



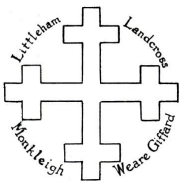
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Coffee & Craft Mornings first Tuesday of every month Monkleigh V.Hall
Coffee Morning Weare Giffard V.Hall every Thursday 10:30 -12pm
Pop-in mornings Littleham Village Hall Thursdays 10:30 - 12:00
Last Friday of every month, Friday Club. Littleham V.Hall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

Sat 1st "Conclave" Littleham Film Club 6:30 for 7pm (See P.12)
Mon 3rd Friends Together Lunch. W.Giffard V.Hall 12 for 12:30 pm
Wed 5th WeAre Friends. 2:30 pm The Downes Monkleigh (See P.24)
Sat 8th Littleham and Landcross "Wild Again" 2 till 5 pm Littleham
Village Hall See P.14
Sat 8th Knit and Natter Weare Giffard V.Hall 10 till Noon
Wed 12th Bideford Music Club St Mary's 7:30 pm (See P.6)
Sat 15th My Big Fat Greek Wedding + Greek Meal Weare Giffard V.Hall
6:30 for 7 pm. (See P.21)
Mon 17th Littleham Village Hall Week commences (See P.10)
Wed 26th Littleham + Landcross Art Group. Pointillism. Littleham V. Hall
Fri 28th Friday Club Social Littleham V.Hall 2pm
Sun 30th 4 Parish Mothering Sunday Service Littleham St Swithun's
11 am. All welcome.



ADVANCE NOTICE APRIL

Wed 2nd April Bideford Music Club
Sat 5th April Table-top sale. Monkleigh V. Hall 10 - 2pm
Sat 5th April Easter Quiz Night Weare Giffard V.Hall 7:30 for 8 pm
Thu 17th April Bingo. 7:30 pm Weare Giffard V.Hall (See P.24)
Sat 26th April "Bell and the Boys" Littleham V.Hall 7-11 pm

April Crosslet

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

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Dear friends,

Although we have only just left the season of Epiphany it won't be many weeks before we reach the church season of Lent. This year the theme for our Lent Course is The Nicene Creed which tries to represent concisely in words the core belief of the Christian faith.

Most Anglican churches recite the Nicene Creed every time they have a service of Holy Communion. But sometimes we can become so familiar with the flow and poetry of words we know well, and repeat often, that we fail to focus on what is actually being said and therefore don't question the meaning of the words or even if we fully understand or believe what is being said.

I hope the course will be a relaxed and interesting exploration of the Nicene Creed – what it asks us to believe and the implications for this belief in the 21st Century.

The course is free, open to everyone, and we hope to welcome you either to St Mary's Bideford or Littleham Village Hall. The details of the course are listed below. Best wishes
Rev'd Robin

Lent Course

The Nicene Creed – Do you believe this?



1,700 years ago church elders met at the First Council of Nicaea to construct and agree a statement of belief for Nicene Christianity. The Nicene Creed still forms part of the profession of faith required of those

undertaking important functions within the Orthodox, Catholic and Lutheran Churches. In Western Christianity the Nicene and Apostles Creed remain the foundation of our faith.

This year the focus of our Lent Course will be to explore the Nicene Creed, what it asks us to believe as Christians, how it has been interpreted over the centuries and how it has been renewed and made relevant for Christians in the 21C.

The Lent Course will have 5 sessions:

St.Mary's at 7:30pm:

Thursday March 13th, Wednesday March 19th, 26th, Thursday April 3rd and Wednesday April 9th.

Littleham Village Hall at 2:30pm:

Thursday March 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd and 10th

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
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



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Two talented musicians will be coming to Bideford to perform at the Music Club's concert on Wednesday 12th. March at 7.30 pm. Gerard Flotats is a prize winning cellist who enjoys playing a wide range of musical styles. He aims to make classical music more relevant to today's audiences and showcase lesser known pieces.

He will be partnered by pianist Julian Chan who has performed music by a wide range of composers across Europe and Asia. Julian also enjoys composing and had his first book of compositions published at the age of six, earning him the title of Malaysia's youngest composer! Together they will be performing works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Sui.

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

The April concert will be on Wednesday 2nd. April at 7.30. featuring Oboist Ewan Millar and pianist Tomos Boyles.

A Service of 'Wholeness and Healing'

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On Sunday March 9th at 6pm.

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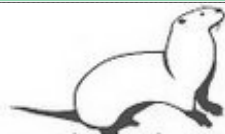
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There'll be an easy-to-follow guide, and prizes for the top gardens. We've got some lovely gardens so far, but we need more. If you'd like more information or have your garden included, please phone Stephen Saywell on ☎ **07885 443236**.

