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Tea and Cake in support of the Flower Festival

You are warmly invited to a Tea and Cake Afternoon on Saturday 12th July to raise funds towards the cost of the flowers for the Flower Festival at the end of September.

The event will take place in the garden of Anthony and Christine Oliver, "Wits End Corner", 34 Park Lane, from 3.00pm until 5.00pm. If it is wet the event will be held indoors, and everyone is welcome.

The Flower Festival, entitled The Delights of Dorset, takes place from Friday 26th to Monday 29th September, with over 60 arrangements by a number of different Flower Clubs as well as the Minster's own arrangers.

(Image: Warragool)



Children and Families events at the Minster this summer

There is no Messy Church or Muddy Church during July and August.

This year our theme during August is
'Explorers': please join us!

Tuesdays: Forest Garden session, 10.30am -12 noon

Thursdays: Forest Garden Session, 10.30am -12 noon and
Cream Teas and Family activities in the Minster, 1.30pm -3pm

Special events:

- Monday 4th August, 7pm- 9pm, Ladies Social in the Forest Garden
- Wednesday 6th and 20th August, 10.30am-12 noon, Muddy Church at Kingston Lacy (to be confirmed)
- Friday 15th August, 9.50am- 11am, Choristers Circus skills workshop (Church House upstairs)
- Wednesday 27th August, 11am-2.30pm Choristers trip to Blandford Signals Museum

And we wrap up the summer with a fair on the Minster Green, on Friday 29th August from 3pm to 7pm. There will be family games, a food truck, and maybe even rides down from the West Tower (only for soft toys!)

Donating to the Minster

If you would like to support the work of the Minster, you can scan this QR code, which will take you to our giving portal. You can also make donations in the Minster, using the Gift Aid envelopes or as a contactless payment on the terminal by the porch door. Thank you.



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Services at the Minster

Sundays

8.00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am

Holy Communion (Common Worship)

with prayer for healing on the 4th Sunday of the month

11.15 am

Minster Praise with Communion on the last Sunday of the month

6.30 pm

Choral Evensong

Weekdays

Holy Communion

11.00am, Wednesday *(in the Minster)*

Morning Prayer

8.30 am, Monday to Saturday *(on Zoom)*

Services at St Margaret's Chapel

11.00 am *3rd Thursday* **Holy Communion (Common Worship)**

We continue to stream the 9.30 am services at the Minster. Look for the 'Wimborne Minster official' Youtube channel for live and recorded services.

Minster Praise offers all-age informal worship every Sunday from 11.15 until noon, and includes Kids in the Crypt for children.

Come as you are, relax, and enjoy

In June

21st Wedding of Douglas Colquhoun and Emily Marchant

Dates for your diary - July

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| Tuesday 1st | 10.30am- 12 noon | Forest Garden Toddler Group |
| Wednesday 2nd | 1pm - 2pm | Meditation Group (Minster Crypt) |
| | 4pm | Prayer Circle (Church House) |
| Thursday 3rd | 9.30am - 11am | Toddler Church (Minster) |
| Friday 4th | 12 noon - 1pm | Lunch and Chat (Church House) |
| Saturday 5th | 6.30pm | Ealing Choral Society Concert |
| Sunday 6th | 11.15am | Minster Praise with Communion |
| | 12.30 pm | Bring and Share Lunch (Church House) |
| | 3.30pm | Friends Festal Evensong |

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| Monday 7th | 12.30pm | Lunchtime Recital: Vintage Brass |
| Tuesday 8th | 10.30 am – 12noon | Forest Garden Toddler Group |
| Wednesday 9th | 1 pm – 2 pm | Meditation Group (Minster Crypt) |
| | 4 pm | Prayer Circle (Church House) |
| Thursday 10th | 9.30am – 11am | Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs) |
| Friday 11th | 9am – 3pm | Year 4 Leavers' event (Minster and Church House Upstairs) |
| | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Forest Garden Home Education Group (Forest Garden) |
| | 12 noon – 1pm | Lunch and Chat (Church House) |
| Saturday 12th | 1pm | Wedding of Kirsty Palmer and Ben Roberts |
| Sunday 13th | 12.30pm | Baptism of Lara Arwyn Trevelion |
| Monday 14th | 12.30pm | Lunchtime Recital: Blessed George Napier School Youth Choir |
| Tuesday 15th | 10.30 am – 12noon | Forest Garden Toddler Group |
| Wednesday 16th | 1 pm – 2 pm | Meditation Group (Minster Crypt) |
| | 4 pm | Prayer Circle (Church House) |
| Thursday 17th | 9.30am – 11am | Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs) |
| | 2.15pm | Mothers' Union meeting |
| Friday 18th | 12 noon – 1 pm | Lunch and Chat (Church House) |
| Saturday 19th | <i>From 10am</i> | Art Club exhibition (Church House) |
| Monday 21st | 12.30pm | Lunchtime Recital: Song Recital by Esther Davey and Rafa Ghazway, accompanied by Sam Hanson |
| Tuesday 22nd | 10 am – 12 noon | Forest Garden Toddler Group |
| | 1 pm – 2 pm | Meditation Group (Minster Crypt) |
| | 4 pm Prayer | Circle (Church House) |

