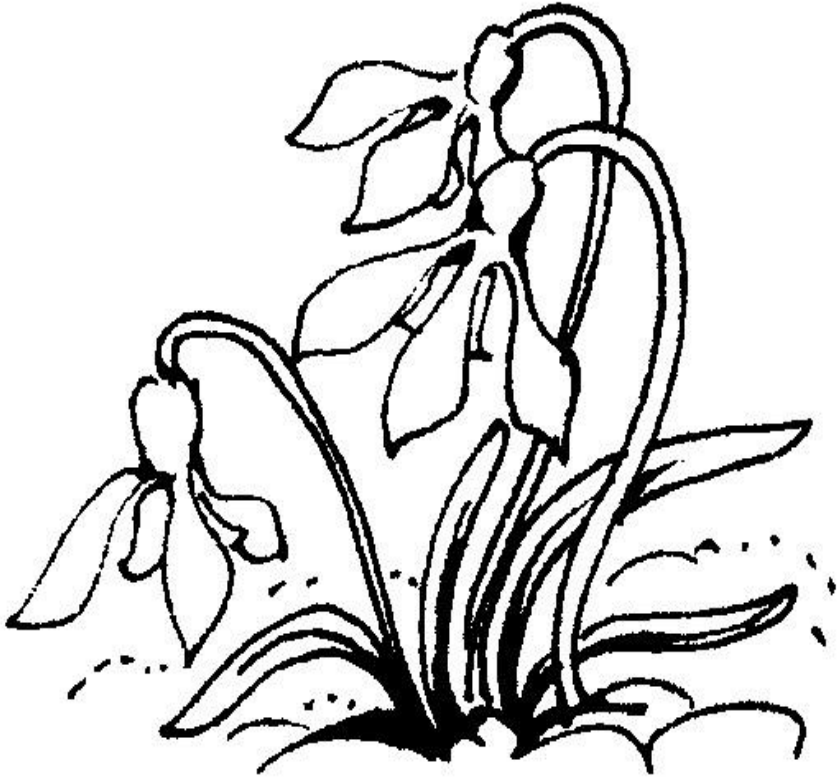


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BRIDE VALLEY CAR SERVICE



The BVCS is a volunteer scheme offering residents of the Bride Valley transport to and from medical appointments when they are unable to drive themselves or be driven by relatives or friends.

Clients are charged a mileage fee (currently 50p per mile) plus a standard charge (currently £1.00 per journey). Because the service depends on the availability of volunteer drivers, clients are asked to give as much notice as possible – we are unlikely to be able to respond to requests within 48 hours of an appointment.

BVCS simply provides door-to-door transport and cannot be responsible for assisting with clients' medical or mobility needs. Patients with complex transport needs for hospital appointments should contact the NHS Non-Emergency Patient Transport service.

To book a journey please call our voluntary co-ordinator Lesley
on 01308 897695 between Monday and Friday.



Calls cannot be taken at weekends.



FROM THE RECTORY

The beauty of small things.

It's February - many of us are tired and a lot of us are fed up. There isn't a huge amount left in reserve, and we may be feeling pretty disenchanted with the way things are. COVID-19 and everything that goes with it continues to cast a real shadow, to cause real strain, sadness, illness, loneliness and death. It's really hard.

Of course, we have good things to look forward to. There is light at the end of the tunnel. Even if it's a pretty awful tunnel. As I write this, in the third week of January, we have three vaccines licensed for use in the UK. The days are getting longer. By my very rough calculations we will be enjoying almost an hour per day more sunlight by the beginning of February than we are right now.

I have even seen a couple of daffodils, primroses and snowdrops in my garden, peeking out of the soil. It is a comfort to me, and perhaps to you, to know that the seasons roll on and that this season of physical darkness is waning.

The things that have cheered me up most though in recent weeks have been the kindnesses of other people, in which I see the love of God breaking out, sometimes where I would hope to see it, sometimes in very unexpected places.

An 'out of the blue' bunch of flowers delivered as a thank you. A phone call from an old friend.

An email from a colleague.

Amazing Christmas Hampers providing food for some families in need.

The generous donations to charities such as Crisis and the local foodbank.

Jesus talks a lot about little things making a big difference. He talks about the widow's mite - a tiny financial contribution given with a big heart. He talks about a tiny bit of yeast raising a whole basin full of flour. He talks about a mustard seed of faith growing into a great tree. He talks about someone who offers a little one a cup of water being rewarded in heaven.

Locked down as we are, we may feel helpless or useless, but we can all be bringers of light, encouragement and comfort to others. When you have to go out to buy necessities, make a point of thanking the person who serves you at the till.

If you live on your own, perhaps you could call a friend and hear their news. If you live with someone else, perhaps you could be the one to put the bins out. If you have a neighbour who is home schooling their children, could you offer to pick up something for them at the shops so that they don't have to drag the whole family around the supermarket?

I am sure you will have memories of small acts of kindness which have made a big difference to you. It's not rocket science, but kindness really works. It really does transform people's lives.

I pray for each and every one of you, the blessing of giving and receiving unexpected small kindnesses in the coming weeks.

With every blessing,

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley)

Sunday Services across the Bride Valley Churches during February

At the time of going to press it has not been decided whether we will be able to hold communal worship in our church buildings through February.

If we do not hold communal services in person in our churches we will continue to meet online at 9.30 am every Sunday and the link to join us is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338601240?pwd=dW93QnJ4M1p5b1c1M1hzTWN4VjhBQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 3860 1240

Passcode: 180461

Everyone is welcome to join us even if you have not been to church before or you stopped coming a while ago! If you are unsure about joining Zoom, please contact our Rector Jane and she will be happy to help you.

If we are able to hold communal worship in our churches again during February we will put the details in our weekly Source to Sea and in our church porches. Please take care and stay safe everyone.

