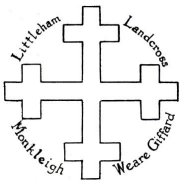




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Last Friday of every month, Friday Club. Littleham V.Hall 14:00 - 1600
Cuppa + Tabletop Games Wednesdays 2 till 4:30pm W.G. Village Hall

Wed 2nd Bideford Music Club 7 for 7:30 St Mary's (See P.6)
Sat 5th Table-top sale. Monkleigh V. Hall 10 - 2pm
Sat 5th Easter Quiz Night Weare Giffard V.Hall 7:30 for 8 pm
Sat 5th Littleham Film Club "Paddington in Peru" (See P.12)
Sat 5th Breakfast Rolls Weare Giffard V.Hall 10 - Noon
Mon 7th Friends Together Lunch W Giffard V.Hall 12 for 12:30 pm
Thu 10th Weare Giffard V. Hall AGM 7pm
Sat 12th Knit and Natter W.Giffard V.Hall 10 - Noon
Sun 13th Stainer's 'Crucifixion' St. Mary's Church, Bideford 7pm
Thu 17th Bingo. 7:30 pm Weare Giffard V.Hall (See P.24)
Fri 18th - Sun 20th Hartland Arts and Crafts Society Craft Fair Clovelly
V.Hall 10 - 4 pm
Sat 26th "Bell and the Boys" Littleham V.Hall 7-11 pm (See P.10)



ADVANCE NOTICE MAY

Nothing this month.

May Crosslet

NOTE: Deadline for contributions: ***10th April***

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Dear All,

Good news!

Most of you will probably know by now that the interviews at the end of February for a new Team Rector were successful and Rev. Ruth Beckett has been appointed.

She is currently Assistant Curate at Cockington Church, between Torquay and Paignton. She trained at St Melitus College and had previously worked as a maths teacher. She is a quilter and apparently an excellent jam-maker!

She and her husband, John, will be moving to the Rectory in Weare Giffard and will start with us in the middle of July. The date of her licencing by the Bishop of Exeter is still to be confirmed.

Robin and I took the candidates round the churches on the day before the interview and Ruth enjoyed meeting the 'welcome teams' and was so impressed by the warmth of the welcome she received.

We are looking forward to having her with us as much as she is looking forward to joining us.

I hope she and John will be very happy here.

Now more good news!

We are half way through Lent and Easter is approaching fast. We tend to think of Lent as a somewhat dismal time of giving things up or reading serious theological books! But in her sermon last Sunday, Fran put Lent in a different light. I quote a few lines from her talk:-

'It's important to remember that the word 'Lent' comes from the Old English word for 'spring'.

Lent is springtime. It's preparing for the joy of Easter, of new life bursting through death, a time when humanity and justice are brought forward.

We need to prepare ourselves both practically and spiritually for Easter.'

Some of you may have been coming to the Lent courses; others may have been observing Lent in their own way privately. Until Palm Sunday, Lent can be very much a personal observation, but from then on, we are encouraged to journey through Holy Week with others – a pilgrimage with Jesus through the last week of his life.



Details of the services are elsewhere in the Crosslet, but we start Holy Week with a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion at St Mary's at 6 pm on Palm Sunday. Then there are services of different kinds each day taking us through the events of that last week to the Crucifixion on Good Friday and on to celebrating the Resurrection on Easter Day.

If you have never observed Holy Week before, may I encourage you to try it this year. I assure you, you will appreciate Easter in a completely different way.

God bless and Happy Easter!

