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Services at the Minster

Sundays

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
11.15 am	Minster Praise (with Communion on the 4th Sunday of the month)
2.00 pm	2nd Sunday Messy Church (Church House)
2.00 pm	4th Sunday Sensory Church (Church House)
6.30 pm	Choral Evensong

Weekdays

Holy Communion	11am Wednesday (in the Minster)
Morning Prayer	8.30 am, Monday to Saturday (on Zoom)
Evening Prayer	5.00pm Monday to Saturday (on Zoom)

Services at St Margaret's Chapel

11.00 am	3rd Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)
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We will continue to stream the 9.30 am service on Youtube. Look for the 'Wimborne Minster official' Youtube channel for live and recorded services.

In November

4th	Baptism of Freddie Grey
17th	Wedding of George Apperly and Hannah Rogers

Dates for your diary - January

Sunday 1st, Naming of Jesus

12 noon for 12.30	Bring and Share Lunch (Church House)
	No Evensong service
Wednesday 4th 1.30pm - 2.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
Thursday 5th 9.30am - 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
12 noon - 2.00pm	Oasis Lunch (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 6th 12 noon - 1.30pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)

Dates for your diary - January cont.

Saturday 7th 10.30am – 12 noon Muddy Church
(Forest Garden)

Sunday 8th, Baptism of Jesus

Tuesday 10th 10.30am – 12 noon Forest Garden Toddler Group
(Forest Garden)

Wednesday 11th 1.30pm – 2.30pm Meditation Group
(Minster Crypt)
7.30pm Prayer Circle (Church House)

Thursday 12th 9.30am – 11am Two by Two Toddler Group
(Church House Upstairs)
4pm onwards Standing Committee meeting
(Church House)

Friday 13th 10.30am – 12 noon Forest Garden Home
Education Group (Forest Garden)
12 noon – 1.30pm Lunch and Chat
(Church House)
Saturday 14th 10.30am – 12 noon Messy Church (Minster)

Sunday 15th

Tuesday 17th 10.30am – 12 noon Forest Garden Toddler Group
(Forest Garden)

Wednesday 18th 1.30pm – 2.30pm Meditation Group |
(Minster Crypt)
7.30pm Prayer Circle (Church House)

Thursday 19th 9.30am – 11am Two by Two Toddler Group
(Church House Upstairs)
10.30am Visit to Edmondsham House
by Friends of the Minster

Friday 20th 12 noon – 1.30pm Lunch and Chat (Church
House)

Saturday 21st 7.00pm Silent Film Night (Minster)

Sunday 22nd 2.30pm Holocaust Memorial Service

Tuesday 24th 10.30am – 12 noon Forest Garden Toddler Group
(Forest Garden)

Wednesday 25th 1.30pm – 2.30pm Meditation Group (Minster
Crypt)
7.30pm Prayer Circle (Church House)

Dates for your diary - January cont.

Thursday 26th 9.30am – 11am Two by Two Toddler Group
(Church House Upstairs)
7.15pm PCC meeting (Church House)

Friday 27th 10.30am – 12 noon Forest Garden Home
Education Group (Forest Garden)
12 noon – 1.30pm Lunch and Chat (Church House)

Sunday 29th, Candlemas 6.30pm

Candlemas service

Tuesday 31st 0.30am – 12 noon Forest Garden Toddler Group
(Forest Garden)

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

Prayer cycle for January

1	Our Rector	17	East Dorset Heritage Trust
2	Those in training for ministry	18	The police, PCSOs, the Probation Service
3	The OASIS group; the widowed	19	The Sudan Medical Link
4	The Lunch and Chat team	20	Ambulance services, paramedics and firefighters
5	The Society of St Francis at Hilfield	21	Churchwardens
6	Wimborne Deanery; the Rural Dean	22	Young people in the Wimborne area
7	Wimborne Town Council	23	PCC members
8	Dorset County Council	24	The Chained Library: custodians, volunteers
9	Christian Aid	25	The MARS Trust
10	Victoria Hospital; Streets Meadow and Stoneleigh homes	26	Diocesan links with Evreux and Latvia
11	Our Associate Clergy	27	The Citizens' Advice Bureau
12	Parish Office staff	28	New housing developments
13	The Mothers' Union	29	Wimborne Dementia Action Alliance
14	Housegroups: prayer and study	30	Wimborne First School
15	The Bible Society	31	A cause dear to your heart, not listed elsewhere
16	Staff of the Diocesan offices		

*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.*

New Year, New You?