THE BRIDE VALLEY BOOK CLUB



We are still unable to meet together but managing to stay connected through emails and socially distanced door step deliveries of books. We are hoping to get together via zoom at the end of January.

Our December book was Michelle Obama's "Becoming" a reflection on her early life, initial career as a lawyer, meeting Barack and finally living in the White House as FLOTUS for eight exhilarating years. We do not read many biographies or autobiographies but the common feeling was that this was worthwhile.

Most of us enjoyed reading about her childhood growing up in the poor South Side of Chicago, an area which was quite multicultural in her early years but which changed to become border line "ghetto" by the time she left to go to university. Michelle was lucky to have a supportive family around her who were ambitious that she fulfil her academic potential. We were interested to read about various instances of racism she encountered growing up and as a student. She met Barack when she was asked to mentor him when both of them were young corporate lawyers in Chicago.

The relentless and exhausting nature of American political campaigns was covered well plus the struggle she experienced trying to be a mother, support Barack and keep her own job afloat. Inevitably it was her career which lost out and some of our group felt that around half way through the book it became much more Barack's story rather than Michelle's. This book is not heavy on "policy" but she does discuss the ongoing difficulties which President Obama encountered trying to get any legislation through the American machinery of government.

The book is well written and very accessible - she comes across as a very likeable and humane person. Some fascinating insights were that she greatly admired our current Queen, that it was sometimes difficult to "escape" The White House security staff - even to get into the garden which she established. She also expresses gratitude to the outgoing Bushes for their generous welcome to The White House Residence. Her projects and campaigns were many - especially those encouraging young women to be ambitious and play a full role in society. How could anyone reading this not draw certain comparisons with the current Washington situation?

Best wishes to everyone in the Bride Valley in these difficult times.

Liz Pinfield.

Well here we are again—another month—another lockdown!!! One good thing about all of this experience is that we are all becoming rather good at the technology of meeting together via Zoom (other platforms are available!!!!)



Our December meeting saw us making Christmas crackers—grateful thanks to Eve for guiding us through and providing the templates etc. Most of us managed to make at least 2 crackers and some managed more—hopefully they were appreciated on the Christmas table!!!

January's meeting gave us the opportunity to make choux pastry under the expert teaching of Jill Neill and we produced either choux buns or eclairs, very tasty!!!! Definitely a learning curve but members found that it wasn't as daunting as it sounds, so big thanks to Jill for an evening of fun and learning courtesy of Zoom. What next!!!



We were hoping to start a winter walk programme but lockdown put a stop to that for the time being. It will be organised as soon as enough of the restrictions are lifted but could be Spring walks rather than winter!!!

The WI is still endeavouring to keep going in these trying times and if you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, do please get in contact with one of the committee or on our email

Our Night Sky in February 2021

We have now lost Jupiter and Saturn in the evening sky, and I wonder how many of you saw the near conjunction on Christmas Eve, the closest approach being clouded out, typical Astronomically! However, they will be reappearing in the morning sky with Venus, but will be too close to the rising Sun to be visible. Meanwhile, Mars continues to be visible high in the southern sky after dark, but is fading in brightness as we speed away from him on our faster orbit. It sets about 1.00am.

NASA has announced that the James Webb Space Telescope (sometimes called JWST or Webb), a large infrared telescope with a 6.5-meter primary mirror will be launched on an Ariane 5 rocket from French Guiana hopefully, in 2021. However, its launch has already been delayed by a number of years, so keep your fingers crossed! The Webb telescope will be the premier observatory of the next decade, serving thousands of astronomers world-wide. It will study every phase in the history of our Universe, ranging from the first luminous glows after the Big Bang, to the formation of solar systems capable of supporting life on planets like Earth, to the evolution of our own Solar System.

The Webb telescope was formerly known as the "Next Generation Space Telescope" (NGST); it was renamed in September 2002 after a former NASA administrator, James Webb. This telescope was meant to replace the highly successful Hubble space telescope which has been providing extraordinary images of the Universe, and long may it continue to do so.

Several innovative technologies have been developed for Webb. These include a primary mirror made of 18 separate segments that unfold and adjust to shape after launch. The mirrors are made of ultra-lightweight beryllium. Webb's biggest feature is a tennis court sized five-layer sunshield that attenuates heat from the Sun more than a million times.

The telescope's four instruments - cameras and spectrometers - have detectors that are able to record extremely faint signals. One instrument has programmable microshutters, which enable observation of up to 100 objects simultaneously. Webb also has a cryocooler for cooling the mid-infrared detectors of another instrument to a very cold 7 kelvins (minus 447 Fahrenheit) so they can work. I hope to tell you about some of the discoveries made by this astonishing telescope when it is finally launched, and successfully placed in its position in space.

Bill Turnill



Bride Valley Gardening Club



Usually, at this stage, I am looking forward to our new Gardening Club year and bringing you the plans for our monthly meetings. Sadly, this year I have no idea when we will be able to start up again. We have some speakers waiting for the go-ahead but until the restrictions are lifted, we are unable to make any firm commitments. This being said, there are plenty of jobs to be doing in the garden (weather permitting!).

Jobs to do in February

Prune shrub roses by cutting all stems back by a third. If you are planting new roses ensure they are deep enough to cover the rootstock with an inch of soil and then prune back hard to an outward facing bud.

Plant dahlia tubers in pots in a warm bright spot indoors.

Split large clumps of snowdrops as soon as they finish flowering and before the foliage dies back.

Tidy up over-wintering fuchsias by removing dead stems at the base and trim back to healthy buds.

Put a 5cm layer of mulch on pots and borders to suppress weed growth and conserve moisture.

Sow hardy annuals under cover to plant out in spring.

Continue preparing seed beds for vegetables and warm the soil with cloches.

Sow broad beans, early peas, Brussels sprouts and lettuces under cover.

Plant out rhubarb crowns.

