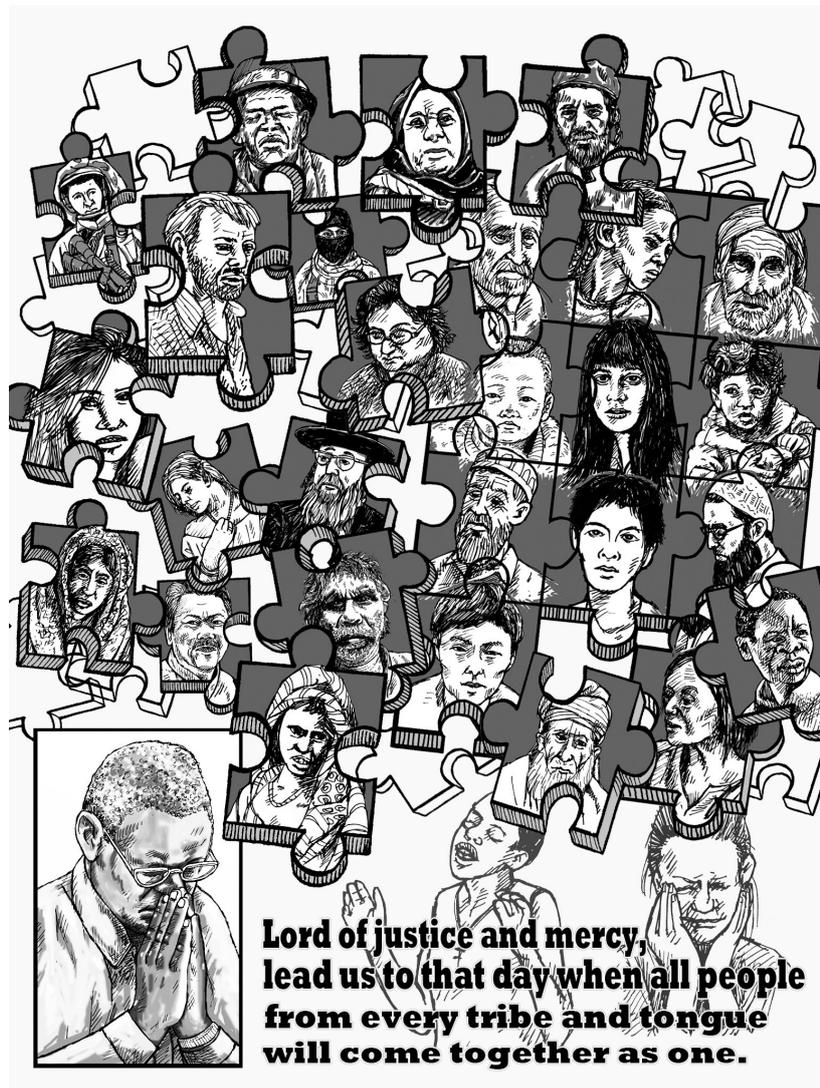


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Seeing it differently

If you ever get a new pair of glasses or have a cataract removed or the sun suddenly breaks through the clouds and lights up what a few minutes before had been a very drab scene, then you see everything differently.



“Seeing it differently” was the title of a two week event in Norwich Cathedral in August, and different it certainly was. When you entered the cathedral nave, you were met by a 50 foot helter skelter! The press had a field day criticising the event as sacrilege, frivolous and the dumbing down of Christianity. Few of the correspondents I suspect had visited, spent time there or understood the purpose behind the event. So where did this unusual idea come from and what was its purpose? The idea was born when Andy Bryant, one of the Cathedral’s Canons was visiting the Sistine Chapel and while the ceiling was amazing, he was jostled by the crowds, deafened by the guards shouting “No photos” “Stop talking” and very glad to get out. That started him thinking about the cathedral where he worked and how to make it possible for people to see the medieval roof bosses high upon the roof of the nave. These brightly coloured sculptures tell the story of salvation – made at a time when few could read, but all could follow a story created in stone. So, the idea of a helter skelter as the central piece in the “seeing it differently” event was born. This is how he described the idea:

Could the playful presence of a helter skelter help to open up conversations about the building, help to open up conversations about God? This unexpected presence in the cathedral would act as a draw. Climbing to its top, the visitor will literally see the cathedral differently. They will also come closer to the roof bosses and to the story they tell, the story of Salvation.

Did the idea work? Well, when I visited, on a Sunday afternoon, the Cathedral was crowded – in fact it was the last afternoon of the event which was to end with the Bishop preaching from the helter skelter! While the helter skelter was the big draw, there were many other activities you could join in: a labyrinth, a blind trust trail, a “Bible Box” a walk in box with the entire Bible pasted on walls and ceiling, mats on the floor of the nave to lie on and see the roof bosses from a new angle – helped by binoculars and at one end of the cathedral there were short stories from people from all walks of life explaining how they had come to see things differently through their faith.

