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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*
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** **11.00 am, Wednesday** *(in the Minster)*
Morning Prayer **8.30 am, Monday to Saturday** *(on Zoom)*
Evening Prayer **5.00 pm, Monday to Saturday** *(on Zoom)*

Services at St Margaret's Chapel

- 11.00 am** *3rd Thursday,* **Holy Communion (BCP)**

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

In January

6th	Funeral of June Bartram	aged 76 years
17th	Funeral of Terry Lane (Hampreston Church)	aged 88 years
23rd	Funeral of Eric Hitchins	aged 92 years
30th	Funeral of Joyce Highams	

Dates for your diary – February

February 13th – 17th is school half-term holiday: please check times and locations of the extra children's activities that week.

Wednesday 1st	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	6.00pm	Confirmation Class (Church House Upstairs)
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)

Thursday 2nd	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	12 noon – 2.00pm	Oasis Lunch (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 3rd	12 noon – 1.30pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 4th	10.30 am	Muddy Church (Forest Garden)
Sunday 5th		
Monday 6th	11.00am	Funeral of Peggy Robertson
	1.45pm – 3.00pm	Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer (Church House Lounge)
Tuesday 7th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Toddler Group (Forest Garden)
	2.00pm	South Wessex Organ Society visit (Minster)
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers AGM (Church House Lounge)
Wednesday 8th	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	6.00pm	Confirmation Class (Church House Upstairs)
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 9th	9.30am – 3.00pm	WOOFYT workshops (Minster)
	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 10th	9.30am – 3.00pm	WOOFYT workshops (Minster)
	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Home Education Group (Forest Garden)
	12 noon – 1.30pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 11th	9.00am – 1.00pm	Pipe Up Organists Open Morning (Minster)
	10.30am – 1.00pm	Forest Garden Spring Clean
Sunday 12th	11.00am – 12.30pm	Newcomers Welcome Event: Sherry and Cake

Monday 13th	11.00am – 12.30pm	Messy Church: Papercrafts (junk modelling, origami, collage) (Minster)
Tuesday 14th	10.30am – 12 noon	Sensory Church: Animal theme (Church House Upstairs)
Wednesday 15th	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	6.00pm	Confirmation Class (Church House Upstairs)
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 16th	10.00am – 3.00pm	Messy Church (Minster)
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union meeting (Church House Lounge)
Friday 17th	10.30am – 12 noon	Sensory Church (Church House Upstairs)
	12 noon – 1.30pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 18th	From 10.00am	Minster Friends' Valentine Coffee Morning (Church House)
Sunday 19th	9.00am – 5.30pm	Youth Music Wessex (Church House Upstairs)
Tuesday 21st, Shrove Tuesday		
	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Toddler Group (Forest Garden)
	From 11.00am	Pancake Race around the Minster
Wednesday 22nd, Ash Wednesday		
	1.00pm – 2.00pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	6.00pm	Confirmation Class (Church House Upstairs)
	7.30pm	Eucharist (Minster)
Thursday 23rd	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 24th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden Home Education Group (Forest Garden)

12 noon – 1.30pm

Lunch and Chat (Church House)

Sunday 26th, First Sunday in Lent

Monday 27th, *Fairtrade Fortnight* begins

Tuesday 28th

10.30am – 12 noon

Forest Garden Toddler Group
(Forest Garden)



Fairtrade Fortnight 2023 (27th February – 12th March) will spotlight the harmful effect of the climate crisis on the future of our food and how Fairtrade can support farmers. Find out more at the Fairtrade stall on the Green on March 4th.

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

Prayer diary for February

1	Our Associate Priests	16	Archbishops Justin Welby
2	Lay Pastoral Assistants		and Stephen Cottrell
3	Families and children at the Minster	17	East Borough Housing Association
4	Claire, our children's and families worker	18	Social workers
		19	Dorset Wildlife Trust
5	The Children's Society	20	Queen Elizabeth's School
6	Bishops Stephen, Karen and Andrew	21	PCC secretaries
		22	Minster guides and welcomers
7	Wimborne Library: staff, volunteers and users	23	The Minster Governors
8	Local MPs	24	The Minster Environment Group
9	Amnesty International		
10	Bournemouth & Poole Hospital Chaplaincies	25	Mission Aviation Fellowship
11	Our Licensed Lay Minister	26	Our neighbouring churches
12	Our Organist and Director of the Choirs	27	The Tivoli Theatre and Allendale centre: volunteers
13	The servers		
14	The Minster Green Fair: organisers and helpers	28	Refugees and migrants
15	The Minstead Training Project		

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.