Sprout early potatoes in warmth and light to produce strong shoots.

Cut back any overgrown hedges before nesting starts.

Continue to feed the birds and provide them with fresh water

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473

Ultrafast Broadband News Update

We would like to thank everyone who registered their interest in this project; we know that people are eager to hear of any progress. Openreach are keen to take the project forward and they have now identified 350 properties in the Valley that could be included in the roll out. Whilst the funding should be covered by vouchers, the way in which the vouchers are applied for and allocated is not at present entirely resolved. Added to this, Openreach now state they will only deal with a Legal Entity. Obviously this needs to be clarified and a final quote obtained.

If there is a way to take advantage of this Gigabit voucher scheme (GVS) we will pursue it because it means the installation of fast fibre broadband would be free and paid for by the government voucher grant. Also it would deliver ultrafast within 1 year rather than 4-5 years. There has been a lot of news in the press about the government abandoning the scheme. We believe there's been a smaller take up in the scheme due to the same difficulties we have encountered. We are in touch with our MP and also have written to MP Meg Hillier, Chair of the PAC (Public Accounts Committee) for any help they can give to push this forward. The PAC have just replied saying ".....we will continue to monitor developments and do what we can to encourage the Government to address problems such as those you are facing."

Once we get clarification and we are in a position to go ahead with this project, we will publish a final list of properties that will be included in the installation together with a time window to confirm that those properties are happy to proceed. Please note, if your property or home is not included on the list Openreach say you will not be connected and if you later wish to be connected then you will have to pay as grants will no longer be available. As soon as the process can be clarified, a decision will be taken as to its viability and we will let everyone know. Thank you for your patience.

PS. The initial application was submitted by the Long Bredy, Litton and Kingston Russell group. Following interest from Chilcombe, Puncknowle, Swyre, Shipton Gorge and Burton Bradstock, we are assembling a separate application for them. The idea is to push both applications so as to encourage Openreach, from an engineering point of view, that it's more economical for them to install Fibre in the whole Bride Valley at the same time.

Angus Handoll. bvfibre@yahoo.com

BRIDPORT'S HISTORY AT HOME

Bridport Museum is combatting the lockdown blues by looking back this Winter and sharing some quirky snippets of the town's history online as reported years ago in the Bridport News.

#Onthisday in 1979, reported in the #Bridport News: 'THE BLIZZARD: The first fall was early on Saturday evening and it was not long before the A35 was blocked completely from Axminster to Dorchester. Four motorists were stranded all Saturday night in their cars near The Travellers' Rest but were rescued on Sunday morning and taken into Bridport on a snow plough, presumably to seek accommodation till they could regain possession of their cars.'

The Bridport and Lyme Regis News Bridport Nub News Bridport Tourist Information Centre

(image: East Street in the snow, 1980s)



Lots of people have been reminiscing about the long queues outside George's bakery which used to be on East Street: with a favourite bake being their enormous 'Jammy Men'!

Museum Director Emily Hicks said: *'We can't wait to reopen our doors, but once again, we're continuing to bring your town's history to you from the comfort of your armchair. You can join in with the reminiscing, or simply browse our photograph collection on Flickr.'*

Our volunteers have been busy researching too, and there are a wealth of stories to read about on our website: from the Bridport tiger to the town's connections to slavery.

Visit <https://www.bridportmuseum.co.uk/articles/> to find out more.'

To join the conversation visit [bridportmuseum.co.uk](https://www.bridportmuseum.co.uk), find them on Facebook, Twitter @bridportmuseum and Instagram @bridport_museum.



THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL



Sadly, January found us back in lockdown again with Thorner's closed to the majority of our pupils and the school being run by a fraction of the normal staff as the teachers and TAs taught their classes remotely via Zoom lessons from home.

We had hoped that the start of the spring term would see the children enjoy our Forest School Week - based around activities in our Discovery Area, but sadly it was put on hold with teachers and parents instead working very hard to prepare pupils and resources for the somewhat sudden move to online learning. I must thank all those involved for their efforts and parents for their kind words of appreciation about the sharp turnaround. The children have been wonderful of course, adapting to the online sessions on offer which have ranged from their normal maths, English and topic work with their class teachers to other live Zoom sessions run by other school staff of Dance, Art, PE, Storytime, Forest School and even Ancient Greek language classes with me (lucky devils!). Thanks also must go to staff for continuing to run their additional 'Catch-up' sessions before school at breakfast time to support pupils at risk of falling behind in their learning because of all the disruption.

Behind the Zoom screen, we continue to develop the school as much as possible with the creation of a series of "skill stations" around the playground where pupils can explore self-led activities, games, challenges and experiments which give them more chances to practice what they have learnt in class and follow their own interests further.

The idea has come from meetings with our Pre-school and we hope to base our skill stations on their successful model; expanding our continuous provision throughout the school, to enable all children from 3-11 to continue to learn in this way.

Whether it be a class windowsill of seeds growing under different conditions, a box of playground musical instruments to create group rhythms with, tape measures for standing high/long jump competitions or simply a water and drainpipe challenge, we want the children to understand that their curriculum is always all around them - something that, with the children at home this term, teachers and parents have become only too aware.

At the time of writing, our reopening date looks uncertain at present, but in the meantime we thank parents for their enormous efforts in juggling work, looking after their children and managing other commitments whilst supporting the school with our remote lessons. Above all else, we hope everyone stays safe and well so that we can soon return in the spring sunshine.

Mike Sitch
Headmaster
Thorner's, Litton Cheney



Burton Bradstock CE School



The start of the school year saw the school return to partial closure as the country entered another lockdown due to the pandemic. The school has remained open for children of key workers and for vulnerable families during this time and we have found the number of pupils coming into school has increased from the last time the school was in partial closure. To accommodate the rise in numbers the school has two separate bubbles and there has been a staff rota in place.

