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Littleham film club "The Holdovers" 6:30 for 7 (See P. 12) Sat 4th Takeaway breakfast rolls 10 - 12 Weare Giffard V.Hall 3 pm Bideford Music Club, St Mary's. "Lucy Nolan" (See P.6) Sun 5th Thur 9th Thursday morning get-togethers restart. Littleham Village Hall. Sat 11th Knit and Natter W. Giffard V. Hall 10 - 12 Wed 15th "Cuppa + Table-top games" W.G. Village Hall 2-4:30 pm

Sun 19th Big Breakfast 9:30 - 1:30 Littleham V.Hall Thu 23rd Village Fete "drop-in" 10 - 12 Littleham V.Hall (See P.10)

Sat 4th



ADVANCE NOTICE FEBRUARY

Mon February 3rd Friends Together Lunch W.Giffard V.Hall 12 for 12:30

February Crosslet

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

Please send your emails to: andrewtregoning@btinternet.com

Or phone **2 01237 479459**

Hello, everyone.

I hope you've had a lovely Christmas and may I wish you all a 'Happy New Year'

That greeting that we'll hear so often in the next week or so will hold different emotions for different people.

For some, they will be looking forward to the New Year. Maybe there is to be a birth or a wedding in the family, or a long anticipated holiday, or a new job. But this year will be exciting for them and something they are looking forward to.

For others, it will be the exact opposite; whatever is to happen is dreaded. They will go into January filled with fear and misery.

And for others, it will just be a continuation of last year – 'same old, same old'.

We're always being encouraged to look forward, not back, but a few months ago we started our weekly team meeting with this thought by Donna Ashworth:

'Oh but you must look behind you, or you may not recall the mountains. The ones you thought you'd die on. The ones you scaled and survived. And then you'll look at the mountain ahead of you, and realise you've done it before. And you'll do it again. Oh but you must look behind you sometimes, if only just to see how very far you've come.'

Happy mountaineering! Sarah



To all Crosslet subscribers and advertisers:-

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A Big Thank You on behalf of the Crosslet!

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Finally to Gill and Carol who print the bulk of the magazines and take them out to the villages. You are both stars!

I hope you all have a great New Year and keep reading the Crosslet for years to come!

Andrew



4 Parish Evening Service January 12th St Swithun's, Littleham 6 pm



Our evening service in January will start by candlelight and will celebrate the New Year.

We will be looking at both the year behind and the one to come, and we will take the opportunity to recommit ourselves to following God through the months ahead.

We hope you can join us!



"It's worth getting to church an hour early to grab a pew by the electric socket."

In place of cabbage

On Sunday after the church service, a woman told the minister that when she had sent her husband to buy a cabbage for lunch, he had fallen and broken his leg. "That's terrible!" said the minister. "What did you do?"

"I opened a can of peas," she replied.

<u>Labels</u>

I have my own system for labelling homemade freezer meals. I no longer bother with labels like 'chicken casserole' or 'lasagne' or 'steak and ale pie'. Instead, I use 'Whatever', 'Anything', or 'I Don't Know.' That way when I ask my family what they want for dinner, I always have it to hand.

AWARD WINNING HARPIST RETURNS TO BIDEFORD

Lucy Nolan - talented, award winning harpist will be performing at St. Mary's Church, Bideford on Sunday 5th. January 2025 at 3.00pm. Lucy has performed for Bideford Music Club audiences in the past as part of the Hathor Duo. All are invited to this concert which promises to be uplifting. Tickets at the door £16.50. (children, students and carers – free.)



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Appledore Singers

Appledore Singers would like to thank all those who made our Charity Christmas Concert such a success. A good time was had by all!

We would also like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and to inform you that rehearsals resume on Monday 13th January, 7:30pm at Appledore Baptist Church.

For further details, contact Pam Beechey on **a 01237 420652**.



<u>Bible</u>

A father was approached by his small son, who told him proudly, "I now know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and asked him to explain. "It's easy. It stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."