New year, new you! This seems to be the current mantra of the Season, the promise that the turning of the year will somehow bestow upon us a previously unattainable ability to deny ourselves those small pleasures in life. Well, this year I'm not buying it. It's not that I have anything against people wanting to improve their diets or lead a more active lifestyle, it's the implication that 'old me' was no good, and so needs replacing. Perhaps that's an attitude we as the Church have 'preached' at times. 'Old you' isn't good enough for God, only once you've detoxed, changed enough to fit into polite 'church' circles, and become

unrecognisable to anyone who knew you before, will you be acceptable to God. Of course the strange thing is that when Jesus encounters such a message from the religious leaders of his day he responds with tales of lost things, searched for at great expense and embraced and celebrated when found. Things that are not found and then cleaned up, but found and embraced just as they are, whether a coin covered in dust, or a son caked in pig dung. So this New Year, if you decide to make changes to your physical or spiritual health go ahead, but know that God accepts you and



loves you as you are, not as you think you should be. And the good news is that when we encounter the all-embracing love of God, we don't change to become a different person. Instead we become more of the person God created us to be, people made in the image of the God of love. Amen

- Rev. Nick Wells

Meditation restarts in The Crypt

Several years ago, we started meditating in the Crypt - we being members of The World Community for Christian Meditation. Meditation was facilitated on Wednesday lunchtime and with no commitment to attend regularly, it was a haven for some of us in the middle of a busy week. Then Covid put paid to all our churchbased prayer for a while, followed by the organ refurbishment and then the understandable need

to use St George's Chapel for card selling, making meditating in the Crypt impossible. The good news is that, from 4th January at 1.30pm (note the change of time) we can restart. So why not "Be still and know that I am God" (psalm 46:10). In the context of Christian mediation, this is an invitation to rest in silence and stillness, calming your mind and giving the time over to the Spirit of God who lives in our hearts. It



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means letting go of verbal prayers and the worries of the day, using a mantra or prayer word to anchor the mind, and resting in the fullness of God. For more information visit www.wccm.uk and www.wccm.org or contact rozstockley@copsewood.org.uk.

Minster Matters: Developing our mission Report from the November PCC meeting

With our Families Worker, Claire, in attendance at the November's PCC meeting, we heard encouraging news of the Minster's developing mission to families. Claire told us that although 120 people had been to the Messy Church in the Minster in November, it's much easier for people who aren't used to coming into a church to join with activities taking place in an outdoor, natural setting. So, in the Forest Garden by the Minster, she has conjured up all sorts of messy, crafty, tasty and fun sessions where simple Bible stories and the Christian message can be heard by the young participants together with their carers. So popular are the outdoor activities that she was asking the PCC's approval for funding a yurt and fire pit, assets that will help extend the Forest Garden's use into winter as well as adding to the excitement of the sessions. Needless to say, the approval was readily given. Salisbury Diocese has encouraged churches that are open to the public to register as a Warm Welcome Space (WWS) and has offered some funding towards heating. With the Minster already being open to the public 10am till 4pm, Monday to Saturday, we have now registered on the WWS



...the good news is - I've found a way of heating the church on unwanted chip-fat!...

website so that the public can identify us more easily. How we wish that our re-ordering project were further developed so that we could offer disabled toilet and refreshment facilities but that will have to wait for another year. What we do have is a quiet space and staff who can respond to emotional and spiritual need and it's up to all of us to offer the warm welcome. In our mission we want to be sensitive to people's needs and Heather Davey reminded us that 1 in 20 people now have some degree of nut allergy. She will be working with Claire on ways the Minster might respond, reducing the risk of allergic response on our premises and offering nut-free options. Even with the government subsidy, our increased

heating costs for the Minster will be triple those of last year. In our homes, we are all more conscious now of shutting doors and wearing extra layers and that extends to our Minster home too. The temperatures inside and out are closely monitored to maintain conditions for the organ and Sheila Soper has introduced a box of rugs which can be used by people who fancy an extra layer when they're sitting in the Minster. Perhaps the hardest decision made by the PCC in November was about how to proceed following the diagnosis of extensive honey fungus in one of the 5lime trees south of the Minster (see photo over page from November 2021). The specialist arborist's view was that remaining limes would certainly already be



infected as the fungus was well established and spreads through the soil. His advice was for them all to be felled, the ground exposed for a whole year and new, more resistant, trees then planted. Mindful of the environmental value of mature trees, the PCC decided to seek a second specialist's opinion. We

want to find the best environmental solution for the long term. And the easiest decision? This was the one to approve the holding of the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race around the Minster on 21 February. Not many weeks left for practice now!
- Rosemary Lunt

Pancake Race, Shrove Tuesday 21st February

Writing this before Christmas, to meet the deadline date for January's Parish Magazine it seems slightly strange to be thinking about Shrove Tuesday and the 2023 Pancake Race. But the date is February 21st, a week earlier than last year.

