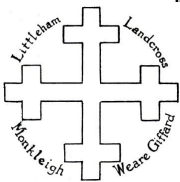




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Coffee Morning Weare Giffard V.Hall every Thursday 10:30 -12pm
Pop-in mornings Littleham Village Hall Thursdays 10:30 - 12:00

Sat 30th November. W.G. Craft Fair. W.G. Village Hall
Sun 1st 5 Parish Advent Service St Mary's Church, Bideford 5pm
Mon 2nd Friends Together Christmas Lunch 12 for 12:30 pm (See P.23)
Thu 5th Coffee & Craft Morning Monkleigh V.Hall
Fri 6th Quizmas. Weare Giffard V.Hall 7:30 for 8 pm (See P.20)
Sun 8th Appledore Christmas Concert. Northam Hall 2:30 (See P.8)
Thu 12th Weare Giffard Film Club "The Holdovers" 7 for 7:30 pm
Fri 13th Wreath Making Monkleigh Village Hall (See P.16)
Sat 14th Christmas Concert W.G. Church 7:30 pm (See P.24)
Sun 15th Christmas Dinner Weare Giffard Village Hall (P.23)
Tue 17th Carols round the village. Littleham. Meet Mt. Pleasant 7 pm
"Caroloke" at the Crealock Arms 8 pm
Tue 24th Candle-lit Crib Service St Swithun's Littleham 4 pm (See P.15)



ADVANCE NOTICE JANUARY

Thursday 9th January - Thursday morning get-togethers restart.
Littleham Village Hall.

Wednesday 15th January "Cuppa + Table-top games" W.G. Village Hall

January Crosslet

NOTE: Deadline for contributions: **5th December**

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Date!*



Journeying *with the* Magi

When the clocks change in late October it always seems to me that suddenly the year has changed and Autumn with its season of Thanksgiving, Remembrance, Reflection and Preparation rushes in. Our services for Harvest, All Souls, All Saints, Remembrance Day and Armistice Day are now completed and our thoughts in the church turn to Advent and our preparation for Christmas. This year we would like to follow a pattern of Advent preparation focused on the Wise Men or Magi.

So on Wednesday 20th November at 7:30pm at St Mary's we began a weekly time of worship and reflection for Advent based on the book *Journeying with the Magi* by Keith Duke.

This runs for just four weeks and explores the many facets of the Journey of the Magi including:

Who were they, where did they come from and were there just three of them ?

What does the Bible and contemporary documents actually say about them?

Why were they journeying and how might this influence our Advent journey?

And what about those gifts – did they bring them on this journey for a specific reason, and if so what was the reason ?

There will be Advent hymns, a short talk and time for individual reflection. We will also have an artist in residence who, over the four weeks, will paint a mural of the Magi before our eyes to offer a focus for our reflections.

We hope you will join us at this special time of year as we prepare to welcome the Christ child into our lives. Best wishes *Revd Robin*

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Advent Worship and Reflection

**Dec. 4th and 11th
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7.30 pm**

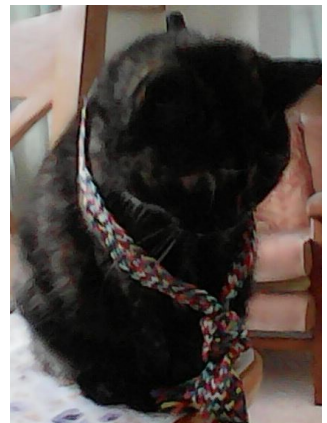
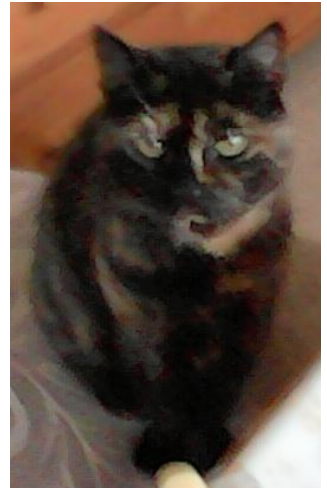
Advent Service

St Mary's Church, Bideford

Dec. 1st

Tea 4.15pm

Service 5pm



Bella - Aileen's Cat

Here are a couple of pictures of Bella from John Hobbs. He says it's fair to say we have both bonded!

