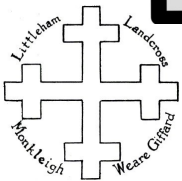




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Coffee & Craft Mornings first Tuesday of every month Monkleigh V.Hall
Coffee Morning Weare Giffard V.Hall every Thursday 10:30 -12pm
Pop-in mornings Littleham Village Hall Thursdays 10:30 - 12:00
Last Friday of every month, Friday Club. Littleham V.Hall 14:00 - 1600
Cuppa + Tabletop Games Wednesdays 2 till 4:30pm W.G. Village Hall

Sat 1st Breakfast Rolls W.Giffard V.Hall 10 till Noon
Sat 1st Littleham Film Club "Young Woman and the Sea" (see P.12)
Sun 2nd Bideford Music Club. St Mary's Bideford 3 pm (see P.5)
Mon 3rd Friends Together Lunch W.Giffard V.Hall 12 for 12:30
Tue 4th (and Tue 18th) Ladies Skittles 7:30 pm Littleham V.Hall
Sat 8th Knit and Natter W.Giffard V.Hall 10 till Noon
Thur 13th Weare Giffard Film Club "The Great Escaper" (See P.20)
Fri 28th Social Evening. Littleham V.Hall 7 pm (See P.10)



ADVANCE NOTICE MARCH

Saturday March 8th Littleham and Landcross "Wild Again" 2 till 5 pm
Littleham Village Hall See P.14

March Crosslet

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

Please send your emails to: andrewtregoning@btinternet.com

Or phone ☎ 01237 479459

Dear friends,

As I write this it is Sunday 5th January and I have come home from Church and taken down the decorations. Christmas is all packed away for another year!

Yet as we take our decorations down on January 6th most Christians in the Eastern Orthodox Church will be putting theirs up and celebrating the biggest feast day of all- Epiphany.

Christians in Russia, Persia, Eastern Europe, Egypt and Turkey will be gathering to celebrate the story of the Foreigners from the East, the Magi recorded in Matthew's Gospel Chapter 2.

The Magi (learned people with knowledge of astronomy and astrology) were on a journey- not seeking material or financial gain, using their knowledge to seek what....? What God had chosen to reveal to them. That is what 'Epiphany' means...revelation. As they follow the star and encounter the baby in the manger they bow down and worship him. They were like us, foreigners, but as they seriously seek God... they find him.

I don't know about you but I'm a little nervous about 2025. Globally what will happen in America, the Middle East, Ukraine and the wider world? Will our Government get to grips with the huge challenges of improving life for all? Will the NHS waiting lists go down? Will our economy improve? And what of Climate warming?

The Magi's journey was a perilous one but they followed a star and it ended in great joy. They returned home as TS Eliot says; 'no longer at ease in the old dispensation' (From the poem The Journey of the Magi) and their hearts were changed by an encounter.

The Magi had to make detailed preparations in advance, both regarding supplies and navigational knowledge to undertake such a journey. Perhaps God is wanting you and I to seriously seek Him this year and embark on our own journey. Such seeking leads to finding and makes the heart sing with hope.

As the poet Emily Dickinson writes....

'Hope is the thing with feathers- that perches in the soul- And sings the tune without words- And never stops at all'

God bless you with hope this New Year of 2025,

Revd Claire

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BMC concert details 2.2.2025

Bideford Music Club is looking forward to welcoming Ensemble Mirage to their next concert on Sunday 2nd. February at 3.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Bideford.

The ensemble, consisting of clarinet, violin, viola and cello will be playing a wide range of music: from 18th century Mozart and Crussell to 20th. century British composer Rawsthorne and Polish born Penderecki.

All are welcome to this concert. Tickets are available at the door £16.50. Students, children and accompanying carers are free.

The March concert will be on Wednesday 12th. at 19.30 featuring cello and piano

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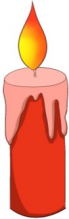


First snowdrop in Littleham Churchyard.

Photo taken by Sarah on Christmas Day!

4 Parish Reflective New Year Service January 12th St Swithun's, Littleham

A lovely service and much appreciated by all who came - Thank you Sarah!