'Search me, God, and know my heart.'

I don't know what you think of at this time of the year, but from my side of things we appear to be in a season of 'inspections'! One of the three First Schools I have contact with is having a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (Church)) inspection tomorrow and two of the three schools know OFSTED (Office for Standards Education (Government)) are due to come and visit them soon also. From the Church side of things, we

have our Archdeacon coming along to inspect our churches in February, to check we have everything in order (or at least working towards that!). As a result - understandably perhaps- those involved in these inspections are nervous. All are well prepared, they know what is coming (for the most part), and yet one can never prepare for everything. There will always be something that crops up that was unforeseen.

Inspections seem to be a modern thing – they are a way of ensuring universal standards are upheld and people are accountable - but when it comes to a life of faith, I think we live and breathe inspections of sorts all the time, or are supposed to. We inspect ourselves, reflecting on how we are doing at living for God with all our heart, soul, mind and body, and seek God to inspect us also.



In Psalm 26 David (yes, the David of the David and Goliath story, the one who eventually become King of Israel) writes "Test me Lord, and try me; examine my heart and mind". It is one thing to examine others or oneself, but to ask God to... wow, that's quite something else. Yet, as a Christian, as a follower of Jesus, we should be transparent. There should be nothing we are trying to hide, if we are earnestly trying to live as Jesus showed us.

This self-reflection and self-examination is something we should do regularly, but is definitely something we should be doing during Lent. Lent is a period of time we want to take more slowly, making more time for deeper reflection in a way we might not be able to during the rest of the year.

Traditionally we revert during Lent to withholding something from ourselves, as if we too are journeying with Jesus during his time in the wilderness, where he was without food or water, just before his ministry (his earthly work for God) began. This is admirable – to go without and remember the time of year we are in. Yet for me, the 'time-out' for reflection is far more fruitful. By the time Lent ends and we journey to the cross of Christ and then on to the celebrations of Easter, I am refocussed on who I am, and where I am going.

So whether you are a Christian or not, perhaps take some time out over Lent (which begins on 22nd February) and commit to regular times of self-inspection. If you are a Christian, then do make space in your quiet times with God to allow *him* to inspect you, as it were – how does he see you? Where is he calling you to? What changes might you need to seek to make? Why not draw up a pledge of commitment - to yourself and to God - and review it throughout the year?

God bless,

- Rev'd Suzie Allan



George Herbert, poet and priest, d.1633

On February 27th we remember George Herbert, who was a priest at Bemerton (west of Salisbury) for the last three years of his life. In the evenings he would walk into the city to Evensong at the cathedral, but also to spend the evening singing and playing the lute with his friends. His religious poetry is still well-known and often read – and sung, since several poems have become much-loved hymns, such as the following.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
 "My God and King!"
The heav'ns are not too high,
 God's praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
 God's praises there may grow.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
 "My God and King!"

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
 "My God and King!"
The church with psalms must shout:
 no door can keep them out.
But, more than all, the heart
 must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
 "My God and King!"

The poem says that, while the congregation should sing God's praises aloud when gathered together, inwardly, the heart must continue to praise God without ceasing.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race, February 21st

All is set for the Minster Pancake Race to run again this year. 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.

All competitors should report to the north porch by 10.30am to enrol, complete with frying pan and ready-cooked pancake. Anyone can enter, young or old, individuals, schools, groups and organisations, and all are most welcome.

So do have we some challengers (over 18) for The John Loader Memorial Cup, presented by Martyn and Kathy Curtler? Could you become the Minster Pancake Champion 2023? The winner will also receive a prize from the Dorset View & Viewpoint Magazines to whom we are most grateful. There will also be races for the under-18s, split into three age ranges 4-9, 9-13 and 13-18 years, and for pre-school children, toddlers, and those using wheelchairs.

There's still time to get into training for the big day! Pick up an entry form in the Minster or from the Parish Office, or just turn up on the day. Any enquiries regarding the race, including offers of help with both stewarding and collecting for Minster funds, should please be addressed to Anthony Oliver (tel. 01202 888703).

Shrove Tuesday and pancakes – what and why?

The period before Lent – Shrovetide – in traditional Western Christianity has been a time to review your life, go to confession (be 'shriven', in medieval English), and decide what you want to focus on in your prayer and action through Lent. Lent itself is a serious period of preparation for Holy Week and the great festival of Easter.

