



August
2026



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DATES FOR YOUR AUGUST DIARY



Stitch and Create. Every other Tuesday. Littleham V.Hall
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
Friday mornings. Breakfast Club. Monkleigh Village Hall. 8:45 - 10:30 am

Sat 1st Breakfast Rolls W.Giffard V. Hall 10 till Noon
Sun 2nd Littleham Scarecrow Festival (P.11)
Sun 2nd W.Giffard history walk Berry Castle 2:30 pm (P.21)
Wed 5th WeAre Friends W.G. V.Hall 2:30 pm (P.23)
Thurs 6th W.Giffard history walk Church to Old Mill 2:00 pm (P.21)
Sat 15th Littleham & Landcross Garden & Craft Show (P.12)
Sat 15th Monkleigh V.Hall afternoon tea in aid of breast cancer (P.18)
Sun 16th Cream Teas W.Giffard V.Hall 2 - 4:30 pm (P.22)
Sun 16th Hymns and Pimms Holy Trinity W.Giffard 6pm (P.5)



ADVANCE NOTICE SEPTEMBER

Saturday Sept 5th Littleham Film + Social Club "Michael" 6:30 for 7 pm
(See P.14)
Friday 25th September Macmillan coffee morning Littleham V.Hall (P.16)

September Crosslet

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

Please send your emails to: andrewtregoning@btinternet.com

Or phone ☎ 01237 479459

Dear Friends,

Free Medieval Art Exhibition!

A Guardian article on 30th June has inspired me this month, alongside the recent heatwave. Jonathan Jones was commenting, as the £33 tickets to see the Bayeux Tapestry went on sale, on the wealth of medieval art to be found in our heritage buildings. Four of them are on your doorstep – and moreover, if it's hot, they are deliciously cool places to visit – and no queues!



I'm talking of course about our churches, built in medieval times – and still standing today. Jonathan mentions the surprising humour employed by those carpenters and sculptors: take a look at the wood carvings in all four churches and you will understand – contorted figures and dragons(!) amid shields and geometric shapes.



There are ancient wall paintings of St Sebastian and St Swithun in Weare Giffard and Littleham and beautiful calligraphy on the memorial stones set into Monkleigh's floor, as well as interesting windows. Some of these we can only imagine as puritans disapproved of and destroyed them. Landcross is so small and yet so peaceful. The wall inscriptions tell us our history in the families that lived locally. Not medieval at all is the wonderful, inspired, new 'Holy Spirit' window in Weare Giffard which casts its colours into the aisle on sunny afternoons.



Other windows and of course the cross, tell of Jesus and I wonder how many of you were baptised in our fonts or started wedded life, walking up those aisles? Do come and see: they are truly treasure-troves of art that will richly repay time spent just looking.

All free! All yours to explore, wonder at and visit again and again...

Hoping to see you soon and maybe your names in the visitor books...

God Bless, *Ruth*

PS We're putting together some treasure hunts too – please do come and try them. During the summer we try to keep the churches open most days.

Hymns & Pimms

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16 AUGUST
6.00 PM

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Let Ruth know in advance and we'll do our best to include it.



Please email Ruth:
revruth2022@gmail.com

Everyone
is warmly
welcome



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WEARE GIFFARD

—> Good company, favourite hymns and a touch of summer! <—

From the Parish Registers, July 2026:



Baptisms

George Kevin Waldron at Holy Trinity, Weare Giffard on 28th June

Louie George Bright at St George's, Monkleigh on 28th June

It was lovely to welcome George and Louie and their families and friends to church as they started their journey of following Jesus.

Burial of Ashes

June Barber at St Swithun's, Littleham on 2nd July: may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Weddings, funerals, memorials, thanksgivings and baptisms – your church is here for you.

Who can have a service in the parish church? We welcome anyone – because your parish church is yours. You don't need to have attended a service, cut the grass or given money (although you are very welcome to do any or all of those things!). The parish church is a gift to the nation – please do use what is yours – we are really happy to come and discuss how we can help if you would like to commemorate or celebrate those life-events above.

Ruth ☎ **01237 439584** or speak to any of the team in Bideford or in your local church.