Sarah

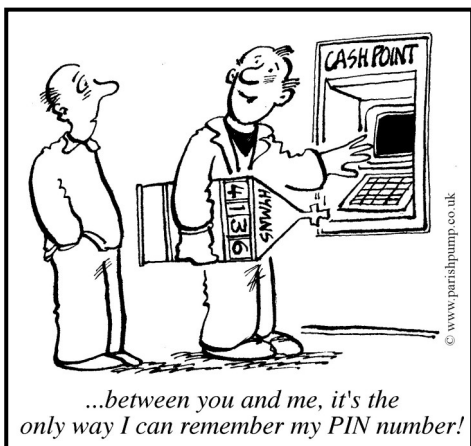
Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Week

Mon. 14 th April	Compline	St Mary's 7 pm
Tues. 15 th April	Stations of the Cross	St Mary's 7pm
Wed. 16 th April	Compline	Littleham 7pm
Maundy Thursday	Communion with foot washing	Landcross 7 pm
Good Friday	Walk of Witness	Littleham 10.30
Good Friday	Service of Meditation	W. Giffard 2pm.
Easter Eve	Easter Vigil Service	St Mary's 8 pm

Easter Day

9.30 Holy Communion Weare Giffard
 9.30 Holy Communion Monkleigh
 11 am Holy Communion Littleham
 11 am Holy Communion Landcross



Miscellaneous observations on life:

In the 60s, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

When a minister rehearses his sermon, is he practising what he preaches?

If walking/cycling is good for your health, our postmen will be immortal. The fastest land mammal is a toddler who's been asked what's in their mouth.

Bideford Music Club April 2nd 2025 concert details.

For the last concert of the season, Bideford Music Club welcome Ewan Millar, oboist and Tomos Boyles, pianist to St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 2nd. April.

In 2020 Ewan won the finals of the woodwind section of the BBC Young Musician of the year. He has played as principal oboist with a number of orchestras including the RPO, Aurora and Birmingham Royal Ballet. Ewan also enjoys playing jazz piano. For this concert you will be able to enjoy works by several composers including Finzi, Debussy, Mendelssohn and Coleridge-Taylor.

Ewan will be accompanied by Tomos Boyles who Carol Nixon of LMC says "has a romantic flair and passion that comes from intense involvement." Tomos graduated from Christ Church Oxford in 2022 and has performed at St, Martin in the Fields, Wigmore Hall, St. Davids Hall in Cardiff. He won first prize at the Urdd Eisteddfod, and the Wales International Piano Festival.

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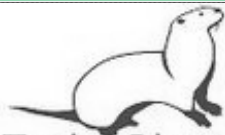
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Rotary 'Open Gardens' 2025....



Torrington in Bloom is joining forces with Torrington Rotary for an 'Open Gardens' event in June. Do you have a garden, large or small, which you'd like to show off? The funds raised (half to Torrington in Bloom and half to Torrington Rotary club) will help Torrington in Bloom maintain our lovely town gardens and help Rotary support local organisations in need.

There'll be an easy-to-follow guide and prizes for the top gardens. We've got some lovely gardens so far, but we need more. If you'd like more information or to have your garden included, please phone Stephen Saywell on ☎ **07885 443236**.

Torrington Rotary Club meets each fortnight on a Tuesday for dinner at Torrington Golf Club. We often have interesting speakers, and guests are very welcome.

We're also at the Pannier Market each month, so if you'd like more information, why not pop along and talk to Martyn or email him at mlb-rotary@hotmail.com



From the Parish Registers

Freda Bourke Feb 24th
Burial at Bampton

Chris Lowe
Burial at Littleham March 7th

Nina Matthews
burial at Weare Giffard 21st March

May they rest in peace and rise in
glory!



4-Parish Choir dates for April

April 5th Stainer's Crucifixion
rehearsal 2 - 4pm St Mary's
Bideford

Performance Sun 13th evening





LANDCROSS

Services this month:-

This month's Taize service is on Thursday April 3rd at 7.00 pm.

On Palm Sunday April 13th we are hosting the 4 Parish service with Passion readings and distribution of palms at 11:00 am

On Maundy Thursday, April 17th we have Holy Communion + foot washing followed by vigil 7 pm

Do come and join us if you can!