So I wanted to give plenty of notice for this popular annual event and to allow everyone to get into training. There will be the usual races and everyone can be involved from the youngest to the oldest. The venue is as always, outside the main north porch entrance to the Minster and the first race will commence at 11.00am as the Pancake Bell is tolled. Competitors will be required to run around the Minster tossing their pancakes at each of the



four corners of the church. Full details will be in the February Parish Magazine but please put the date in your diaries now and offers of help with Stewarding would be appreciated. Any queries to Anthony Oliver please, on 01202 888703

Looking ahead to Lent (22nd February - 9th April)

This Lent we are all invited to explore how we can live well with the mess of everyday life. *Dust and Glory* encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings and, rather than pretending we can always avoid them, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them. Readings and ideas for action are based on the book *Failure: What Jesus said about*



sin, mistakes and messing stuff up, by Bishop Emma Ineson

News from the Lebanon

Phil and Sylvie Good, whose work in the Lebanon we support, are back in England over Christmas and the New Year, but Phil sent out an update before they left Lebanon. It reads in part, ... with the news full of negative things maybe it is time to bring forward the positives.

As expected Lebanon now has no Government and no President, and it doesn't make any real difference either. There appear to be only two things we need them for but they are not convincing:

1. The development of an oilfield in the sea near the Israeli border may generate some money one day, though how much will benefit the average Lebanese?
2. The provision of an IMF loan of \$3bn - but what is that compared to the billions of dollars that have disappeared in the last 20 years? The only way these items or any others will actually benefit ordinary Lebanese people is if the structures of government itself are made

accountable and effective.

And no one is offering to fix that. Meanwhile the ordinary Lebanese have opted to leave the country in their droves.

As I have observed, before those who have little or no income just adjust their expenses according to the daily opportunity. We discovered that while the families have got their children into school, usually by committing to monthly instalments, now they have cut back on eating fresh fruit and vegetables. The most efficient way for NGO's to distribute lifesaving food is in the form of dried goods such as beans and rice but fresh food is hard to distribute this way.

- Pray for some stabilising in the constant economic uncertainty that just makes planning any sort of assistance almost impossible.
- Pray for the churches who preach the gospel and try and help
- Pray for those who are wanting to find a loving Jesus that they will indeed find Him



The charity Embrace the Middle East, which worksthrough local partners in several countries, has a Lebanon Winter Appeal this year, to supply food, blankets and other help to both refugees and Lebanese. Because of the cholera outbreaks since October, people need clean water and sanitation products as well. Find out more about Embrace the Middle East's work, and their special Appeal, at <https://embraceme.org/christmas-appeal-22>



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Moments in Advent



At the time of writing, we haven't yet reached Christmas itself, but here are some photos from Advent preparations.

At the switching on of the town lights, choristers sang on the stage, and both the Rector and Rev. Nick Wells took part (*photo by Tom Scrase*). For the Save the Children Parade, the Rector and Rev. Nick also came along in the procession, chatting with bystanders.

The choir led the traditional Advent service of Darkness into Light (*photo by Beatrice Dopita*), and choristers have also enjoyed treats including a visit to the pantomime, and organising a Secret

Santa. This year choristers will also have taken part in Carols in the Cornmarket, and in the Crib Service, as well as the main Carol Service. Meanwhile Minster Voices, turning out in force, sang for the popular Shoppers' Carol Service on Saturday 17th. Meanwhile, the Christmas tree in the Minster was decorated week by week during Minster Praise and by young visitors during the week. As a 'Jesse tree' its decorations relate to the ancestors of Jesus and the generations of preparation that led to his birth. We also welcomed a series of local schools, and other organisations, for Carol Services and concerts, as usual at this time of year.



Thank You, Forest Holme Volunteers!