Outside the church, Shrovetide became a last opportunity to eat rich food and enjoy parties (the origin of carnivals), before the 40 days of Lent. A well-known medieval survival is the Ashbourne Royal Shrovetide Football game, played over two days up and down the Derbyshire town with a ball made of



leather and cork. More tranquilly, pancakes – with eggs, butter, and sugar (or possibly Nutella or maple syrup?) – have survived as the favourite food to mark Shrove Tuesday. The Minster's Pancake Race was apparently started by Rev. Douglas Stickland, fell into abeyance at his retirement in 1980, and was then relaunched in 1998. The oldest and most famous pancake race takes place in Olney, Buckinghamshire, and is run by women residents of the town; it is recorded from the 1440s, paused during World War II, and was revived by the local vicar in 1948. It's a straight run through the town, ending at the church door, and participants



have a smart team outfit with the event logo (see photo). Numbers are limited to 25, since everyone runs together. Of course, there are children's races on the day as well – and a special pancake breakfast tent for bystanders. In 1950 the town of Liberal Kansas got in touch with Olney and ever since the two communities have run an international pancake race. Liberal now has a whole range of pancake events of its own, and you can even buy a collectible Pancake Day belt buckle (<https://www.pancakeday.net>). Pancake races are now found across the world. In 2015 the University of British Columbia laid out some strict rules for student teams running their Pancake Race, including:

- 1. Gentlemanly and gentlewomanly behaviour will be strictly observed at all times. Administrators will especially be expected to be on their best behaviour and to act as an example to all participants.*
- 2. Frying pans must not be used as weapons or as a means of making unseemly gestures, whatever the depth of provocation or the nature of the person at the root of the provocation.*
- 3. Any surplus eggs, flour or butter remaining from the earlier making of pancakes must not be propelled in the direction of other participants or spectators.*

The Minster Pancake Race by contrast, we are happy to say, is a thoroughly friendly competition! Do come and join us, to take part or to cheer on the runners!



Swedish pancake recipe (for 2 dozen)

This is a luxurious recipe (from Sweden via California) that calls for planning ahead. If you want to make it for breakfast, you can leave the prepared mixture in the fridge overnight.

Ingredients: 3 eggs, 250 ml milk, 180ml cream, 125g sifted flour, 90g unsalted butter, melted, ½ teaspoon

salt, oil for frying.

Flavourings: choose between grated raw apple (unpeeled), crushed amaretti, soaked dried apricots, or fruit conserves.

Method:

Beat the eggs with half the milk for 2-3 minutes

Add sifted flour all at the same time and beat until thick and smooth.

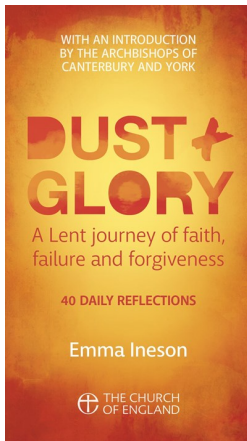
Beat in the rest of the milk and cream and stir in the butter and salt.

Cover and *leave to stand for at least 2 hours.*

Heat frying oil in a pan until very hot, then lower the heat.

As soon as a ladleful of batter is poured in the pan, add the desired flavouring. When bubbles appear, turn and cook on the other side to brown.

(Photo: BBC Good Food)



Lent Resources 2023

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 struggles and mistakes that every day brings. We can't always avoid them, but we can try to learn from them and grow closer to God through them.

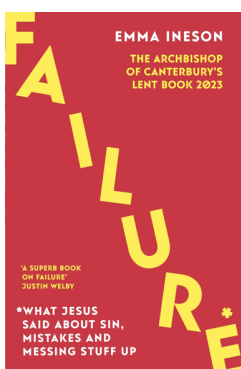
Every single person experiences failure. The question is what we do with it and, even more importantly, what God does with it in partnership with us. The Christian story is a story of failings redeemed and of sins forgiven. Our journey through Lent will lead us to the seeming failure and humiliation of Jesus' death on the cross. But it is through that seeming defeat that we will come to the joy of Jesus' resurrection at Easter. May our Lent journey help us to remember that, however often we stumble in our attempts to follow Jesus, nothing can ever separate us from God's love for each one of us.

- *Archbishop Justin Welby & Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

There is a whole range of resources on this theme, whatever way you prefer to follow through Lent.

- A small **booklet for adults**: each day (Monday to Saturday) you have a theme, a picture, a short Bible passage, a reflection and a challenge
- An equivalent **booklet for families and children**, with a theme, Bible passage and challenge for each day, and a prayer to use through the week
- **Daily posts on social media**, with digital resources for individuals, groups and churches; you can sign up to get the posts via email, or on the (free) Daily Hope phone line
- The **Church of England app** (iOS and Android): if you already have the Advent app (Follow The Star), it will be updated automatically.
- Young people may be interested in the Youtube videos produced by **The Way**, which also has accounts on Instagram and TikTok: they will have videos exploring aspects of the Lent theme, along with their other films.

