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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

We are slowly and cautiously beginning to emerge from lockdown; we're not out of the woods yet but thankfully there are positive signs that the virus no longer has the hold on our country that it did. As we begin to come out and we're able to do some of the things we took for granted before, as we begin to socialise more, I think each one of us will discover that the Covid-19 Virus and accompanying lifestyle restrictions have changed us in some way. Some have tragically lost loved ones during this time, some have lost jobs and incomes, some have been furloughed whilst others have been working harder than ever. Some have lost precious planned events; family parties and celebrations, baptisms and weddings have had to be re-scheduled. End of year proms, exams, holidays and a whole host of other things important to us have been lost too.

Amazingly in the midst of the lockdown some have found some positives too. Many of us have gained a new appreciation of the countryside around us; we've noticed nature and wildlife in a way that we'd not noticed before. There's been a wonderful sense of community, neighbours looking out for each other and the generosity of food for the food banks. For some, life has slowed down a little allowing time to reset patterns of being.

As we begin to come out of lockdown I think we need to pause and take stock ... to mourn the people, events and time lost ... and also to be thankful and grateful for those things that have been positive ... but also to take time to reflect, "Where has God been in it all?" Of course, I believe He has been here with each one of us, in the middle of it all ... (and I would say that wouldn't I, I'm the Rector). I think I/we just need to look a little harder to see Him ... and sometimes we just need to slow down in order to be able to recognise His hand at work in our lives. When I pause and take the time, I recognise His presence in all kinds of situations, just as He promised. Even when we've not felt His presence, even when it seems like He's not been there I believe He will have been ... because He promised He would be. The Bible tells us: "... the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31.6) I believe this to be true.

And so, as we begin to look forward ... as we begin to dare to plan and consider what the future will look like, let us try and find ways of taking the positive things we've learned and experienced through this lockdown forward with us. I'd like to encourage you to look with me to another promise God has for each one of us.

This is what God says in Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

We have been through an incredibly tough time ... we're not quite through it yet, but we're getting there and wonderfully there is hope and a future ahead of us. Now that it appears safer, church buildings across England and some here in the Bride Valley are beginning to open their doors to once again offer a space to pause and reflect, a place to perhaps mourn and also to be thankful. And of course, if you need to chat any of this through, please do not hesitate to give me call.

With every blessing

Jane (Rector of the Bride Valley)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

2 June 2020 Edith Elsie Marian Ramsden Weymouth Crematorium

23 June 2020 Pamela Ann Bates St Martin's Shipton Gorge

Church Administrator – Part Time (10 hours per week) at £10 per hour depending on experience

The Bride Valley Churches are looking to recruit a gifted and flexible Administrator who is:

An excellent communicator
Highly organised and efficient
Proficient in IT skills with an understanding of social media
Warm, welcoming and courteous with a 'can do' attitude
Able to work alone and as part of a team
Sympathetic to the aims of the Church

Application Process

For an informal chat about the role please contact the Reverend Jane Williams on 01308 898799. More details on next page.

The job description and personal specification are available by email request from liz@ruddle.org.uk

Applicants are requested to submit a CV with an accompanying letter outlining what makes you a good candidate.

These should be sent by email to bvrector@outlook.com (preferred) or by post to: The Reverend Jane Williams, The Rectory, Burton Bradstock, Bridport. DT6 4QS

The deadline for applications will be Monday 6th July 2020 and interviews are planned for Tuesday 21st July 2020

The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and two references

An appreciation - Canon John Standen McDougal



Rural Ministry played a vital role in Dad's life and he spent eight enjoyable years as team rector in the Bride Valley team. His support and interest in others was very much part of his life, which began in Camberley in late December 1933. Dad was the youngest son of a Times newspaper salesman, Bertie, and younger brother to Peter. During the height of the Battle of Britain, he was evacuated to Budleigh Salterton, before returning to Surrey to continue his studies.

Educated traditionally at Eagle House preparatory school and then Canford, Dad's love of sports was tempered by a cricketing accident when he lost the sight of an eye when struck while keeping wicket. However, it didn't stop him reading history at King's College London.

His love of antiques led him to take a position with London-based auctioneers Trollops in the mid-1950s, which for a time he enjoyed. But inspired by London City Missions in the East End he took the calling to go into the Church, studying at Warminster, Wiltshire. During this time, his brother became increasingly frail with kidney failure. Peter's death in 1962 was a considerable blow to his confidence. But with the support of friends, he took up his first post as Assistant Curate of St Mary's, Bury St Edmunds (1963-65), where he used to spend some Saturday's at nearby Portman Road, watching Ipswich Town. It was at this time he met Sue (Mum) during a trip to the Holy Land. They became engaged in 1965 and luckily he was posted to Wadhurst with Tidebrook in Sussex that year – close to Sue's agricultural work with the Milk Marketing Board in Hampshire. Anthony was born a year later and Clare in 1970 just as Dad was taking up a role on the Cranborne Chase.

The family moved to a modern rectory in the village of Farnham, better known for its Pitt-Rivers Museum. Starting with two parishes (Farnham and Tollard Royal), he quickly accumulated others – Gussage St Michael, Gussage All Saints, Ashmore and Chettle) and also became Rural Dean of Blandford and Milton. We would barely see him on Sundays as he would have 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 12noon communion, 3.30pm and 6.30pm services and he became known as the "Flying Rev", riding his 50CC Vespa around the narrow roads, cassock billowing in the wind. His determination to treat everyone equal and to visit all his parishioners, whether they had a faith or not, was a deeply impressive trait, and this was evident throughout the year.

In 1986 he moved to his last parish as team rector of the Bride Valley, where he lived in the seaside village of Burton Bradstock and looked after Shipton Gorge, Chilcombe, Litton Cheney and the Bredy's, but would also sometimes be found preaching at Puncknowle and Swyre. Working with the Rev Harold Smith and then the Rev Andrew Salmon, he held a range of positions, including chaplain to the Bride Valley branch of the Royal British Legion and he was a strong supporter of the community at Othona. On many occasions, "men of the road" would knock on the door of the rectory at Burton and were provided with tea and sandwiches and a lift to their next port of call.