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



Wood Chippings

There is a huge pile of wood chippings in Littleham Churchyard left over from when the pine trees were felled last year. If you would like some for your gardens please come and collect! Also some large pieces of timber - free to a good home!

Andrew

From the Parish Registers

The funeral of Margaret Thomas was held at St George's Monkleigh on January 14th

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

Please send these to

andrewtregoning@btinternet.com



4-Parish Choir dates for March

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 March 6th at 7.00 pm.

Celtic Communion is on Sunday March 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*

Landcross Chapel

I was at Landcross the other day for some reflection.

I took some photos of the Chapel in the winter sun as it is so beautiful! I thought I would share in case they may be useful to use.

If you're interested you can find more of my photography at photography.highestsprings.com



Daniel Gorvett

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LITTLEHAM VILLAGE FETE SAT. 5TH JULY

Plans are well underway for our big village event. Please hold the date. The village hall committee and supporters wish to make this an enjoyable event for everyone and, in doing so, raise much needed funds for the hall. In order to ensure a variety of attractions, we need offers of help and sponsorship. Donations for the cake stall, tombola, plant stall etc, are always very much appreciated. Offers of help with preparation, helping on the day and clearing up will enable a good variety of activities to take place. Whatever you can manage would be very much appreciated, including sponsorship of the event.

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!!

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

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- why not come along to Ladies Skittles on Tuesday at 7.30, or Thursday morning Library exchange at 10.30. Look out for further activities on the village hall website.

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

And finally we would like to thank our kind benefactors, who sponsored the new bench outside the hall (aided and abetted by the members of the Mens Shed, who seem to be spreading their expertise far and wide in the village). Thank you.

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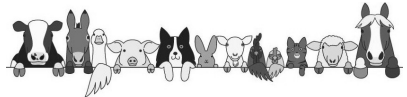
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Littleham Film & Social Club



February's film "Young Woman and the sea" was a gripping American drama based on the true story of Gertrude Ederle's valiant attempts to become a world swimming champion and cross channel record holder back in 1926. This was Littleham Film Club's first streaming attempt which did hit some technical issues which just added to the drama of the film. Tremendous support and encouragement from the audience ensured that this was a night to remember.

Our March film is "**Conclave**" a 2024 political thriller film directed by Edward Berger and written by Peter Straughan, based on the 2016 novel by Robert Harris. The film stars Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow, Sergio Castellitto, and Isabella Rossellini. In the film, Cardinal Thomas Lawrence (Fiennes) organises a conclave to elect the next pope and finds himself investigating secrets and scandals about the major candidates.

As always, we meet at Littleham Village Hall, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm screening on Saturday 1st March. This is our third 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 March, the Film Committee and our Wonderful volunteers (call Keith - 📞 **07425392731** for more information).

Intercessors and Readers for Littleham March 2025		
Date	Intercessor	Readers
March 16th	Anthony	Anita, Penny
March 23rd	Vicki	Pete, Andrew

Howard Reeves

Howard Reeves lived at Upadown from 1976 until he and his wife Hilary moved to Beaples Barton in 1988. He was the local Water Bailiff. Hilary and Howard retired to live at Whimple, Exeter.

Howard has recently passed away. His funeral service will be held sometime in February.

Howard was a quite a colourful character and may still be remembered by many in the village.

Judy Phillips

LITTLEHAM



Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist Chapel on March 9th with Mrs. Davis and on the 23rd March with Mrs. Potter, both at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

100 Club February Winners!

The February draw for the St Swithun's Littleham 100 Club took place on February 12th, drawn by Judy Hamilton.

The results were as follows:-

First Prize 80 Sarah Conybeer
Second Prize 84 Patricia Guy
Third Prize 82 Janet Smith

Congratulations to them all!



Friday Club

Our February meeting was a very interesting and amusing talk with a demonstration on hand painted Silk Scarves, Michael and his wife Karen produced two beautiful scarves along with the help of two of our members. At the end of the demonstration we were able to look and purchase from a great selection of scarves and ties. It was a lovely afternoon and it was good to see over 30 people attending.

Our March meeting will be on 28th at 2 pm when we shall be getting together for a social afternoon plenty of tea/coffee and biscuits along with chatter and table games.



Littleham and Landcross Wild Again!



the **4th** annual WILD event

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

LITTLEHAM AND LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Residents,

It is exciting times in the Local Government world with many changes on the way with regard to how the County is structured and funded. A new Combined County Authority has been created and is made up of representatives from Devon Councils and Torbay Council. This new Authority will have new devolved powers and resources.