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| Friday 25th | 10.30 am – 12noon | Forest Garden Home Education Group (Forest Garden) |
| | 12 noon – 1pm | Lunch and Chat (Church House) |
| Saturday 26th | From 10am | Dorset 2020 Arts Exhibition begins (Church House); <i>continues to 9th August</i> |
| Monday 28th | 12.30pm | Lunchtime Recital: Brass in Harmony Quartet |
| Wednesday 30th | 1 pm – 2 pm | Meditation Group (Minster Crypt) |
| | 4 pm | Prayer Circle (Church House) |

Looking ahead...



'GOD, ARE YOU LISTENING?'

Communicating with God in challenging times

Does it sometimes feel as though God has stopped listening, or you just don't know how to get through? At the Minster, Aspects of Spirituality this year has four evening workshops to explore different types of prayer to help you connect with God in deeper ways.

We have found published speakers from Guildford, Sheffield, Dorset and the Midlands who have written, spoken about and led workshops in their respective fields. They will lead us through different styled evenings and we'd love to welcome anyone who wants to join in.

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| September 29th | Amy Boucher-Pye | Prayer With the Bible |
| October 6th | Dr John Leach | Prayer Using Liturgy |
| October 13th | Brother John | Contemplative Prayer |
| October 20th | Marie Calvert | Creative Prayer |

7pm for 7.30pm, aiming to finish by 9.15pm at the latest.

Make a note in your diaries...

More about each of the speakers in next month's magazine.

Praying for the Minster and the Northern Villages, Wimborne and the world

Prayer diary for July

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| 1 | Our Rector | 18 | The police, PCSOs, the Probation Service |
| 2 | Those in training for ministry | 19 | The Sudan Medical Link |
| 3 | The OASIS group; the widowed | 20 | Ambulance services, paramedics and firefighters |
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| 5 | The Society of St Francis at Hilfield | 22 | Young people in the Wimborne area |
| 6 | Wimborne Deanery; the Rural Dean | 23 | PCC members |
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| 11 | Our Associate Clergy | 28 | New housing developments |
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| 15 | The Bible Society | | |
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| 17 | East Dorset Heritage Trust | | |

Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers. In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns.



OpenDoors

60 years of serving persecuted Christians

The presentation and discussion on persecuted Christians that was organised by the Emmaus house group was well attended. We watched two videos, of Pastor Yang in Myanmar, constantly on the move and trying to keep in touch with his church members, and young Manga, a Nigerian who survived an attack by Boko Haram and expressed his joy at

being able to witness to his faith. We talked about what we could do to support persecuted Christians in different countries, including prayer and keeping ourselves and others informed. A collection raised over £170 for Open Doors. Thank you to everyone who took part, including by providing refreshments and setting up the presentation.



A Tsunami of People?

Recently I have been watching the television programme 'Race Across the World'. In the latest episode couples were required

to travel 14,000 kilometres from China to India, without using air travel, on a limited budget.

On reaching India, the world's most populated country (which has over 1.46 billion people), the young female contestant from a small village in Wales broke down in tears at the tsunami of people she met on the streets; she could not cope with what she saw and experienced.

This month, on 11th July, we celebrate World Population Day. This day was instituted by the United Nations in 1989, after the global population reached five billion. In essence, World Population Day reminds us how much of an impact our huge growth in numbers is bringing to our planet's resources, our healthcare and our poverty.



In the book of Genesis, we read about when God created man and woman; he blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in numbers". Without sounding flippant, we can say this is one area in which we obeyed God! Approximately 386,000 babies are born each day worldwide; here in the UK we account for some 1,600 babies each day. Despite the numbers, each baby born is a cause for celebration and our creator God also welcomes new life, but we cannot ignore that ultimately we are responsible for taking care of our planet, as God is clear in His instructions to us when he tells us to work and take care of our planet. World Population Day is also a time to celebrate the wonder of human diversity and what we bring to each other. Our unity across all nations is the key to maintaining a sustainable world in which all peoples may thrive and realise their potential.