Each activity was supported by trained volunteers who were there to help people engage, to talk, to listen and answer questions about faith.

At the end of the experience people were invited to write about how they saw things differently as a result of their visit and these were posted for others to read.

For those who were interested in finding out more there was a free copy of Luke’s gospel and a card to take away with links to websites and a prayer. (**see below**)

So, “sacrilege, frivolous and the dumbing down of Christianity”? I don’t think so. What I saw was people challenged afresh to “see things differently”. This reminded me of the reception Jesus received from the religious leaders of his day who just could not accept his message of welcome, love and acceptance – of “seeing things differently.

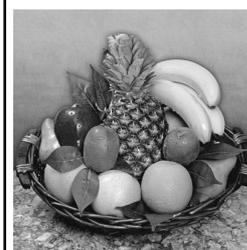
O God, you see us differently and offer the world a different way. You offer forgiveness where we find judgement, acceptance Where we experience rejection, Love where we see hate. Help me to see life differently, so I may find the forgiveness, acceptance and love that comes from walking by the side of Jesus.

Peter Wright

The world is tired, the year is old,
The little leaves are glad to die,
The wind goes shivering with cold
Among the rushes dry.

Our love is dying like the grass,
And we who kissed grow coldly kind,
Half glad to see our poor love pass
Like leaves along the wind.

Sara Teasdale



Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Holy Trinity Church Bradpole
Sunday 22nd September

The donations of fresh produce were given to Bridport Community Fridge which is run by the Bridport Unitarian Chapel in the Garden and the NHS START TEAM for needy people in Bridport.

<https://www.facebook.com/bridportcommunityfridge/>

The dry goods and cash donations were given to Hopeful Hampers and Cupboard Love – the local food banks.

Holy Trinity, Bothenhampton

Dear editor,

Please convey my huge thanks to the 14 villagers who turned up to help tidy the Old Church Yard. They all did a super job removing ivy and briars from walls, tidying graves and helping to sort the compost area out. A cubic metre of plastic rubbish was removed along with glass vases and oasis.

Pictured are the helpers having a mid session break of tea/ coffee and some rather special biscuits. A dustbin has now been provided by the gate for non compostable waste. Our next tidying afternoon is on Saturday 4th April 2020 so we are ready for Easter visitors.



Graham Purse LLM

CHILDREN'S CORNER

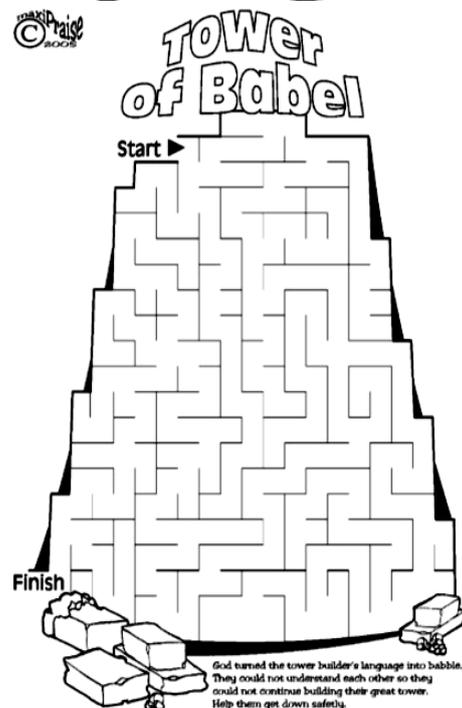
In the children's corner this month our theme is the Bible story in Genesis 11 The Tall Tower. After the flood that Noah and the Ark survived, the numbers of people on the earth grew. All the people spoke the same language, and they began to build a mighty city, with a huge tower.



Activity ideas for older children, or for you and your little ones to do together:

- Colour in the picture above showing the descendants of Noah boasting how they could build their tower all the way up to Heaven. How did people construct large buildings before modern machinery such as cranes and diggers were designed? Investigate how it might have been done.
- Try and build the tallest tower out of bricks or paper cups. Why does it get more difficult to build as the tower gets taller? Is this like the story of the Tower of Babel, as the tower became taller and people turned away from God's will, did life become more difficult for them?
- When God decided to make all the people speak different languages so they could not work together on the tower, they scattered and spread over the earth. Do you know any words in different languages? Challenge yourself to say or write "Hello" in as many different languages as you can!
- Why do you think God let them build the tower so high before he stopped them?
- If you could not speak and be understood, how else might you try and communicate? Try and act out a story without saying a single word and see if someone can guess it.