<https://www.youtube.com/@thewayuk>



And finally, you could read the book that is at the root of all these resources, *Failure*, by Emma Ineson, chosen by Archbishop Justin for this Lent. It's written very clearly and is straightforward to read, with three or four discussion questions at the end of each chapter, so it would be ideal for a House Group to read together, or for a mixed group. There will be more information about resources in the Minster as we get closer to Lent.

It's not too soon to think about the
Minster Fair, Saturday 10th June

Are you decluttering? I am starting to collect books for the bookstall at the Minster Green Fair, and I'm happy to come and collect what you want to pass on. I can take all sorts of books, but not recent encyclopedias & atlases; jigsaws (complete!), older maps, CDs and vinyl are welcome, but not cassettes, please.

- Rosalind Jensen (tel. 01202 848889)

Silent Film Evening

A full house of over 90 people turned out on a chilly evening to enjoy Buster Keaton films with live accompaniment on the piano (for the short 'The Cook') and on the organ (for 'Sherlock Holmes, Jr'). Sam Hanson again did an amazing and delightful job of improvising the accompaniment to the comedies. Many thanks also to Bruce Jensen, organiser, and to Barry and Patsy Glazier and Jackie Leever, who provided refreshments.



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News from God's Acre



We have really been battling the elements this year. In the summer (remember that?) we lost a few shrubs through the drought. We had rather a lot of exercise carrying cans of water to try save some of them. Then - joy of joys - we finally got the outside tap we had requested. Thank you, PCC!

We have replaced some of the shrubs, but the elements were against us again, i.e. deluges of water, which didn't improve their chances of survival.

We have cleared a great deal of scrub from the beds and are continuing to do so. This will leave space for the young plants and bulbs.

There is now a bark chipping path through the Acre which needs maintenance but we think improves the access to the planted area.

We have recently done some work on the God's Acre boards in the Minster, since they were looking a little sad. Some of Laurie Turner's lovely photos have been used, particularly of various bugs, and Mollie Bush has beautifully written out some information on the trees. Please have a look.

We are coming into the best season now. Snowdrops are already appearing and hopefully the crocuses and daffodils we have planted will make a lovely show. It is a full-time job keeping the bird feeders stocked but the jackdaws really appreciate it - and of course our friendly robin.

We hope you enjoy wandering through the Acre or perhaps having a quiet contemplative moment.

- *The God's Acre Team*
(Photo: Beatrice Dopite)

The Forest Garden

On the other side of the wall from God's Acre the Forest Garden is being regularly enjoyed by a series of different groups. The bird-feeders are popular, and there is at least one toad in the undergrowth. There is still work to do, clearing brambles and trimming back overgrown bushes. Join in the Spring Clean working party: a morning of pruning, leaf-raking and bulb planting, followed by lunch cooked on the fire pit!



A Rocha, the Christian environmental charity, encourages churches through the Eco Church awards. (The Minster has the Silver Award.) But they also run *Wild Christian*, which supports individuals and families to learn about nature and

take practical action to nurture God's creation. You can sign up for a monthly email with suggestions at <https://arocha.org.uk/wild-christian/>.

Planet Wimborne Green Timeline - February

	Feb	Show-the-love. People will use the power of green hearts to show decision makers that we want to see urgent action to tackle climate change, protect nature and bring down bills. https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love
	Feb 2 nd	World Wetlands Day – Aim is to draw attention to the vital role of wetlands as a natural solution to cope with climate change. https://www.worldwetlandsday.org
	Feb 5 th 11am – 1pm	Wimborne War on Waste hosting a litter pick starting at Fair Ground shop in the Corn Market. All ages welcome and kit available to be borrowed.
	Feb 11 th 10.30 – 12 noon	Wimborne Win on Waste - Save your waste and help good causes! Take items to Wimborne Methodist Church Hall, Kings Street.
	Feb 14 th – 21 st	National Nest box Week. Time to mend, clear out and put up nest boxes. https://www.nestboxweek.com
	Feb 17 th – 24 th	Star Count – They ask that you count all the stars you can see in the Orion constellation. They then use these results to map and track light pollution trends across the country. https://www.cpre.org.uk
	Feb 18 th 12.00 – 14.00	Wimborne Repair Café – Wimborne Methodist Church Hall, Kings Street. https://www.facebook.com/wimbornerepaircafe/
	Feb 27 th Mar 12 th	Fairtrade Fortnight https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/
	Mar 3 rd	World Wildlife Day - This year, World Wildlife Day (WWD) has been celebrated under the theme - Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration. https://wildlifeday.org
	Mar 6 th - 12 th	Food Action Week – Wasting food feeds climate change. Follow the link to find out what you can do to help https://wrap.org.uk/taking-action/citizen-behaviour-change/love-food-hate-waste/key-campaigns/food-waste-action-week