April



*Mary wished she'd never mentioned
Fresh Expressions of Church*

Good Friday

I was standing in line at the bank when there was a commotion at the counter. A woman was very distressed, exclaiming, "Where will I put my money?! I have all my money and my mortgage here!! What will happen to my mortgage?! You can't do this to us!"

It turned out that she had misunderstood a small sign on the counter. The sign read: WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

What can I eat for Easter?

*Can't eat beef.....mad cow.
Can't eat chicken..... bird flu.
Can't eat eggs..... Salmonella.*

Can't eat pork.....fears that bird flu will infect pigs.

Can't eat fish..... heavy metals in the waters.

Can't eat fruits and veggies..... insecticides and herbicides.

Can't eat potatoes, pasta, bread, rice.....nasty carbs.

Hmmmmmmmm! I believe that leaves.....chocolate!



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So, please get your thinking caps on! We're sure you will be brimming with ideas for this year's fete competition. We hope to be bowled over by your creative crowning glories!! (hats!)

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you at one of our intervening activities:

Bell and the Boys: Saturday
26th April 7-11 p.m. **PLEASE
NOTE DATE CHANGE**

An evening of music with this popular band. Tickets £12 to include a curry supper. Please book your tickets early (so that we can cater for everyone) on bookings@littlehamvillagehall.co.uk

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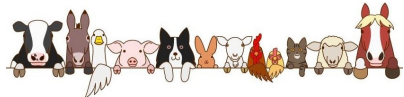
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Littleham Film & Social Club



March's film "Conclave" was a gripping thriller based on the 2016 novel by Robert Harris, starring the amazing Ralph Fiennes and Stanley Tucci in what could be a very topical movie. A well-attended movie for which the audience were enthralled and captivated by the gripping drama.



Our April film is "Paddington in Peru" a 2024 live-action animated adventure comedy film directed by Dougal Wilson (in his feature directorial debut) and written by Mark Burton, Jon Foster, and James Lamont from a story by Paul King, Simon Farnaby, and Burton. It is the third instalment in the Paddington film series, which are based on the Paddington stories by Michael Bond. The film stars Hugh Bonneville, Emily Mortimer, Julie Walters, Jim Broadbent, Imelda Staunton, Carla Tous, Madeleine Harris, Samuel Joslin, Olivia Colman, Antonio Banderas and Ben Whishaw

As always, we meet at Littleham Village Hall, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm screening on Saturday 5th April.

A well-stocked Bar, a glorious raffle, free tea, coffee, and biscuits in the interval, £1 ice creams, tall seats on the back two rows and a warm welcome will greet you. Come early if you like to sit in the front and benefit from the sub-titles. Hoping to see you on 5th April, the Film Committee and our Wonderful volunteers (call Keith - ☎ **07425392731** for more information).

Intercessors and Readers for Littleham April 2025		
Date	Intercessor	Readers
April 20 th Easter	Andrew	Vicki Chris
April 27th	Keith	Anita Geoffrey

Freda Bourke

My mother Freda Bourke (89) passed away on Saturday evening 24th February at Castle Grove Nursing Home in Bampton. She lived at Butterbeare in Littleham with my Dad (Tim) who predeceased her by 8 years, until 2014, when they moved to Wellington. She had a passion for crossstitch and made many of the kneelers for St Swithun's!

We wondered if she could be remembered in parish prayers please. A few there may remember her although I know Aileen Badcock, who was her friend, has gone before her. *Maggie Allen* (Freda's daughter)

LITTLEHAM



Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist Church on the 13th April with Rev A. Vidamour and on the 27th April with Mr. R. Harris, both at 10.30 am, everyone is welcome.

100 Club March Winners!

The March draw for the St Swithun's Littleham 100 Club took place on March 15th, drawn by Patricia Guy

The results were as follows:-

First Prize	66 Martin Manley
Second Prize	83 Norman Smith
Third Prize	34 Penny Chambers

Congratulations to them all!



Friday Club

We had a very interesting and informative afternoon with Jenny Whinney guiding us on keeping good posture and simple exercises to help keep us fit and mobile.