On retirement, he moved to North Chideock and became a Canon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral. For a few years he led services at St Giles' Church, but he quickly became involved in community life, spending time with the Chideock

Society, volunteering at both the Charmouth Coast Heritage Centre and the National Trust's Stonebarrow shop as well as regularly turning out to play table tennis in the Village Hall.

As a committed Christian, Dad was keen to support a number of Christian charities, promoting the work of the Bible Society, collecting for Christian Aid Week as well as being the Lyme Bay deanery representative for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust, where each year he cycled and more latterly walked to support Ride and Stride. He was also a strong supporter of the Under Tree Schools South Sudan education charity, started by Chideock's vicar Joseph and his wife Karin.

Mum's death in 2016 from cancer, after 50 years of married life, came as a profound shock, but he learnt new domestic skills, and was often seen walking to and from the village shop. He took over decorating Mum's Church window and was a keen supporter of the Friends of St Giles.

When he became poorly two years ago, he moved to Maiden Castle House in Dorchester, and despite increasing dementia, he enjoyed taking part in quizzes, cookery, balloon volleyball and church services at the home. He was grateful to the many people from his former parishes, including Chideock, who came to visit him and continued being a copious letter/card writer until the end.

He died from Covid-19 on VE Day (8 May), aged 86, and was buried on 19 May at Chideock Cemetery. He leaves two children and six grandchildren (Toby, Ben, Tom, Harry, Oliver and Emily), who were able to pay tribute to his gentleness and humility at the graveside burial service.

We plan to hold a Thanksgiving Service at a later date but he is now with his beloved Sue and Almighty Father.

Anthony McDougal



Book Review by Liz Howlett, one of the associate priests in the Bride Valley benefice.

The news of the death of George Floyd has shocked us all. I was reminded of a book that I read just a few weeks ago that helped me understand a bit more of the experience of black people in the southern states of the US. The following is a brief review of the book and its author.

I've recently discovered a new author and having just read one of her books, I am keen to get my hands on the others. I hadn't even heard of the author, **Barbara Neely,** until I read her obituary in a newspaper back in March.

She was an African American who was born in 1941 in Pennsylvania, got a college education and during her professional life worked on behalf of women released from prison and also held the post of Executive Director of Women for Economic Justice in the States. It had taken her ten years to become established as an author and the works for which she is best known are four crime novels written in the 1990s, with a protagonist, Blanche White, a black maid turned detective in North Carolina.

Blanche on the Lam is the first in the series. It is clear from the start that as well as entertaining her readers with a 'whodunnit', Neely has the serious purpose of opening doors upon the late 20th century experience of black people working in white people's homes in the southern United States. As she said in an interview in 2000, 'I realised the mystery genre was perfect to talk about serious subjects, and it could carry the political fiction I wanted to write'.

During her first meeting with her latest employer, Blanche 'quickly slipped on the bright-eyed but vacant expression behind which she'd hid from the woman so far. Blanche had learned long ago that signs of pleasant stupidity in household help made some employers feel more comfortable, as though their wallets, their car keys, and their ideas about themselves were all safe.' Blanche reflects throughout the book on the relations between black people and white people and the toxic legacy of slavery.

'For many years, Blanche worried that it was fear which sometimes made her reluctant to meet white people's eyes,... She'd come to understand that her desire was to avoid pain, a pain so old, so deep, its memory was carried not in her mind, but in her bones.'

If you like your fiction to offer more than escapism and you want to see and feel the world through the eyes and experience of another, I would definitely encourage you to try the novels of Barbara Neely.









Bride Valley WI





May's meeting was a quiz on Zoom and this month it was Bingo on Zoom. There were 10 of us and a hilarious time was had by all! Who knew Bingo could be such fun? As you can see from the screen shot a lot of concentration required and lots of laughter as things didn't quite go as planned!!!

What next I hear you ask? WellAfter discussion another Zoom meeting on July 16th with the speaker planned for October!!!! Martin Fielding, a retired vet, is prepared to have a go at giving his talk over Zoom. Should be very interesting and we are all looking forward to being entertained by Martin whose talks are very well worth listening to.

With some of the restrictions being lifted a decision was also made to continue to meet in August and have an Outdoor Summer Social Evening but obviously with Social distancing and it will be good to see some of our members face-to-face instead of virtually!!!

Our walking Group went for their first walk this summer (limited numbers) and socially distant but all who went enjoyed a lovely summer evening walk to the old Lime Kiln. Another walk is planned for July.

The WI locally and nationally use FaceBook to keep WI's in touch with what is happening in other areas, well worth a look!!!



If you live in the Valley and would like to join our WI, even virtually, do please get in contact with one of the committee or on our email

Bridevalleywi@gmail.com



BRIDE VALLEY GARDENING CLUB



I ended the article last month saying a little rain would be welcome, well today it hasn't stopped I must be careful what I wish for! On the positive side, at least the water butts should be full.

As gardeners we tend to look to the positive; contending with unpredictable weather, pests, diseases and various wild life makes maintaining our plot a challenge, but we keep doing it.

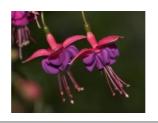
To that end, as the Garden Club can't have the annual Flower and Garden Produce Show, we are taking two elements and judging them virtually this year. Photographs of the plug plants, grown on since March, will be judged by email at the end of June, while our photographs, on the theme 'Wildlife in your garden', will be judged by the members in mid-July.

The other thing about gardening is that there is always something to do, whether it's looking after a window box, patio pots or a full sized plot. At this time of year it is important to dead head your flowers regularly, feed your plants (especially roses) and check that the rain we have has really got to the pots and hanging baskets as foliage and structures can often block the water from getting to the roots.