When the announcement was made, the school was quick to respond and remote learning was in place after just one day. The ease which the children have adapted to working from home has been remarkable and they have been able to use the online learning platforms that were set up previously to continue their learning.

We have been extremely grateful for the funds raised by the Friends of the School in the Autumn term. Thanks to everyone's support, £1200 was raised from the Christmas Raffle which enabled us to purchase five new Chromebooks. An anonymous donor added to this which enabled us to purchase two additional Chromebooks. For the children who do not have access to technology at home the school has been able to loan the new, and also the existing, Chromebooks for them to use and this has ensured that every child at the school can engage with their learning online.

Thanks to the generosity of the community and the efforts of the Rotary Club, we have also received donations of unwanted laptops to the school and Trust which we have been able to use to loan to homes where siblings have been sharing one device.

The topics planned for this half term have needed to be slightly amended in light of remote learning.

However, our Early Years are still enjoying their 'Winter Wonderland' topic.

Key Stage 1 have been learning about London in their 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic.

Lower Key Stage 2 have had a focus on Ancient Greeks with their topic 'Gods and Mortals', whereas Upper Key Stage 2 have explored ancient Mayan civilisation as part of their 'Hola Mexico!' topic.

Through the use of recorded videos, live lessons and uploaded tasks the staff have been able to ensure that the children's learning is varied and interesting. The children are able to submit their work through the learning platforms and are given feedback daily. For those children who are still coming to school, they are also receiving the same lessons as the children working at home.

During this lockdown, pre-schools and Nurseries have been allowed to stay open and we have welcomed some of our pre-school children into school at this time. They have been enjoying using the school equipment and having fun with their friends. We are looking forward to the time when we can be fully open again and welcome the children back into school.

Stay safe.

Claire Staple
Headteacher



Don't forget Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day

Tuesday 16th February



LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael and All Angels

Well, once again the guarded optimism of last month on the vaccination front has been derailed by the new variant of Covid-19 and the consequent latest lockdown, starting 2021 on the wrong foot for most of us. Let us hope all readers stay safe and well and can look forward to better times as the year goes on.

The Christmas season here was of course of an unprecedented nature, but many thanks to the Revd. Jackie Birdseye who came to lead the “spaced-out” Holy Communion service on Christmas Day, and to Tim Laycock who provided the tunes for some seasonal hymns. He, plus an orchestra of the four De la Mare youngsters, had also provided live music for the outdoor carol party held in the rain on the Bridehead lawn a few evenings before. A few intrepid villagers braved the weather to join in and to sample mulled wine and sausage rolls in a suitably sanitised and socially distanced way. Fortunately, the weather had been much better for the Nativity service, also held outdoors in Longbredy Churchyard, a few days earlier. Thank you to our neighbours for hosting the shared event in 2020, and let us hope for a more traditional Christmas later this year!

Many will already know that our Associate Priest the Revd. Sue Linford is also the Anglican Chaplain at Portland Prison (the former Young Offender Institution). While most charity shops are closed or not accepting deliveries because so much clothing is being offered during lockdown sort-outs, Sue is collecting surplus male clothing to be offered to prisoners to wear or have with them on release, to ease their re-integration into “civilian” life. This is a really worthy initiative, and if any of Littlebredy’s menfolk would like to contribute and bring surplus clothing to Bridehead as time goes on, it will all find its way onwards to the prison via Sue in due course. Food for thought and action, it is hoped.



The Rotary Club of Bridport
Excelling on Community Service
www.bridportrotary.co.uk

Urgent Request - Do you have a Laptop or Tablet that you are not using?



Due to the ongoing pandemic and school pupils learning at home, the Rotary Clubs of Bridport and Brit Valley are appealing for the donation of surplus laptops and tablets.

The equipment will be distributed to pupils at local schools who do not have the necessary equipment to access distance learning.

The minimum specification is: -

[Laptops should be no more than 5 years old and reset to factory settings](#)

Tablets and iPads should be less than 3 years old

If you can help, please email

secretary@bridportrotary.org.uk for further details and how to donate. **Thank you.**

LITTON CHENEY

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Village web-site www.littoncheney.org.uk



St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's Church

Sadly a decision has been made that communal worship will not take place for the time being, though this will be reviewed for February, so by the time you read this there may be some different news.

Meanwhile there is a Zoom service on Sunday mornings at 9.30 as well as the telephone service. St. Mary's Church is currently open during the day for private prayer, with Covid restrictions in place, though this too may change.

At the time of writing the total donated to Crisis via Just Giving (Litton Cheney Advent Trail) stands at £252. Again, thanks to Hannah Bunting for organising the event.

Litton Cheney Parish Council

We warmly welcome Quentin Blacke who has been co-opted onto the Parish Council. The council is now fully complemented, and looking forward to eventually getting back to actual face-to-face meetings – it could be a while! In the meantime if you have a need and believe your local community may be able to assist please contact us via the details given on the village noticeboards, village website and Observer FB page.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th March.

Village Kiosk

Consideration is now being given to making the best use of our newly acquired kiosk. Part of that consideration needs to take account of the present Covid restrictions and lockdown so there may be a delay before we see what happens next. Rest assured however that Beverly Dennis and Liz Pinfield are on the case, and as soon as conditions allow you will see the chrysalis emerge from its lengthy hibernation.



Litton and Thorner's Community Hall.



Events at LATCH on hold

The hall is currently closed due to lockdown and we await further guidance from the Government following the mid-February review of restrictions.

Litton Cheney Social Committee

LCSC hold themselves in readiness for the Easter Sunday Duck Race on Sunday 4th April, subject to the Covid situation.



The White Horse

Well, here we are in total lockdown once again; not that much of a surprise really! As it stands at the moment, we can't realistically see that changing until at least the beginning of March. So during lockdown, we shall be providing a takeaway service of Fish and Chips on Fridays and a Saturday Special on Saturdays, both from 5.30 to 8pm. It is essential to book in advance so we can give you a collection time. We will post the Saturday Special on Facebook every week and on the board outside the pub.