Keep up to date with Wilding Wimborne's activities on their facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/wildingwimborne/>



Results of the Birdwatch in God's Acre will be published in next month's magazine.

***Friends of Wimborne Library invite you to
a Q&A with Kim Pheby, Manager of the Library
Thursday 9th February at 7pm***



The Friends of the Library support the library's activities, and are a voice for all library users in working with Dorset Council.

Everyone is invited to come and find out more about the initiatives the library has taken recently in working with the community, and

what the future may hold. Not a library user? Come and explore free ebooks, online magazines, and borrowing books from across the South West, as well! There will be a brief AGM at the beginning of the evening, and refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you!



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At half-term celebrate Valentine's Day with a visit to the Museum and enjoy the collection of Victorian Valentine Cards – including the 'vinegar Valentines' which insult the recipient!

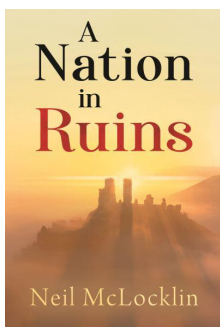
<https://museumofeastdorset.co.uk>

Family/House History Workshop

Date: Saturday 18 March 2023 1pm – 4pm

Price: £5 per person

With knowledgeable support and advice from local members of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society, you can expand the historic details of your own family. This follow-up workshop will quickly recap the previous session for any newcomers, and then look at various research possibilities, specific to the group's needs (directories, maps, photographs). We will also look at ways of recording your research. Please bring along your own research and laptop or tablet. Guest Wi-Fi will be available.



The English Civil War – People and Places in Dorset: Talk by Neil McLocklin

Date: Monday 6 March 2pm – 3pm

Price: £7 per person

Author Neil McLocklin will talk about the context for his book, *A Nation in Ruins*, first in a trilogy that follows the Bankes family and other characters in Dorset during the English Civil War.

There will be time to ask questions, and for Neil to sign copies of his book, which is available from the museum shop.