You should now be reaping the rewards of all the hard work you put in during the lock down, as July tends to be the peak harvesting month, but if you have space there is still time to sow beetroot, spring onions, carrots, rocket and lettuces.

Cilla Jones (Secretary) 898473







Digital Hotline volunteers 'do their byte' to get couple to friends' 70th birthday party video celebrations.

A highly experienced team of digital volunteers from the Dorset Digital Hotline have been praised for the way they helped a 'shielding' couple connect with loved ones and the outside world during the COVID lockdown.

The big 'thank you' from Wareham residents Arthur and Daniel Brown marks this year's #LetsTalkLoneliness Week (15-19 June 2020). The couple are keen for more people to know about the hotline which can offer support to anyone who wants to get connected with friends and family by video and provides help with any other IT or digital problem.

Arthur and Daniel, who are both 'shielding', moved to new sheltered accommodation with hours to spare before lockdown but their broadband connection didn't move with them. In a new town, with lockdown taking hold, the couple found themselves isolated, alone and no connection to the outside world save their GP surgery.

Arthur said: "We were on our own for 10 weeks in all. We have always been loathed to go digital but our motivations changed during lockdown. It became crystal clear that all essential services and human contact relied on us getting broadband and video conferencing.

"We tried some internet service providers but the cost was too high and neither of us are able to work. Our GP surgery suggested we call the Dorset Digital Hotline who immediately suggested we apply for the BT Basic Broadband package. This was installed extremely efficiently and with full safeguarding adhered to. Dorset Digital Hotline advisers have been on the end of a phone throughout to make sure the broadband and video technology works for us."

Daniel continued: "The BT Basic Broadband package is available for people on lower incomes. It was installed midweek and last Sunday we were invited to a 70th digital birthday party on Zoom.

There were multiple screens so we could catch up with lots of people, many we hadn't seen for years, and all party together. It was wonderful. Anyone who needs IT or digital support should get in touch with the hotline now, we thoroughly recommend it "

A selection of some of the support the Dorset Digital Hotline can provide – no problem too small!

- · helping families with digital applications for home schooling
- providing help to get online for home shopping

- · support for all digital NHS services and e-Consult
- setting up video calls such as Skype and Facetime to keep in contact with friends and family
- support to use all digital appliances and solve problems

Cllr. Gary Suttle, Dorset Council cabinet lead for skills, said:

"Without broadband or digital skills it must be incredibly difficult to shield. During the COVID lockdown, people without broadband have effectively been shut off. I am delighted we have been able to work as a team to find a good all-round solution for this couple."

Anyone can call the Dorset Digital Hotline with an IT question on

01305 221000 (Option 2) weekdays from 10am to 12 noon, or leave a message.

July Wordsearch: Can you find ten Dorset rivers?

Words may be in any direction. Answers in the August edition.

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Our Night Sky in July 2020

Jupiter and Saturn will be rising in the South East at about 10.00pm and will dominate the southern sky throughout the summer nights, although both will be low down, and troubled by atmospheric turbulence for anyone with a telescope. It will be well worth watching the daily movement of Jupiter's Galilean moons, easily followed through binoculars. Mars rises in the East about midnight, and will become brighter during the following months. Venus is rising in the East as a brilliant morning "star" at about 3.00am and will delight any early risers as she has done for evening walkers during the past winter and spring evenings.

NASA has asked Astrobotic of Pittsburgh to deliver NASA's Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER) to the Moon's South Pole in late 2023. The water-seeking mobile VIPER robot will help pave the way for astronaut missions to the lunar surface beginning in 2024 and will bring NASA a step closer to developing a sustainable, long-term presence on the Moon as part of the agency's Artemis program. During its 100-Earth-day mission, the approximately 1,000-pound VIPER rover will roam several miles and use its four science instruments to sample various soil environments. Versions of its three water-hunting instruments are flying to the Moon on earlier lander deliveries in 2021 and 2022 to help test their performance on the lunar surface prior to VIPER's mission. The rover also will have a drill to bore approximately 3 feet into the lunar surface.

In 2021 the first set of VIPER instruments will be setting down in the Lacus Mortis crater on the near side of the Moon. The landing itself and the resulting plume of water exhaust from the lander will allow the instruments on this eight-day mission to measure how the water dissipates as the Sun climbs higher in the lunar sky and heats the ground beneath.

In 2022, a second set of VIPER instruments will fly aboard the XL-1 lunar lander. While NIRVSS (Neutron Spectrometer System), and MSolo Mass Spectrometer observing lunar operations instrument will complete measurements from a stationary perch on the lander, NSS will be incorporated into a small, under 30-pound mobile robot called Moon-Ranger, which will demonstrate communications, autonomous operations and mapping technologies.

These are exciting times for the further exploration of the Moon, and the race between several countries to be the first to establish a manned base

on the surface. The discovery of readily accessible water is crucial to a permanent manned base there, and will be a governing factor in its success.

Bill Turnill



Tales from the village

Artsreach is producing a series of articles about our rural Dorset villages: their past, their present, and their future.

Artsreach wouldn't run without its amazing network of volunteer promoter groups and local communities. Now more than ever we need to celebrate this, and to maintain that connection that has been so affected by the current climate. It will be a way to come together on a project and share our stories and experiences of the rural communities we love so dearly.

Nobody knows the history better than the people and communities that live there - so we need YOUR help!

We are looking for photos (old and new) of your village, it's people, it's buildings and history. We want to hear fun facts, tall tales, folklore, points of historical interest, and true stories of your village and community.

If you'd like to be involved with this project, please send relevant photos of your village/village hall with any accompanying stories or text to **nicole@artsreach.co.uk** along with your name, the name of your village and any other details you'd like mentioned in the article by **8 July 2020**.

Alternatively, send an email to the address above expressing your interest and Nicole will be in touch to hear your stories.