Western Morning News 19th Dec 2024

Royal award for Devon dairy firm

Our own Reverend Kevin made it into the Western Morning News!

“A DEVON dairy firm has been presented with the prestigious King’s Award for Enterprise in International Trade.

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Appledore Singers

'Appledore Singers would like to thank all who made our annual 'Charity Christmas Concert' such a success - performers and backstage helpers alike. This year we raised £700 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association - an excellent amount for a very worthy cause!



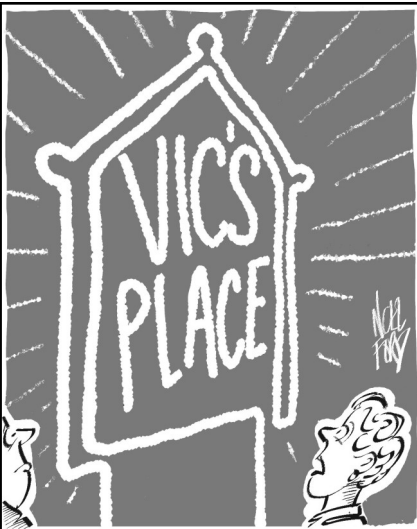
We resume rehearsals on Monday 13th January at Appledore Baptist Church, 7.30-9pm and we welcome new members. If you'd like to join your local ladies' choir, contact Pam Beechey ☎ **01237 420652.**

From the Parish Registers

The funeral of Eleanor Curtis took place at Weare Giffard on the 17th of January

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

andrewtregoning@btinternet.com



"It may well attract more young folk to join the congregation but I still prefer the old church notice board"

4-Parish Choir dates for February / March

Feb. 7th practice at Weare Giffard 2.30
Feb. 9th Choral Evensong
Weare Giffard 6pm

March 7th practice Littleham 2.30
March 9th Service of Healing and Wholeness 6pm St Mary's Bideford





LANDCROSS

Services this month:-

This month's Taize service is on Thursday February 6th at 7.00 pm.

Celtic Communion is on Sunday February 9th at 11:00 am

Do come and join us if you can! *April*

HELP NEEDED.

Is there anyone in either Landcross, Littleham Monkleigh or Weare Giffard who enjoys flower arranging and would be happy to give some time: approximately once a fortnight, to do a pedestal arrangement and two altar vases, for our little Church of Holy Trinity, here at Landcross?



You do not have to have any qualifications, just a love of flowers, some creative skills and a real interest in flower arranging!!! Simplicity is the key as is in keeping with our small, rural church!.

We already have 1 flower lady who will be happy to support you.

For more information, please contact April Saltmarsh, Church Warden, either via email : aprilsaltmarsh@hotmail.com or by mobile phone:

 **07817018719.**

Your help will be greatly appreciated. *April*

Cow and choir

From a Cambridge-shire local newspaper in January 1900:

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Details of imminent events are firming up, so we look forward to welcoming you to:-

A Social Evening: Friday 28th February 7 p.m.

A repeat of this very popular free evening. Just come along for a relaxed evening of board games, cards, skittles or just a chat. Bar available.

Village Hall Week: 17th -23rd March- details to follow

Bell and the Boys Friday 25th April 7-11 p.m.

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

May 1st : Polling Station

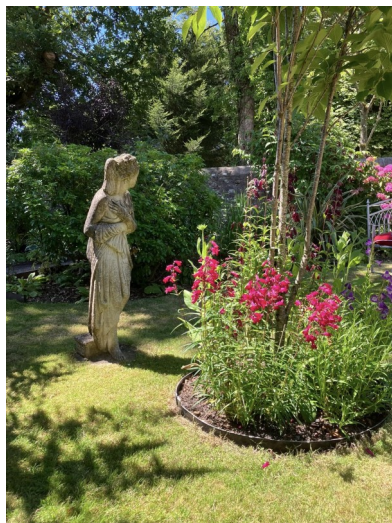
Village Fete: Saturday 5th July

Garden Trail 2025

The weather is pretty miserable at the moment but it's time to think ahead to the summer and start making plans for this year's Garden Trail.

