for the handover of a £1,000 cheque.

Beerex, the real ale and cider festival backed by a raft of the town's businesses, made a donation from the proceeds of their recent autumn function to Wareham Area Men's Shed.

It was aimed at boosting funds needed by the Shed to build their proposed new community workshop on the grounds of Swanage and Wareham Rugby Club.
And it was at the club that the cheque was handed by Beerex chair Chrisy Mcbride to the Shed's leader Harold Forbes.

Mrs Mcbride said: "*We pride ourselves in giving something back to the community. We chose the Men's Shed for our latest donation because we believe in their ethos of providing a haven for retired and less advantaged people who need some company. The Shed does a massive amount for Wareham and surrounds by making all sorts of useful and impressive things for all sorts of people and organisations, including schools and other charities. We also agree that they badly need a new workshop because they are clearly growing fast and must find more space to enable more people to join them*."

Over the last four years Beerex has donated £15,000 to local good causes including the Rex Cinema, Wareham Hospital and Dorset's Search and Rescue team. And it let the Men's Shed – currently in rented premises at Lenctenbury Farm outside Wareham – run a raffle at the recent festival, which netted another £400.

Mr Forbes called the Beerex donation "*a very generous sum for which we are extremely grateful*". It took the total raised so far towards the new workshop to just over £40,000 – an impressive amount in just three months since the fund was launched. It is still well short of the £200,000 needed for the project to succeed. But Mr Forbes said: "*Getting the support of the community like this is particularly pleasing and significant. The more we can demonstrate that the Shed is an integrated and valued part of the community the better our chances of convincing the big foundations and funds that have larger sums to part with*."

Colouring in – for the children and the adults…

Colouring benefit No.11 - Social Connection:
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Monthly Awareness - Men's Health Awareness Month 'Movember'

Movember is an annual fundraising campaign that asks people to grow a moustache, move 60 kilometres, host an event or set their own challenge during November, and to collect sponsorship for men's health. Participants are known as "Mo Bros" and "Mo Sisters".

This year's campaign

Movember, also known as Men's Health Awareness Month, takes place throughout November each year. It is run by the charity **Movember** (registered in England and Wales as Movember Europe, charity number 1137948), which raises money and awareness for prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. The 2026 campaign line is **"Make a Growmitment**": challenge a friend, grow together and change men's health. What began as a joke between friends in Melbourne in 2003 is now a global movement, and in the UK, it is the biggest month of the year for talking about how men look after themselves.

Why Movember matters

The campaign focuses on the conditions that most affect men, and the numbers explain why. According to **Prostate Cancer UK**, about 1 in 8 men in the UK will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime, rising to about 1 in 4 Black men, and the risk is two and a half times higher if your father or brother has had it. The **NHS** says prostate cancer usually affects men over 50 and often has no symptoms at first, but can often be cured if it is diagnosed early.

Testicular cancer is most common in men aged 15 to 49, and the NHS advises checking your testicles regularly so you know what is normal for you and can spot a lump or swelling early. Movember's Move challenge is built around a third figure: globally, around 60 men die by suicide every hour, which is why participants walk or run 60 kilometres in November.

Movember's answer is to get men talking. A moustache is a visible conversation starter, and every conversation is a chance for someone to book a GP appointment, check themselves or ask for help.

What the money does

Prostate cancer: research into better tests and treatments, and programmes that help men understand their risk and get checked earlier.

Testicular cancer: education on self-checking, and support for the young men most likely to be affected.

Mental health and suicide prevention: projects that reduce isolation and reach men where they already are, including sports clubs, workplaces and online.

Research: the Movember Institute of Men's Health coordinates studies across all three areas.

To learn more or to donate, go to https://movember.com/

November Quotes

With Remembrance Sunday in mind...

'*In war, there are no unwounded soldiers*.' **-** *Aron Kilbourn*

'*As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them*.' *- President John F. Kennedy*

'*A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself*.' *Major General Douglas MacArthur*

'*War is a tragedy which commonly destroys the stage it is acted on*.' *- Matthew Henry*

'*Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind*.' *- John F Kennedy*

'*Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty*.' *- John Philpot Curran*

'*God grants liberty only to those who love, and are always ready to guard and defend it*.' *- Daniel Webster*

'*He who serves his country well has no need of ancestors'*. *- F Voltaire*

With any stewardship campaigns in mind:

'*If a man's religion does not affect his use of money, that man's religion is vain*.' *– H Martin*

'*Money is like muck, no good unless it is spread*.' *- Francis Bacon*

With weather in mind…

The weather reports these days remind us of Mark Twain's '136 varieties of New England weather'. In that masterpiece he referred to the forecasters as being so uncertain of what to predict, that their predictions went like this:

"*Probably northeast to southwest winds, varying to the southward and westward and eastward and points in between; high and low barometer sweeping around from place to place; probable areas of rain, snow, hail and drought succeeded or preceded by earthquakes, with thunder and lightning*."

With Advent beginning at the very end of the month:

'Let earth and heaven combine,
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The incarnate Deity,
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By Charles Wesley

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Top right Stag captured by Steve Smith. Bottom: Harvest Celebrations

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