We are also doing a scaled down version of the veg market on Friday mornings. (Thank you Steve and Joy).

Prescriptions can be collected from us between 10am and midday every Saturday morning.

Stay Safe Everyone!
Many thanks – Andy & Liz

Covid & Lockdown 3

It is easy to become complacent in these testing times (no pun intended!), given that we are now in our third lockdown so we should all be getting used to it. Notwithstanding there are undoubtedly some people out there, particularly during these wintry days, who are struggling to live a relatively normal existence for one reason or another. Please make every effort to ensure your neighbours and fellow local residents are managing ok, even if it is just by means of a friendly chat on a regular basis. If you have concerns about someone please make contact with either members of the parish council (contact details on village noticeboards) or via community organisations within the Bride Valley or Dorset Council.

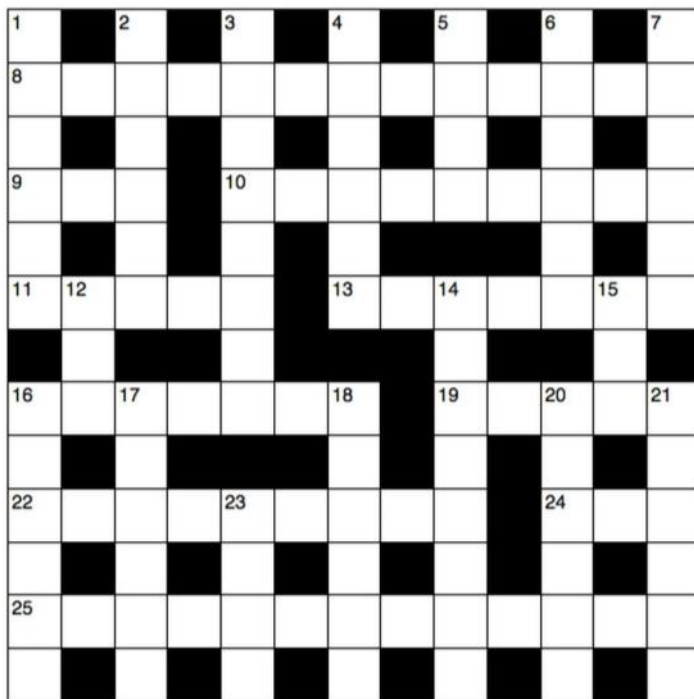
Ultrafast Broadband News.

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If there is a way to take advantage of this voucher scheme (which would be likely to deliver the ultrafast within a year rather 4-5 years) we continue to feel it is worth pursuing. As soon as the process can be clarified and a decision taken as to whether or not it is viable to take forward we will let everyone know.

"Ultrafast Broadband News. For comprehensive updated news, see Valley News Page 10



CROSSWORD

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CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)

- 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

I'm writing this in January before the cut-off date for the February magazine but I couldn't allow the very special recital we had in St Martin's on 16th December to go unmentioned.

Seems a long time ago now but it will be sometime before the event is forgotten. Accompanied by David Bass on the piano, Oliver (tenor) and Anya (mezzo,) treated us to a selection of seasonal, sacred and popular songs in front of the Christmas Tree. Their performance was enhanced by the most wonderful lighting effects provided by Richard Hewlett.

The church was beautifully decorated with gorgeous floral arrangements and fairy lights. Sadly, we were only permitted a small audience of 25 but there is a chance in the future that they may return so more can enjoy the privilege.

Thank you to everyone who made it such a special occasion in difficult circumstances.

Anya, whose parents live in Shipton Gorge also opened the Carol service with the traditional "Once in Royal David's City". Again, a special treat as otherwise no singing was allowed until we were outside. We were however compensated with a cup of mulled wine and a mince pie in the glow of the floodlights.

This will certainly be a Christmas to be remembered.

Floodlight Sponsors for February

Whilst we still have some dark nights ahead, they are drawing out, spring is beginning to show through at last and the floodlights of St Martin's will continue to shine thanks to our generous sponsors.

Yvette & David

Myra & Colin Gardiner

Anne Crowe

Ron Grisedale in memory of his Dad

Stephen Symes, (Nesta's boy) in memory of his Mum, Dad, Gran and Grandad, who are all laid to rest in St Martin's.

We would welcome more sponsors to light up the church during the months ahead so if you would like to light up St Martin's for a special occasion or just because....., please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you prefer, push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box. A suggested donation of £5 is much appreciated.

(Please check the cut- off date for the BVN if you would like your occasion mentioned in the magazine.)

SG 100 CLUB January draw results

1st £25 No 113 Mags Griffith Hardman

2nd £10 No 38 Janice Symes

3rd £5 No 21 Nova Varney

Congratulations to all the winners.

Graham Garner

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

December 2020 Draw

£30	no.42	V Cain
£15	no.62	B & R Maltby
£5	no.38	A Harrison

December 2020 Super Draw

£150	no. 121	K Smith
£100	no. 118	E Scother
£50	no. 13	E Frost

Both of these were drawn on 20/12/2020 at the Live Nativity Service

If you have not yet joined or renewed your membership of the 100 Club, please contact Ruth Cullingford. Although it is called The 100 Club, she is hoping we can attract 150 members this year...,just a few more than last year. Income is divided between prize money and supporting village amenities.

Mistletoe sales

I would like to send my thanks to everyone who made a donation to the NSPCC for the mistletoe left at the bottom of our drive for Christmas decorations.

Including gift -aided donations, sales raised a total of £60.00.

Valerie Shepherd

Anthony Sykes

From Will Bryer, Master of the Cattistock Hunt

It is with sadness that I report the peaceful passing of Anthony Sykes of Bellamont House. Whilst the country lanes of the Bride Valley might be a little calmer now, we will fondly remember that direct and engaging man – usually with terrier in tow (or vice versa) or his jovial welcome to a Christmas meet at Bellamont. A character of true English eccentricity – fearless and fun.