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Children are especially invited to make a Christingle at Holy Trinity Church Bradpole on Sunday 1st December at 10.30am

TUESDAY CLUB
 Are you 6-11 years old?
THEN COME AND JOIN US!!
 Bring your best friend for an hour of
fun and creativity
 at the Bradpole Village Hall
TUESDAYS 6-7pm (term time)
Sponsored by Holy Trinity Church

'TOTS @ TEN'
 Parents and Carers are invited
 to come and meet others with pre-school children for
 coffee and tea and lots of fun for the children,
Holy Trinity Church Bradpole
 10.00am to 11.30am every
 Wednesday (term time)



St Mary's, Bridport
Tots Time
A baby and toddler
group

at Church House, South Street
Every Friday (term time) from 9.30 to 11.00
 Search for Tots Time Bridport on **Facebook**

Holy Trinity Church Bradpole



Christmas Fayre
30th November 2019
10 – 12

Delicious refreshments, homemade
 gifts and produce, Christmas food,
 children's games, jewellery, cards
 and a children's corner with a very
 special visitor.

Do come and join us if you can.

FROM THE REGISTERS - SEPTEMBER

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Christmas Day Lunch

Once again, we will be holding
 the Christmas day Lunch at the
United Church Hall.



If you would like to come along,
 please **COMPLETE** the invitation below.

Elaine & Grant Butcher

Churches Together

An Invitation to
Christmas Day Lunch
 at Bridport United Church, East
 Street, Bridport
 12noon – 3.00pm



Name.....

Address.....

.....

Tel.....

Due to fire regulations, we are limited to a certain number of guests. To make sure of a place, please book early and to inform us if you need to cancel, as soon as possible. Please send this form to Grant & Elaine Butcher, 34, West Walk, West Bay, Bridport, DT6 4HT or phone 01308 456066 no later than 18th December and please let us know if you have any;

special dietary needs.....

or need transport.....YES / NO.....

(We cannot arrange transport after Dec 18th)



Quarter Peal - Holy Trinity, Bradpole In memory of Win Smith

On 13th September Bradpole ringers and some friends rang a quarter-peal at Holy Trinity, in memory of Win Smith, who loved coming to our church.

She was the mother of the Revd Janis Moore and we were delighted that Janis and her sister, Jenny were able to be present. Among the ringers was Valerie Stone, an old family friend. The ringing, a well-struck 1260 of Grandsire Triples conducted by West Dorset Branch Ringing Master David Barrance, was a fitting tribute to a lovely lady.



All Saints Wyke Regis
22nd November 1969

You are cordially invited to a **Songs of Praise** to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of **Philip and Christine Ringer** to be held at **4.00pm at St. John's West Bay on Sunday 24th November** to be followed by tea.

No presents please just your presence.

Good Books

St Mary's Old School, Gundry Lane, Bridport
Telephone – 01308 420483

Email: orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk

Opening Times: 9.00am – 1.00 pm Monday – Friday
10.00am – 12 noon Saturdays.

We hope many of you were able to attend our book signing in October with Mary Weeks Millard.

The November book sign is Cheryl MacKeown with her book "Isaiah; The Resounding Images. This is a bible study for Advent through Lent which is based around the powerful imagery found in the book of Isaiah.

This month also sees the release of three bible studies by Rev Kay (our September book signing) – "Women in the Old Testament", "Women in the New Testament" and "Why Parables? Are they still relevant today?"

As Advent is almost upon us we have a good variety of Advent calendars, Christmas Cards, Candles, Advent books and small or large Christmas gifts.

Also we have the Archbishop of York's Advent Book for 2019, **"Wake Up to Advent!"** by **John Sentamu**, available for order at £9.99.

We are already preparing for the great rush on ordering candles for Advent Wreaths, so be prepared and ring us now.

Do join us for these book signings, as we want to promote our local authors as much as possible.

Information can be found at
<http://goodbooksbridport.wordpress.com>

Remembrance Sunday - Over the last ten years or so it has become the custom for the community of West Bay to gather under the Church clock at 11.00am on 11th November to observe the two minutes silence. Last year the Armistice fell on a Sunday and was made more poignant by the Silent Soldiers that were erected in memory of the six servicemen from West Bay who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

On Remembrance Sunday this year 10th November, we will be having a service that begins outside Church at 10.50am followed by a communion service with an act of Remembrance following liturgy provided by the Royal British Legion. This provides an excellent opportunity for our regular congregation to be involved in the worship offered across Bridport on this significant day. Do please come yourself and tell your friends and neighbours, all are welcome.