She explained how breathing, using our correct muscles along with considering our posture could help us look and feel healthier .

We meet the last Friday of the month, 2.00pm at the Littleham Village Hall , everyone welcome.



LITTLEHAM AND LANDCROSS GO WILD AGAIN!

Thank you to everyone who came or helped at this Biodiversity event in Littleham Village Hall on Saturday March 8th.

The event was a great success and everyone who came enjoyed it. There was lots to see and do: displays and posters galore, making small animals from clay and weaving of willow and dogwood among the many activities to look at and take part in. Children particularly enjoyed making clay animals, weaving and also looking through microscopes.



Becky Searle gave an interesting talk on smart gardening. She gave us lots to think about for improving our own gardens. Thank you also for the Parish Council support. The event would not be possible without their help.



LITTLEHAM AND LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL



Dear Residents,

The Council has received complaints from residents about the new development at East Furlong Farm. The Planning permission includes several conditions on how the work is carried out (movement of vehicles, time of working and adhering to Planning regulations). If you have any issues with this development that you think may contravene good working practice please let me know. I will pass on the information to the District Council Planning Department.

The Council set aside in it's 2025/2026 budget £200 for grants to organisations in the Parish. Grants can only be paid to groups that are properly constituted and hold a bank account. Are you part of a group that will find this useful? Application forms available from me.

Councillor Ian Lawrence has resigned from the Council so there are now 4 vacancies. I have also given my notice as the Clerk to the Council. If you are interested in the role of Clerk or as a Councillor please get in touch and I will be pleased to talk through the aspects of each position. Also, any accidents /near misses at Moorhead Cross can be reported.

David Edwards - Clerk to the Council

Email: clerk@littlehamandlandcross-pc.gov.uk Tel: ☎ 07527441577

St Swithun's Grass Cutting Rota 2025

During March the grass tends to grow quickly. Anybody who can make it is welcome to join myself Alf, Steve and Andy to make a start, depending on the weather.

April 2025 **Wilf Smith** **Alf Lee** **Geoff Pengelly**
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Littleham and Landcross Art Group

We always welcome new members, and the first taster meeting is free. If you want more information, contact Mari or Rob on ☎ 01237 475716.

Our programme until May is as follows:

30th April Pat Glover will lead on Abstraction.
28th May Techniques using water colour to include outdoor painting if weather permits, and/or wax crayon rubbings.

MONKLEIGH



The Bell Inn Monkleigh

Hello from the Bell Inn!

We have been open now for our first month and we would like to take this opportunity to thank customers old and new for their continued support.

What's going on at the Bell this month - we have live music from the Hoodoo Man on Saturday 22nd March @8.30

We also have our monthly quiz on Wed 9th April, 8pm start.

We have had an in-house darts competition which was a great success.

We are looking at doing this every 2-3 months anyone welcome to join in. Easter Saturday 19th April we will be having a comedy night @£15 tickets only.

Our opening hours have been slightly changed by request of the locals.

We are now open on a Wednesday as well!

Wed - Sat lunch 12 -2.30

Wed, Thur eve 5 - 11

Fri, Sat eve 5 - late

Sunday 12 - 5

With regards to food we are awaiting kitchen equipment being fixed. As soon as this has been done food service will start

Also our phone number will remain the same.

You can also follow us on Facebook . *Suzanne*

Monkleigh Village Hall News

Greetings from the Monkleigh Village Hall Team.

We are holding our annual AGM on the 23rd April at 7.30pm.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend. Once the business of the AGM is concluded, we welcome your views on the use and future of the village hall. Our committee is open to new members and occasional volunteers for our fund raising efforts.

Table top sale 5th April. Need a spring clean out? £5 a table. 10am – 2pm. Breakfast rolls/tea coffee available. Get in touch on the details below to book a table.



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That's it from Monkleigh until the next one. Stay safe and well.
Monkleigh Village Hall Committee

World book day at Monkleigh School

We had a lovely morning reading Betty Binoculars and making our very own magical pair!