4 Parish Choir dates for 2026

Aug 16th Hymns and Pimms Weare Giffard 6pm

Oct 11th Healing and Wholeness Service St Mary's 6pm

Practice dates will need to be organised later.





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Some dates for your diary...

These are the draft dates for Harvest Celebrations in the villages:

St Swithun's, Littleham	Sunday 4 th October at 11 am
St George's, Monkleigh	Saturday 10 th October at 7pm
Holy Trinity, Landcross	Sunday 11 th October at 11 am
Holy Trinity, Weare Giffard	Sunday 18 th October at 11 am

Community Wellbeing Fair

Just to let you know about a Torrington 100 community/ wellbeing event taking place at Great Torrington School Sports Hall on Friday 24th July, 3-6pm.

There will be a host of information stalls, free basic health checks, activities and giveaways. Something for all ages!

There is more information on the Torrington 100 Facebook page

Amanda Smithson

**Torrington 100
(Community Developer)
01237 479487
Mon – Thurs**



The poster is for the 'Torrington 100 Brings Torrington Together Community/ Wellbeing Fair'. It features a central illustration of a diverse group of stylized human figures holding hands. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a color palette of browns and tans. Key information includes the date and time (Friday 24th July, 3-6pm) and location (Great Torrington School Sports Hall). A circular badge on the right says 'ALL WELCOME! Pop in for free refreshments and browse the stalls'. At the bottom, it encourages following 'Torrington 100' on Facebook and includes the GTS logo.

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Torrington Together**

**Community/
Wellbeing Fair**

**A chance to explore
what our Great
Community
has to offer**

**When:
Friday 24th July
3-6pm**

**Where:
Great Torrington
School Sports Hall
(Entry via Sports Hall Carpark)**

**ALL
WELCOME!
Pop in for free
refreshments
and browse
the stalls**

Like/Follow Torrington 100 on Facebook for updates

Church Bulletin Notices

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Please place your donation in the envelope, along with the deceased person you want remembered.

LANDCROSS



Our services this month are: -

Thursday August 6th Taizé Service 7pm

Sunday August 9th 11am Celtic Communion

Sunday 23rd August 11am Holy Communion

Do come and join us if you can!

April Saltmarsh

SCAM WARNING – Don't Trust That Rogue Trader



Rogue traders are doorstep criminals that affect the lives of Devon residents all year round. In the last year alone they scammed homeowners for work that either wasn't needed, was poorly done, or wasn't carried out at all.

These fraudsters offer anything from gardening, driveway cleaning and roofing repairs. They often deliberately target the more vulnerable members of the community and attempt to extort money for little to no work.

Rogue traders will often cold call but they are also using legitimate websites such as check-a-trade or bark.com among others to then respond to homeowners requests for work to be carried out.

If you are seeking a tradesman to carry out home maintenance: We recommend you visit the **Devon Trading Standards website** where you will find their 'Buy With Confidence' list of local businesses which have given their commitment to trading fairly. Follow the following link:

<https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/business>

Remember: If you have evidence of a scam operating in your area, or you are worried about a doorstep trader we would like you to report it to Devon Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on ☎ **0808 223 1133** or via their website by clicking the following link:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

Rogue Traders are unlikely to give written contracts, but if they do, it will not provide the required information about cancellation rights. By law, all traders who sign someone up to a contract at their home should be giving a 14-day cooling off period. This gives the homeowner time to change their mind and must be specified in writing.

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A great big thank you to everyone who attended, supported, volunteered or performed at our little music festival with BBQ and Bar on Saturday 4th July. Your incredible support made the event a fantastic success and we appreciate every one of you who helped to bring our community together!

Looking Ahead to 2027

With car parking limited this year, the committee decided to scale back from a full fete to a smaller music festival. This allowed us to trial using the playing field for parking alongside a festival setup. We now believe that a return to a larger fete is fully possible for 2027.

Fundraising Update

The final fundraising total is still being calculated. We will share the official figure with everyone as soon as it is finalised.

We look forward to welcoming you to the hall during the Scarecrow Trail on Sunday 2nd August. Refreshments including a cream tea, will be available.

Also, the hall will be hosting The Garden and Craft Show on Saturday 15th August. Have a great summer.!