Family debt

'Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.' Romans 13:8

Supposing you find out that your partner has a serious amount of debt. What do you do? You might have discovered it by seeing a letter or answering the phone or the door to someone who is trying to collect a debt. Discovering that the family finances are not what you thought can be devastating to any relationship.

Some people find it very hard to discuss debt problems, especially when they get out of control. It can be easier to ignore the situation than be open. However, the brown envelopes keep coming, and then telephone calls start and possibly cards appear saying someone is going to call at your home. What do you do?

You need to find out what the full picture is. This might involve sitting down with piles of bills and letters and sorting them out into order. You need to check what the priorities are. Are the most important commitments being kept up like rent or mortgage? You might need to do a family budget and look at household expenditure. Also check if these are all genuine debts or could they be too old to be enforceable or are they scams?

You will probably need advice from an experienced debt advisor. Fortunately, there are some good sources of advice. Many local authorities have advisors, there are some excellent charities such as Christians Against Poverty and the CAB, 01308 456594. Always check advice is free. Any reputable lender will give you time to get advice.

Perhaps you are not affected in this way but know of neighbours or friends who might be; is there a way of them getting the help they need? Do you have information in your community about how to access advice? Perhaps you could put up a poster for a debt advice charity in the church porch or advertise a local course on budgeting. As usual this is a light-hearted guide and always get proper advice.

SWAN ROUND-UP AT ABBOTSBURY SWANNERY – 2019

“Abbotsbury Swannery is the only place in the world where you are able to walk through the heart of a colony of nesting Mute Swans.”

Background

The monastic records of the Swannery go back to the mid 1300s, the Strangeways, who later became the Earls of Ilchester, took possession in the 1500s. This event takes place every two years in July, on and around ‘The Fleet’ at Chesil Beach. This was initially formed from predominantly sandy deposits in Lyme Bay as water levels rose rapidly at the end of the last ice age 20,000-14,000 years ago. These deposits were eroded and the sand and gravel driven onshore as a barrier beach. On 23 November 1823 the sea-water stood at a depth of more than 22ft (6.9m) on the alluvial meadows of the Decoy near Abbotsbury, and the waves hammered a gap in the battlements and flooded the Swannery. As you enter there today you can see a large pole 6.9 meters tall representing the water level at the time!

In 1942 The Fleet was used as a testing area for the “Bouncing Bombs” the brainchild of Barnes Wallis, and the most famous RAF “Operation Chastise” destroyed several dams in May 1943 making a tremendous difference to the outcome of World War II.

The Round-up

This takes place on a Friday and Saturday in July, every two years, when the swans have lost their flight feathers. On the Friday canoeists take to the Fleet to guide the non-breeding adult and sub-adult swans closer inshore. On the Saturday this continues until the swans are approaching land where a human chain in the water will guide them towards the shore. (*Parent swans and their cygnets are caught in the autumn when the cygnets have their rings fitted*).

Once safely in the pens the swans are allowed to settle and then they are each handed to carriers, like me, who take them to various “stations”. Once in your firm hold they are completely docile and you carry them to be handed back & forth to be inspected, vaccinated, weighed, rings are checked (as these can get damaged and cause injuries), and in addition, for the young, it is established whether they are male or female, and will have Abbotsbury rings fitted.

This procedure can appear daunting, with swans this year weighing anything up to 14.4kgs, but they are handed to you with their back to your front, and you just hug them to keep their wings firmly within your arms.

Following all these checks you carry them to the edge of the Fleet where you pass them to a handler to release back into the water – ‘freedom again at last’ you can hear them say!

I have had the privilege of being a “Swan-Upper” for some years having originally been invited by a friend, and I can say it is one of my most treasured experiences.

Lyn Roe



Postscript: Some years ago I took my Mother to see the site of the munitions factory where she worked during the war, now a housing development in Cobham, Surrey. On the wall was a plaque explaining that, at the time, the factory made components for the ‘Bouncing Bombs’. Of course they did not know this then, but it made it a very special day for Mum..

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Church Services - ALL are very welcome

November

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| Sunday 3 | 9.30am | Parish Communion |
| Wednesday 6 | 2.30pm | Communion Service and tea |
| Sunday 10 | 10.50am | Remembrance Day Parade at War Memorial followed by Church Service |
| | 4.00pm | XALT in Church House: "Finding Meaning" |
| Sunday 17 | 9.30 am | Parish Communion |
| | 4.00 pm | Songs of Praise |
| Sunday 24 | 9.30 am | Parish Communion |
| | 4.00pm | XALT in Church House |

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 30th November 10.00 – 1.30. Christmas stalls, cakes, soup and roll lunches. Do come and join us.

MOTHERS' UNION

Prayer and fellowship group meet on 12th November at 2.30pm in the Meeting Room at the back of the church.