4-Parish Choir dates for January

Friday January 3rd Rehearsal L.H. 3:00 pm

Friday January 10th Rehearsal L.H. 2:30 pm



Sunday January 12th New Year Service Littleham 6pm

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

andrewtregoning@btinternet.com





LANDCROSS

New Year's Greetings from us all at Landcross!

As I write this, the wind is raging and several big branches have come down in our driveway, but no real damage caused. All of this will be behind us as you read this January Crosslet (hopefully)!!

We trust Christmas was a happy time, although tinged with sadness for many of us who have recently lost dearly loved family members.

A new year is now upon us and all of us here at Landcross Church wish all of you in our villages, good health, good fortune and happiness throughout 2025!!! Happy New Year!!!! (April)

Services this month:-

This month's Taize service is on Thursday January 9th at 7.00 pm.

Celtic Communion is on Sunday January 12th at 11:00 am

Do come and join us if you can! April

<u>LITTLEHAM - Extra</u>





Many thanks to Angela and Trevor for their amazing restoration of the white and gold alar frontal for St Swithun's and to the Men's Shed for repairing and re-painting the churchyard gates.

It's great to have such talented and clever people in the village.

Andrew

LANDCROSS & LITTLEHAM

LITTLEHAM VILLAGE HALL

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Thanks to the many willing helpers who turned up to help with decorations- the hall was looking splendid for our seasonal quiz. Rose devised an excellent quiz for the 10 competitive but good-humoured teams. It was great fun and raised funds for the hall and the Farming Community Network charity.

We are already planning events for the New Year, kicking off with a Breakfast. So here are some dates, a few still to be confirmed:

- Big Breakfast: Sunday 19th January 9.30- 1.30
- Village Fete drop-in: Thursday 23rd January 10-12. Please pop in with suggestions, requests, useful contacts, and offers of help, however small.
- Social Evening: Friday 28th February 7 p.m. Skittles and Games
- Village Hall Week: 17th 23rd March
- Bell and the Boys around Easter time TBC
- May 1st: Polling Station
- Village Fete: Saturday 5th July

In the meantime, don't forget the regular treats in the hall: -

- Tuesday afternoons fortnightly: Stitch and Create in the bar from 2
 4 p.m. starting 14th January
- Tuesday evening fortnightly: Ladies Skittles at 7.30 p.m. starting
 7th January
- * Art Group on the last Wednesday of the month from 10-3 p.m.
- Thursday Morning Get-Togethers in the bar 10.30 onwards starting 9th January
- Parish Council meetings on the first Thursday of the month 7.15 7.30 p.m. for members of the public
- * Friday Club on the last Friday of the month 2 p.m.
- * Film Club on the first Saturday of the month 6.30 for 7 p.m.

(more info on the website or from Janet 2 01237 424102)

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Littleham Film & Social Club

November's film "Fly me to the moon" an American romantic drama starring Scarlett Johansson and Channing Tatum was well received by our audience. This was the last film of 2024, and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

All the Film Club committee, wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! and once again thank you and our club volunteers, for your amazing support in 2024.

Our January 4th Film is *The Holdovers* an American Christmas comedy drama film directed by Alexander Payne, written by David Hemingson, and starring Paul Giamatti, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, and Dominic Sessa. Set in 1970, it tells the story of a strict classics teacher at a New England boarding school who is forced to chaperone a handful of students with nowhere to go on the Christmas break.

As always, we meet at Littleham Village Hall, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm screening on Saturday 4th January This is the start of our film year 2025. Please bring your annual subscription of £15 per person (same price as last few years). This subscription entitles you to see 10 films throughout the year.

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 4th January, the Film Committee and our Wonderful volunteers (call Keith - **207425392731** for more information).

STITCH AND CREATE GROUP

Christmas Baubles- some of our latest creations. The group will resume its fortnightly meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesday 14th January. There is normally a project we can try together or we just bring our own knitting, sewing etc. There is always companionable chat, frequent laughter and delicious cake. £2 a session.