Scarecrow Festival

All scarecrows should be in place by **Monday 27th July**, with judging taking place during the following week, culminating on 2nd August, when the winners are announced at the Village Hall.

Visitors are invited to follow the Scarecrow Trail around the village (on 2nd August) and while they're here, enjoy a delicious cream tea in the Village Hall.

We'd love you to get involved. See attached poster for categories. The more scarecrows we have, the bigger and better the festival will be for everyone!

St Swithun's Grass
Cutting Rota
August 2026

Peter Lapicki
 Robert Guy
 James Hogan
 David Edwards

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 Wilf Smith

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Editor: When children write to their vicar:

"Dear Vicar...

- I know God loves everybody but then He never met my sister. - Arnold, age 8.

- Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. - Pete, age 9.

- I would like to go to heaven someday, because I know my brother won't be there. -Stephen, age 8.

- I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. - Loreen, age 9.



LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS
GARDEN & CRAFT
SHOW
Saturday 15th August
2026
at 2.30pm







Schedules and exhibit entry tickets at 20p per item available from Rachel Manley, Meadows Reach, Debbie Jennings, The Meadows, Graham Coles, 8 Mount Pleasant & Eric Palmer, Lark Rise.

Refreshments available

Raffle prizes gratefully accepted on the day

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Intercessors and Readers for Littleham August 2026		
Date	Intercessor	Readers
August 2nd	Allan	Keith Chris
August 16th	Penny	Geoffrey Anthony

LITTLEHAM



Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist Church on the 9th and 23rd of August both at 10.30am, everyone welcome. Our final service is on August 30th - also at 10:30 am - do come!

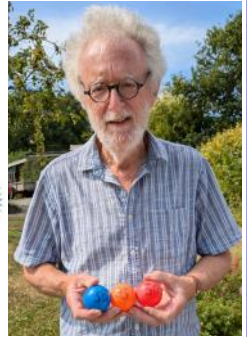
100 Club July Winners!

The July draw for the Littleham 100 Club took place on the 14th of July, drawn by David Read.

The results were as follows:-

First Prize	38 Robert Roker
Second Prize	95 Christopher Baggott
Third Prize	50 Kevin Jennings

Congratulations to them all!



100 Club Subscriptions - Thanks!



Many thanks to all those who have now paid - 85 at the last count! Any remaining Members are asked to pay ASAP by cash (to **Andrew Tregoning @ Ristie**) or, preferably, by bank transfer (see below)

Thanks to all of you we raised over **£700** last year towards the upkeep and running of our beautiful church!

There may still be a couple of spare tickets by the time you read this! Phone Andrew on ☎ **01237 479459** if interested.

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St Swithun's PCC - Thanks

Many, many thanks to Jenny Gale for being our treasurer for the last four years and for keeping our finances under control so effectively.

We also welcome on board Martin Manley to take over the role and hope it isn't too arduous for him.

Andrew

Littleham Film & Social Club

On Saturday 11th July on one of the hottest evenings we can remember at film club we had a full house to watch the wonderful film *Living* starring Bill Nighy.

A special thank you to Trevor our projectionist for the evening and our volunteers Jenny & Stephen, Sally & Susie, Rachel & Martin and all those attending that lent a hand to make the evening run so smoothly.

Film club, are taking a short break over the summer, so our next film scheduled for Saturday 5th September, is "Michael" The film tells the story of Michael Jackson's life beyond the music, tracing his journey from the discovery of his extraordinary talent as the lead of the Jackson Five, to the visionary artist whose creative ambition fuelled a relentless pursuit to become the biggest entertainer in the world.



"...and once you've done the flower arrangements, polished the pews, scrubbed the floor, shined the silver and taken a look at the problem with the boiler we wondered, well, you have to laugh, but all six bell-ringers are on holiday at the same time and..."

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

A well-stocked Bar, amazing raffle, free tea, coffee, and biscuits in the interval, £1 ice creams, tall seats on the back two rows and a warm welcome will greet you. Come early if you like to sit in the front and benefit from the sub-titles.

Hoping to see you on 5th September. Please bring small change for ice-creams and raffle (it really does help).