Burton Bradstock CE School



It was fantastic to welcome more children back into school on 1st June as part of the wider school opening following the Government's announcement. That first morning, the ten pupils who had been coming into school throughout lockdown entered with an air of confidence which was in stark contrast to the 13 others who approached the school with more trepidation! However by Wednesday, all of the children had adapted positively to the changes that had been put in place and were more relaxed in the changed surroundings. The children quickly settled down to their learning and have thrived on the social interaction with their peers and the staff.

Over the recent weeks the numbers have steadily increased to around 30 pupils each day attending school. We are still unable to welcome more year groups into school, other than the recommended ones, due to the guidance of no more than 15 pupils in a bubble. Although plans are in place so that every child has the opportunity to spend a day with their current teacher and some time with next year's teacher before the end of term. We have prioritised this because of public health guidance on pupils' wellbeing and mental health and the importance of 'closure' and moving on.

Alongside welcoming our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils back, we also have four of our pre-school children back at school. The children are loving the activities prepared for them by Mrs Proudfoot, our pre-school assistant, and being back with their friends. We are now recruiting pre-school pupils for September – please see our advert for more details or contact the school directly for information.

As always, our children continue to amaze us. From their fantastic online learning to their resilience during lockdown. We have also been impressed by their compassion and community spirit. So many of our pupils have sought ways to fundraise during this time. Imogen has held a plant sale to raise money for Bridport Hospital; Shai completed a 5K run for the NHS; Lily walked 15 miles for Weldmar; Billy cycled a marathon on his spin bike for the NHS; Scott camped out in his garden, again raising money for the NHS. We are proud of them all!

Stay safe. Claire Staple Headteacher Here are a couple of diary entries from our Y6 pupils (one who has returned to school on the 1st June and one who continues to work online at home) as I thought readers may like to read how life is from our pupils' perspective?

Dear Diary

Due to the Coronavirus Lockdown, we have been given a very different daily routine. It took a while to get used to but after a bit, it became a lot better.

Because of the lockdown, things have got a lot more eased like the mornings. On a regular school day, mornings can sometimes get pretty rushed. I have to be ready by half past eight making sure I have got changed, packed my bag, have breakfast, put the guinea pigs in the outdoor run, feed them and not sleep in. But thanks to lockdown, I can have a little bit of a sleep in, spend time with Cookie and Nibbles, eat my breakfast with no rush at all and slap shorts and t-shirt on before getting on with my day.

Our computers are set out on our dining room table and Harvey and I are next to one another. It's great fun until he starts to do Spelling Frame and refuses to wear headphones (which drives me insane) but on the odd occasion when he does, I can still hear it!

To start my day, I begin with an English task which I really enjoy. I am given a wide range of different things to write about and I think it is great fun doing it on a computer because you can be creative with your mind, the font, colour, size, and lots more! After that, I have a fifteen-minute break enjoying an apple and an orange. Then, I complete my MyMaths and some books we have at home. When I have finished my spellings I will end my day with topic. The rest of my day will be relaxed and playful. It is then we watch a film or have a nap with the guinea pigs and let them have a run around the room. I like our new way of learning because it's a bit of an adventure and I also like exploring new things. I really miss my school, friends and teachers.

Where there is bad, good will come.

Dear diary, The first day at school was very strange to usual, when I first walked in there were blue, spaced out dots all over the front playground. Usually we go through the cloak room but we had to go through the crash doors. Every time we walk into the classroom we have to squidge our hands with sanitiser. We were not allowed to go too close to anybody and we had our own little table to our self. On our table we had a tray with: colouring pens/pencils, white board pen; normal pencil; playground activities; writing pen; purple pen; glue and scissors We had to wipe down our tables before lunch and we only had certain toilet times. Our bags go under our table as well as our lunch boxes. Only one person is allowed to be standing at once because we don't want anyone spreading germs. At the end of the day we go down the alley way instead of going through the school and every time we go into our classroom we go in a certain order. We do some of our work on computers and we don't write in English or Maths books we only write in our project books.

Answers to the June Word Search

10 Dorset Towns and Villages

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Burton Bradstock Pre-School

- 'Little Chicks' is part of the Foundation Stage Unit at Burton Bradstock Primary School
 - · Dedicated and experienced staff
 - Wide range of resources within a nurturing and stimulating environment
 - Morning, afternoon or all day sessions available
 - · Open Monday Thursday
 - Children are eligible in the term following their
 3rd birthday



More information available at www.burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk or contact:

Burton Bradstock Primary School, Church Street, Burton Bradstock, DT6 4QS

Tel: 01308 897369 Email: office@burtonbradstock.dorset.sch.uk

THORNERS CE VA SCHOOL

We have been open for some of the year groups from the start of June. It has been lovely being back to a sort-of-normal, having children in school, which is as it should be! We have had more than 30 children every day. All the Year 6s are back and many of the Fledglings, Reception and Year 1 children too.

Here are some pictures of what the children have been doing in school.

Fledglings and Litton have been learning about pirates and mermaids and under-the-sea creatures. They had a pirate dress up day and made a shell shop.



Chesil have been getting active and socially distancing when working!



Eggardon have been doing archaeology – there are deep holes in our front garden now! - and keeping fit!





Jyotsna Chaffey, Headteacher



PUNCKNOWLE, SWYRE & WEST BEXINGTON



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ST MARY'S CHURCH PUNCKNOWLE

The good news is that St Mary's Church is now open for private prayer each Sunday from 10 am to 12 noon. And in July a Service of the Word will be held every other Sunday.

Sunday 5 July at 9.30am Sunday 19 July at 11am A Service of the Word A Service of the Word

PUNCKNOWLE SWYRE AND WEST BEXINGTON HALL

Sadly this is now closed and cannot be reopened until a crack in the kitchen ceiling has been made safe and the new ventilation system installed.