It means that decisions, previously made in Whitehall, will now be made locally on priority issues, including housing, jobs and skills, transport and the economy. The establishment of the Devon and Torbay CCA is distinct and separate to other government announcements in relation to local government reorganisation and the formation of Strategic Authorities. This is still being discussed so the County Council elections in May will still go ahead.

The Parish Council needs to ensure that its voice is heard with regard to how the devolution programme affects our community and to do this we need 3 residents to fill the Parish Council vacancies. To be able to make the right impact it is important to understand the processes and also engage with representatives of other Councils to ensure Littleham and Landcross are not forgotten!

Other news:-

The legal procedures to define the track known as the Shutta Track as a public right of way and Bridleway should be finalised and accessible by the time the Crosslet is published. To do this the Council has agreed to pay a contractor to clear the path of the overgrowth.

The XLinks project is progressing and it is now your opportunity to make any comments known. Go to:

[Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project - Project information.](#)

David Edwards - Clerk to the Council

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Littleham and Landcross Art Group

Pete Newell, a Bideford artist, came to our January meeting to talk to us about his painting technique and drawing and composition. He also gave us advice on our own paintings. It was a very successful event.

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

Our programme until May is as follows:

26th February

Enlarging an object. The object could be an insect, tool, lichen, leaf, flower whatever you fancy. We plan to work on large paper (we can provide paper) with charcoal. Please bring a magnifying glass and charcoal.

26th March Pam Hutchings will lead on Pointillism.

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.



Travelling this Spring? *Translations that didn't quite make it...*

Danish airline: *We take your bags and send them in all directions.*

Heathrow: *No electric people carrying vehicles past this point.*

Japanese taxi: *Safety first: please put seatbelt. Prepare for accident.*

Kenyan maternity ward: *No children allowed.*

Beijing shop: *Haircuts half price today. Only one per customer.*

Swedish furrier: *Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin.*

MONKLEIGH



The Bell Inn Monkleigh

We are pleased to announce that the Bell Inn Monkleigh will be opening its doors again on the 14th February at 7pm, to mark this occasion we are putting on a buffet with live music from Sam Dowden. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome customers old and new to come along and join us..

Opening hours are; **Thurs, Fri, Sat, lunch 12 - 3 evening 5 - 11
Sunday 12 - 5**

Food service will be starting again the 1st week of March giving us time to sort things out new menu etc

Our phone number is yet to be confirmed, as is the email, but we should have everything sorted by the next issue of the Crosslet! Sue

Monkleigh Village Hall News

Hopefully at time of reading Spring will be making an appearance or at least we can hope it will shortly. We are looking ahead to the rest of the year, we are making plans for further events and fundraising.

We have recently redecorated both the main hall and the skittle alley and have completely renewed the heating system throughout.

It is now time to turn our attention to the next phase of refurbishment which will be the gable end wall and some parts of the roof, which will need considerable community involvement to raise the considerable funds required.

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

The craft mornings are going extremely well with an excellent increase of regular participants. The next morning is scheduled as below and we would love for you to come and join us

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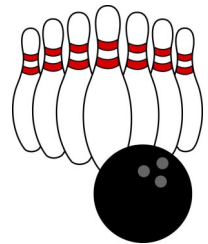
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Bring your own crafts, suggest and share some new ones, or just come along for a cuppa and a natter.

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



Miscellaneous observations on daily life

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it.

A healthy adult consumes each year one-and-one-half times his own weight in other people's patience.

A pun is the lowest form of humour - unless you thought of it yourself.

Based on my calculations, I can afford to retire five years after I die.

Birthday cake is the only food you can blow on and spit on, and still everybody rushes to get a piece.

Coffee: starter fluid for the morning impaired.

Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner - all it was doing was gathering dust.



George saw his whole Parish as a Mission Field

Answers To The February Crossword

ACROSS:

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

DOWN:

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

WEARE GIFFARD

Weare Giffard Village Hall

Coffee Morning
Every Thursday

10:30 am - 12:00 pm



Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery results

February lottery winners

1st Prize - Teresa & Dave Curtis
2nd Prize - Lynn Nigh
3rd Prize - Bryan & Shiela Andrew's



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

Now we have settled into 2025, plans are underway for carrying out some of the 'jobs' I mentioned last month; along with more exciting various events to take place at the village hall in addition to the regular schedule. Do check the Weare Giffard Community website for up to date details: www.wearegiffard.org

A Greek themed film and dinner night is taking place on Saturday 15th March at the village hall; if the Italian themed night is anything to go on then it shouldn't be missed!