For more information, please phone Janet on **201237 424102**.

LITTLEHAM

Littleham Methodist Church Services



There is a service at Littleham Methodist Chapel on the 12th January at 10.30am with Mr. Harris. All welcome! Wishing everyone a Happy New Year..

100 Club December Winners!

The December draw for the St Swithun's Littleham 100 Club took place on December 8th, drawn by Monika Roker

The results were as follows:-

First Prize 87 Shauna Palmer Second Prize 28 Martin Penny

Third Prize 81 Paul Conybeer

Congratulations to them all!





Intercessors and Readers for Littleham January 2025					
Date	Intercessor	Readers			
Jan. 19th	Alan	Andrew Vicki			
Jan. 26th	Anita	Pete Keith			

Thursday Morning Get-Togethers

The Thursday Morning Get Togethers will recommence on Thursday January 9th at 10.30hrs Littleham Village Hall. Thanks *Tricia*

Friday Club

Unfortunately our speaker planned for November had to postpone her talk for a later date in the New Year.

However we had a great get together with table games, mulled wine and mince pies, the raffle was won by Jan Brooks, thank you Lynda for organising our afternoon and to everyone who attended.

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.

LITTLEHAM AND LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Residents

First of all may I wish you all on behalf of the Council, a very happy and prosperous new year.

I expect it will be an interesting 2025 with quite a few developments in the pipeline. The District Council will be reviewing the Local Plans in the light of the new government housing policies, which may determine any future house building in the villages. For information, a new planning application for new houses has been received at Furlong Farm.

The XLinks cable project is progressing and will be determined by government with the decision to be made to accept the application by 19th December 2024.

The Council continues to hear complaints about the number of "near misses" at Moorhead Cross due to the poor signing and lack of white lines. It will help our case if we can log all the incidents you experience please. The Highway Authority and police need to have the evidence to effect change.

If you have any comments or want to contact the Council, my contact information is: clerk@littlehamandlandcross-pc.gov.uk

2 07527441577 (if you do not get a reply please leave a message and I will get back to you) *David Edwards* - Clerk to Littleham & Landcross PC

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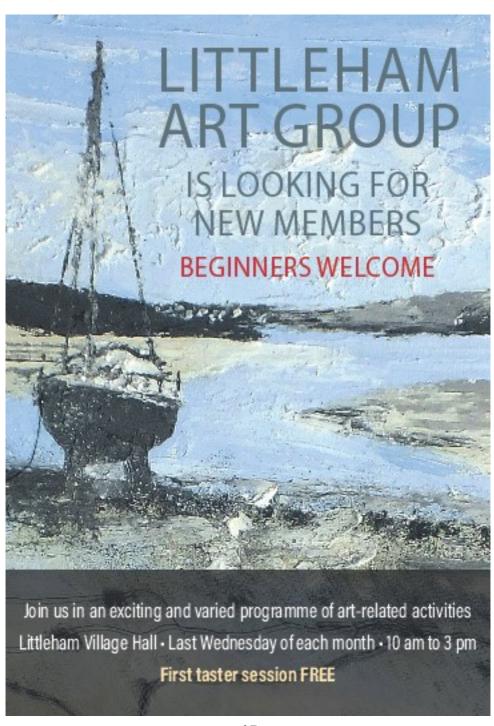
Littleham Village Hall
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MONKLEIGH

Update from The Bell Inn, Monkleigh

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Monkleigh Village Hall News

Greetings from the Monkleigh Village Hall Team. On behalf of all the committee members – we wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year - 2025.

We had a busy close to the year. A huge thanks to everyone that came out on a particularly inclement November's evening for our quiz night. We had a great turn out and the result was down to the wire, with not one, but two tie-breakers. Special thanks to our Quiz Master general John, and to Lyn for cooking up some delicious hotdogs for supper. All funds raised will go towards some much needed repairs.