Carol Services in the Villages

Landcross Thursday 12th Dec. 7 pm

Weare Giffard Thursday 19th Dec. 6 pm

Littleham Joint service with the Methodists
at the Methodist Chapel Sunday Dec. 22nd 10.30

Monkleigh Tuesday Dec 24th 6.30pm

Rotary 'Open Gardens' 2025....

Torrington in Bloom is joining forces with Torrington Rotary for an 'Open Gardens' event next summer. Do you have a garden, large or small, which you'd like to show off? All the funds raised will go to local charities and to help Torrington in Bloom maintain our lovely Torrington gardens. There'll be an easy-to-follow guide, and prizes for the top gardens. We've got 4 lovely gardens so far, but we need more. If you'd like to register your garden, please phone Stephen Saywell on ☎ **07885 443236**.



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audience with
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festive music – both
traditional and
modern – and, as
always, there will be
the opportunity for
audience
participation. There
will also be our
annual Grand Raffle
and tea and mince pies will, no doubt, be a welcome treat during
the interval.

Tony Nicholls will comper the concert, the choir will be
accompanied by Chris Beechey and conducted by our Musical
Director, Pam Beechey.

This year our chosen charity is the Motor Neurone Disease
Association. The Association focuses on improving access to care,
research and campaigning for those people living with – or affected
by - MND in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Admission is £6 at the door (U16s free), to include tea/mince pie
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Appledore Singers
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Sign for Christmas

An old country vicar wanted a sign that told people driving on the nearby dual carriageway about the miracle of Christmas. So he sent a short message to the hardware store in the village.

The confused shopkeeper received the following message: "Unto us a child is born, 6 ft long and 3 ft wide."

4-Parish Choir dates for December

Sun. 1st	St Mary’s Advent Service 4.15 tea, 5pm service
Fri. 6th	Littleham 2.30 Practice
Thurs. 12th	Landcross 7pm Carol Service
Fri. 13th	Weare Giffard 2.30 Practice
Thurs. 19th	Weare Giffard Carol Service
Sun. 22nd	Littleham 10.30 Methodist Church Carol Service
Tues. 24th	Monkleigh 6.30 Carols and Readings



From the Parish Registers

Nothing to report this month.

Families are welcome to send in a full obituary for a loved one. Please send these to

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LANDCROSS

Services this month:-

This month's Taize service is on Thursday December 5th at 7.00 pm.

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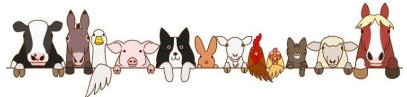
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At our **AGM** on 6th November, Andy reported a successful year for the hall. Overall, there was a surplus of funds of £895, with a balance of £10,178 in hand at the year end. Improvements and maintenance tasks have continued throughout the year, with planned projects leading into the coming year. Increased bookings and a wide range of events have contributed to the positive outlook for the hall, but none of this would have been possible without the efforts of the committee and willing helpers in the community. The Whatsapp group for helpers has proved invaluable and will continue. Several people have asked to be added to this Helping Hands Group. If you would like to be added to the group please let Janet know on 424102.

If you wish to keep up to date with activities at the hall, please visit the website and 'subscribe'. You will then receive updates for any new entries posted on the site. Bookings can be made on the website too—you can easily check availability on the website calendar.

We hope to organise a Big Breakfast early in the new year, but in the meantime,



we wish you



a happy, healthy Christmas

Thursday Morning Get-Togethers

The Thursday Morning Get Togethers will take a holiday during December and recommence on Thursday January 9th at 10.30hrs Littleham Village Hall. Thanks *Tricia*

Intercessors and Readers for Littleham December 2024		
Date	Intercessor	Readers
Dec. 15th	Penny	Anthony Anita
Dec. 22nd	Joint Service with the Methodists	

LITTLEHAM



Littleham Methodist Church Services

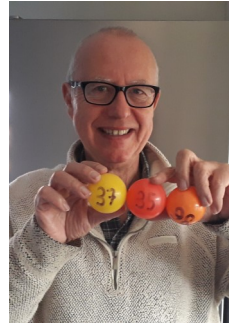
There are services at Littleham Methodist chapel on the 8th December with Mr Ley and a Joint Carol Service with the Church on the 22nd December at 10.30 with Rev. Andrew Vidamour. Everyone welcome.