For anyone interested in entering their garden, I'm planning on having an informal gathering at the Crealock on Thursday January 23rd at 7.00 for all the gardeners to meet and for any questions to be answered.

Sharon Rees
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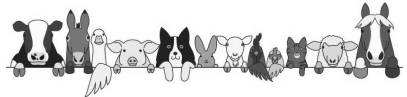
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Littleham Film & Social Club



January's film "The Holdovers" starring Paul Giamatti, Da'Vine Joy Randolph and Dominic Sessa. This seasonal comedy drama set in 1970 went down well with our audience, no doubt helped by the wonderful Christmas decorations still available on the night at the Village Hall.

Our February film is "Young Woman and the Sea" a 2024 American biographical sports film directed by Joachim Rønning and written by Jeff Nathanson, based on the 2009 book by Glenn Stout. Produced by Walt Disney Pictures and Jerry Bruckheimer Films, the film stars Daisy Ridley as Gertrude Ederle, an American competitive swimmer who became the first woman to swim across the English Channel.

As always, we meet at Littleham Village Hall, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm screening on Saturday 1st February. This is our second film of the season. Please remember to renew your annual membership on the night if not already done so.

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 1st February, the Film Committee and our Wonderful volunteers

(call Keith - ☎ **07425392731** for more information).

Friday Club

Our next meeting will be on Friday January 31st and we have a lady coming to give us a demo on Silk Scarf Painting. All are welcome to come and join us, we start at 2.00 pm.

Ladies Skittles

Ladies Skittles will be on:
Tuesday 4th and 18th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

STITCH AND CREATE GROUP

Dates for this month are Tuesday 11th and 25th February at 2 p.m.

For more information, please phone Janet on
☎ **01237 424102.**



LITTLEHAM



Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist Chapel on February 9th with Mrs. E. Potter and on the 23rd February with Rev. A. Vidamour, both at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

100 Club January Winners!

The January draw for the St Swithun's Littleham 100 Club took place on January 15th, drawn by Sarah Conybeer

The results were as follows:-

First Prize 32 Marion Harding
 Second Prize 63 Doug Hamilton
 Third Prize 90 Jenny Gale

Congratulations to them all!



Intercessors and Readers for Littleham February 2025

Date	Intercessor	Readers
Feb. 16th	Penny	Keith Anthony
Feb. 23rd	Pete	Geoffrey Alan

Christmas Eve Crib Service

What an amazing turn out we had for the Crib Service! There were 73 people in the congregation - including 22 children!

The church was beautifully decorated and lit with candles.

All in all it was a very special occasion. Thanks to Sarah and everyone involved!

Andrew



Littleham and Landcross Wild Again!



the **4th** annual WILD event

Littleham Village Hall
Saturday, March 8th 2 - 5.00pm

'Celebrating Biodiversity in Littleham and Landcross'

Activities for all

Displays

Talk: by Becky Searle: Smart Gardening - Gardening with Ecosystems



Event organised by : Littleham and Landcross Parish Council and Biodiversity Group

Contact [Pete Jollands](mailto:pjollands@gmail.com) pjollands@gmail.com for more details

LITTLEHAM AND LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Residents,

The Council discussed a new planning application for 5 new detached houses in the village at its meeting this week. This application is of concern as it appears not to adhere to the Local Planning Policies currently (as we understood) in place.

This brings about a wider discussion on how you as residents can be part of the consultation process when it comes to future development of the villages? The Local Plans are our guide, but if it can not be relied upon to protect the villages from "ad hoc" development, it is important that all residents start taking a more active role to make your views heard and be part of the consultation process.

How do you want to see the development of the villages take place in the future rather than how it is happening on this occasion?

Please come and make your voice heard at the next Council Meeting on 06 March (or send me an email) so that your local Councillors can hear your ideas on how you want to see the villages develop.