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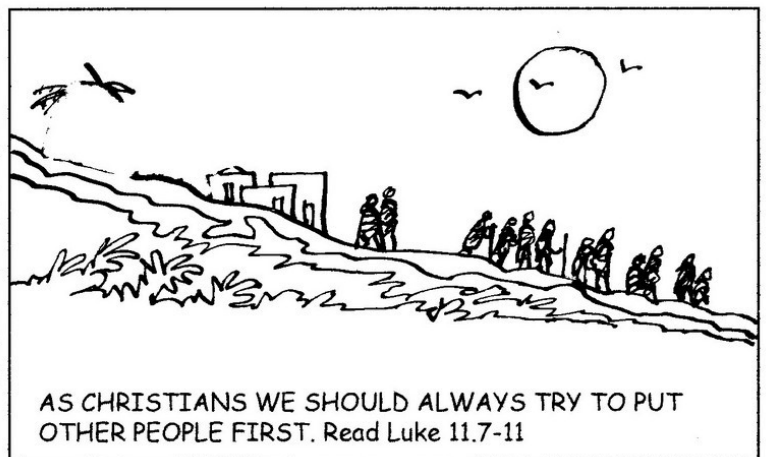
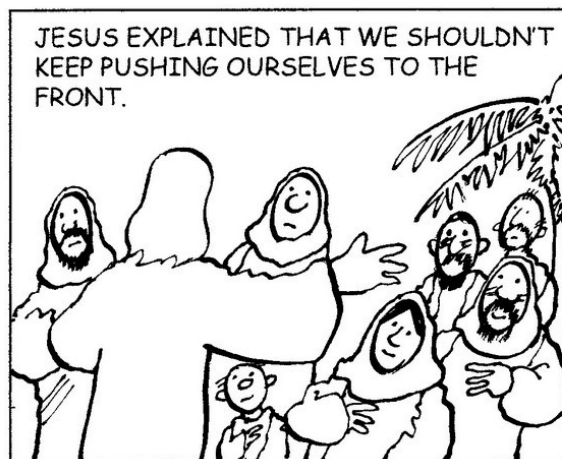
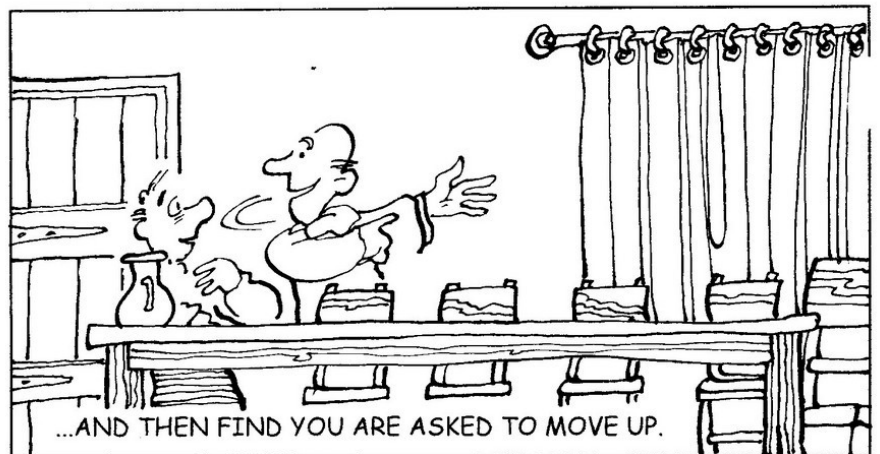
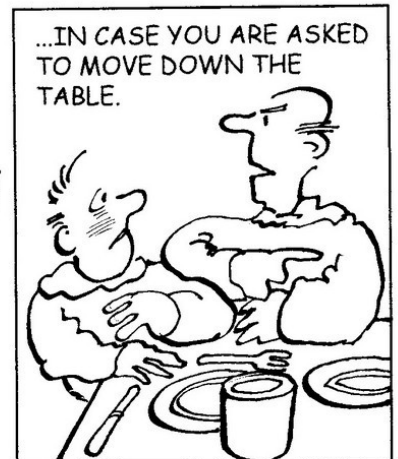
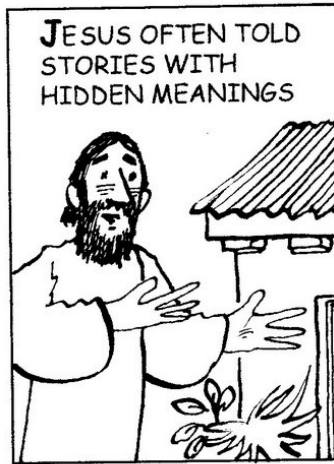
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Wimborne Chained Library - Book of the Month
The History and Antiquities of the County of Dorset,
by Revd. John Hutchins (1774)

The Chained Library is very fortunate to have a fine example of John Hutchins' *History and Antiquities of the county of Dorset*, a first edition published in two volumes in 1774, the year after Hutchins' death. Our copies were donated to the Library by Sir Ernest Kaye Le Fleming - a local GP, chairman of the BMA, historian and Minster Governor (and subject of a recent display in the Museum of East Dorset). Fleming presented them to the library for safe keeping in 1941, some five years before his death.



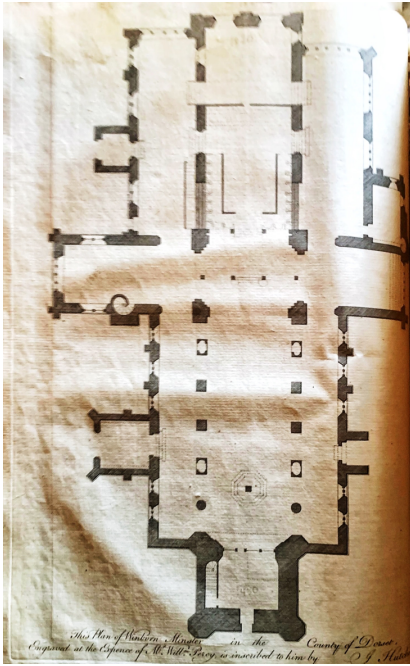
John Hutchins, son of the rector of All Saints, Dorchester, was born in Bradford Peverell, a village just outside the county town, in 1698. Young John attended the grammar school in Dorchester under the master Rev William Thornton, whom he later described as a 'second parent'. In 1718 he matriculated at Hart Hall, Oxford (now Hertford College), where Thornton had become principal, though he graduated from Balliol College. In 1730, he received his MA from Magdalene College, Cambridge but, apart from this time at Oxford, he lived in Dorset for the rest of his life.