100 Club November Winners!

The November draw for the St Swithun's Littleham 100 Club took place on November 15th, drawn by Alf Lees

The results were as follows:-

First Prize	37 Monika Roker
Second Prize	35 Clare Morgan
Third Prize	98 Edward Fisher



Congratulations to them all!



Friday Club

Our meeting in October was spent making beautiful fairy Christmas decorations. Our lovely resident jeweller Sue Nichols supplied us with everything we needed and explained very carefully how to put them together. Thank you also to Karen for being Sue's assistant (some of us definitely needed the extra help).

We had a great afternoon and as usual we enjoyed refreshments and the chatter.

We are always ready to welcome new friends. We meet on the last Friday of the month at Littleham Village Hall at 2:00 pm.

Carol Singing round the village + Caroloke



Tuesday December 17th

Meet at Mount Pleasant 7:00 pm

Blessing the Christmas Tree

approx. 7:45 pm

“Caroloke”

at the Crealock Arms

8:00 pm



LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL.

Dear Residents,

Hopefully you will have noticed the shiny white Littleham Bus shelter which has been kindly repainted by Trevor Brookes. Trevor has given up his own time to do this job over the years, and this is the third time he has done it! It is brilliant to have so many people like Trevor in our Villages who help to ensure that public assets and areas are maintained. Congratulations are also due to Trevor and his wife Jan who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. I did ask Trevor "which of you deserves the Medal?" I can not divulge his response!



Moving on to Council business you may have seen the public notices at the end of "Shutta Lane" which gives details of the ongoing Consultation process to finalise the legal status of the path to a Public Right of Way.

The Council also discussed a national issue amongst Parish Councils which relates to whether Council meetings can be held remotely. The Parish Council view is that meetings should be held face to face except in particular circumstances; the pandemic being an example. Of course this is something that is part of the whole democratic system of our country. Our elected representatives have to attend meetings for their vote to be counted.

If you have any matter that you wish to bring to the attention of the Council please let me know.

David Edwards - Clerk to the Council. Tel: ☎ **07527441577**
email: clerk@littlehamandlandcross-pc.gov.uk

Candle-lit Crib Service

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**The Shiny Bright
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Littleham Church

Dec. 24th 4pm

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Update from The Bell Inn, Monkleigh

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Monkleigh Village Hall News



Greetings from the Monkleigh Village Hall Team, we hope this finds you safe and well. We wish you and yours a happy and peaceful festive season.

Here are the activities in the diary for December– we can't wait to see you there.



Wreath Making.

As usual our talented local artist Penny will be running the Christmas wreath making session on Fri 13th Dec. Cost £20 with materials provided. Seasonal refreshments available. Booking is essential, with limited places. Please get in touch with Penny to book on ☎ 07929 734757



Coffee and Craft Mornings

First Tuesday of every month. Please note December will be Thursday 5th in a change to usual schedule. Bring your own crafts, suggest and share some new ones or just come along for a cuppa and a natter.

The Hall and Skittle Alley are both available to hire, to enquire please message our Facebook page or ring Lyn on ☎ 01237 429012

Stay safe and well *Monkleigh Village Hall Committee*

Fragile Nativity

A couple visited their son and his family for Christmas, and admired their beautiful nativity set in the hallway. The grandfather asked his young granddaughter if she knew what it was. "Oh yes," she said immediately. "Of course I do. It's breakable."

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Answers To The September Crossword

ACROSS: 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Miletus.
16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.

DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast.
7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb.
18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

Monkleigh School

Meet Maisie and Milo:-

Monkleigh Primary School have introduced the use of therapy dogs to support and enhance the learning and well-being provision at school. The benefits of a school dog/Context School dogs have been proven to help develop learners' reading skills, improve behaviour, attendance and academic confidence, as well as increasing learner understanding of responsibility and develop empathy and nurturing skills.



At Monkleigh Primary School, our therapy dogs will be fully assessed PAT dogs, primarily Milo and Maisy. They will support our staff team in bringing all of these benefits to our learners. Animal assisted therapy can; Teach empathy and appropriate interpersonal skills. Help individuals develop social skills. Therapy dogs have been shown to support emotional regulation through the positive impact on the autonomic nervous system. A recent report highlighted children working with therapy dogs experienced increased motivation for learning, resulting in improved outcomes.