To bring about this shared goal, we all have a part to play in remembering World Population Day – make it your thought or prayer for the day; remind our leaders of this growing issue; lastly tread carefully in your living on our wonderful Earth.

Rev. Bill French

(Photo: street in Seoul; UN website)



July Music Notes



Ealing Choral Society

has been making music in West London for over 60 years. In that time, they have performed almost all of the great choral masterpieces, as well as many less familiar works. They commissioned a piece from their Vice President the composer Cecilia McDowall, to celebrate their 60th anniversary, called *Bird of Time*. Their concerts in Ealing take place in St Barnabas Church and they also perform one concert a year at the Cadogan Hall, off Sloane Square. Most recently, they toured Malta in June 2017, where they gave a concert of British Choral Classics in St Paul's Pro-Cathedral in support of local charities. On 5th July they are offering an eclectic programme ranging from Haydn, Holst, Elgar and Vaughan Williams to the Beatles and Queen. **Please note that the concert starts at 6.30 p.m.**

Their Conductor, Peter Asprey is in demand both as a conductor,

chorus master, singer, singing teacher and speaker. He has a BA in Music (MA Hons Cantab) from Cambridge University, where he was a Choral Exhibitioner, a Postgraduate Diploma in Choral Conducting and Singing from the Royal College of Music (Distinction) and an MA in Spiritual Theology from Maryvale Institute. Peter is the Director of Music at Holy Sepulchre, London



which is the National Musicians' Church. So, Ealing Choral Society begins our Summer of Music which continues with our Monday Lunchtime series which all start at 12.30pm. First off on the 7th is **Vintage Brass**, always a favourite. On the 14th we have a visit



by the **Blessed George Napier School Youth Choir**, from Banbury, which promises to be a special treat; the choir, for students aged 12-18, has toured internationally and elsewhere in the UK. For the 21st July we have a song recital by two of our young Choristers, Esther Davey and Rafa Ghazway, accompanied by Sam Hanson. Please do make a special effort to support them. Finally, we welcome the **Brass in Harmony Quartet** on the 28th. They return after a year's break as we could not find a suitable date last year. In August we have our annual series of Organ recitals, also on Mondays at 12.30. More of that next month.

- Peter Cook

Minster Fair and Pentecost services

As the weekend of the Minster Fair approached, we could see there would be heavy rain, and so tables were set up inside the Minster on Friday. Everyone was carefully fitted in, with Godspace in Trinity Chapel and the crypt, and the children's activities, including the alpacas, at the west end. There was a remarkable quantity of bric-a-brac along the central aisle, Jewellery was under the central tower, while the bookstall was in Trinity Chapel. The Friends' plant stall was the only one to set up outside, with a large number of plants enjoying the rain.



We were happy to have Chris Rowland's burger stall outside St George's on both Saturday and Sunday, a new and delicious addition to the Fair. The Chained Library was open for visits, and the bellringers ran visits to the belltower, which

were very much appreciated. However, any soft toys wanting a ride down from the belltower will have to wait until the church celebration at the end of August. It did indeed rain heavily in the afternoon of Saturday - possibly the wettest Minster Fair since 1983! Luckily Sunday was clear for a celebration of Pentecost





at services in the Minster, including a Choral Evensong with a full choir, and the ecumenical service on the Green in the morning. Volunteers then kept the church open until 4pm for the many visitors. Next year we hope to stay open longer, since visitors really appreciated coming in and talking to the welcomers. Of course visitor numbers were down overall, so the sums raised for the Minster (£2343.08) were lower overall, but still very satisfying, all things considered. The Friends stalls raised an impressive £1508.60, with remaining plants being sold on Sunday morning as well. The Minster total includes hire of the Minster by the Folk Festival for two



concerts, in the afternoon and evening of Saturday, as well as payments from the ice cream van and the burger stall. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard for the Fair this year, showing great calm and adaptability.

On August 29th there will be a much smaller event, more like a church fete, with traditional games for all to play, and a food van, as we begin special celebrations of St Cuthburga through September. It will run 3pm - 7pm on the Green, so please keep the date and come to this lovely social event. If you can help with running games, please see Claire Lehmann



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Choir News

We were delighted to invite 14 children to our recent Choristers' Taster Afternoon on Sunday 1st June. Colin first introduced the various people who support the choir, and then the children went to the choir vestry to sing, alongside some of our current choristers. Their siblings and parents stayed to play and chat at the back of church, and all the children made song birds and enjoyed squash and biscuits (an essential part of being a chorister!). The potential choristers came out to the choir stalls, sang and learned how to process smartly, then the lay clerks arrived. They all then sang

a mini-evensong, and the children got a real sense of what it feels like to be part of a full choir. It has been great to have six choristers join practices after coming to the taster afternoon. Many of them will be singing at the 9.30 service for the first time on the 6th July. This now takes the total number of choristers up to 20, a figure that has not been seen in many years, and the choir vestry often looks quite crowded now!