Our sympathies to Harriet, and children, Eyre, Nina and Evie, and all the family.

The tenor bell was tolled 85 times, once for each year of his life, on Christmas Eve at 11.00 a.m., the time of his cremation service in Weymouth.

Community News

The Parish Clerk has informed us that the Long Bredy Playing Field remains open. Please follow social distancing rules, adults wear masks and all use sanitiser supplied.

Once again we just need to work together as a community and get through this. For help or information, please contact:

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Ruth: ruth.cullingford@btinternet.com 01308 482562

Jackie: cainjackie@btinternet.com 01308 48237

Carol Service at St. Peter's Church

In spite of the restrictions placed on services, our carol service was a great success - over 70 people attended an outside shortened service of a live Nativity. A window of blue sky and sunshine prevailed.

Nearly £300 was raised for the Three ELL 's trust, which is a local Charity that supports children at home with life- limiting conditions. Thank you to everybody who helped in anyway .

There was a steady procession of people walking through the village on Christmas Eve to enjoy the varied, colourful, and in some cases, animated Advent displays. The village looked fabulous.

On Christmas Eve at 6pm, we joined other towers in Great Britain ringing to celebrate Christmas.

Scam Alert

Police would like to make you aware of the following scam which has occurred over a wide area.

Users have been sent a text purporting to be from a NHS body or similar informing the user that they are entitled to a COVID-19 vaccination. They are then invited to click on a link within the text message that takes them to a web page.

This web page will ask for personal details including " card payment details"

By supplying this information personal bank accounts are being raided by the scammers.

This is a very convincing text purporting to be from the NHS.
Any genuine invitation from your GP or other NHS body for the COVID-19 vaccination will NOT ask for any payment details.

Stay Safe, Stay Home ,Stay Well and beware of this Scam

Should anyone receive similar contact, please report this to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk

Follow this link to the Dorset Police website for crime prevention advice - <https://www.dorset.police.uk/help-advice-crime-prevention/>

Message Sent By

Adrian Lowes (Dorset Police, Neighbourhood Alert Assistant, Dorset)

"Ultrafast Broadband News."

For comprehensive updated news, see Valley Notes Page 10

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Church

Burton Bradstock Carol & Crib Service Collections

Thank you to all who donated at the Burton Bradstock Carol & Crib services which were held safely both in the Church and outside in the Churchyard in the week before Christmas. The total raised was **£454.05** which has been divided equally between The Children's Society and St Mary's Church.

The amount for The Children's Society is in addition to the £267 donated via the Children's Society boxes, producing a total of £494 raised for the charity in 2020.

Irene Piper

Burton Bradstock Village Hall

Village Hall Activity

At time of submitting this report the Hall has been closed to all activity due to current Government restrictions. It is not expected to reopen until either the area is returned to Tier 2, or restrictions are changed.

Should you wish to use the Hall later in the year, the booking officer can be contacted via email at bbvht.bookings@gmail.com or by phone on 01308897648.

Film nights

Given current restrictions, the Trust has decided to delay all film night showings until after Easter in 2021, keep looking in the BVN for updated information. We hope to start with the films we planned to show this year.

Coffee Mornings

As with other activities, the Covid-19 secure Coffee mornings we hoped to hold have had to be cancelled until such time as restrictions allow.

AGM

The Trust Committee has set the date of Thursday 29th April at 7pm for our AGM. This is the latest we can hold it and still comply with our Charitable Trust rules. The format will depend on restrictions that apply at the time. We have the capability to have a total Zoom meeting, a mixed Zoom and attendance meeting or a total attendance meeting. You will be given at least 3 weeks notice of the agenda and format via posted notices around the Village and emails where possible. If timing allows, details will also be in next month's BVN.

Current committee members have agreed to stay in post until then to cover the extended period. For your information our 2020 accounts have been finalised, inspected and declared satisfactory by Robert Froy, to whom we owe a debt of thanks for his many years of inspections. A full update will be given at our AGM.

Richard Ferre

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club"

January 2021 Draw

Congratulations to the winners:

1st	£36.20	No 178:	Miss Jenifer Bembridge
2nd	£18.10	No 44:	Mrs Jane Stubbs
3rd	£9.05	No 169:	Mrs Linda Bongers

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the February 2021 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £11 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

WDDC Licence no: SL0080

Thank you and goodbye

Dear Bride Valley News reader,

Barbara and I arrived in Burton Bradstock 30 years ago with our daughters and Barbara's parents, Jim & Dorothy Reeves. The village and valley have been a wonderful home to us all, allowing the girls to grow up and flourish, and Jim & Dorothy to enjoy the latter years of their lives.

Barbara and I have busied ourselves bringing up our family and educating children in the Bride valley and beyond. In later years we have volunteered to support Home Start, Stroke Club and local schools. We bid farewell to all our village and valley friends. We head to Minchinhampton in the Cotswolds now, to be closer to our family and to spend time in another beautiful part of England.

I shall be writing a blog based partly on the Bride Valley News articles I submitted for 12 years as Head of the school and songs from the village and valley. If you'd like to have a look there will be a link to it from the village website.

Meanwhile, warmest thanks to you all for letting us 'drop killick' in the village and valley (and if you're unsure of what this means, read my blog).

Very best wishes

David & Barbara Powell



Burton Bradstock WI



Well, we had hoped that by this time things would be improving and that we would be looking forward to a little bit of “near normality”. Instead the virus seems to be heightening due to the new strain and cases increasing. Hopefully, however, everyone is staying well, managing to cope with the latest restrictions and is able to stay at home and stay safe.