Therapy dogs are being used to support children with social and emotional learning needs, which in turn can assist with literacy development. Research into the effects of therapy dogs in schools is showing a range of benefits including; Increase in school attendance

Tracey Wilson PE lead

Karen Reeves (Head Teacher)

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Knock, knock! Who's there? Holly. Holly who? Holly-days are here again!

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing. It was on the house.

WEARE GIFFARD

Weare Giffard Village Hall

Coffee Morning
Every Thursday

10:30 am - 12:00 pm



Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery results for November

1st Prize	107	Kevin and Tessa Anns
2nd Prize	64	Bruce and Gill Bland
3rd Prize	85	Kay and Darren Smith



Weare Giffard Village Hall

December is with us and all the excitement of the festive season brewing. The village hall is hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on November 30th and then the 'breakfast rolls team' are changing their aprons on Sunday 15th December to cater for and serve Christmas Dinner. This latter event was one of the first things I went to after moving to the village and along with the warm welcome and joyous occasion I immediately knew the importance of the village hall; as a hub for the community; not just for Christmas but all through the year.

November saw a Barn Dance with ploughman's supper, which was a great success and enjoyed hugely by all those who went along. Thank you to Cathee for organising this and in turn raising some funds for the village hall.

A new Weare Giffard Village Community website is currently being developed and all being well will be launched this month. The intention is to create a platform for news and events relating to the whole village, with information relating to the village hall, Holy Trinity Church, the park, orchard and more. Apologies for the current absence of the village hall website whilst the information is being migrated.

From Wednesday 15th January, during the chilly winter afternoons; the village hall will be open on Wednesday afternoons between 2pm and 4.30pm for anyone wishing to pop-in for a cuppa, chat and table-top games (dominoes, scrabble, cards; your choice). Breakfast rolls the first Saturday of the month, knit and natter the second Saturday of the month, coffee mornings on a Thursday. Come along, all welcome, indeed, the more the merrier. This is your village hall; please come and use it.

Best wishes, *Vanessa Saunders*

chairWGVH@icloud.com

Cuppa & Table-top Games

Weare Giffard Village Hall

Wednesday afternoons
2pm – 4-30pm

Starting 15th January 2025

Pop-in
Have a cuppa & a chat
Play a game if you wish
Dominoes/Scrabble/Cards

No charge : donations gratefully received

“ QUIZMAS ”

FRIDAY. 6 December 2024

WEARE GIFFARD VILLAGE HALL

£3 per person.
Bring your own booze

7.30 pm for 8 pm start

Prize for best fancy dress
(optional)

To book phone Tracy

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Weare Giffard Film Club

Weare Giffard Film Club presents our Xmas Film
in the Village Hall
on Thursday 12th December.
Doors at 7pm. Film at 7:30pm

Why not come along and start the festive cheer.
There may even be a mince pie and a glass of
sherry to get the evening going.

PAUL GIAMATTI

DAVINE JOY RANDOLPH

DOMINIC SESSA

WRITTEN BY

DAVID HEMINGSON

DIRECTED BY

ALEXANDER PAYNE

The Holdovers

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF
SIDEWAYS AND THE DESCENDANTS

Discomfort And Joy



A curmudgeonly instructor at a New England prep school remains on campus during Christmas break to babysit a handful of students with nowhere to go. He soon forms an unlikely bond with a brainy but damaged troublemaker, and with the school's head cook, a woman who just lost a son in the Vietnam War.

Breakfast Rolls

There will not be any breakfast rolls in December . However we will be returning on Sat 4th January 2025. We would like to take this opportunity in wishing all our customers a Happy Christmas and New Year

The Breakfast Roll Ladies



The picture above is of my Father John Moore, aged around 36 at the time. He was one of 14 milkmen that produced milk and sold it in Torrington. He was the only Milkman to deliver milk in the town after the big snow fall of 1947.

I am told, by my elder brother Robert, that Dad put hessian sacks on the horses feet in order to stop them slipping on the ice. Robert tells me that the pony in the front was the only one that normally went to the town with its own trap, but because of the weather the pony was needed to lead the Carthorse as it had the benefit of knowing where each stop was.

A few years later he upgraded to an Austin 10 van to take the milk to the town.