- Claire Lehmann,
Families Outreach Worker

Nicholson Award

The Royal School of Church Music (<https://rscm.org.uk>) is an educational charity that supports the study, practice and improvement of music in church worship. It

enables the flourishing of church music by encouraging and resourcing churches, (such as the Minster) musicians, church communities and schools of all kinds to ensure they have access to support, training and education resources, with the aim of

inspiring church musicians of the future and promoting the vision of bringing people closer to God through music.

Each year outstanding church musicians are recognised for their contributions in different awards. It is with great joy that we congratulate Colin Davey, the Minster Organist and Director of Choirs on being awarded the RSCM Nicholson Award 2025. This is a national honorary

award for a significant contribution to church music and/or liturgy at a local level. Colin was recognised for his work



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in finalising the scheme for the rebuilding of the Minster organ [2020-21], which has received due praise from a number of well-known organists.

In his citation, his work of building on and developing the choral tradition of the Minster was a focus. There are fun 'come and sing' events for children to find what it is like to be a chorister, organised with the Children and Families Worker. Training has been introduced for choristers to progress to become Lay Clerks. Colin's choice of music for the choirs is not only extending their repertoire but developing their skills. Under his leadership they are happy to be challenged and rise



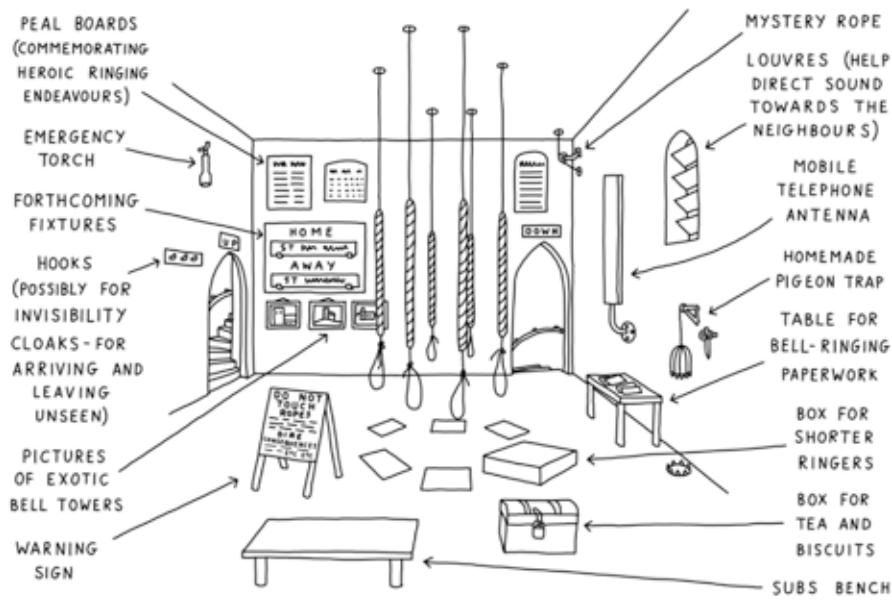
to it. Week by week the choice of hymns fit with the Bible readings and theme, often commented on by the congregation, and his improvisations for the Gospel procession are inspired, skilful and musically accomplished, always reflecting the mood/theme of what has been

read. His understanding of music and the liturgy is indeed impressive. Colin has lots of friends in the church music world and beyond and it was great to see how many congratulated him. He is an inspirational and creative musician, and we are delighted that he is our Organist and Director of Choirs.

- Rev. Heather Waldsax

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Take a visit to the Belltower next time the ringers are offering tours, and see how many of these items are in the Minster's ringing chamber!

Farewell to Archdeacon Antony Macrow-Wood



A farewell Evensong for Archdeacon Antony in the Minster was attended by Bishop Stephen, Bishops Karen and Andrew, and Archdeacons Penny and Alan (himself about to retire), as well as many clergy from the area and others who have worked with Antony. In his address, Archdeacon Emeritus Antony first asked forgiveness of anyone he might have offended over his years in office (applying a tradition from the Middle East when saying goodbye). After discussing the Bible readings, he took the opportunity to lay out his views on the future organisation of the Church of England, although he also said he is very hopeful about the future of Christianity. The service was followed by a presentation to Antony and his wife, and refreshments at the back of church. The Macrow-Woods are moving to be nearer family in Durham.