The vaccinations are being rolled out – some of our WI members, I am pleased to say, have already had theirs – and Spring is on its way so we need to keep our spirits up a little longer and look ahead to when we can get together with family and friends – and have our first WI meeting!!

We actually did have our first committee meeting of the year (and the first since August) via Zoom at the beginning of January. Some members were a little uncertain but it worked well and it was nice to see a few familiar faces again after so long.

Unfortunately we had to make the decision to postpone our annual photographic competition which we usually hold in January. The photos, on the theme of “Reflections”, were due to be displayed in the Village Hall at the end of January but to be able to do this we felt that we would be breaking the current rules. Members have been asked to hold on to their photos (or even take some more) and these will be displayed at our first meeting back for all to enjoy. Similarly we have had to postpone our “Green Hearts” Day in February. This is a spin off from St. Valentine’s Day, when we think of the environment and ways in which we can help to save it. Members usually make green hearts in various media and these are displayed at our meeting and then given out as a reminder to keep up the good work by, for example, using less plastic, recycling, walking instead of using the car.....Again, members have been asked to make the hearts which will be displayed at a future meeting and in the meantime will keep us busy doing something during this latest lockdown.

One thing that has gone ahead, however, is the **First Round of the Annual Dorset Federation Quiz**. A team of four were quickly summoned to take part via Zoom and worked their way through four rounds of 20 questions, read and recorded by a fifth member. We think we did quite well, (according to the answers that we looked up afterwards!) but isn’t it just so frustrating to realise that you shouldn’t have changed that answer at the last minute or you remember another answer as soon as you see it on Google! It was great fun though, our answers have been posted off for marking and we await the outcome with bated breath! We also await the end of this difficult time and hope that next month we shall be getting nearer to some sort of normality. Do stay safe everyone.

Janet Pearson

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

In line with current government guidance there is no access to the library but the online catalogue remains open to order books and DVDs which you can collect from the library porch in Burton Bradstock on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 11.30am and Saturdays from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Some Libraries within Libraries West area remain closed, so where possible, and to avoid disappointment, please order copies of books which are available from Dorset Libraries. Our librarians will inform you when your order is here and arrange for you to collect them.

Jigsaws are proving very popular, and if you have any you would like to donate, please leave them at the library porch when it is open. If you would like to borrow a jigsaw, or need help ordering from the Library catalogue, please call Rose on 898049 or Keith on 898008 for assistance, or email to info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk using the subject "Help".



Looking forward, when the National Lockdown restrictions are eased, we plan to resume OPENING the Library to browse on Wednesday mornings, and continue with the arrangement to pick up pre-ordered items on Saturday afternoon.

Libraries are continuing to offer on-line services to access e-resources, manage your account, and make reservations. In addition, "Libraries from Home" provides useful resources for both children and adults, from Story times, Rhyme times & code clubs to book discussion groups, and e-Festivals. Links to all activities and events can be found on the Libraries West home page.

Opening hours for Burton Bradstock Community Library:

During this National Lockdown:

The library porch is open to collect pre-ordered reservations and return books and jigsaws

Wednesday 10.30am – 11.30pm

Saturday 2.30pm – 3.30pm

After this National Lockdown:

The Library will be OPEN to browse and borrow books, jigsaws, DVDs and obtain photocopying on


Wednesday 9.30am – 12.30pm

The library porch will be open to collect pre-ordered reservations and drop off books ONLY

Saturday 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Contact information:

Email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

 Friends of Burton Bradstock Library

web: www.burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

For our volunteer's safety the letterbox at the library closed, so please address any correspondence; c/o Vine House, Shadrack, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QF

Rosemary Daniels (on behalf of FBBL Trustees)

Burton Bradstock Village Society

We continue to plan for our Flower and Produce Show on 17th July 2021, though naturally this will be subject to any restrictions in place at the time. Now is the time to get your creative juices flowing - our Limerick competition is the subject of 'Mobile Phones' and the two subjects of our Photographic competition are 'Fun in the Sun' and 'Three of a Kind'.

We will start to collect annual subscriptions in March and the plan is to restart our speaker cycle in September - fingers crossed!

Burton Bradstock Parish Council

Welcome to the New Clerk

The Parish Council welcomes Lesley Windsor as the new Clerk/RFO who takes office from 1st February 2021

Councillor Vacancies to be filled by Co-option

There are 3 vacancies on the Parish Council. The PC meets on the first Weds of every month except August, currently via Zoom, new Councillors would be welcomed to help promote the community projects that the Parish Council supports. Please contact the Clerk for further information or join the next meeting via zoom.

Thank you

Burton Bradstock Parish Council would like to extend their thanks to all of the responsible residents, second home owners and holiday lets who correctly observed the Covid 19 restrictions over the Christmas and New Year period. We appreciate that we need visitors to our lovely village and look forward to welcoming everybody back as soon as it is safe to do so. Please continue to observe the current restrictions and as the vaccinations roll out, we can all look forward to happier times when we can all get out to appreciate how lucky we are to either live, visit or spend our holidays in Burton Bradstock. *Cllr. Darren Batten*

Draft Parish Plan review consultation extension

The Parish Council are extending the consultation period for the Parish Plan to the 3rd February. A new Parish Plan "lite" is available and comments are welcomed, please see the draft Parish Plan and feedback survey which is available on the PC website. If you are unable to access the website please contact any Councillor or the Clerk for a hard copy.

Your issues

If you would like to attend or raise issues of community concern at a future Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillor. Contact details are on the PC website.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 3rd February 2021- 7.30pm via Zoom. Unless the guidance changes the PC will continue with Zoom meetings. See the PC website for full meeting details at least 3 clear days prior to the meeting. All welcome!

All the information and supporting documents for meetings is available on the Parish Council website prior to meetings

burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/

We will aim to continue meeting on the dates publicised being the first Wednesday of each month except August and include any meetings to consider planning items.