From all the Littleham Film & Social Club Committee

(call Keith – ☎ **07425 392731** for more details on Littleham Film club or our scheduled films).

Friday Club

June is the month we have our yearly outing, this year we visited the beautiful Marwood Hill Gardens.

Although not many of us could make it we had a wonderful day the weather was perfect and we all agreed it had been very successful.

We met up for a delicious lunch, followed by an interesting talk by the head Gardner Malcolm.



The late Dr Jimmy Smart moved to Marwood with his family in 1949 he had been a ship's doctor during the six years of the second world war where he was awarded an MBE after swimming from raft to raft treating survivors when the HMS Hermes was sunk with the loss of two-thirds of the ships company.

After the war, he settled in North Devon as a general practitioner, but found time to create Marwood Hill garden. He died in 2002 and his family have continued to keep and develop the beautiful 20 acre garden we see today.

There is a small group of full-time garden staff along with the considerable contribution of a wonderful team of volunteers. We certainly visited at the right time of year as the flowers were in full bloom and looking quite stunning.

All are welcome to our monthly Friday club meeting - usually held on the last Friday of the month at the Littleham Village Hall 2.00pm - 4.00pm



It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited



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Crossword Answers July 2026

ACROSS: 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness.
14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet.
22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

DOWN: 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type.
7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras.
18, Stew. 19, Area.

MONKLEIGH



Monkleigh Village Hall News

Hello from the village hall team.

We hope this finds you well. Please keep an eye out on the notice boards - the one on 'the bend' and one outside the village hall car park for more information, and check our Facebook page.

Coffee and Craft Mornings

First Tuesday of every month. 10am
Bring your own crafts, suggest and share some new ones, or just come along for a cuppa and a natter.

'Not at the Pub' Quiz.

We are taking a break over the summer. Next quiz is planned for Weds September 2nd at 7pm

Breakfast club

Breakfast club continues over the summer - Friday mornings 0845 -1030
Breakfasts and rolls to eat in or take away. Veggie options.

Afternoon Tea

We are doing an afternoon tea in aid of Breast Cancer now on Sat 15th August. Fliers with more details to come around shortly



A reminder that we are always looking for new committee members. We meet once a month at a time to suit everyone, over a cuppa. If you are interested do reach out to us at our Facebook page, or by email to monkleighvh@gmail.com.

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

Stay safe and well,
Monkleigh Village Hall Committee

Monkleigh School

Mary Poppins!

I was lucky enough to see Mary Poppins, wonderfully performed by all the children of Monkleigh School on Wednesday using the stage at Kingsley School and it was a real treat!



I honestly thought the children might be miming at first – the singing was such good quality. It was of course all their own work and it was lovely to hear the well-known songs given such an enthusiastic rendition.

The principal roles were all well-acted: if some were nervous then they hid it well and they supported each other so generously on stage.

The costumes and props were fabulous – chimney sweeps, honey bees and beautiful kites graced the stage – well done to parents and staff, and the whole school had learned some fantastic dance moves – well done everyone.

I had such a good afternoon. Thank you! *Ruth*

So excited to announce that we have been awarded the **Platinum award for Sport.**

After filling in forms and submitting paperwork we received lovely feedback from our School Games Organiser about our School.



Monkleigh Primary School consistently demonstrates an outstanding commitment to the School Games values and to providing inclusive physical activity opportunities for all pupils. The school actively supports School Games events, embraces new opportunities and ensures that every child has the chance to participate, represent their school and develop confidence through sport.

Their dedication to inclusion is particularly impressive, with opportunities provided for both competitive and non-competitive pupils through a wide range of activities and strong community partnerships. The school promotes positive attitudes, teamwork, respect and self-belief in all aspects of school life and is a valued member of the local School Games network.

Monkleigh Primary School's commitment to participation, inclusion and pupil development makes them highly deserving of the Platinum School Games Mark.