Friends outing



A lovely day was enjoyed by all who attended the recent Friends of the Minster Winchester trip, (including our teddy bear mascot 'Florentino'). We were met by the Cathedral Friends reps and shared drinks and cakes, with a helping of good conversation. The Cathedral was awe inspiring and our guide was extremely knowledgeable, explaining everything from the original Saxon Minster layout, the Norman

structure, to the English Civil War damage and onto recent years which has involved a great deal of adventurous diving to concrete up the foundations. Plus, we had a lot of information relating to Jane Austen, who is interred near the Nave. Then onto a lovely lunch in the Refectory. Overall, a very successful day for all. Thanks to all who participated.

Oasis outing

The Oasis Bereavement Support Group had a trip to the New Forest on 5th June. Last year we enjoyed a picnic, walks and an ice cream stop. Not this year!! Rain was forecast, so adjusted our plans at very short notice - and it did rain most of the day! Our planned coffee stop was at the Burley Hotel. Our wonderful coach driver, Tony from Laguna Travel, then took us on a fascinating conducted tour of the forest before our next stop - the Forest Park Hotel, Brockenhurst, where we had booked a function room where we could eat our picnic. The hotel staff



could not have been more helpful and we all bought a drink at the bar. We were made so welcome and were very impressed with the hotel!! After a further tour by coach, we went to the Visitor Centre at Lyndhurst. We arrived back at the Minster feeling we had enjoyed an excellent day out and learnt a lot. The Oasis members said it was such a treat to be able to just sit back, enjoy being looked after, and not have to make any decisions! - **Sue Tipping**

Timeless Treasures in Zutphen: A Journey into the Past at the Chained Library



Nestled in the heart of the Hanseatic city of Zutphen, one of the Netherlands' oldest towns, lies a rare and atmospheric gem, the Chained Library of St. Walburga's Church. During a recent holiday in the

history enthusiasts, the real treasure lies in the chained library, a quiet but powerful reminder of a time when books were precious, closely guarded resources.

Thanks to a thoughtful recommendation from fellow chained-library volunteer Margaret Turner, we connected with Geert, a Dutch guide with a passion for historical libraries. Geert, who visited the Minster Library a decade ago, brought the site to life with his deep knowledge and fluent English.

St. Walburga's legacy links Zutphen to the Minster. She was an eighth-century Saxon princess, educated at Wimborne's double



rich collection of books used to advise the dukes of Gelre and the town council, established a public reading room. Its design echoed those of local convent libraries and served as a bastion of



Netherlands, we had the privilege of stepping into this living piece of 16th century history. Zutphen, located in the eastern province of Gelderland, not far from the German border, offers much for lovers of heritage and architecture. But for bibliophiles and



monastery before being sent to evangelise Germany alongside her brothers under the direction of St. Boniface. Her story remains popular across Northern Europe. The library itself was conceived in the 16th century by the church elders, who, aware of the

Catholic learning amid the Protestant Reformation. Today, about 300 volumes remain chained to reading desks, with others stored in oak bookcases. The collection is astonishing: from theological works by early Church Fathers to medieval biblical

commentaries, lives of saints, and legal texts. Secular titles include classics by Virgil, Homer, Seneca, and Herodotus, as well as Renaissance works by Erasmus. One highlight was a beautifully preserved, leather-bound edition of Copernicus' *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium*, outlining the revolutionary heliocentric theory.

Many volumes feature tooled leather bindings with ornate silver mounts, and some are protected by 'cardinal's hats', raised brass studs that guard the covers. The library even has its legends: the tiled floor bears "the Devils footprints," where folklore tells of a monk caught eating chicken during Lent and imprisoned overnight by

the Devil himself. Beyond the library, St. Walburga's Church is a marvel. Originally Romanesque from the 11th century, it was later rebuilt in the Gothic style with soaring vaulted ceilings and an elegant ambulatory. Much of it is decorated with fifteenth century wall and vault paintings. Particularly striking is the Jerusalem chandelier, a 14th-century iron masterpiece illustrating the Passion of Christ, and a modern embroidered tapestry reminiscent of the Bayeux embroidery, depicting the history of the world, from prehistory to Wittgenstein genetics. Zutphen's chained library is more than a relic; it is a rare window into medieval literacy, religious tradition, and the enduring power of knowledge.

- Andrew Kelley

(Photos:
Charlie Chamberlain)



Graham Sudbury, former Minster organist

We have heard from his family that Graham Sudbury, born December 3rd, 1925, has died at the age of 99. As a schoolboy at Merchant Taylors' School, he served in Westminster Abbey for Archbishops Temple and Fisher. He remembered the sense of responsibility when carrying the very heavy processional cross, avoiding wires above in the aisles, and musing as to whether the procession would follow him if he led them astray! He also served for the Festival of Remembrance in the Albert Hall.