However, in the not too distant future, it will once again, like a phoenix rising from the doldrums of dust and past fashion, rise in new glory. This is thanks to a small army of workers who have been labouring hard to refurbish the whole building. The villagers are indeed indebted to them all.

In addition we would like to smarten up the courtyard using large planters for a small tree and some shrubs, even a clematis to train along the wall - sadly however our funds are minimal, so please if you have any nice planters (preferably not plastic) that are cluttering up your space please send them in the direction of the hall, or donations are always more than welcome.

AS FETE WOULD HAVE IT

we shan't be having a fete - but Modbury Farm have generously come up trumps and we are to have a few favourite stalls in order to help raise funds for the church



In aid of St. Mary's Church

Modbury Farm

by kind permission of Tim and Julie

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY 25 JULY 2020 9.00 - 1pm

Stalls suggested are cakes – jams, and craft but any ideas for additional stalls would be more than welcome

We are looking for your support to helpmake this a success

So please do find time to bake a cake or get sewing so that we can raise some of the money needed to keep our St Mary's open

Please contact Liz Slater 897751

LITTON CHENEY

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St Mary's Church

Following the easing of coronavirus restrictions, St Mary's Church is now (more or less) back to its old

regime and welcomes visitors. It is open daily during daylight hours for private prayer and reflection, although still subject to social distancing rules and hand sanitising. Part of the church is also cordoned off to reduce the cleaning task. Enquiries should be directed to Church Wardens, Richard Jones (482602) and John Vercoe (482110).

During the period of lockdown St Mary's organist and choirmaster, Paul Cheater, has been regaling many residents on a daily basis with music from his own repertoire and played by other musicians via You Tube. During the week it was a piano piece, with an organ voluntary on Sundays. Paul hopes that when life returns to some sort of normality that a fundraising concert can be arranged at LATCH when he can play these pieces "live" to an even wider audience. Thank you, Paul; you provided a daily musical treat for many of us that made life just that little more pleasant and bearable in these testing times.

Litton Cheney Parish Council

The Parish Council plan to hold its next virtual meeting on 14th July. Draft minutes will be available on the village website and main noticeboard in due course, post meeting. You can "attend" this meeting online and more details will be made available closer to the time. All councillors and clerk are available to be contacted by local residents. Contact details can be found on noticeboards and village website.

Roadside Verges in and around the Litton Cheney and Bride Valley Recently concerned voices have been raised by both the Parish Council and several local residents regarding the cutting of the roadside verges. The matter has been taken up with Dorset Council. To avoid a reoccurrence the Parish Council have been asked by Dorset Council to identify areas and verges that they would recommend for a different management regime in terms of care and conservation.

If you know of an area or location that would benefit from that measure please pass the information to Parish Clerk, Maggie Walsh littoncheney@dorset-aptc.gov.uk The information will be passed to Dorset Countryside rangers for assessment and recommendation.

Children's Playground - Village Playing Field

The playground will open again on Saturday 4th July. Recently there have been several instances where security arrangements put in place to prevent people entering the Litton playground during lockdown have been compromised. Once the playground is open again please ensure you follow all the necessary guidance that will help safeguard other users. Please think of others even if you think you or your family are immune to infection.



Litton and Thorner's Community Hall



From Saturday 4th July LATCH will begin to emerge from its lockdown slumber. Careful consideration will be given as to the guidance on offer and the particular circumstances existing at the hall. Clearly more cleaning will need to be carried out, especially once the school has returned in September.

Bookings will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and acceptance or refusal will be based on rules and guidance relevant at the time of the booking enquiry. We should be aware that in the event of a local spike in infections it might be necessary to close the hall at short notice. More information will be made available on the village website, LC Observer FB page and village noticeboards as more becomes known. When the hall is re-opened use of the hand sanitiser on entry will be obligatory.



Bride Valley Films



Bride Valley Films at Litton Cheney Community Hall have been post-poned due to the Coronavirus situation. The hope is that "**Judy**" will be postponed until Thursday 1st October and "**Knives Out**" postponed until Thursday 5th November. This will however be confirmed nearer the time on the village website and in later issues of the Bride Valley News.

The White Horse - Open Day – July 4th – Welcome One – Welcome All!

The White Horse is very happy to be throwing open its doors once again from midday on the 4th July.

There will be many government restrictions in place which, at the time of going to print, we are still studying and awaiting brewery instruction. You can rest assured though that we are, and will continue, working to make it as safe a place to be as possible for us, our staff and customers.

For the first week or so we will only be serving drinks to give us a chance to welcome people back to the pub and see how things work on a practical level, but hope to have a much simplified menu in place from the following weekend or thereabouts. Having said that, if the weather is nice, we will do a basic BBQ lunchtime and evening on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July.

There will be lots of changes in the way we operate and reduced opening hours, but we will endeavour to get as many details as we can on our Facebook page and website for you as these changes are finalised.

We look forward to seeing you all back at your local and working out our "new normal".

Andy and Liz

Stay Updated on the Coronavirus and All Things Local

There is a wealth of information available online regarding Coronavirus, local community support, current local information and much of this can be found on the village website or the Litton Cheney Observer Facebook Page.

Thank you to all those stalwarts who very quickly came to the fore when lockdown loomed to offer their assistance to the vulnerable, those self-isolating and others less able. Please remain at your post a little longer until we honestly believe the worst is over.

Whilst we are aware that community support for others is very strong in the Bride Valley generally and most know who to call if they have a problem, not everyone however has access to online communication. Please remember those who live on their own and/or are isolated. In these trying times we ask you to **CYN** – yes, really.

CHECK YOUR NEIGHBOUR please!

PLANT SALES - raising money for Weldmar Hospice

Alison Halliday, with husband John's help, have started selling plants from outside their home, The Old Granary, 7 Barges Close in Litton Cheney in response to the general lack of allowable Fundraising Events this year, from which Weldmar has suffered.