Tracey Wilson PE lead *Karen Reeves* (Head Teacher)

Tel: ☎ **01805 623269**

WEARE GIFFARD

Weare Giffard Village Hall

Coffee Morning
Every Thursday

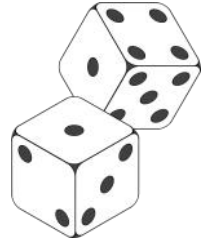
10:30 am - 12:00 pm



Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery results

Lottery Results for July

1st prize. Kevin & Tess Ann's
2nd prize. Alex & Betrníe Wittram
3rd prize. Mark & Liz Duffy



Weare Giffard Village Hall

The end of June and beginning of July has seen lots of activity in the village hall with various social events in addition to our usual weekly and monthly activities. The Film, BBQ and Bar, was a great success as was the American themed Quiz night. It was great to see some new faces attending. Thank you for supporting us.



At the time of writing everyone is focused on our biggest event of the year - The Weare Giffard Village Fete. The planning and organisation alone bring the whole village together, everyone getting involved to make the day a success. Whether that's offering time to set up marquees and gazebos ready for the event, working on the day to man stalls, become a carpark attendant, serve food or drinks, sell raffle tickets, donate prizes or simply attending the function to take part and enjoy the fantastic community event.

Thank you all - it's a great reminder of what it means to be part of our beautiful Devon village. I have my fingers crossed that the weather will be kind to us.

With holidays in full swing, social events will be minimal in August but breakfast rolls on Saturday 1st and cream teas on Sunday 16th will go ahead as normal. I hope I'll see you there!

Heather Wraith



Breakfast Rolls

If you would like to add your name to the reserve list to help at breakfast rolls please contact Tracy ☎ **07826732399**. Breakfast Rolls are held at Weare Giffard Village Hall on the first Sat of the month between 10 and 12. All profits are given back to the village Hall. No experience required. We are a friendly team.



Breakfast Rolls

Saturday August 1st

10 till noon

Weare Giffard Village Hall



TWO W.G. HISTORY WALKS PLANNED FOR THIS SUMMER

One to Berry Castle Iron Age Hillfort - Sunday 2nd August 2.30

Second – The Church to The Old Mill - Thursday 6th August 2 p.m.

FOR FULL DETAILS OF EACH – Keith Hughes ☎ **01237 475168**
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...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!

Sky fright

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon bumping around in the sky. One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him for comfort. "Can't you do something?" she demanded.

"I'm sorry ma'am," said the reverend gently. "I'm in sales, not management."

Selection of cakes
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Cream teas
£4.50



Cream Teas

Being served in

***Weare Giffard,
Village Hall***

Sunday 16th August 2026

2pm - 4.30pm



In aid of Village Hall funds



WeAre Friends July Meeting

WeAre Friends enjoyed a fascinating afternoon with former RAF Squadron Leader and Air Traffic Controller Nick Clyburn, who gave us an engaging insight into the world of air traffic control.



Nick explained the difference between controlled and uncontrolled airspace, the three levels of air traffic control, and how the UK's busy airspace is safely managed every day. Drawing on over 40 years of experience, he brought the subject to life with interesting stories and clear explanations, making a complex topic easy to understand.

It was an informative and enjoyable afternoon, and members left with a new appreciation of the skill and teamwork involved in keeping our skies safe.

Next Weare Friends Meeting

Our next WeAre Friends meeting will take place on Wednesday, 5 August, when we welcome Chrissie Le Marchant with her talk, "Nancy Lady Astor."

Nancy Astor made history as the first woman to take her seat in the House of Commons and was one of the most influential and outspoken women of her time. Chrissie will explore Lady Astor's remarkable life, achievements, and lasting legacy.

The talk begins at 2.30 pm at Weare Giffard Village Hall, with refreshments available afterwards. Everyone is welcome, whether you're a regular attendee or joining us for the first time.

Bell Ringers

Weare Giffard are happy to train new Bell ringers should anyone like to have a go .

We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 and would be pleased to see some new faces .



Our pastoral visiting team 2026

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

The TEN YOUNG WOMEN



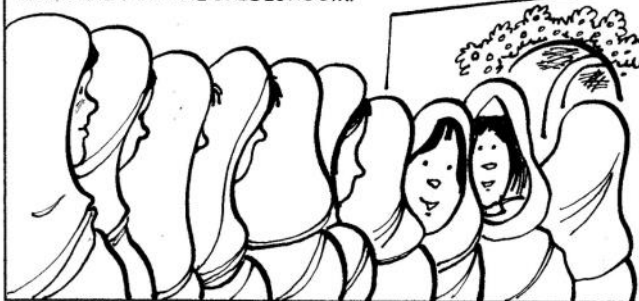
JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS - WE CALL THEM "PARABLES".