David Moore

HISTORY ALONG OUR RIVER BANK

May I take you on two Time Travels, one back 12,000+ years ago, the other much nearer our time, i.e. 80+ years? What in common have these two times? Answer – man’s use of the same small area of river bank, at Annery Kiln, Weare Giffard, running roughly from Ridd to the tide lock.

Imagine us travelling to the year 10,123 BC. We are paddling our dug-out log canoe, and having followed the coast, we survive crossing the bar and continuing up the wide Torridge River in search of fresh water and food. Here there is game to hunt, and fish to catch; but on our arrival at this river bank, we are greeted with spears and bow and arrows, and a challenge of “?ereht seog ohw” Mesolithic speech!!!!

Having established we come in peace, we would be witnessing early Weare Giffardians – men, women and children, i.e. hunter/gatherers, knapping flints for arrow tips, scrappers and awls in order to hunt game and fish the river. We would see a sort of ‘summer camp’ of temporary round houses, more like ‘mobile tents’, easy to erect and easy to carry to the next hunting site. The ground would be covered in flint waste, but the end product of knapping, these ‘tools’ were deadly to animals, those who came to water, and also the fish (salmon?) living in the water. We now know ‘man’ was at Annery for many millennia onward from this time.

Time Travelling forward, it is now 1942(e) and you and I are approaching the same slopping river bank, specifically the field to the south of the Tarka Trail road bridge, where we are faced by a soldier with a rifle, and challenged with the same shout “Who goes there”? The voice has a Canadian accent! According to memories our more recent occupants of our site were so totally different, namely Canadian soldiers of WW2 apparently manning a searchlight! (to be confirmed, research on-going).

What a contrast, both fascinating and interesting. ‘Man’ is not new to this land and water, and we all use it in different ways, this is our valley and our river, this which we call - **‘Weare Giffard’**.

Keith Hughes 📞 01237 475168



Our pastoral visiting team 2024

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

WG ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - UPDATE

This project, aimed at recording memories of those who may have lived in the village for a fair few years, is now entering the actual 'recording stage'. We have trained up our 19 volunteer recorders, most live in the village, and are well known.

We are now personally approaching 'recordees' with an invitation to consider sharing their memories, this for future generations to benefit from. The 'recording' (NOT interview), is very informal, relaxing and can be done in your own home, but we could find other accommodation if you wish. Our questions are fairly standard for this sort of history research, and do not seek any private/personal insights!! General aspects like childhood, play, schooling, friends, getting married (or not); work but equally what life was like in Weare Giffard – social, transport, work, housing; and how it has changed.

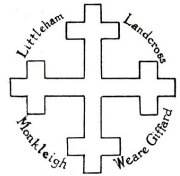
If and when you are approached, do please read the invite which explains all, and we will then look forward to your acceptance. This project is supported by Weare Giffard Parish Council.

All enquiries to: *Keith Hughes* - Lead. ☎ **01237 475168**.

Friends Together Christmas Lunch - Weare Giffard

Our next lunch is on Monday 2nd December 12 o'clock for 12.30. All welcome and please bring your friends as well

More information from Pat on ☎ **01237 424917**
or Jen on ☎ **01237 479594**.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

WEARE GIFFARD VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER 1pm

TICKETS £15 per person

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Saturday 30th November 10.30 - 4pm

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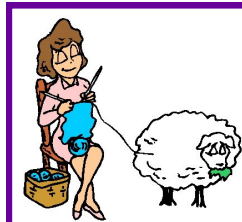
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Parking & refreshments available

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Saturday 14th 10 till Noon
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Weare Giffard Village Hall



Weare Giffard Barn Dance Review

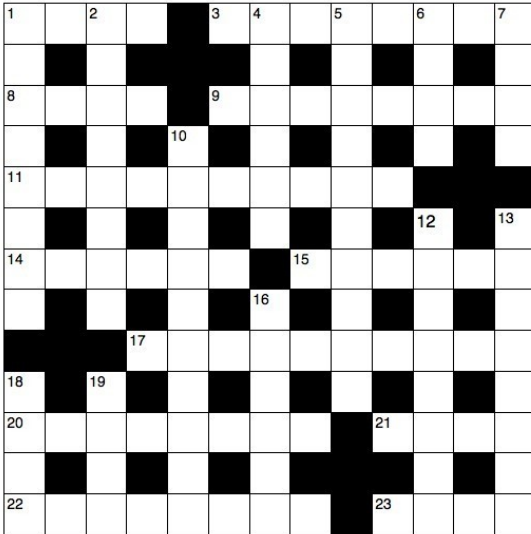
An enjoyable evening was had by all that attended. Our MC for the evening, Jeremy Childs, was incredibly patient and got us all dancing in "harmony", sort of. There was a lot of laughter all night long and, I'm sure, many happy memories made.