Then; following on from the fun and success of our Christmas quiz; on Saturday 5th April we are having an Easter Quiz night. Do put the dates in your diary, book your tickets and come and join us.

The breakfast rolls team were extremely busy in February, welcoming a walking group in addition to many of our villagers and neighbours; they worked hard and again have benefitted the village hall with all the proceeds from this. Thank you to all of the team. They are having a break in March, so next breakfast rolls will be Saturday April 5th and the doors will be open to welcome everyone who wishes to come along. The village lottery subscriptions are currently being renewed for the forthcoming year and Jenny Hedden and Carol Teasedale are doing a

sterling job at processing all the entries. If you want to be a part of it then you can; just contact them and they will get you registered. Re-decoration of the hall and skittle alley is due to start soon, thanks to volunteers we are gathering along the way. Kev Richards is yet again turning out to be a star in getting this underway. Heating in the toilets should also have been installed by the time this circulates! If there is anything you would like to organize at the village hall for others to share in please do contact either myself; Mandy Budge who manages the hall bookings proficiently; Tracy Lees, who motivates and gets many events off the ground for us or through the 'contact us' link on the Weare Giffard Community website! We'd love to hear from you.

Best wishes, *Vanessa Saunders*

chairWGVH@icloud.com

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There will be no breakfast rolls in March , but we will be back on Sat 5 April from 10 til noon . Hopefully see you there!



Weare Giffard Film Club

CAMPANIA KITCHEN — DEVON —

Film Night and Greek Meal

On Saturday 15 March 2025, Weare Giffard Film Club will be showing the classic 2002 Romantic comedy “My Big Fat Greek Wedding”

My Big Fat Greek Wedding. A 2002 romantic comedy film directed by Joel Zwick and written by Nia Vardalos. It follows a young Greek-American woman who falls in love with a non-Greek and struggles to get her family to accept him while she comes to terms with her heritage and cultural identity.

What makes this a special night is that, not only are we showing a great film, but, thanks to Pina Giannotto of Campania Kitchen, we will be serving an authentic three course Greek meal:

Pitas and dips to start followed by lamb moussaka and salad followed by Greek orange cake for dessert. Vegan options will be available. Drinks will be available, but feel free to bring your own.

Doors at 6:30 pm with the meal being served at 7pm and the film at 8pm.

£20 for the meal and film.

Please pre book by 12 February by contacting Kev on 📞 **07730531540**



THE OLD CORN MILL, WEARE GIFFARD

This now converted Mill is very likely to be the third oldest building in the village. Research takes us back to 1511 and Henry VIII's time, when from the Court Rolls (i.e. the court held by the Fortescues at Weare Giffard Hall), it was stated that a



certain Roger Saunder was charged by his Lord,' to repair the way between Were and Were Mill – "Were" being The Hall.

The mill leat (man made stream) to drive the waterwheel ran 1.5 miles from Beam Weir. Along the leat there would be sluices, these to control the level/flow of the water – not too much and not too little. We have one example still in sauté near Chopes Bridge. On arriving at the mill, the leat would be controlled by a large sluice, this to control the direction of the flow. If for example the wheel was under repair, the water to it would be cut off by lowering that sluice gate, whilst opening up a second to allow the flow to disperse, in our case via the front of the mill.

Our next piece of evidence is plain to see, situated on the wall of the mill by way of a stone plaque, which states a re-build in 1686 following a fire. So again we see the plural 'mills', why? There are currently two explanations, the obvious being three external waterwheels. However, it could be that the reference is to the number of grinding 'mills' inside, driven by just one external waterwheel, and indeed there were at one time three of these mechanisms, each fulfilling a different grinding function

Finally a small mystery – when the Slee Family purchased and then renovated the Mill in c1977, including infilling the ground floor, Chris had a grounds minor issue, compared with the main building. He could not fully drive into the ground all his boundary fence posts, and if you look carefully at the boundary fence between Riversdale and the mill, there is a slightly raised section of railing, otherwise the rest is completely horizontal.

I will give the likely reason in my next article on the mill, in which I will also look at miller Thomas Fry and his electric turbine, his apple orchard, and other innovations he made.

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

Chocolate

I'm giving up eating chocolate for a month. Oh, wait, sorry, bad punctuation. I meant, I'm giving up. Eating chocolate for a month!



Weare Giffard Community Website

wearegiffard.org



The Weare Giffard Community Website has been up and running for a couple of months now, and we've received some great feedback so far—thank you! We'd love to hear more, so please keep sharing your thoughts.