During the past few weeks this venture has raised a good deal of money and Alison has decided to put out plants on a daily basis for the next year, from about 10.00am until dark. Plants will of course be seasonal, but many will be slightly unusual and vary in their needs - sun, shade, moisture etc. mostly hardy perennials but including some bulbs, houseplants, succulents and veg seedlings when donated.

At the moment there cannot be any grasses, shrubs or bedding plants but she guarantees something of interest at a range of prices.

Alison can be contacted by emailing <u>balletboots@live.com</u>. and she is usually around to offer help if needed.

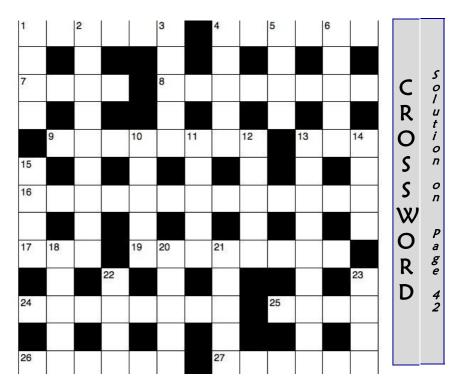
100% of sales are donated to Weldmar and receipts are displayed outside.

Unwanted flower pots are welcomed along with any good seedlings and newly 'dug out' plants which may be left in the drive. Please, no massive thug plants though! A guess at naming them is also helpful and Alison is happy to re-pot and improve things to make a good quality plant.

A big thank you to all who have been to look and bought plants to date.



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CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, 0 my ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you - for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12)(6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find - for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)

- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5) 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — —
- leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3.2) 5 and 8 Across. The Lover describes this facial. feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your - is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards - ' (Song of
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)

Songs 7:4) (4,8)

- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

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SHIPTON GORGE

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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

At this moment in time the pandemic situation seems to be easing and St Martin's is now open for private prayer on Wednesdays from 2 until 4 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. until mid-day. The team are cleaning the church regularly

but nevertheless social distancing is still to be observed and worshippers are requested to sanitise their hands before entering and after leaving the church.

JULY FLOODLIGHT SPONSORSHIP

A big thank you to Ed and Linda Buck who are our sole sponsors this month.

Sadly, from now on, the nights are drawing in but the good news is that you will get better value for money when sponsoring the floodlights! We would love to hear from anyone who would like to light up St Martin's for any reason, be it a special occasion, or a memory as we have very few sponsors for the next few months.

Please contact Phyl on 01308 898657 or if you prefer, push a note through Cuckoo Cottage post box. Many thanks

THANK YOU

Jane and Tony would like to thank everyone who welcomed Edie Ramsden to Shipton Gorge after her move from her home of 60 years in Southampton. She really enjoyed her time here but sadly passed away in May.

Thank you to those that came to Brook Street to say goodbye to her, and to James Webster for ringing the church bells as she left home for the last time, and for the cards and flowers. We truly appreciate your kindness and support.

Shipton Gorge 100 CLUB SUPER DRAW JUNE RESULTS

 1ST
 £80
 No 69
 Jenny Haydon

 2nd
 £25
 No 8
 Ruth & Chris Nunn

 3rd
 £20
 No 112
 Chris Hardman

 4th
 £15
 No 108
 Tony Mallett

 5th
 £10
 No 26
 Geoff Adderley

Congratulations to all the winners. I will distribute winnings when it is safe to do so. A nice surprise then when you do receive!

Graham Garner



Even the sheep take themselves out for their daily exercise!!!!

Thankyou to everyone for the lovely photographs appearing on all our Villages Facebook pages.

The front page picture was taken by a resident in Long Bredy who spotted the deer posing for this photo in her garden. Thankyou.

LITTLEBREDY

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St Michael and All Angels

Last month's contribution noted the greatly increased number of visitors into the Bridehead Grounds as lockdown measures were gradually relaxed, and that has scarcely diminished since. It has to be said that it has not been an unmitigated blessing in terms of litter left behind and bamboos and other plants destroyed, but maybe a bit more understandable when considering the different pressures on those sharing our rural experience and on those previously more closely confined elsewhere.

Some at least have been leaving cash tokens of gratitude in the porch box in the Church, as requested, making up for some of the collections forgone whilst places of worship have been closed. That too has been relaxed by Government on the day this is being written, but with few details as yet. We do not know when the next service at St. Michael & All Angels will be, or what form it will take, but no doubt that will become clearer as time goes on.

Last month too we welcomed as a sign of hope the new life of seven cygnets on the lake. Within a day or two of writing, their number had shrunk to five, but all of these are still alive and growing under the parent birds' care as this is written this month.

More significant this time is a departure from the village, which should really be noted with much more public prominence than this. Phil Hallett arrived in Littlebredy in 1973, as assistant to Reg Ring, then the estate handyman. With joinery and decorating as his stock in trade, he lived in No. 1 Yew Tree Cottage for a while with Annette, while Rachel and Peter were born, before moving to Blacksmith's Cottage on the retirement of Fred Burt, and he has been in charge of the workshop and most repairs and refurbishments in the village ever since. Sadly widowed in 2013, he has found new happiness with Julie, and they will move to live in Dorchester during July.

His most significant contribution may well be largely unsung, as his is the hand which has governed the vagaries of the estate water supply over the years. It is some time now since his (and your contributor's) phone was regularly ringing with tales of waterless woe, despite the much greater strains the Longlands Dairy farm has put on the system in recent years, and it is good to know that Phil will be continuing part time for the moment, not least in still looking after the water - quality as well as quantity in today's much more stringent (and expensive) environmental health climate. Once "normality" is fully restored, we hope the village will be able to say an appropriate au revoir and thank you to Phil and Julie at a gathering in due course.