Lovely seeing the daffodils out!

Class 2 had an amazing time on their residential to Skern Lodge.

Tracey Wilson PE lead

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Answers To The March Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

WEARE GIFFARD

Weare Giffard Village Hall

Coffee Morning
Every Thursday

10:30 am - 12:00 pm



Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery results

March lottery winners

- 1st Prize - Bob & Sue Gethin
- 2nd Prize - Billy & Max Curtis
- 3rd Prize - Nicky & Ross Hedden



The lottery was drawn at a breakfast roll meeting as there was no breakfast rolls in March . Breakfast rolls returns on Sat 5th April. Hopefully see you there!

Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery subscriptions are now overdue for renewal . If you have previously registered you will be receiving renewal notices If you would like to join this lottery the subscription is £12 per year. The 1st prize is £25, 2nd prize is £15, 3rd prize is £10. The lottery numbers are drawn at the breakfast rolls which are held on the 1st every month. If you would like to join this lottery please contact Jenny Hedden ☎ **01237 479594** . All profits are given back to the Village Hall

Weare Giffard Village Hall

This past month has seen the start of redecoration at the village hall and the skittle alley. Thanks to those who have volunteered and helped with this; hopefully by the time this circulates the major part will have been completed. Then on to the next project to re-furbish the 'small' meeting room which was once the school classroom. This project will also see installation of secure storage for the village archive materials. If anyone wishes to be involved with the archiving please do get in touch.

This month will see the return of Breakfast Rolls on Saturday 5th April. The doors will be open to welcome everyone who wishes to come along. On the same date we are holding the Easter Quiz night. It'll be a busy day at the hall and especially for Tracy Lees, our events coordinator, who contributes so much of her time and energy to these.

As Spring is here and the lighter brighter days draw us to outdoor ventures, the 'cuppa and table-top games' afternoons are now finished. However, the regular Thursday coffee mornings are still available for all wishing to stop by for a cuppa and chat. Skittles, table tennis, yoga, line

dancing continue regularly and are open for new members. Do check the Weare Giffard Community website for up to date details of these and many aspects of village activity: www.wearegiffard.org
The Village Hall AGM is to be held on Thursday April 10th 2025 at 7p.m. This is an open meeting for anyone who wishes to attend and for committee members to be elected. If you would like to be involved do get in contact or just come along to the AGM.

Best wishes, *Vanessa Saunders*

chairWGVH@icloud.com

Cuppa & Table-top Games

Weare Giffard Village Hall

Wednesday afternoons

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The Old Corn Mill Weare Giffard

This is the second of three articles on this 'old' building. I say 'old' with a caveat. In my article last month we noted that the plaque on the mill wall states it was rebuilt after the three mills on the site were 'burneth' down – 1686, but is this current building really of a 1868 construction type – it looks much later – another mystery to research!



I mentioned Thomas Fry (1855-1928), one of the last millers. He took over the mill at the quite young age of 27 and almost immediately started upgrading it. One of his main innovations was the installation of a water turbine, which we assume replaced the old waterwheel, the latter we think was 20ft in diameter and 6ft wide, this judged from the wheel pit which was filled in by Chris Slee c1980. Back to Thomas, he installed in 1889, his Victor Turbine provided electricity for the mill, which he also used to light his house – Mill House, or Riversdale as it is today, and this made the mill one of the first buildings in North Devon to have electric lighting.

It was not only the mill that took his attention, he provided Mrytle and Rose Cottages for several of his 7 or so employees – these numbers indicate a big, and important concern. In 1940 the mill stopped producing 'Silver Delight' flour and closed as a mill.

It was purchased by The Moores of Riversdale, farmers, and served various functions both for business and for village socials – the first 'village hall'. It was purchased by Chris Slee and Family in 1978, and converted into a family home and two flats.