We're continuously adding useful content, and the calendar is regularly updated with village events, church services, and village hall activities. The Spotlight page keeps you informed about flood advisories, road closures, and any changes to the bus schedule to the best of our ability—plus, we've provided useful links so you can check for updates yourself. And don't forget, the latest lottery numbers are posted as soon as the draw takes place!

Looking ahead, we plan to expand the site's resources, including adding a graveyard map with burial information under the Holy Trinity section and making the Weare Giffard Village Millennium History Books available online.

You can subscribe to our monthly 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 www.wearegiffard.org with as much detail as possible—we'll aim to get back to you within 48 hours.

Thanks for being part of our community!

Friends Together Lunch - Weare Giffard

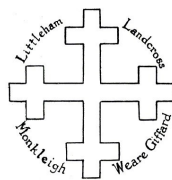
Our next lunch is on Monday March 3rd, 12 o'clock for 12.30. All welcome and please bring your friends as well

More information from Pat on

☎ **01237 424917**

or Jen on

☎ **01237 479594.**



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**

“WeAre Friends” Speaker Event

WeAre Friends was formed out of the old Weare Giffard & Landcross WI

Date: Wednesday, 5th March
Time: 2:30 PM
Location: The Music Room, The Downes, Monkleigh
Cost: £5 (includes coffee/tea and a slice of cake)

This month’s speaker is Lynne Carol, presenting "Who do you think you are?"—a captivating journey into the exotic and hedonistic life of 1950s Cairo. Experience the glamour of overseas air travel in an era of New Look fashions, poolside cocktails, and indulgent parties. Lynne shares her personal story of being born in Cairo while her parents worked for BOAC, set against the backdrop of the Suez Crisis.

Join us for an afternoon of fascinating history and jaw-dropping revelations!

To confirm your place, please contact Daphne on 📞 **01237 479606**.



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

RECORD YOUR MEMORIES

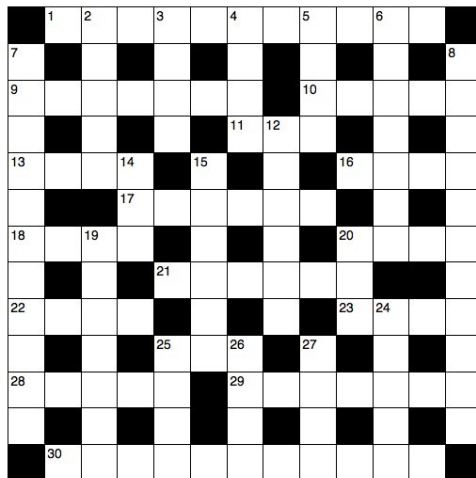
We are fast approaching 31st March when we finish the Oral History recordings. PLEASE ...if you have not been approached personally, and would like us to capture your memories for the future, these of you and Weare Giffard, do contact us immediately. We would be delighted. Our ‘criteria’ - seventy years old plus, with some 40 years of living in Weare Giffard. **KEITH** 📞 **01237 475168**



Crossword for March 2025

Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)



Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands 1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

Answers in the April
Crosslet

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Services for Anglican Churches in the Four Parishes March 2025

Date	Monkleigh	Littleham	Weare Giffard	Landcross
Normal Service Time	9.30 am	11 am	9.30 am	11 am
Sunday March 2 nd Sunday before Lent			Morning Praise Exodus 34: 29 – end 2 Cor. 3: 12 – 4:2 Luke 9: 28-43a	
Wednesday March 5 th Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Service 10 am Landcross Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm St Mary's			
Thursday March 6 th				Taize *7.00pm April Saltmarsh
Sunday March 9 th 1 st Sunday of Lent				Celtic Communion Deut. 26: 1 – 11 Romans 10: 8b – 13 Luke 4: 1-13
Sunday March 16 th 2 nd Sunday of Lent		Parish Communion Gen.15: 1- 12, 17 – 18 Phil. 3: 17 – 4: 1 Luke 13: 31 - end	Parish Communion Gen.15: 1- 12, 17 – 18 Phil. 3: 17 – 4: 1 Luke 13: 31 - end	
Sunday March 23 rd 3 rd Sunday of Lent		Morning Praise Isaiah 55: 1-9 1 Cor. 10: 1 – 13 Luke 13: 1-9		Holy Communion Isaiah 55: 1-9 1 Cor. 10: 1 – 13 Luke 13: 1-9
Sunday March 30 th Mothering Sunday	4 Parish Mothering Sunday Service Littleham 11 am			

Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist Chapel on March 9th with Mrs. Davis and on the 23rd March with Mrs. Potter, 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