After service in the Royal Artillery he studied full-time at the Royal School of Church Music in Canterbury, gaining his Associateship of the Royal College of Organists and singing occasionally as a lay clerk in the cathedral choir. At Magdalene College, Cambridge he took a Music degree. The River Cam featured prominently during his time there, since he founded a Madrigal group, which would travel by punt up the river to sing and he also rowed for his college.

As part of his varied career as composer and arranger, organist and choir director, he came to Wimborne Minster in 1954-59. Here he was a member of the Diocesan Music Committee, directed choir festivals and gave a recital in Salisbury Cathedral. His two daughters were born here. After leaving Wimborne, Graham was Director of Music at Churston Ferris Grammar School and at two churches in Torquay. Later he moved on to the Perse School, Cambridge and was also Director of Music at Great St Mary's University Church, Cambridge. Among his other contributions to Cambridge life, he co-founded the Cambridge

Youth Orchestra. His obituary ends: 'He is remembered by many for his quiet wit and humour, his gentlemanly manners and his strong, unwavering faith.'



Graham was at the Minster at a time when the choristers crossed the road from the Grammar School for practices, Crown Mead had not yet been developed, and Wimborne still had a train station; the Model Town gives you a good impression of what Wimborne was like then. His Vicars at the Minster were first Revd. Thomas Page-Phillips and then Rev. Stanley Epps.

Graham's successor here, David Blott, drew up the scheme for the 1965 rebuilding of the organ which lasted until 2020. In 1961 the old organ was already out of use awaiting repair, so Graham's five years in Wimborne may have been rather frustrating. We give thanks for Graham's long and fruitful life, and for the gifts he shared with us so long ago.

Credo in unum Deum - exploring the faith of the church: Part 4

The Nicene Creed is 1700 years old this year. This series will look more closely at the Creed, what it means, and the questions it raises. This is an edited version of articles written by the Rector in 2008.

10. The Resurrection

Nicene Creed: *"and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father..."*

Apostles Creed: *"The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty".*

Jesus' life and ministry is fully vindicated by God as he is raised from human death to a new resurrection life. Mary of Magdala is weeping outside the garden tomb; Jesus calls to her. Later he appears to others, fully physically present, and doubting Thomas even touches his wounds. But he didn't remain long after these appearances.

Matthew tells of a last meeting in on a mountain in Galilee. Some worshipped him and some still doubted, but Jesus tells his disciples to go and make disciples of all nation.

In Luke's Gospel there is a definite final meeting with the disciples, in Bethany. Jesus blessed them, left them, "and was taken up into heaven".

The eleven disciples (and those with them) "worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy...staying at the Temple, praising God."

Jesus himself had said to Pontius Pilate, "from now on, the Son of man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God" (Luke 23:69), and this is our understanding of the Ascension. This is the faith of the church from the very beginning as is clearly attested in Acts 2:28-38. But don't be confused by the expression Jesus uses: Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one, as we have seen in the earlier discussion of the Trinity.

11. The Second Coming

Nicene Creed: *"He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end."*

Apostles Creed: *"...and he will come to judge the living and the dead."*

Time marches on for humans towards a conclusion, an end, according to biblical faith, when there will be judgment, as John the Baptist and Jesus both proclaimed. It matters how we live, and we will all stand before God sooner or later. Jesus taught us not to be complacent about this, not to be self-reliant and uncaring. The kingdom, the reign of God is still to come, at the end of the age, but in another sense it has already come into the hearts of all believers. The reign of God is both now and not yet. God reigns in Heaven and he reigns on Earth through

the righteous, but the final reign of God on Earth is still to come when Christ comes again. When Christ comes again it will be an unmistakeable and glorious event.

12. The Holy Spirit

Nicene Creed: *"We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets."*

Apostles Creed: *"I believe in the Holy Spirit"*

The Holy Spirit has a unique and equal role within the Holy Trinity. The Spirit of God hovers over the world at Creation. In this sense He is the life giver, bringing light from darkness and form from void. He is central to life itself. Life is both physical and spiritual and through history God's will is revealed to spirit-filled 'prophets'. They live for God and not themselves and offer guidance that brings life and blessing. The prophets speak for God, but almost always their message is misunderstood and rejected. It inspired them, even when they struggled with seemingly overwhelming opposition viz Elijah and the prophets of Baal (Read 1 Kings 18:19). As time progresses there are no prophets for four hundred years until the time of John the Baptist who is 'filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth' (Luke 1.15). Jesus is conceived in the womb



of Mary by the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit of God at work in and through Jesus that redeems and reconciles God to man. Finally, the Holy Spirit is sent down upon the disciples at Pentecost and they are transformed into Apostles with the same healing powers and miraculous abilities as Jesus. The Holy Spirit is a gift given to those who repent and follow Jesus. It is the Holy Spirit of God in the believer that brings a new and Godly vision for the physical life, whilst shaping our spiritual life. The 'Fruits of the Spirit' and they are goodness, selflessness and bring abundance of life - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:16-26). Thus a spirit-filled Christian is known by these characteristics and the Spirit of God is made known in the world through them.