XALT

The final service in our theme "Living Well" is on 10th November, with the title "Finding Meaning". Each service focuses on a specific theme inviting you to reflect on your experience, draw from the Bible and then consider your response. There is always singing and prayer; often activities and always refreshments. Come and explore this interesting topic in a relaxed and informal setting.

QUIZ NIGHT in Church House, South Street, Bridport.

A fun quiz night to help raise money for the annual St Mary's

Christmas Hampers

for local families in Bridport.

Doors open at 6:30pm for 7:00pm start on Saturday 16th November 2019.

£5 per person (Maximum 4-6 per table) with team prizes and a fabulous raffle! Individuals are welcome and can be allocated to a team on the night.

Please bring your own drink or nibbles. Free tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

A fun evening for all!

For further information Telephone S Bartlett
01308 456138

ST MARY'S LIVING CHURCHYARD

GARDENING GROUP meets every Friday from 1.30 to 3.30. All welcome.

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Church Services - ALL are very welcome

November

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| Sunday 3 | 11.00am | Sung Communion |
| Sunday 10 | 10.50am | Remembrance Sunday Service |
| Sunday 17 | 11.15am | Sung Communion |
| Sunday 17 | 6.00pm | Evensong |
| Sunday 24 | 11.15am | Holy Communion BCP |

December

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| Sunday 1 | 11.15am | Advent Sunday Sung Communion |
| Sunday 1 | 6.00pm | Advent Sunday Team Service at Holy Trinity |

Time of Morning Services

From 17th November our morning services will start at 11.15am. With all Team churches having weekly morning worship members of the clergy often take two services and can find it difficult getting to the second church in good time to start at 11am. In an effort to help this situation Holy Trinity has agreed to begin services a quarter of an hour later.

CHEKHOV AND CHEESE

An evening of comedy, cheese and wine
Encore Theatre Club will be presenting their

hilarious adaptation of Chekhov's

'The Bear'

at Bothenhampton Village Hall
Saturday 9th November, 7.30pm

Tickets £10 available from

Amanda Haylock 01308 425708

MOTHERS' UNION

Instead of the usual meeting the Prayer and Fellowship Group are holding an informal Thanksgiving Service for Pam Sangster in Holy Trinity at 2.30. All friends welcome. No collection but contributions to Cupboard Love appreciated.

COFFEE MORNING AT HOLY TRINITY

Saturday 2nd November, 10am – 12 noon

with books, cards, raffle

Come for a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits and homemade cakes, and meet friends.

Holy Trinity Church Choir will be singing at the Lyme

Bay Deanery Choirs Festival at St Mary of the Annunciation, Beaminster on 23rd November. The Festival Service is Choral Evensong celebrating St Cecilia, starting at 4pm, and everyone is welcome.

Film Evening

Saturday 16th November, 7.30pm

"TOLKIEN"

Bothenhampton Village Hall. Doors open 7pm
£5, £4 for Film Club Members – details from Ray
423071

Remembrance Sunday is on 10th November. The Service of Remembrance at Holy Trinity will be commencing at 10.50am so that the two minutes silence can be observed.

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Church Services - ALL are very welcome

November

Sunday 3 9.30am Informal service
3pm Service of Thanksgiving for All Souls
Tuesday 5 2.30pm 'Tuesdays Together' with tea after
Sunday 10 9.30am Remembrance Sunday - Communion service
Followed by The Act of Remembrance
Sunday 17 9.30am Informal service
Sunday 24 9.30am Communion service

December

Sunday 1 10.30am Christingle Service

You can find us on www.facebook.com 

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Church Services - ALL are very welcome

November

Sunday 3 6pm Evensong
Sunday 10 10.50am Remembrance Service
Sunday 17 11.15am BCP Communion
Sunday 24 11.15am CW Eucharist

A WINTER'S TEA

Thursday, 14th November at 4 to 5.30pm in the Village Hall. More details will be published closer to the date.

WALDITCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.00-12.00 noon in the Village Hall. Contact Pat Pullen on 425703.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 19th November**,
Speaker Sian Muncie "Crafts for Christmas"

Bradpole Brunch

Brunch will be on Sunday 3rd in the village hall at 11.30. This is 'A Fresh Expression of Church' for all the family. For more details see the separate advert in this magazine. We look forward to seeing you there.

Village Lunch Club

Lunches at The King's Head will be on Tuesdays 12th and 26th at 12.30pm. New members will be welcome – contact Daphne King on 01308 427552.

'TOTS @ TEN'

Parents and carers meet with others with pre-school children for coffee and a chat in the church from 10am-11.30am every Wednesday in term time.

Tuesday Club

The club meets every Tuesday in the village hall at 6pm in term time for 6-11 year olds, so do come along and join in the fun.