I would particularly like to say a huge thank you to my dance partner. She may only have been three foot tall but she was amazing!

Thanks also go to Steve for providing and running the bar and as always the Breakfast Roll Ladies - Where would we be without them?

The evening made **£157** for Weare Giffard Village Hall funds. *Cathee.*

Crossword for December 2024



Across

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the — walk' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 3 Got (Philippians 3:12) (8)
- 8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26:2) (4)
- 9 Castigated for using dishonest scales (Hosea 12:7) (8)
- 11 Weighty (1 John 5:3) (10)
- 14 'Now the serpent was more — than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made' (Genesis 3:1) (6)
- 15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot — God' (Romans 8:8) (6)
- 17 Because Israel lacked one of these, tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13:19) (10)

- 20 In his vision of the two eagles and the vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17:8) (8)
- 21 Rite (anag.) (4)
- 22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)
- 23 'The eye cannot say to the — , "I don't need you"' (1 Corinthians 12:21) (4)

Down

Answers in the January Crosslet

- 1 'Flee for your lives! Don't — — , and don't stop anywhere in the plain!' (Genesis 19:17) (4,4)
- 2 Principal thoroughfare (Numbers 20:19) (4,4)
- 4 'The tax collector... beat his — and said, "God have mercy on me, a sinner"' (Luke 18:13) (6)
- 5 'The zeal of the Lord Almighty will — this' (2 Kings 19:31) (10)
- 6 'The day of the Lord is — for all nations' (Obadiah 15) (4)
- 7 Specified day (Acts 21:26) (4)
- 10 Deadly epidemic (Deuteronomy 32:24) (10)
- 12 Roman Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)
- 13 Tied up (2 Kings 7:10) (8)
- 16 In his speech to the Sanhedrin, Stephen described Moses as 'powerful in speech and — ' (Acts 7:22) (6)
- 18 'Although he did not remove the high places, — heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life' (1 Kings 15:14) (4)
- 19 Tribe (Deuteronomy 29:18) (4)

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Services for Anglican Churches in the Four Parishes December 2024

Date	Monkleigh	Littleham	Weare Giffard	Landcross
Normal Service Time	9.30 am	11 am	9.30 am	11 am
Sunday 1st Dec Advent Sunday Year C			Morning Praise Jer. 33: 14 - 16 1 Thess. 3: 9 – end Luke 21: 25 - 36	
Sunday 1st Dec	5 Parish Advent Service St Mary's, Bideford 4.15 Tea. 5pm Service			
Thursday 5th Dec.				Taize *7.00pm April Saltmarsh
Sunday 8th Dec. 2nd Sunday of Advent				Celtic Communion Malachi 3: 1-4 Phil. 1: 3 – 11 Luke 3: 1-6
Thursday 12th Dec				Carol Service 7pm
Sunday 15th Dec. 3rd Sunday of Advent		Parish Communion Zeph, 3: 14 – end Phil. 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7 - 18	Parish Communion Zeph, 3: 14 – end Phil. 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7 - 18	
Thursday 19th Dec			Carol Service 6pm	
Sunday 22nd Dec 4th Sunday of Advent		Carol Service at the Methodist Church 10.30		No service
Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th Dec	Service of Carols and Readings 6.30	Crib Service 4pm		
Christmas Day Wednesday Dec. 25th		Christmas Communion 9.30 Isa: 52: 7 – 10 Hebrews 1: 1 – 4 John 1: 1 - 14	Christmas Communion 9.30 Isa: 52: 7 – 10 Hebrews 1: 1 – 4 John 1: 1 - 14	Christmas Communion 11 am Isa: 52: 7 – 10 Hebrews 1: 1 – 4 John 1: 1 - 14
Sunday 29th Dec	5 Parish Morning Worship St Mary's, Bideford 9.30			

Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist chapel on the 8th December with Mr Ley and a Joint Carol Service with the Church on the 22nd December at 10.30 with Rev. Andrew Vidamour. Everyone 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