Just a reminder that Littleham and Landcross Wild Again event takes place at the Village Hall on Saturday 8th March from 2pm to 5pm. Always a great event (look out for the posters) and if anyone has items of interest



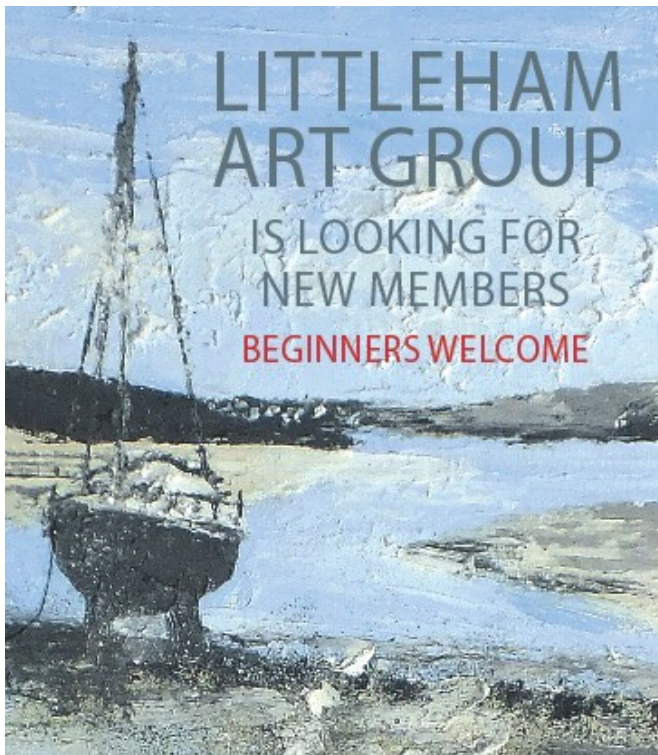
related to Wildlife that can be part of the exhibits please get in touch with Pete Jollands email: pjollands@gmail.com

Kind regards

David Edwards - Clerk to the Council

Email: clerk@littlehamandlandcross-pc.gov.uk

Tel: ☎ **07527441577**



Those notices which didn't come out quite right...

This coming Sunday our special service will be gin at 11:00am.

When parking on the north side of the church, please remember to park on an angel.

Jean will be leading a weight-management series Wednesday nights. She's used the programme herself and has been growing like crazy!

Volunteers are needed to spit up food for distribution.

This evening at 7:00pm there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the

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Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The King's Bras will present a concert at our church this evening at 6:00pm.

MONKLEIGH

Monkleigh Village Hall News

Greetings from the Monkleigh Village Hall Team. Well here we are, already well into 2025!

We must say another huge thank you to everyone that gave us such fantastic support for our Christmas raffle, ticket sales brought in a total of £490 which is mind blowing for our small community of Monkleigh and Saltrens. Thanks again to all who provided prizes for the raffle, and well done to the lucky winners (see our Facebook page for the full list) Proceeds will go towards repair and upkeep of the hall.



December also saw our every popular Christmas wreath making event, our talented local artist Penny had even the least artistic among us (namely your correspondent) feeling crafty and we were all delighted with the results.

We will be getting together as a committee shortly to look at adding some more social events, in light of what we very much hope is the temporary closure of the Bell Inn. As always we would love to hear from you with any ideas you may have for the hall, don't hesitate to get in touch with any of the committee members either in person or as per our contact info (p.17).

Coffee and Craft Mornings

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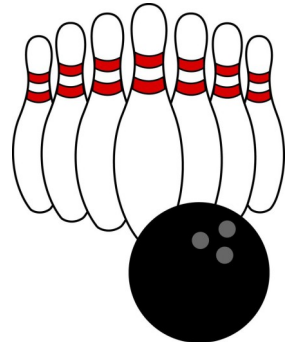


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That's it from Monkleigh until the next one.
Stay safe and well.

Monkleigh Village Hall Committee



Our little ones have enjoyed the start back to school 2025. They have been in our Forest School area making potions and enjoying the area.

Tracey Wilson PE lead *Karen Reeves* Head Teacher



WEARE GIFFARD

Weare Giffard Village Hall

Coffee Morning
Every Thursday

10:30 am - 12:00 pm



Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery results

December lottery winners

1st prize. Gay & Dave Daniels
2nd prize. Tracy Lees
3rd prize. Liz Moore



January lottery winners

1st prize. Dave Branson
2nd prize. Kath Hedden
3rd prize. Jackie Sudd

Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery subscriptions are now due for renewal within the next few weeks. 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

I often find a new year is accompanied by a burst of enthusiasm for all sorts of things; whether they are personal targets or more generalised aspirations for the year ahead; this year has been no different; indeed, my hopes and aspirations include ones for the village hall this year too. Let me share some here.....