In my March article I alluded that Chris had an issue in fencing his newly purchased land. At one point he was unable to drive fence posts into the ground. Something was under the ground! Poets Corner – where, after taking strawberry cream teas on Riversdale's lawn, the ladies walked down Lady Walk to the sluice, this being the point where the leat water could be controlled, either to the mill wheel at the rear, or 'wasted' around the front of the mill, this if perhaps repairs or blockages occurred to the wheel. So what exactly is under the ground at this point? Read on in the next Crosslet. *Keith Hughes* ☎ **01237 475168**.

Weare Giffard Film Club

We're having a break for a few months but we're hoping to do a few themed nights later on in the year.



The Weare Giffard Community Website

www.wearegiffard.org

You can subscribe to our newsletter to stay up to date with village news and receive urgent notices about local events—just enter your email address on the website.

If you'd like to support the community, simply fill out the contact form on our website, and we'll send you details on how to make a donation to one or more of our local charities: the church, village hall, park, or orchard. If there's anything you'd love to see on the website, just drop us a message through the contact form at with as much detail as possible—we'll aim to get back to you within 48 hours.

Thanks for being part of our community!

Weare Giffard Village Hall AGM

Thursday April 10th 2025 7.00 pm.

To be held at Weare Giffard Village Hall

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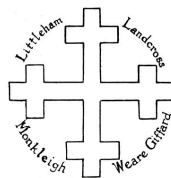
Friends Together Lunch - Weare Giffard

Our next lunch is on Monday April 7th, 12 o'clock for 12.30. All welcome and please bring your friends as well

More information from Pat on
or Jen on

☎ **01237 424917**

☎ **01237 479594.**



Our pastoral visiting team 2025

If you would like a visit from one of our friendly team members or know someone who does then please call Sarah Cordingley

☎ **01237 471441**

Big Thanks from WeAre Friends!

On behalf of WeAre Friends, a huge shoutout to everyone who attended our event on Wednesday, 5th March! We had a record turnout of 26 people and were captivated by our guest speaker, Lynne, who shared the fascinating story of her parents' lives working for BOAC in Egypt in 1942. From the reign of King Farouk I to his abdication and the Suez Canal crisis, it was a talk full of history, intrigue, and surprises!

Next Meetup:

The Downes, Monkleigh Wednesday, 2nd April at 2:30 PM
Our next guest speaker is Sue Pengelly, a local historian, author, and psychic who will share the story of Our Little White Town. Sue also leads tours of North Devon's most haunted sites—including the infamous Bygone Brothels of Barnstaple!
Sue will deliver if you're up for a fascinating journey into Bideford's past! Spaces are limited, so RSVP to Daphne at ☎ **01237 479606** if you want to join us. £5 (includes coffee/tea and a slice of cake)



Nicky Hedden is holding a bingo in Weare Giffard Village Hall on April 17th at 7:30 pm to raise money for “Young Lives Against Cancer” and Weare Giffard Park.

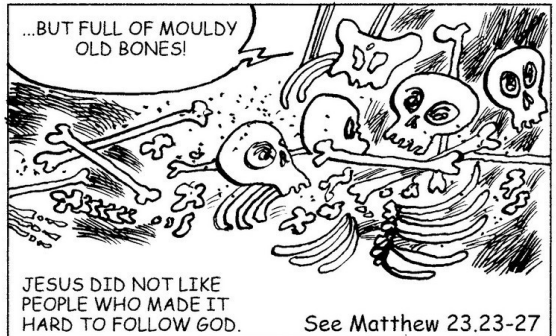
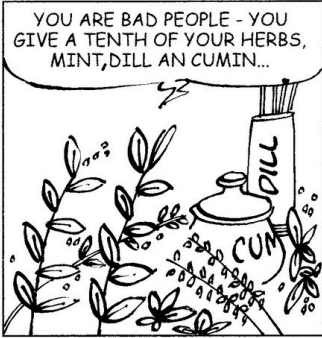
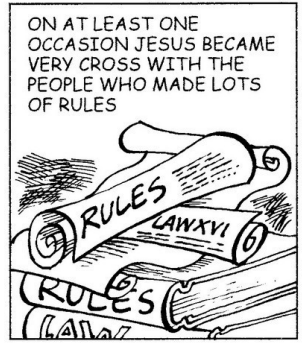
She will be running the London Marathon for both these causes in April