- Rev. Andrew Rowland

A Hymn for Repairing Weekend 2-4 May 2025



Many Repair Cafes across Britain take part in The Big Fix, a celebration of their work, at any time in May. Wimborne Repair Café says: 'Clothing, textiles, sewing, small electrical, toys, ceramics, jewellery, small furniture and bicycles - our team of volunteer fixers are on hand to give your items a new lease of life.' Sessions are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 12pm - 2pm at the Wimborne Methodist Church, King Street, Wimborne. BH21 1EA.

Brother Hugh, SSF, from Hilfield wrote this poem (to the tune of Finlandia), reproduced here by kind permission.

As we lament the damage to creation,
the war on nature that we humans wage,
denying climate change a sure temptation,
avoiding news with which we won't engage;
help us resist our human-made destruction
in this fast-changing, in this frightening age.

Help us repent by living different lifestyles,
by buying less, by giving up our greed.
Help us live simply, not with yet more shopping,
but second-hand, need for possessions freed,
by sharing, mending, only then recycling;
help us to say we've got just what we need.

Help us to share the poverty of Francis,
to strive to live without the latest stuff,
say no to things with built-in obsolescence,
using spare parts is really quite enough.
Help us to care for people and our planet,
for nature finds our human ways are tough.



The next Planet Wimborne Green Festival runs from 11th to 18th October. Before then, why not learn more about how to mend your own clothes at <https://repairwhatyouwear.com>, and talk to the volunteers at the Repair Café about repairing household objects.

MED MUSEUM OF EAST DORSET

The Museum's Summer Fete is on Saturday 5th July 10am - 3 pm (*free entry to the garden*); support the Museum's fundraising and enjoy the stalls in the garden.

From July 21st, there is a summer family trail in the Museum.

Minecraft Adventures at the Museum
(included with Museum entry)



The annual **Festival of Archaeology** runs from 19th July to 3rd August; find out what events are happening across Dorset (including at the Museum and at Badbury Rings and other National Trust sites) at <https://archaeologyuk.org>

The Bishop's Letter: Jack Spratt's scrap heap clock



To St Andrew's, Wootton Rivers, and an invitation to place the first signature in their new visitor's book, after the sixty-year service of its predecessor. These volumes are found in most village churches and remain a quiet record of the thousands who call into our places of worship, usually unseen, and leave their appreciation with a word or two and, often as not, a coin in the box or a tap on the e-reader! In Wootton Rivers, they will find in the porch a beautiful board telling the story of local character Jack Spratt, who achieved fame by constructing a church clock entirely from local scrap to commemorate the coronation of George V in 1911. As a new installation was too costly, handyman Jack

invited villagers to leave him their spare bits and bobs and proceeded to make a clock that ran (and still runs) with pin-point accuracy. Instead of numerals on its face, the tower clock reads 'Glory be to God'.

This eccentric and appealing project bears witness to the steady Anglican faith and resourcefulness vital for our churches to thrive and survive. Also, to the creator God whose spirit can work within us to make something wonderful from the scraps and times of our lives. To him be the glory.

- Bishop Stephen

[Editor's note: St Andrew's, on the Kennet and Avon Canal, is part of the Vale of Pewsey group of churches. The second photo shows the ladder to access the clock tower.]



Cathedral news: Living Water exhibition



The Cathedral's contemplative summer art exhibition runs until September 28th. The Cathedral website says: 'Living Water' brings together artists who explore water as a symbol and an influence that shapes our world..... These works ask us to consider our natural connection to water and how we can best protect this life-giving force for future generations.'

(Image: Ryan Mosley, A Ballad for Water, from the exhibition.)

DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE



#BringAPicnicNotABBQ

If British Summer Time and warmer days mean you will be visiting one of Dorset and Wiltshire's local heathlands or outdoors spaces to enjoy the wildlife and wilderness, please take a picnic. Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) is encouraging residents and visitors to bring a picnic and not a barbecue when out and about. Warmer and breezy weather increases the risk of accidental or deliberate fires in our open spaces.