The Rector was delighted to welcome three fundraisers from Forest Holme Hospice at the Eucharist on Sunday 11th December. Volunteers for the Hospice took part in the Minster Flower Festival in September, selling raffle tickets and, very importantly, serving the cream teas donated by Cloisters Restaurant, every day. In recognition and gratitude for their contribution, the Minster presented a cheque for £1000 to the Hospice, represented by Jill Biles, Karen Wareham and Dawn Hutchings. The Hospice was founded in 1994 as part of University Hospitals Dorset

NHS Trust, and provides palliative and end-of-life care, both in the hospice and for patients at home. The charity needs to raise £900,000 a year, and has funded inpatient nursing staff, counsellors for patients and their families, complementary therapies, and medical equipment in the hospice. You can find out more about the hospice and its supporting charity at <https://foresthalmehospice.org.uk>.



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Tuesday 10 January

10am - 4pm

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Date: Saturday 21st January

10am - 4pm

Price: £70.00 including materials & refreshments

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An Introduction to (Lino-cut) Printmaking

Tuesday 21st February

10am - 1.30pm

£30.00 (plus materials, £10)

Guided by Artist/Tutor Julie Herring, create a linocut design that can be used to make your own hand-printed cards or stationery. Once completed, you will have a plate to take away with you to use over and over!



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Three Kings Wordsearch

We remember the coming of the Wise Men, or Magi, at Epiphany (January 6th); they may have come from southern Arabia (Arabia Felix). By the 6th century tradition named them Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Their gold represents Jesus as King, frankincense stands for his divine nature, and myrrh symbolises his death. Isaiah

prophesies about the coming Messiah: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' In contrast, Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and the Jewish leaders who knew the prophecy of a Messiah born in Bethlehem did not even bother to visit Bethlehem. And it is only six miles from Jerusalem!



Can you find all these words in the Wordsearch?

King
Jews
star
East
worship
Magi
wise
men
baby
Jesus

Epiphany
Arabia
Felix
Gaspar
Melchior
Balthasar
gold
frankincense
myrrh
kingship

divinity
death
Isaiah
nations
Herod
prophecy
Bethlehem
Jerusalem
priests
scribes

Book of the month: Wimborne Chained Library The Paraphrases of the New Testament, by Desiderius Erasmus



Desiderius Erasmus of Rotterdam (1466-1536), priest, philosopher and Catholic theologian, helped lay the groundwork for the modern field of biblical studies, and is considered one of the greatest scholars of the northern Renaissance. As a Catholic priest, he was an important figure in classical scholarship, who wrote in a pure Latin style. In 1517, shortly after completing his revolutionary Greek New Testament, he began writing a "paraphrase" of the canonical Epistles, eventually turning to the Gospels and the book of Acts as well. He intended the work to serve, in part, as a commentary that could help ministers better

teach lay audiences about the Bible. The book in our library, the Gospel of Matthew, is a replacement for the one that was purchased by the Minster in 1548 and which was most likely destroyed during the reign of Mary I.



The work was printed by his friend Johann Froben, in Basle in 1522 and it was here that Erasmus met Hans Holbein who designed the woodcuts, title pages and letters for this book, although the blind stamping on the binding is thought to be the work of M. Norvin of Paris. Erasmus wrote the paraphrases in Latin for all books except the Apocalypse between 1517 and 1524, and occasionally revised them until his death in

1536. The work was universally applauded and in England a translation of them was ordered during the reign of Edward VI, with funds supplied by Catherine Parr, the sixth, last and surviving wife of Henry



VIII. In 1547 upon his accession to the throne, Edward VI ordered an English translation to be displayed in all parish churches. Erasmus' annotations are a good clue to the authorities on whom he most relied. He cites among the Eastern Church Fathers, Chrysostom's Homilies on John 71 times, Theophylactus 41 times, Cyril of Alexandria 35 times and the Constantian Codex 20 times. Among Western Fathers various

works of Augustine are cited 59 times, of Jerome 23 times, of Hilary 11 times, and of Cyprian 9 times. Erasmus seems not to have had the fragmentary work of Origen available, since Origen is cited only 6 times throughout the annotations. Erasmus followed his own interpretation of the philosophy of Christ, but he often adopts the interpretations of Chrysostom. Erasmus was the illegitimate son of a priest and orphaned at an early age. His guardians sent him to be schooled with monks for several years, which left him with a bad impression of the church hierarchy. His writings, such as the satire *In Praise of Folly*, were sceptical and highly critical of the Catholic church, which contributed to the success of the Protestant Reformation. He was ordained as a Catholic priest at the age of 25 but was granted a dispensation from his religious vows that enabled him to accept the post of secretary to the Bishop of Cambrai. In 1495 Erasmus attended the University of Paris and earned his Doctor of Divinity at Turin University, Italy, in 1506. He visited England on four occasions, was friends with Thomas More, and during one trip taught at Cambridge University.