Hutchins is believed to have been ordained late in 1722 and was then appointed curate at Milton Abbas, and assistant master at the grammar school there. Through the influence of Jacob Bancks of Milton - who became Hutchins' patron - he became rector of Swyre in 1729 and later also of Melcombe Horsey. The last of these benefices he vacated upon becoming rector of Holy Trinity in Wareham.

It was Jacob Bancks who urged Hutchins to compile a county history of Dorset and this was reinforced in 1736 by Browne Willis, a lawyer, parliamentarian and academic from Blandford St Mary. For many years progress was slow, until, in 1761 a handsome subscription encouraged Hutchins to search the principal libraries and the records in the Tower of London. The work was completed in 1773 just before his death and finally published a year later. A second edition was published in four volumes between 1796 and 1815 and a third edition again in four volumes was published with much alteration between the years 1861 and 1873.

We are very fortunate to have Hutchins' work at all, however, as it was nearly destroyed in a fire which swept through Wareham on a Sunday afternoon in July 1762 and destroyed two thirds of the town. Hutchins' extensive research, dating back twenty years, was stored in the rectory at Pound Lane, but was rescued by his wife Anne.

Hutchins' description of the parish of "Winbourn-Minster" gives us a detailed picture of both the town and the Minster itself in Georgian times. He says that "the parish is one of the most extensive in the county. The town is large but the streets irregular and the buildings mean." He gives wide ranging details of the town, including its history and the monastic and collegiate foundation of the Minster, including reference to it as a Royal Peculiar. He includes genealogies of local families such as the Hanhams and the Bankes.



The Minster we see today is very much a product of the Victorian restorations of 1857 (T.H.Wyatt) and 1891 (Pearson). Although it is fascinating to read Hutchins' description of the eighteenth century Minster and to realise what has changed and evolved, I do not have scope within this article to list the well researched and detailed descriptions. Our perception of Hutchins' interpretation may well have

been altered by current scholarship and this may be the subject of another article later in the year.

As my particular interest is the Chained Library, I had to search for any reference to it. Hutchins merely says: "On the south side near the transept is a vestry over which is a library, consisting chiefly of books of divinity, given by Mr Stone. The archives of the church are kept there. On the side of the body, towards the roof, are some ancient little windows, under the present ones, which show the roof has been raised." Regretfully there are no other references to the contents of library itself.



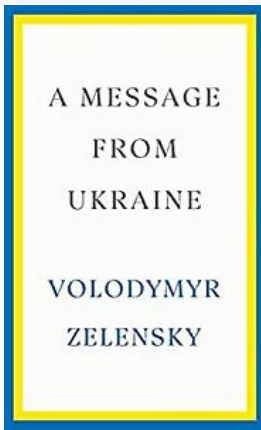
The History contains many fine illustrations and I have included one of the south elevation of the Minster. The building on the left has been demolished and the ones to the right have been replaced by Church House and other Victorian and twentieth century properties. The central path led directly across to the Grammar School.

John Hutchins produced a remarkably detailed and thorough history of the county that he clearly loved and two hundred and fifty years later it is still a fascinating work to reference or randomly dip into. There is always something fresh that one was unaware of before.

- Andrew Kelley

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Book Review: *A Message from Ukraine*, by Volodymyr Zelensky (Cornerstone, ISBN 9781529153545)

This is a slim book of the speeches the president of Ukraine has made over the past 3 years, starting in 2019 when he was elected president, with the last one on Ukraine's Independence day in August 2022.



The speeches are a powerful reminder of what an independent free-thinking country should be and delivered by a modest man with a strong sense of values. He starts by writing "I would be the happiest man alive if the book you are holding in your hands had never been published"; this is not another outpouring of self-pity but meaning, of course, that without Putin's invasion, Ukraine would have been a normal, low-profile country, just getting on with its life.



One of the speeches is presented in St. Sophia's Cathedral in Kyiv, under the 11th-century mosaic of the Virgin Mary with her arms raised in prayer ('Oranta' in Ukrainian) – prayer for humanity. Zelensky prays that "We do not lose our Ukraine. Do not let us lose our faith." When he is addressing the parliaments of various nations, he relates the Ukraine situation to one each country can recognise. When addressing the UK parliament, he draws comparisons between the resolve of Ukraine against Russian and the UK's against Hitler in the Second World War. In addressing the Bundestag in Berlin, he reminds

them of Stalin's Berlin Wall and what Putin is trying to do in isolating Ukraine. He reminds the US about the attack on Pearl Harbour and on New York 9/11 - the feeling of horror and desolation as black smoke engulfs the sky.