LONG BREDY

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St Peter's Church

LONG BREDY 100 CLUB

May 2020 Draw

£30 no.134 J & B Holmes £15 no.44 D Pertez £5 no.104 H Howell

Drawn on 27/05/2020 At 11 The Gardens By Charlotte, Dave & Ruth While social distancing

St Peter's Church

The church is open all day on a Sunday for private worship but by the time of printing the guide lines may have changed and some services may have resumed.

Thank you to everyone involved who has kept the Churchyard so beautiful. It's been appreciated by the many visitors during Lockdown.

We have a problem with part of the Church roof - slipping of tiles allowing water into the Church. This will be assessed shortly and we hope that it is not too serious or expensive .

BURTON BRADSTOCK

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St Mary's Church

Burton Bradstock Village Hall "200 Club"

JUNE 2020 DRAW CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS:

1st £35.60 No 64: Mrs Pauline Tompkins

2nd£17.80 No 150: Mrs Elise Ripley 3rd £8.90 No 146: Mr Trevor Hawkins

Anyone wanting to become a member in time for the July 2020 draw should telephone Keith Britton on 01308 898008 and let him have £6 – one pound for each monthly draw in the year. There are double prizes in the December draw.

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Burton Bradstock Plant Sales

I am pleased, nay much relieved, to report that all the iou's have been cleared and I have been able to make payments to Burton Bradstock Village Society, BB Village Hall and St Mary's Church of £380 each from the profits from our two Plant Sales. This should allow a payment of £54.64 to the Bride Valley Gardening Club when expenses have been cleared.

So many people have been involved in lots of ways and the two events have given lots of villagers something to do or think about in these difficult times. It has also allowed us to make new friends in the process and I can now put names to many faces!

Once again thanks go to all stallholders, those who provided plants and produce, and particularly those who came to buy. I have had a bailiff on call if needed but he has been untroubled!

Sue Brown

Friends of Burton Bradstock Library (FBBL)

There is no news from the government of a date when public libraries will open. However, we are working closely with Dorset Council on how we can provide a library service in the village when we are allowed to do so. This is undoubtedly going to be a limited service initially.

In the meantime, should you wish to return some or all of the library books you have at home, a box will be placed in the lobby of the library, on two days, Wednesday 1st July and Saturday 4th July, between 10.00am and 11.00am.

If the library service is not available before your books become due, then the loan period will be extended so you will not incur a fine.

Rose Daniels on Behalf of FBBL Trustees

email: info@burtonbradstocklibrary.org.uk

News from Friends of the Post Office/Farm Shop

Post Office transactions have increased slightly but the main thrust of the business continues to be the home delivery service, <u>so</u> welcome for those stuck in self-isolation.

The business is running near full capacity, but Gill and Pete can still take on a few more weekly deliveries of Food Boxes (min £10) if you phone 01308-897243 to discuss and place an order on a Monday morning for Thursday deliveries.

Thank you to a regular reader of the BVN, my friend Michel in Paris, checking if the delivery limit was the Bride Valley, or could Pete deliver to Paris?.... (As you read this July edition Michel.... Nous regrettons 'non'!).

With the help of gifted food items and cash donations, the Shop, which had been sending a crate of supplies each week to the food bank in Bridport, is now sending 2 crates – (very helpful as demand has sky-rocketed – national demand is said to have trebled since before Lock-down.)

Let's keep up our valuable support to Gill and Pete for the vital overall service they are providing.

John Grantham, Coordinator Friends of the PO/Farm Shop

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

PLAY AREA CLOSED!

At the time of printing there has been no new guidance on the opening of play areas so please do attempt to use the play area in Burton Bradstock and this includes the Zip Wire.

We have unfortunately had some instances where people have broken the seals on the gates and entered the play area, we have now had to chain and lock the gates so that we can adhere to the government guidelines and the safety of the local community.

We thank you for your patience at this time!

PLAY AREA PROJECT

The Play area group are still actively looking at ways to commence Phase 2 of the project especially as we have been unable to carry on with fund raising events.

We are looking to carry out some of the works to remove the equipment using local volunteers and contractors to save costs. If you would like to get involved all help and support would be most welcome. With all social distancing rules observed.

The Shelter is in its final stages of completion and the new WI bench will be installed inside very soon.

PARISH PLAN 2020

The Parish Council are still progressing with the updating of the Parish plan and hope to be looking at the draft at the July PC meeting.

CYCLEWAY FROM BURTON BRADSTOCK TO BRIDPORT

Following the recent news of monies being made by the government to Council's and issues highlighted in the Parish Plan the PC will be actively looking into a safe Cycleway from the village to Bridport.

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ July 7.30pm via zoom, please 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

<u>burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org/</u> we will aim to continue meeting on the dates publicised being the first Weds of each month except August and include any meetings to consider planning items.

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Tel: 07814 016971. Website: www.burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org https://www.facebook.com/burtonbradstockparishcouncil

Burton Bradstock are now on Twitter follow the link below take a look and follow us....

https://twitter.com/BurtonBParish



Burton Bradstock WI



Well, our steadfast set of seamstresses have done it again!! On Friday, 12th June we received news of an urgent appeal from Bridport Medical Centre who were in need of 120 face masks......by Monday!!

So the wheels were put in motion once again. The ladies were contacted, instructions emailed out, spare Vilene and elastic were distributed. Sewing machines whirred away at top speed and Hey Presto!!!

By Monday morning 85 masks had been produced!!! We had estimated that 60 might be a reasonable achievement in two days but, once again, the ladies exceeded all expectations – and there are still more on the way, taking the number up to 98 so far, with even more promised. Well done again ladies!!!

The Medical Centre were so very grateful when the masks were delivered early on Monday morning. Plain or patterned, pleated or shaped – the staff will be spoilt for choice as you can see from this photo on next page.......

We were also proud to be featured in an article in the Bridport News, which was very pleasing.



Apart from making masks members have continued to be busy working or enjoying relaxing in their gardens during the lovely weather. All our gardens must look immaculate by now and I must say that our own vegetable beds have benefitted from so much more attention than usual and the crops are coming on really well!