He also spent time in Switzerland, Germany, Italy and France. During the Reformation, Erasmus was of two minds: he was critical of the abuses within the Catholic Church and called for reform, but he kept his distance from Martin Luther and continued to recognize the authority of the Pope. He commented: *"I put up with this church, in the hope that one day it will become better, just as it is constrained to put up with me in the hope that I will become better."* Erasmus wanted to introduce humanistic enlightenment into the Catholic Church without breaking with Rome. He declined to support Luther on the basis that to do so would jeopardize his position as an independent scholar and lessen his influence within the Church to introduce

reform. To begin with, there was mutual respect between Erasmus and Luther, but Erasmus later condemned the conduct of the new evangelicals of the Reformation and expressed concern that Luther was setting himself up as the sole interpreter of Scripture. In some ways, Erasmus was caught in a cross fire, each side accusing him of siding with the other.

- Mike & Jayne Twomey

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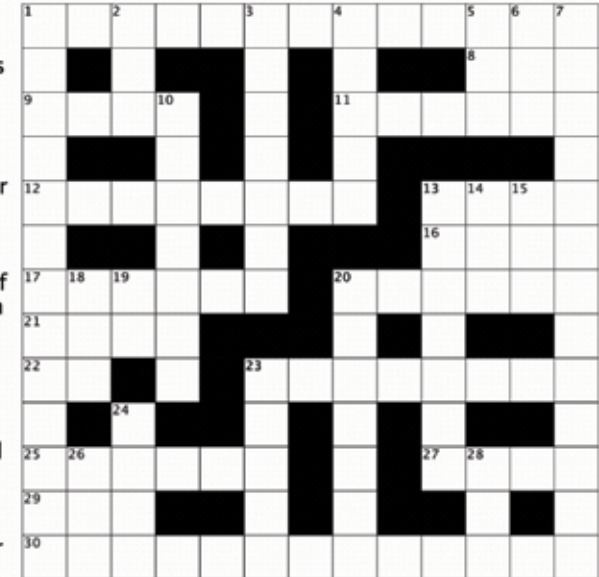


January Crossword set by Bruce Jensen

ACROSS

1. The one who digs up ruins and writes books about them (13)
8. __ Harvey Oswald, the man who shot Kennedy (3)
9. A small glass container for medicines or potions (4)
11. A follower of Islam (6)
12. Those annoying bits of paper you collect from shops and fill up your bag or wallet (8)
13. Sulk (4)
16. When I saw in the e-mail "curriosity" I wrote back "That word has just __" (3,1)
17. Not pay any attention to (6)
20. Item formerly used for photos, now mostly supplanted by phones (6)
21. What fell (briefly) from the sky in mid-December in Wimborne (4)
22. What Britain left (eventually) following a referendum 23 June 2016 (1,1)
23. Light or fire again (8)
25. Corrected and arranged text, say, in a Parish Magazine (6)
27. Put a stamp on and dropped in the postbox (4)
29. "I'm too agreeable: I give out too many yesses and not enough __"

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30. Having to do with the application of scientific knowledge for practical or industrial purposes (13)

DOWN

1. An annoying interlude in your favourite program (13)
2. The USA spy agency (3)
3. When the moon blots out the sun (7)
4. They give light on a desk or table (5)
5. Sick, infirm (3)
6. "I never thought I would __ the day..."
7. Unpredictably grouchy or moody (13)
10. "I'm not feeling well - I have to __" (3, 4)
13. Instances, short times that passed quickly (8)
14. The number you usually start a count with (3)
15. "One __ customer" (3)
18. African beast, popular in crosswords (3)
19. "I won't take __ for an answer" (2)
20. Third largest city in the USA, it is between the two coasts (7)
23. The Today Programme, Woman's Hour, and I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue are all on __ 4. (5)
24. A pancake-shaped object, sometimes spun by DJs (4)
26. A female deer (3)
28. And so on (3)

Answers to December's crossword

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