All the speeches are written with honesty, passion and clarity of thought. As Zelensky writes, an attack on Ukraine is an attack on democratic values across the world which is why we should never concede defeat. It also demonstrates why, in many people's eyes, he is one of the outstanding leaders of the 21st century.

This was a book to make the reader think about values. A proportion of the proceeds of UK sales will go towards President Zelensky's humanitarian fund, United24 (<https://u24.gov.ua>).

- Barry Gibbs

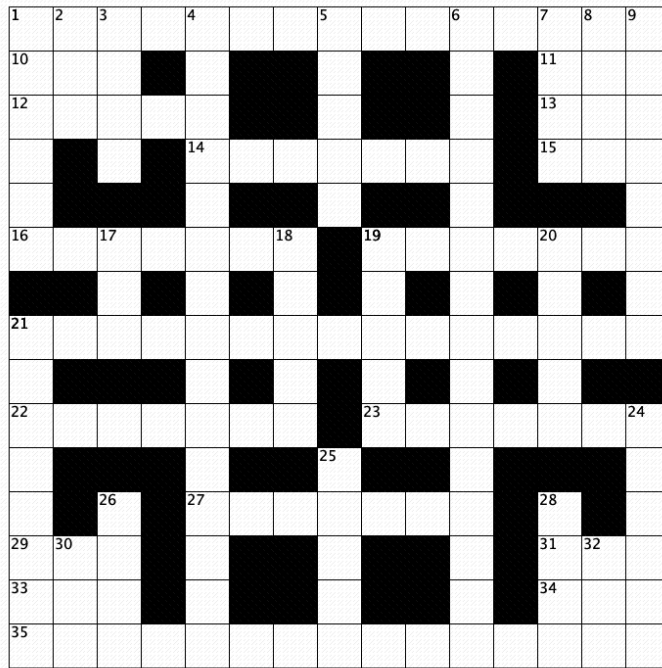
The Virgin Oranta is one of the greatest religious symbols of Ukraine; legend says that as long as she extends her arms over Kyiv the city will not be destroyed. The embroidered handkerchief on her belt is popularly thought to be for wiping away the tears of those who come to her with their problems (Wikipedia).

February Crossword

set by Bruce Jensen

ACROSS

1. A Dorset village due N of Dorchester: its unusual name comes from the stream it lies on and a tax of thirty animal skins in the Domesday Book (15)
10. Predecessor of the euro, the European Currency Unit (abbr.) (3)
11. Dwelling for a fox (3)
12. Sticky stuff often derived from tree sap (5)
13. Short for electrocardiogram (3)
14. Official ban on trade for a port or a whole country (7)
15. Travel over snow with flat boards strapped to the feet (3)
16. That thing we call too many cars (8)
19. Release from captivity (3,4)
21. A charming Dorset market town containing a 12th-century church (8,7)
22. Against the law (7)
23. An essential or characteristic part, or one of 92 (stable) basic chemical constituents (7)
27. HE: "I can't afford a new car"; SHE: "Why not ___ a loan?" (4,3)
29. Make a mistake (3)
31. Squeak of a mouse (or when a mouse is sighted) (3)
33. Fish eggs (3)
34. Strong alkaline liquid used in making soap or washing (3)



35. A village in Cranborne Chase, its name comes from old English Seaxpenn meaning "Saxon hill", hēan "high", & lēage "clearing" (8,7)

8. A stack of cards or the 'floor' of a ship (4)
9. The chap who wears a striped cap, drives the train, and blows the whistle (8)

DOWN

1. Allow, sanction (6)
2. Frozen H2O (3)
3. Ashes to ashes, ___ to ___ (4)
4. An imaginary trace that goes from the N. pole to the S. pole: most importantly through Greenwich (4,2,9)
5. ___ Catholicism, the biggest Christian denomination (5)
6. Malady of the body part which allows us to swallow or speak (6,9)
7. "Beware the ___ of March" (4)

17. Goal, purpose (3)
18. Manmade river-like body of water (5)
19. River in France, site of a WWI battle resulting in one million dead or wounded (5)
20. Bind up again (5)
21. Speaks softly (8)
24. Bird often eaten at Christmas (6)
25. When Santa laughs, this is what shakes like a bowlful of jelly (5)
26. A fearsome dinosaur (abbr.) (1,3)
28. "Go _ it on the mountain" (4)
30. King (French) (3)
32. An ___ for an ___, a tooth for a tooth. (3)

Crossword solution from January

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