Installation of heating in both the ladies and gents toilets – may not be exciting to some, but just think how pleasant that would be!

Re-decorating the main hall and skittle alley – fresh and welcoming.

Re-furbishing the back room – practical and efficient use of space and a new home for valuable village archives.

Re-framing the old photos for display - preservation of visual memories for all to enjoy.

Creating new space for displays of art or other interests; updating displays/noticeboards – creating a more contemporary feel

Clearing the outside space at rear of hall – essential works to maintain and care for the future of the property

Basically, the continued and necessary ‘caretaking’ of this community asset will ensure many more years of gatherings for us all to benefit from.

The Christmas Dinner; a huge success and many many thanks indeed to

the 'breakfast rolls team' who catered for 95 guests on the day! This itself is a testament to the real value of our village hall, when our community can come together. Sadly, we could have actually done with a bigger hall as more people wanted tickets, sorry to those who were not able to join in. Perhaps next year!

The Weare Giffard Community website is now up and running; have a look, use it to keep up to date with everything in the Village and of course the Village Hall events/clubs/meetings. We have a calendar and information on all the clubs, events and socials at the hall.

wearegiffard.org

Cuppa & Table-top games opens up on Wednesday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.30p.m. Everybody welcome to pop-in for a bit of warmth, a cuppa and some company maybe join a game if you wish too. The more the merrier; please come and join us. This is just one of many things going on, check out the website or noticeboards for more information. Why not make this new year into a new opportunity to join new things; who knows you might enjoy it?!

Best wishes, *Vanessa Saunders*

chairWGVH@icloud.com

Weare Giffard Film Club

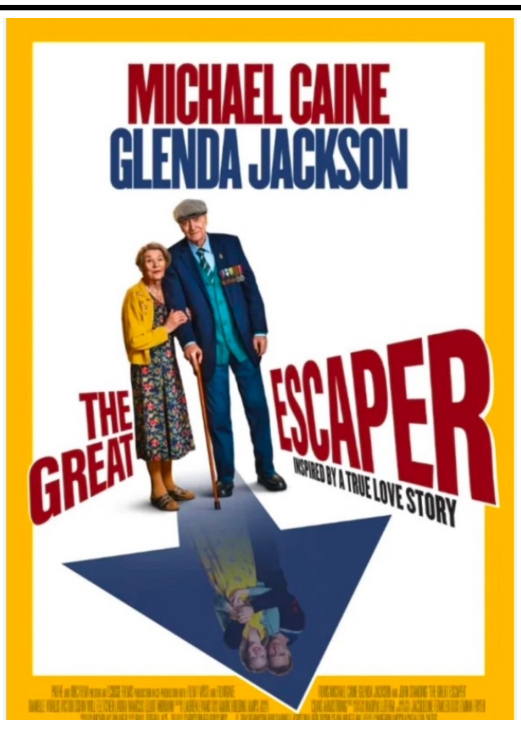


The next film to be shown in the Village Hall is on Thursday 13th February.

The film tells the real story of Royal Navy veteran, Bernard Jordan, who "escaped" from his care home in June 2014 to attend the 70th anniversary of D-Day commemorations in Normandy.

Staring Michael Cain and Glenda Jackson.

Doors at 7 film at 7:30. £5 on the door.