Thanks to all who have supported our December events, including the Bell Inn Monkleigh and Monkleigh garage, and our many local supporters who have provided prizes for our festive raffle.

We will give a fuller update on all our fundraising events and activities in February, and as always we would love to hear from you with any ideas you may have for the hall.

Coffee and Craft Mornings

First Tuesday of every month.

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

That's it from Monkleigh until the next one.

Stay safe and well! Monkleigh Village Hall Committee



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DOWN: 1, Look back. 2, Main road. 4, Breast. 5, Accomplish. 6, Near. 7, Date. 10, Pestilence. 12, Basilica. 13, Tethered. 16, Action. 18, Asa's. 19, Clan.

Monkleigh School

Such a lovely photo of our children with Mrs Slocombe and Mrs Beer.

The children joined the Teachers Rock Choir and performed last night at Exeter Cathedral.

Amazing!

We would like to wish everyone a very happy new year.

Tracey Wilson PE lead

Karen Reeves (Head Teacher)

Tel: 201805 623269

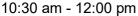




WEARE GIFFARD

Weare Giffard Village Hall

Coffee Morning Every Thursday







Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery results

The Lottery results for December and January will be printed in the February Crosslet!



Weare Giffard Village Hall

I will start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year; though whilst writing this the Christmas jollities are just commencing and trust these are good times for all.

The village hall Christmas Dinner which is being hosted, cooked for and served by our fabulous team from breakfast rolls is just around the corner; we are so fortunate to have such dedicated people in the village.

There are others too, who work like 'little elves' not just at Christmas but all year round and I personally thank them as well because all they do ensures we have the village hall kept well and available for us to use. Jenny Hedden & Carol Teasedale have just carried out the thankless tasks of sorting cupboards and storage; well done. We are now looking for volunteers to join a team to re-decorate the hall, don't be shy, share your decorating talents with us all please.

Weare Giffard film club had a film and Italian meal night in November; this proved very popular and a huge success. Sincere thanks to Kev Richards who organised and hosted this evening and to Pina Giannotto of Campania Kitchen who provided a delicious 2 course meal. More please!

No doubt chilly dark winter days are ahead, but there will be a light on and warm welcome at the village hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm; starting 15th January 2025; for anyone wishing to have a cuppa, chat and if they wish join in with table top-games (dominoes, scrabble, cards; your choice). Don't forget the breakfast rolls the first Saturday of the month, knit and natter the second Saturday of the month, coffee mornings on a Thursday. Do come along, the more the merrier.

Finally, a new year and a new village hub website is launching as I write this. Please do take a look and you'll be able to keep up to date with all that is going on.

Best wishes, Vanessa Saunders

chairWGVH@icloud.com

Weare Giffard Film Club

Weare Giffard film club's next film will be in February 2025 (where has this year gone?).

Wishing everybody a happy New Year.

Kev and Mary.



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

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<u>Sermon</u>

The church warden asked the curate how she thought the church service had gone.

The curate shrugged. "The music was excellent, and the prayers were relevant, but I wonder if my sermon ever really got off the ground."

The church warden was sympathetic. "Never mind, it certainly taxied a long way."



Knit and Natter

Saturday 11th January 10 till Noon £4 includes drink, cake, raffle Weare Giffard Village Hall



Christmas Craft Fair

We had a lovely day. The atmosphere was great and there were some beautiful things for sale.

Elizabeth Moore was delighted to win the Christmas cake. I think she deserved it as she's been selling the "squares" for 10 years!

We made £500 and will be making a donation to the Village Hall.

Thank you to everyone who supported or helped in any way to make the day a success.

Sue Gethin and the Team.

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Takeaway / Eat in Breakfast Rolls Saturday 4th Jamuary 10 till noon Weare Giffard Village Hall



Weare Giffard Parish Council Grants

If any village groups or organisations are still considering submitting a parish council grant application for the current financial year please ensure that it is submitted no later than Friday 3rd January 2025.