To contact the Council please email the Clerk:

theclerk@burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

Website: www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org

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

Clerk to the Burton Bradstock Parish Council

It is with a certain sadness that our Parish Clerk Michele Harding is leaving us at the end of January after seven years of loyal service to the Community. Michele's relentless hard work, professionalism and friendly disposition has been a huge asset to both the Parish Council and the Village in general.

Testament to this has been the numerous members of the Village who have attended recent monthly meetings to express their appreciation for her service and wish her well for the future.

All Parish Councillors, past and present would like to endorse this appreciation of Michele's unrelenting service and wish her the very best for the future.

Elena Rees, Current Chair



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON

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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

Sadly, as a result of discussion with Revd Jane and other Church Wardens it has been decided to close all of the Bride Valley Churches during the lock down. This decision will be kept under review.

Meanwhile the Sunday service can be accessed via the telephone or Zoom technology. For further information please contact Geoff on 898068 or Liz On 897751.

COMMUNITY HELP AND SUPPORT – Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington

The Parish Council has a list of people who can help with things like shopping and collecting prescriptions.

If you need help or support please contact the Sally Bowsher on 01308 897987, or by email at puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk, and she can put you in touch.

Puncknowle and Swyre Parish Council

INVITATION TO MAKE GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Council operates a S137 grant aid policy, under which certain groups may apply every year to be considered for a grant payment. The deadline for this year is 28 February 2021

For information please read the Council's Grant Award Policy which can be found on the Puncknowle.net website, or email the clerk for a copy: puncknowle@dorset-aptc.gov.uk or telephone 01308 897987.

This year PSPC is also able to consider the awarding of a grant using Community Infrastructure Levy funds. Applicants can also refer to the grant aid policy document if they wish to apply.



THE CROWN INN – There for the village and proudly supporting Puncknowle through lock-down with delicious take-away food – Wednesdays to Saturdays 5 – 8pm.

For details please phone 01308 897711.

Puncknowle, Swyre and West Bexington Village Hall

The hall committee will be holding an AGM via zoom on 17 February 2021 at 7.30pm

It is open to anyone who would like to participate but as it's on line I will need to "invite" you to the meeting and send you participation details- please email me for details. jill.neill@live.co.uk

This is a public meeting so everyone is very welcome (we can have up to 100 on zoom!!)

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Smile Lines



Pray with grannie

A small boy went to church with his grandmother and joined her when she quietly slipped off the pew to kneel and pray. He even copied her example of burying her face in her hands.

But after a few seconds his curiosity got the better of him.

"Who are we hiding from, grannie?"

Portrait

A primary teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, **"I'm drawing God."**

The teacher blinked: **"But no one knows what God looks like."**

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, **"They will in a minute."**



A LITTLE POEM FOR PANCAKE DAY



Flour, eggs, milk and a teaspoon of oil
Then add a pinch of salt into a bowl
Whisk it smooth to a nice silky batter
Then leave it to rest for half an hour
Cook each side golden brown, now have some fun
Toss it high in the air and then you're done
If you did it right and all is complete
Congratulations it's time to eat!

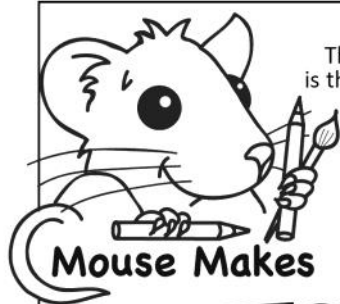
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WHAT AM I?

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- What two things did God create first? Genesis 1:1

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- What was the Earth without? Genesis 1:2
- What came before morning? Gen 1:5

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- Who is the creator? Genesis 1:1
- What was separated from light? Gen 1:4

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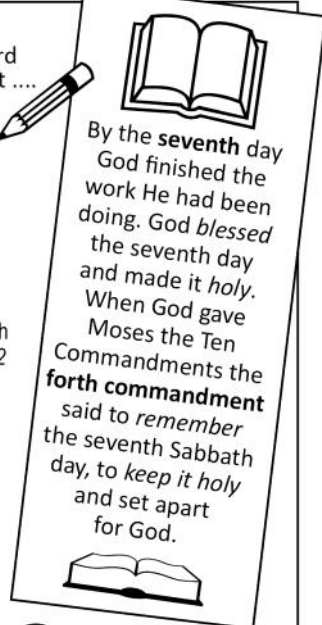
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- Who was created God's image? Gen 1:27

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- Who moved over the water? Gen 1:2

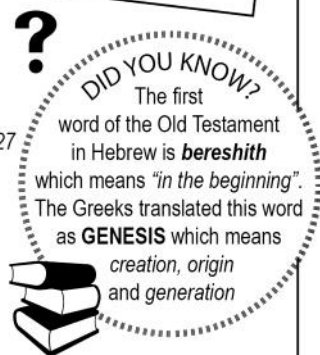
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FIND THE CREATION PAIRS from Genesis 1 and 2

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ADAM	HEAVENS
DAY	DARK
BIRDS	WATER
SKY	EVE



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Can you find these words in the word search?
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SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BRIDE VALLEY DURING FEBRUARY 2021

At the time of going to press it has not been decided whether we will be able to hold communal worship in our church buildings through February.

If we do not hold communal services in person in our churches we will continue to meet online at 9.30 am every Sunday and the link to join us is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/823338601240?pwd=dW93QnJ4M1p5b1c1M1hzTWN4VjhBQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 3860 1240 Passcode: 180461

Everyone is welcome to join us even if you have not been to church before or you stopped coming a while ago! If you are unsure about joining Zoom, please contact our Rector Jane and she will be happy to help you.

If we are able to hold communal worship in our churches again during February we will put the details in our weekly Source to Sea and in our church porches. Please take care and stay safe everyone.

Burton
Bradstock

Shipton Gorge

Swyre

Puncknowle

Litton Cheney

Long Bredy

Littlebredy