Mothers' Union

Our meeting will be on Tuesday 19th at 2.30pm at 11 Fox Close for 'Advent Meditation'.

Housewives United

Our house meeting at 2.30pm at 11 Fox Close is on Wednesday 6th. On the 20th we will be having lunch in the Ivy House at Groves garden centre at 1pm. You will be welcome to join us.

Further information from Diane Ellis 420771.

Bradpole Defibrillator

Following the successful summer fête, the organising committee has made a donation of £1200 to the Parish Council towards the purchase of a defibrillator. The Council will fund the extra cost of the equipment and installation up to £1200 which it is planned to install in the telephone box outside the village stores once it has been formally adopted by the shop owners.

Angels over Walditch

We were promised an angelic fly-over from the Revd Ann Ayling when we gathered for our team service at St Mary's, Walditch on the feast of St Michael and all Angels.

Sadly the angelic host were diverted from West Dorset at the last minute but their presence was felt as worshippers from all six of the team churches squished into our smallest building to praise God. Chris Wellman-Herold said: "It was wonderful to host the team service here in Walditch and to welcome people from across the team. We raised the rafters with our singing and it was, as always, good to come together from across the parish."

After the service led by Revd Ann Ayling all were invited to stay for coffee and biscuits in the village hall.

Our next team service will be at 10.30am on Sunday 29 December at St Mary's, Bridport.

WALDITCH GARDENERS

Walditch Gardeners meet on the last Thursday of each month at 10.00am

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 28th November**.
(NB. No meeting in December.)

Do come and join us - everyone is welcome.
For details contact Jane Mowatt 01308 424581

Bridport Community Shed

A place for making, sharing, recycling and repairing

Bridport Library - Wednesday 10:00 to 12:00

Mountfield (near Bedford Place)
Thursday 10:00 to 12:30

Drop in or call Ed Brand: 07402 409 891

 fb.me/bridportcommunityshed

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Mrs Jo George 426457
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Organist/Choirmaster - Mr Donald Allcock 485402

Church Services - ALL are very welcome

November

Sundays 3, 10, 17, 24 8.00am Low Mass
9.30am Sung Mass
Sunday 10 4.00pm Evensong and Benediction
There will be a short Act of
Remembrance during this service

Weekday Services:

Thursdays 10.00am Said Mass
Saturday 2 7.00pm All Souls Day Service

ALL SOULS SERVICE

St Swithun's Church
Saturday 2nd November - 7.00pm
All welcome

FREE REAL COFFEE MORNING

St Swithun's Church Hall
Please join us for a cup of delicious coffee and
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Thursday 7th 10.45 - 11.45am

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Friday 8th November - 7.00pm

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Sayer



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Village Editor - Sue Pollock 07903558568
Chapel Warden - Mrs Rosemary Russell 423013

Church Services - ALL are very welcome

November

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| Sunday 3 | 11.15am | Holy Communion |
| | 18.30pm | Haven |
| Sunday 10 | 10.50am | Remembrance Sunday (see page 6) |
| Sunday 17 | 11.15am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 24 | 11.15am | Holy Communion |
| | 16.00pm | Songs of Praise |

Round and About in West Bay

Despite the weather not being the greatest, it is amazing just how many visitors are still in West Bay, particularly coach parties. Many of these passengers come into the Discovery Centre and all seem to have stories of coming to West Bay as children, or else really keen to learn more about Broadchurch!

The storms towards the end of the month which coincided with high tides, meant we saw flooding in and around the harbour due to the river breaking its banks, but apparently the flood defence work that was carried out earlier in the year seems to be doing its job.

Upcoming events in West Bay

I am sure everyone will be delighted to learn that the West Bay Discovery Centre was awarded first prize in the Community Heritage Category of the Dorset Village awards for the restoration and re-use of the Methodist Chapel building in West Bay.

An exhibition at the Discovery Centre on the Roots of Religion in West Bay to mark the anniversary of the opening of the Methodist Chapel (170 years ago) and St John's Church (80 years ago) will run from 29th October 2019 - 22 March 2020.

The Methodists will be holding a service in the Discovery Centre on Sunday 3 November at 3.00 pm celebrating the Methodist heritage of hymn signing to commemorate the anniversary of the opening of the Methodist Chapel in West Bay in 1849.

On Thursday 14 November at 7.30 pm there will be a talk by Professor Denys Brunsden, a world renowned Geomorphologist who will give a fascinating insight into the ever-changing coast between West Bay and Eype. Advance booking recommended, tickets are £5.

Please note that winter opening hours for the Discovery Centre come into effect in November, details on the website at www.westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk.