Email applications are fine and, although there is no set format, applications should include the following:

Amount requested and total cost of the project / activity.

Background and purpose of the grant.

Anticipated start date for the project / activity.

Details on how the project /activity will benefit the parish.

Andrew Hedden-O'Hara, Kev Jeram, Karen Milton, Roy Parsons, Ross Hedden, Liz Waldron and Richard Andrews are the current councillors and if you are considering making an application they would be happy to have an informal chat.

They would especially like to encourage and welcome applications from the smaller groups within the village whether already running or planned.

There are a few things that the council is unable to fund but councillors hope that by making the process less formal it will be easier for anyone to apply for financial assistance towards village activities.

The council email address is <u>wearegiffardpc@gmail.com</u> and applications by 3rd January please.

Any applications received after this date will automatically be carried forward to next financial year's grant round commencing on 1st April 2025.



Weare Giffard Oral History Project

YOUR MEMORIES ARE IMPORTANT

November saw us make an excellent start, and already 6 willing villagers have given us their memories - their life in Weare Giffard and village changes. Another 6 are ready to be recorded. Both the recorders and the recordee have found each recording good fun and very enjoyable, and some really great and worthwhile memories have been captured, this so future generations will know just a little bit more of our village and it's past.

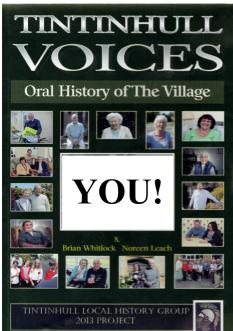
Many recordees have said how they now wish they had been able to both ask and record their own parents, even grand parents. They have realized how important these memories were – for their family, but also for the village.

There is a very natural apprehension being recorded, and several have taken up our offer of an initial chat about what to expect; and also a short 'trial' recording, this with the actual recorder switched off; after which they were very happy to continue, with the switch on, and mic immediately

forgotten!

Can we remind you, we are NOT seeking any personal or private memories, just everyday recollections of your life in Weare Giffard – school, work, social events, and other village's activities i.e. day to day general life. Put another way, this is just a friendly chat with someone who wants to listen.

YOUR PERSONAL COPY – your recording will then be copied onto a disc or USB stick, whichever you prefer, and you will be presented with a copy in a hard backed case – with your name and photograph included and this you can keep and share with family or friends. (See Tintinhull disc cassette example, our design still to be agreed. Your photo would be in the centre frame).



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

Friends Together Lunch - Weare Giffard

Our next lunch is on Monday 3rd February12 o'clock for 12.30. All welcome and please bring your friends as well

More information from Pat on or Jen on

2 01237 424917

2 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

2 01237 471441

QUIZMAS

A good night was had be all . I'm sure we all learnt some interesting things about Christmas that we didn't already know . We raised £160 for the village . A big thank you to all who came . A thank you to our quizmaster . Happy New year to you all!

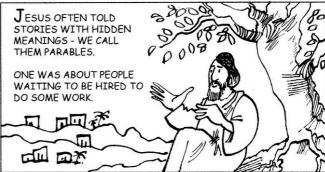
Churchyard Grass Cutting

Thank you to all our grass cutters who so willingly give their time to keep the churchyard looking well kept and loved.

We have received numerous compliments from visitors and locals saying what a wonderful job you have done this year. The churchyard hasn't looked so good for a long time.

Sue Gethin





A HOUSEHOLDER HIRED A GROUP OF WORKERS FROM THE MARKET PLACE, FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. HE AGREED UPON A FAIR WAGE.

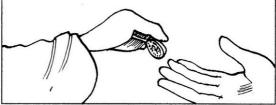




HE RETURNED SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE DAY, EACH TIME HIRING MORE WORKERS. HE EVEN HIRED SOME PEOPLE JUST AS THE SUN WAS SETTING!