JESUS ONCE SPOKE ABOUT TEN YOUNG WOMEN



THEY HAD BEEN INVITED TO A WEDDING - AND THEY WERE WAITING FOR THE BRIDGROOM.



EACH ONE HAD AN OIL LAMP.



BUT ONLY FIVE OF THEM HAD BROUGHT ALONG SOME SPARE OIL.



LATE AT NIGHT THE BRIDGROOM ARRIVED



FIVE YOUNG WOMEN COULD LIGHT HIS WAY.

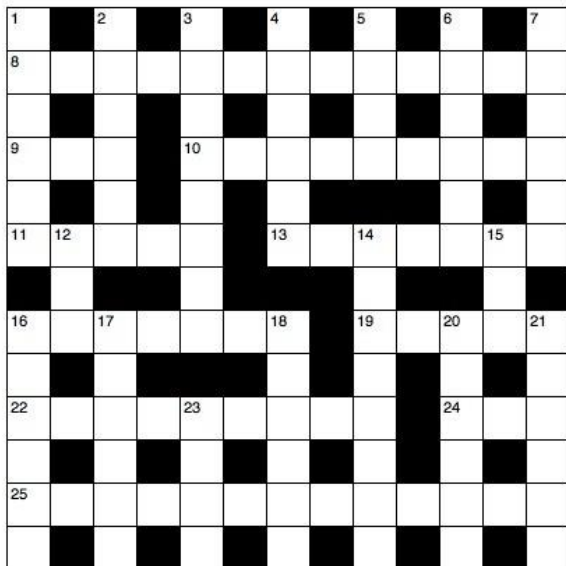


THE OTHER FIVE FELT VERY FOOLISH - THEIR LAMPS HAD RUN OUT OF OIL!!



See Matthew 25.1-13

Crossword Clues July 2026



Across

- 8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)
 9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)
 10 Single (1Corinthians7:27) (9)
 11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)
 13 Treachery(2Kings11:14)(7)
 16 Of India (anag.)(2,3,2)
 19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the — ' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)
 22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)

24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)

25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Down

- 1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)
 2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)
 3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings12:11) (8)
 4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)
 5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)
 6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)
 7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)
 12 Run(anag.)(3)
 14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)
 15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm12:4) (3)
 16 Earnings(1Corinthians16:2)(6)
 17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that—you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)
 18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1)(6)
 20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state(Daniel11:4)(6)
 21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)
 23 This month (abbrev.)(4)

*Answers in the
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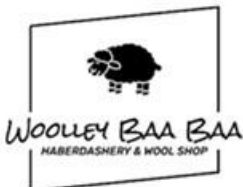
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Services for Anglican Churches in the Four Parishes August 2026

Date	Monkleigh	Littleham	Weare Giffard	Landcross
Sunday 2nd August <i>Trinity 9</i>		11am Morning Praise Genesis 32:22-31 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	9:30am Holy Communion Genesis 32:22-31 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	
Thursday 6th August				Taizé Service 7pm
Sunday 9th August <i>Trinity 10</i>		10.30am Methodist Chapel		11am Celtic Communion Gen 37:1-4, 12-28 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33
Sunday 16th August <i>Trinity 11</i>		11am Holy Communion Genesis 45:1-15 Romans 11:1-2, 29-32 Matthew 15:(10- 20) 21-28		
	6pm Hymns & Pimms at Weare Giffard			
Sunday 23rd August <i>Trinity 12</i>		10.30am Methodist Chapel		11am Holy Communion Exodus 1:8-2.10 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday 30th August <i>Trinity 13</i>		10.30am Methodist Chapel <i>Final service</i>	11am 4 - Parish Service Exodus 3:1-15 Romans 12:9-end Matthew 16:21-28	

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

Contact the Team Vicar, Rev'd Ruth on 01237 439584