West Bay WI

Needlecraft will take place on Wednesday 6 November at 10 am as usual then on Wednesday 13 November at 2.30 pm there will be a talk by Molly Clarke & Pat Score on Flora Art. A Christmas shopping trip is planned for Wednesday 27 November. For more information please contact Sue Rider on 01308 423813.

The Bridport Chamber Orchestra

Conductor: *Arturo Serna*, Leader: *Alex Ennis*

Autumn Concert

ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH, BRIDPORT

SUNDAY **NOVEMBER 24th** at 3 pm

Rossini – Sonata No. 1 in G

Samuel Barber - Adagio

J S Bach – Brandenburg Concerto No 4

Soloists: Alex Ennis: violin

Amy Whittlesea & Charlotte Ferguson: recorders

Simon Clarkson: harpsichord

Frank Bridge – Four Pieces for String Orchestra

Percy Grainger – Molly on the Shore

Tickets £10 from the Bridport Music Centre and on the door.

Student admission free.

Refreshments available after the concert.

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Solutions to October Sudoku

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Anyone is invited who may be interested in finding out more about how it all works and there will also be an event in Bridport Town Hall on November 16 in the afternoon to highlight opportunities for renting or buying a shared ownership home. We feel it is important to provide affordable homes in and around Bridport for younger people and families where prices have been pushed up and out of reach of many and we are planning to start building the development soon.

For more information contact:

info@bridportcohousing.org.uk

The Berlin Wall fell 30 years ago this month, on 9th November 1989.

East Germany reopened its border with West Germany, allowing its citizens to pass freely through the checkpoints. Workers began demolishing the 28-year-old wall the next day. Earlier that year serious unrest in Eastern Bloc countries such as Poland and Hungary had put pressure on the East German government, which had also been dealing with demands from its own citizens, led by a determined 'swords into ploughshares' church movement for peace.

The wall was relatively low but heavily fortified, separating the democratic Western countries and the Communist countries of Eastern Europe throughout the Cold War. East German border guards were authorised to shoot anyone attempting to escape into West Berlin. More than 100 people died in that way, but hundreds more were killed trying to cross at other border points.

German reunification took place formally on 3rd October 1990. One of the casualties of the building of the wall in 1961 was the Church of Reconciliation, which was separated from most of its parishioners and eventually demolished to make it easier for guards to shoot potential escapees. The same site now houses the clay-built Chapel of Reconciliation, consecrated in November 2000.

November gardening tips from Prunus

Roses. Pick up any diseased leaves and bin them. Cut back long shoots of shrub roses by a third to prevent wind sway and loosening of the roots. Finish pruning properly in February.

Honeysuckles. Tidy up and cut back.

Potentillas. If you wish to keep them small prune to the size you want.

Tulips. Plant them mid month nice and deep, about 8 inches apart. If you plant up some big pots give some bonemeal to pots that are in their second or third year. I plant some Iris reticulata on top. They will flower before the tulips are up.

Pulmonaria. Cut off any old tired old leaves.

Perennials. It's not too late to plant some new ones or split old ones unless we had a bitterly cold October.

Enjoy doing some planning by the fire on those dark evenings!!

Rudolf Steiner Study Group

At the Quaker meeting house 95 South Street, Bridport Dorset DT6 3NZ.

Fourth Sunday evening of the month, continuing on 24th November, and 22nd December. **7.30 to 9pm.**

There will be exploratory sessions presenting Steiner's vision of spirituality followed by discussion. Further information from adrianlamont47@gmail.com

BOOK REVIEW

"Stumbling and Skipping Towards Faith – Some Fresh Thoughts on Old Questions" by local author **Frances Jobling** will catch your eye immediately when you see it. The artwork is beautiful and striking. Understandably I was also grateful to read the Review by Mary Treacher, another Local Author, a committed Christian, and also published by Christians Aware, as this book is. I had found that my responses, and thoughts to Frances' book were clear in my mind and heart, but difficult to define.

The book is a fascinating, thought-provoking journey of faith, fascinatingly true, very real and her career as a clinical psychologist must help her define her responses. She has the gift of unexpected insights, both into statements of belief (which in general are simply accepted) and to her own responses. A good example is her question "If God loves us and wants what is good for us, why do we have to ask for anything?". This is surely a deeply personal psychological response, which brings out the many, varied depths of meaning in our Faith.

We also have to face the truth that all translations from other languages are never the completely similar meanings, or even the most accurate, understanding of an original text – why at one Course I attended in the past we had been encouraged to learn Hebrew. All of our Scriptures are translations, developed over centuries.

The book "Stumbling and Skipping Towards Faith" is full of sharp, perceptive insights into our personal faith journey, usually impossible for words to fully express, and surely only fully understood when we leave this life and journey onwards and upwards.