WHEN THE DAY WAS OVER THE HOUSEHOLDER BEGAN TO PAY THE WORKERS, STARTING WITH THOSE WHO HAD ONLY JUST ARRIVED. HE PAID EVERYONE THE SAME.



THIS UPSET THOSE WHO HAD WORKED ALL DAY. THEY THOUGHT THEY SHOULD GET





BUT THEY WERE BEING PAID WHAT THEY HAD AGREED AT THE START OF THE DAY. JESUS CONCLUDED "SO THOSE WHO ARE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THOSE WHO ARE FIRST WILL BE LAST"

- IT'S A HARD PARABLE!



see Matthew 20:1-16

Crossword for January 2025

Across

- Paul said the wrath of God 'is being revealed from heaven' against this (Romans 1:18) (11)
- 9 Go smite (anag.) (7) 10 'But I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee' (Matthew 26:32) (5)
- 11 'Take and —; this is my body' (Matthew 26:26) (3)
- 13 Type (2 Thessalonians 2:10) (4)
- 16 'Woe to those who iniquity' (Micah 2:1) (4)
- 17 'How shall we if we ignore such a great salvation?' (Hebrews 2:3) (6)
- 18 Opposite of evens (4)
- 20 Previously cited (Latin) (4)
- 21 'There is surely — of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife' (Genesis 20:11) (2,4)
- 22 The Thessalonians were warned to keep away from every brother who was this (2 Thessalonians 3:6) (4)
- 23 Beat (anag.) (4)
- 25 To trouble or afflict (Job 16:3) (3)
- 28 Part of a roof (1 Kings 7:9) (5)
- 29 Attain (Job 5:12) (7)
- 30 Insect noted for its gymnastic ability (Psalm 78:46) (11)

Down

Answers in the February Crosslet

- 2 Smell (John 11:39) (5)
- 3 Lion's home (Jeremiah 25:38) (4)
- 4 'Jesus Christ is the yesterday and today and for ever' (Hebrews 13:8) (4)
- 5 Tidy (4)
- 6 Made their home (Genesis 47:27) (7)
- 7 Their task was to carry the curtains of the tabernacle (Numbers 4:25–26) (11)
- 8 Timothy's was called Lois (2 Timothy 1:5) (11)
- 12 The Lover likened the fragrance of the Beloved's breath to these (Song of Songs 7:8) (6)
- 14 Times Educational Supplement (1,1,1)
- 15 Eight-tentacled sea creatures (6)
- 19 'And lead us not into temptation, but us from the evil one' (Matthew 6:13) (7)
- 20 D.L. Moody's legendary song leader, D. Sankey (3)
- 24 Rarely used musical note (5)
- 25 'Your will be done on earth it in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,2)
- 26 and 27 'The Lord Almighty will them with a , as when he struck down Midian at the rock of Oreb' (Isaiah 10:26) (4,4)
- 27 See 26 Down

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Services for Anglican Churches in the Four Parishes January 2025

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Date	Monkleigh	Littleham	Weare Giffard	Landcross
Normal Service Time	9.30 am	11 am	9.30 am	11 am
Sunday 5 th January Epiphany			Morning Praise Isaiah 60: 1-6 Eph. 3: 1-12 Matt. 2: 1-12	
Thursday 9 th January				Taize 7.00 pm
Sunday 12 th January 1 st Sunday of Epiphany				Celtic Communion Isaiah 43: 1-7 Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
	New Year Service Littleham 6pm			
Sunday 19 th January 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany		Holy Communion Isaiah 62: 1-5 1 Cor. 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11	Holy Communion Isaiah 62: 1-5 1 Cor. 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11	
Sunday 26 th January 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany		Morning Praise Neh. 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor. 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21		Holy Communion Neh. 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor. 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21

Littleham Methodist Church Services

There is a service at Littleham Methodist Chapel on the 12th January at 10.30am with Mr. Harris. All welcome!

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

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