Ring ☎ **07984949866** if you would like to reserve a place

WEARE GIFFARD ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

This is the last call for those who would like to have their memories recorded, this for anyone 70 plus, with some 40 plus years of living in the village. We have had a very successful take up, and a full report will appear in a later Crosslet. If you are interested, would like to hear how it works, what is expected of you, and also to allay any fears of ‘speaking into that machine’, please ring me fairly quickly, as the project definitely closes for any new recordees on 31st March 2025, and the last recording by Easter, i.e. Friday 18th April. I can send/deliver you a leaflet on this project; talk with you about who will be recording you, and how you can have a copy of your recording to keep for you and your family – your memories captured, not lost! *Keith Hughes* ☎ **01237 475168**

"Some tough talking"



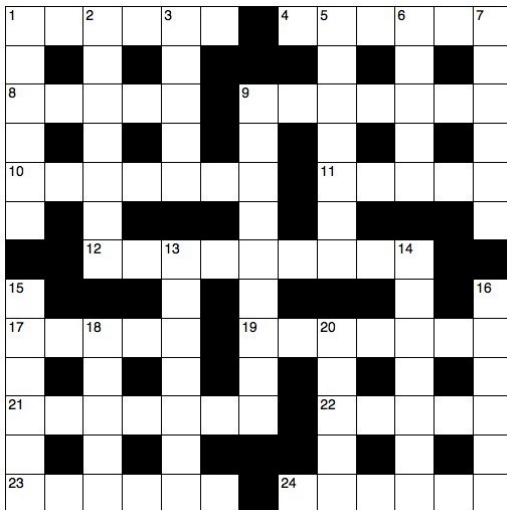
JESUS DID NOT LIKE PEOPLE WHO MADE IT HARD TO FOLLOW GOD.

See Matthew 23.23-27

Crossword for April 2025

Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — hands, I will not believe It' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)



Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Answers in the May
Crosslet

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Date	Monkleigh	Littleham	Weare Giffard	Landcross
Normal service time	11.00am	11.00am	09.30am	11.00am
Thursday April 3rd				Taize 7pm
Sunday April 6th 5th of Lent			Morning Praise Isaiah 43: 16 -21 Phill. 3: 4b – 14 John 12: 1 - 8	
Sunday April 13th Palm Sunday				4 Parish service with Passion readings and distribution of palms
April 13th	Stainer's 'Crucifixion' St. Mary's Church, Bideford 7pm			
Maundy Thursday April 17th				Holy Communion + footwashing followed by vigil 7 pm
Good Friday		Walk of Witness 10.30 starting at Middle Langdon	Service of Meditation 2 – 3pm	
Easter Eve	Easter Vigil Service St. Mary's Bideford 8 pm			
Sunday April 20th Easter Day	Holy Communion 9.30 Isa. 65:17-end Acts 10: 34-43 John 20: 1-18	Holy Communion Isa. 65:17-end Acts 10: 34-43 John 20: 1-18	Holy Communion Isa. 65:17-end Acts 10: 34-43 John 20: 1-18	Holy Communion Isa. 65:17-end Acts 10: 34-43 John 20: 1-18
Sunday April 27th 2nd Sunday of Easter		Morning Praise Acts 5: 27-32 Rev.1 4-8 John 20: 19-end	Holy Communion Acts 5: 27-32 Rev.1 4-8 John 20: 19-end	

Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist Church on the 13th April with Rev A. Vidamour and on the 27th April with Mr. R. Harris, both at 10.30 am, everyone is welcome.

**Need to talk? It doesn't matter if you attend church or not,
we are here for you.**

Contact the Team Rector, Rev'd Claire on 01237 475765