Readers of this book, available soon, I hope, at "Good Books" in Gundry Lane at £5 a copy (all proceeds to a Charity in Mali) will be challenged, and inspired, to examine again some of their beliefs, in more depths.

Veronica Downey

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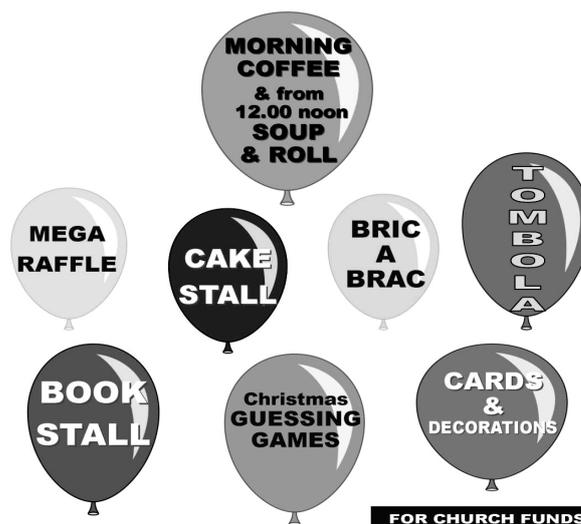
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**SATURDAY
30TH NOVEMBER
10.00 ~ 1.30**

**St Mary's Church House
South Street**



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30th November 2019 from 10 – 12noon

Delicious refreshments, homemade gifts and produce, Christmas food, children's games, jewellery, cards and a children's corner with a very special visitor

Do come and join us if you can



Holy Trinity Church Bradpole

You are invited to two special services which are coming up.

- On **Sunday 3rd November** at 3pm – a service of Thanksgiving for All Souls where departed loved ones are remembered.
- On **Sunday 1st December** at 10.30am – children are specially invited to come to make a Christingle.



WEST DORSET FLOWER CLUB (BRIDPORT)

11th November

Christmas Workshop

New members and visitors welcome

We meet at **WI Hall, North Street, Bridport** at
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For further information please Telephone:

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Come along to our meetings to find out more!

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday in every month in the Ivy
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Please contact **Merril** on **01297 24708** for more details

BRIDPORT BLIND CLUB

A local social club for the visually impaired.

**We meet twice a month
at the United Church at 2.30pm.**

We chat to each other, we have a game,
an entertainment or listen to a speaker
followed by afternoon tea.

Twice a year we have a coach trip

If you are interested for yourself or someone else
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We can generally provide transport to meetings.

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Bridport Stroke Club

(Registered Charity No. 1138968)

If you have had a stroke do come and join us
on Wednesday mornings. We meet from
10am to 12noon in the Community Room at:
Vernon's Court, Normandy Way.

Enjoy a chat, cup of coffee
and our outings and activities.

We can usually arrange transport.

For further information please contact Barbara Powell
on **01308 897389** or email barbarapowell@fsmail.net

Bridport and District Friendship Centre

We meet on the last Friday of each month
At St. Swithun's Church Hall, Allington, Bridport
between 3.00 - 5.00 pm

We have interesting speakers or demonstrations
and a welcome cuppa.

We also have monthly pub lunches,
and occasional afternoon or all day outings.

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(see Bradpole Church column)

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(NEW venue is Good Books, Gundry Lane)

We are looking forward to welcoming new members
to join our social group in Bridport.

**FIRST MONDAY of each month
from 2pm to 4pm**

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3pm Monday 4th November

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Dementia Friends is an Alzheimer's Society initiative and the session will be run by 2 members of the local Dementia Friendly Bridport steering group. Anyone of any age can become a Dementia Friend.

Venue: Beacon Church Hall, Priory Lane, Bridport, DT6 3RW

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West Dorset Group 1st November

“Work of the Woodland Trust and ash die-back”

Speaker: Rosie Walker, volunteer speaker for the Woodland Trust

Bridport United Church Hall - 7.30pm

26th November

“Dorset grasslands“

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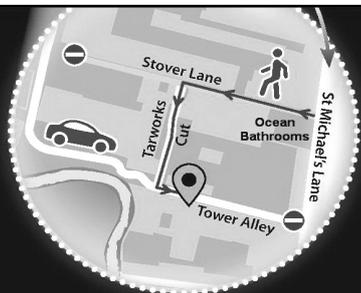
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Required dress code is jacket and tie.

Prospective members are invited to attend a lunch as the paying guest of a member to enable them to experience the club's principle activity before making the commitment to join. It has a ladies' section, mainly the wives of members, which meets at the same time and place but has a separate lunch and different speakers. *Anyone interested or requiring further information should contact the club secretary as follows:*

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