Takeaway / Eat in Breakfast Rolls

Saturday 1st February

10 till noon

Weare Giffard Village Hall



Cuppa & Table-top Games

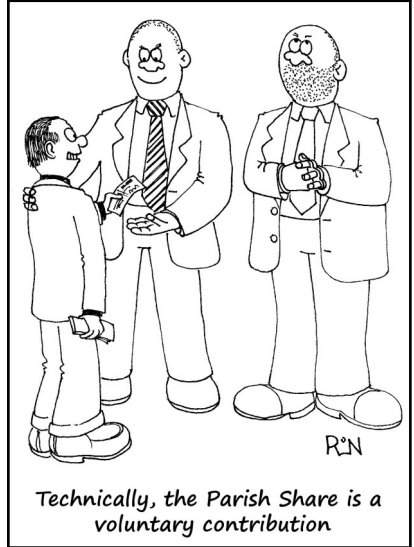
Weare Giffard Village Hall

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Chocolate

A lovely heart-shaped box of chocolates was received on Valentine's Day by a young student from her new boyfriend. On the enclosed card was the inscription: "To Helen, with all my allowance."

Pickle

*What did the cucumber say to the pickle on Valentines day?
"You mean a great Dill to me!"*



Knit and Natter

Saturday 8th February 10 till Noon
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Weare Giffard Village Hall



WEARE GIFFARD ORAL HISTORY VILLAGE PROJECT – COLLECTING MEMORIES



RECORDEES

This project finishes at the end of March 2025 and for future generations to know and understand how we lived, loved (and died!) is so important. Our memories will be lost with us, and at best will be remembered 'second-hand' via the next generation. The future wants 'your story', told by you, in your way, with your emphasis and feelings. Our recordings are NOT interviews, they are informal, relaxed chats with trained recorders, whose main aim is to have you happy and chatting. We totally respect whether you talk about your early years and your family; OR only about your job/work or even a specific project or period of your life, but this must be relevant to Weare Giffard. Finally, we offer a pre-interview chat (WITHOUT THE 'MACHINE'!!) to draft out your memories – this as a trial. When you are happy, with us and the draft, only then will we click on the recorder. If you have photographs or family trees you would like to talk about, we would be delighted. If you feel you would like to be recorded and have not been asked, please ring me.

APPEAL FOR A 'RECORDING EDITOR'

We are beginning to accumulate recordings which now need 'editing' before being finally archived, and would appeal for one (or two) editors to help with this. Using our USB stick, plug it into a PC/Laptop etc. and listen to around 1-1.5 hours of memories – checking for any untoward comments, which may have to be deleted - our 'untoward criteria' supplied! You can do one or more recordings.

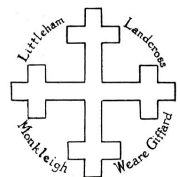
Please ring for a chat, about ANY aspect OF THIS PROJECT, this without any obligation, thank you.

Keith Hughes ☎ 01237 475168 e-mail keith_willows@talktalk.net

Friends Together Lunch - Weare Giffard

Our next lunch is on Monday 3rd February 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.





Weare Giffard Community Website

wearegiffard.org

The parish of Weare Giffard has a brand-new community website which will be available to everyone, especially those who cannot or do not use social media.

This new website will encompass all aspects of village life, detailing everything that's happening on a day-to-day basis and all future events. There will be a community diary with everything from what's on at the village Hall to cricket matches and church services.

We'll also have a page of information with bus and tide times as well as notified road closures and flood warnings.

This site has taken a lot of work to produce. However, If you spot any issues or would like to include something else there is an easy to use contact page or just speak to me. Many thanks *Kev Richards*



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

Those notices which didn't come out quite right...

Notice in health food shop window: Closed due to illness.

Spotted in a safari park: Elephants, please stay in your car.

In a Launderette: Automatic Washing Machines. Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.

Answers To The January Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Godlessness. 9, Egotism. 10, After. 11, Eat. 13, Sort. 16, Plan. 17, Escape. 18, Odds. 20, Idem. 21, No fear. 22, Idle. 23, Abet. 25, Ail. 28, Eaves. 29, Achieve. 30, Grasshopper.

DOWN: 2, Odour. 3, Lair. 4, Same. 5, Neat. 6, Settled. 7, Gershonites. 8, Grandmother. 12, Apples. 14, TES. 15, Octopi. 19, Deliver. 20, Ira. 24, Breve. 25, As is. 26, Lash. 27, Whip.

The parable of the Shrewd Manager



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE JESUS TOLD A STORY ABOUT A RICH MAN...