Daily walks have continued too, as well as more spring cleaning, sorting out and all those odd jobs we never got round to before. So nice, in a way, to have time to get all these things done and very rewarding too, although by now we are probably on our second round of these activities due to the length of the lockdown! However many jobs we do, there always seem to be more waiting!

It has also been nice to hear that many of our members have now been able to meet up with some family members or friends, albeit out in the open and at a distance. It's hard not to be able to hug them but nice to see each other face to face even so. Let's hope the good weather continues so we can have more such get-togethers.

We were disappointed not to have been able to have the talk that was scheduled for our June meeting. "The History of Handbags" sounded very promising, although I don't suppose many of us have had the need to use these favourite commodities of ours during lockdown with shops being closed and food shopping being delivered or click-and-collected. However, Sarah Delves the speaker has said that she will be delighted to come back and give her talk at some point in the future so that will be something to look forward to.

Hopefully it won't be too long before our WI members can get back together again but in the meantime we hope everyone continues to keep safe and well and remains as patient as possible as things gradually return to being a little bit more like normal. Let's hope so!!

Janet Pearson

Burton Bradstock Music Festival

My Grandmother used to say, 'No news is good news'. Having been born in the early 1920's we can imagine that she certainly experienced some tough times herself. As a Mother of 4 in 1939 at the beginning of WWII she must have been extremely anxious about what the coming months and years would bring. Thankfully none of her children were old enough to fight in that

conflict so at least she didn't have to worry about them being lost to war. She did have a lot to worry about though; the lack of food, the isolation, having to send her children away from London to the country where they would be safe.

I never believed that I would ever experience one tenth of the worry and concern that she must have felt about her family. However, this past 3 months have been the strangest I have lived through in my 66 years. My generation had been spared immediate threat to our lives and livelihoods.

All of that has suddenly changed.



I do count my blessings daily and I am thankful that none of my family have suffered to the extreme that others have. We have been relatively lucky here in Dorset and the worst of the pandemic has thankfully passed us by.

Our Music Committee took the decision early to cancel the Festival. We wanted to give the musicians time to adjust and felt, rightly as it turns out, that this summer's event was not likely to take place.

We have been keeping in touch with David Juritz and through him our regular cohort of musical talent. Many of them are suffering financially because they are self-employed and if they do not perform they cannot earn their 'daily



bread'. Some have been performing on-line and offering music turion but the truth is that something like this isolation has hit musicians very badly indeed

We are working to see if we can put something on for the August week. It is



unlikely to be a live event but we might be able to stream some music to those who would like to remind themselves of what they are missing.

This would have been the 40th Festival and it had grown from a small acorn into a significant oak. From pure classical music to Jazz and a selection of what we like to call 'World Music' we have been en-

tertained by some of the finest soloists, duos, trios and Chamber Groups. My own involvement over the past 7 years has been most enjoyable. From audience to organiser it has been a real eye-opening experience. I have loved to watch the musicians plan their performances, play and reflect upon what it means to be a musician. The triumphs and trip-ups, the delights and downsides of singing and/playing for your supper. Literally in our case as we feed them after the final concert each evening.



We know they will be back again. We may be socially distanced and that might cause us some issues which we will need to overcome.



Whatever 2021 brings we will be ready for the 40th Anniversary concert programme. For now,

I wish you all the best, stay safe and enjoy your recorded music until we can watch the live versions once again.

Please visit the Burton Bradstock Festival of Music and Art Web site for news of any upcoming events we might be able to offer.



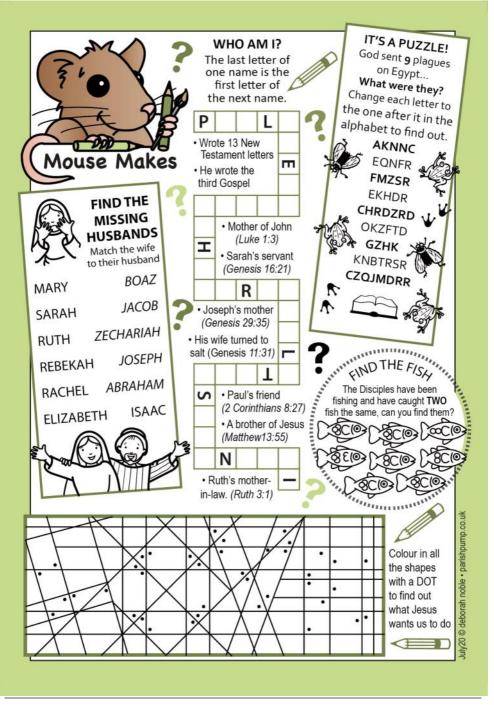
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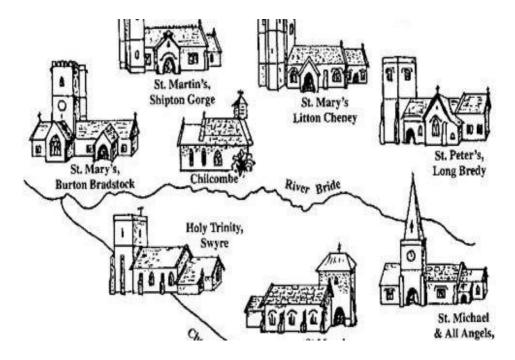
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9	5	6	7	8	4	1	3	2





We are pleased that our church buildings can once again be available and have taken precautions to ensure they are safe spaces. July Church opening times across the Bride Valley for prayer and/or a time to pause and reflect are:

Burton Bradstock Wednesday 10 – 12 (from 8th July)

Litton Cheney Everyday

Long Bredy all day Sunday

Puncknowle Sunday 10 - 12

Shipton Gorge Wednesday and Sunday afternoon

Swyre Sunday 2 - 4

*Please be aware these times may change depending on the progress of the virus.