A wildfire can move at speeds faster than an Olympic sprinter, so we are asking everyone to follow some simple steps:

- If you are enjoying our open spaces when a fire occurs, get to a safe place and call the fire service on 999 immediately, with as much information as possible.
- Consider downloading and using What3Words to identify your exact location.
- You can also help by reporting any anti-social behaviour on our heaths and open spaces to the Police on 101.

Landowners and land managers are also advised, where possible, to be prepared for fires and ensure that fire breaks are cut and well maintained with any cut grasses and vegetation removed from the site.

For more information on heath fires and countryside safety, please visit our website [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Heath fires and countryside safety](#)



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Christian Aid Week 2025



A very big Thank You from Wimborne Area Christian Aid Group to all who supported us during Christian Aid Week this year, whether through events at local churches, house-to-house collections, the street collection in the centre of Wimborne, the non-uniform day at QE School or in other ways. We raised just over £4050 – an amazing total which will increase to £4450 with the addition of Gift Aid.

2025 is a special "birthyear" for Christian Aid, founded 80 years ago by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War. Since then, supporters like you have enabled Christian Aid to speak out against injustice and stand firm against poverty.

The 2025 appeal focused on Guatemala in Central America and particularly on indigenous farming communities where

livelihoods, traditions and very survival of farmers and their families are threatened by deadly droughts, savage storms and monster monoculture plantations. Our support will help these communities to fight the effects of the changing climate and to conserve their land, culture and livelihood. Aurelia, pictured with her family, and Amelia, pictured receiving training from Christian Aid's partner Congcoop, are farmers and community leaders who are using sustainable farming to secure their community's future.

So, once again, a huge thank you for your support during the past year.

As usual, we will have a break over June, July and August and I hope to send out the next newsletter in September.

- Mike Lunt



Solution to June crossword

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July Crossword set by Bruce Jensen

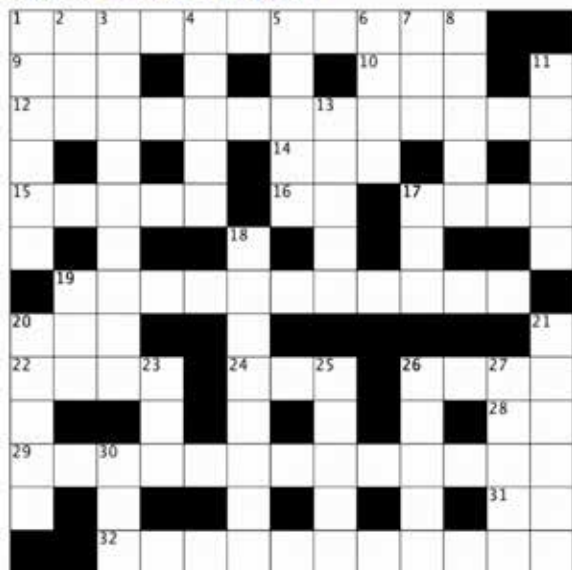


ACROSS

1. Picture No. 1 (11)
9. A male turkey (3)
10. A male sheep (3)
12. A guess or estimate (13)
14. Between England & Ireland is the Isle of _ (3)
15. Bring together, unite (5)
16. One of the Millibands (2)
17. Abbr. for the old Soviet Union (4)
19. Picture No. 2 (7,4)
20. Adam was the first 'he'; (23 down) was the first ' _ ' (3)
22. Rubber ring around the wheel (4)
24. Paper plan of an area, now outdated (3)
26. Over-the-top enthusiasm: "A _ review" (4)
28. @ (2)
29. A play, a film, a game (13)
31. _ Niño, global weather phenomenon (2)
32. Picture No 3 (6,5)

DOWN

1. Social position; standing (6)
2. A little jump (3)
3. What sits between your electric guitar & your speakers (9)



4. Strong glue (5)
5. Best quality; 'a _ cut of beef' (5)
6. Isles west of Ireland (4)
7. Plague-carrying rodent (3)
8. Gives off, shines (light) (5)
11. Noise made while sleeping (5)
13. Polite way to address a lady (5)
17. A tiny guitar, abbreviated (3)
18. Uneven pairing, like a greyhound racing a chihuahua (8)
19. Meaning of 'wherefore' (see 26 down) (3)
20. A knight's horse; 'a noble _' (5)
21. Resolve a problem, pay a debt, or calm a stomach (6)
23. The First Lady (3)
25. Already arranged; 'I have a _ engagement' (5)
26. 'Wherefore art thou _' (hero of a play by 1-across) (5)
27. Weather indicators (5)
30. _ Peake, British astronaut (3)



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