...AND HIS SERVANT, WHO MANAGED THE RICH MAN'S PROPERTY.

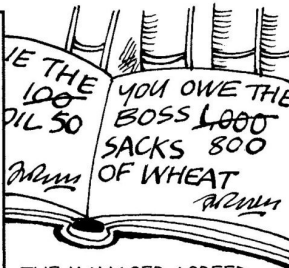


THE RICH MAN HAD HEARD THAT THE MANAGER HAS BEEN WASTING MONEY.

SO HE CALLED THE MANGER TO ACCOUNT FOR HIMSELF!



OH NO! I AM GOING TO GET THE SACK!!

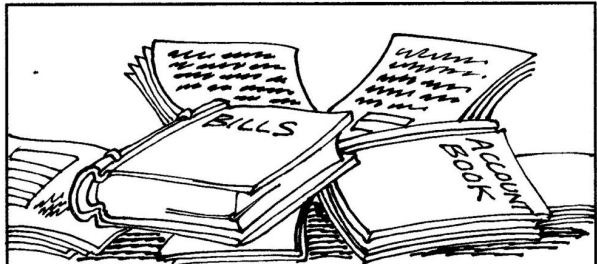
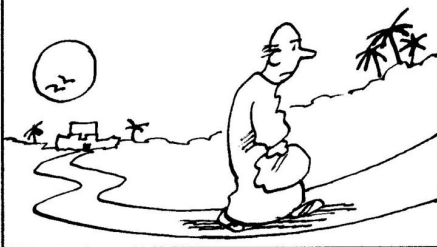


THE MANAGER AGREED TO LET THE RICH MAN'S TRADERS FIDDLE THEIR BOOKS!



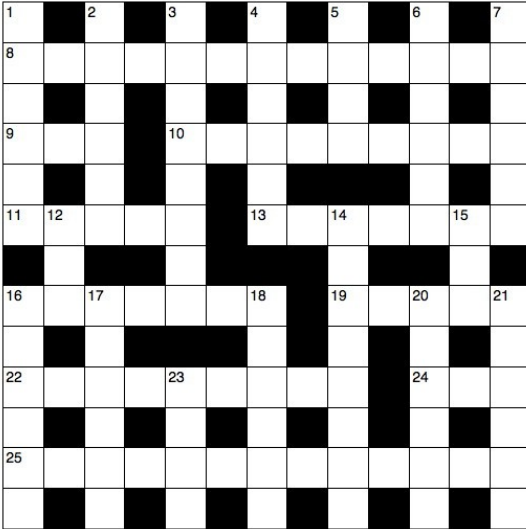
SO THEY ALTERED THEIR DEBTS - AND STAVED FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER.

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WISE IN MANAGING HIS FUTURE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BEING DISHONEST.



JESUS WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURES TOO. BUT IT'S A HARD PARABLE TO UNDERSTAND!

Crossword for February 2025



Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)

24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)

25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Answers in the March Crosslet

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

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Services for Anglican Churches in the Four Parishes February 2025

Date	Monkleigh	Littleham	Weare Giffard	Landcross
Normal Service Time	9.30 am	11 am	9.30 am	11 am
Sunday 2nd Feb Candlemas			Morning Praise Malachi 3: 1-5 Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40	
Thursday 6th Feb.				Taize *7.00pm April Saltmarsh
Sunday 9th Feb 4th before Lent Proper 1				Celtic Communion Isaiah 6: 1-8 (9-end) 1 Cor. 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11
Sunday 9th Feb	Choral Evensong Weare Giffard 6pm			
Sunday 16th Feb 3rd before Lent Proper 2		Parish Communion Jer. 17: 5-10 1 Cor. 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26	Parish Communion Jer. 17: 5-10 1 Cor. 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26	
Sunday 23rd Feb 2nd before Lent		Morning Praise Gen, 2:4b-9, 15-end Revelation Ch. 4 Luke 8: 22-25		Holy Communion Gen, 2:4b-9, 15-end Revelation Ch. 4 Luke 8: 22-25

Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist Chapel on February 9th with Mrs. E. Potter and on the 23rd February with Rev. A. Vidamour, both at 10.30am. 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