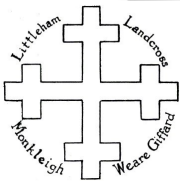




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Stitch and Create. Every other Tuesday Littleham V.Hall
Coffee & Craft Mornings first Tuesday of every month Monkleigh V.Hall
Coffee Morning Weare Giffard V.Hall every Thursday 10:30 -12pm
Pop-in mornings Littleham Village Hall Thursdays 10:30 - 12:00

Wed 1st Pub Quiz Bell Inn Monkleigh 7pm
Sat 4th Film Club "The Miracle Club" Littleham V.Hall 6:30 for 7pm (P.14)
Sat 11th Knit and Natter Weare Giffard V. Hall 10 till noon
Sat 11th Bideford Bells St Mary's Bideford 7 pm (See P.9)
Sat 11th Beetle Drive Weare Giffard Village Hall (See P.23)
Sun 12th 5-Parish Choral Evensong Weare Giffard 6pm
Mon 13th Friends Together Lunch Weare Giffard 12 for 12:30
Wed 15th Weare Giffard Film Club - Oppenheimer 7pm (see P.23)
Sun 26th Burger and Bands Bell Inn Monkleigh from 6pm (See P.18)



ADVANCE NOTICE JUNE

Sat June 1st Open Gardens N.Devon Hospice 10am - 4pm (P.12)
Sat June 8th Eco Fair Monkleigh Village Hall
Fri June 21st Summer Solstice Barbecue Littleham Playing Field 6 - late
Thurs June 27th Streams Littleham Village Hall 2 - 4:30 (P.6)

June Crosslet

Note Earlier Date

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

Please send your emails to: andrewtregoning@btinternet.com

Or phone ☎ **01237 479459**

Dear friends,

I really look forward to receiving the Crosslet. Andrew does such a great job collecting all the information for the month in the Villages. (I particularly enjoy the jokes!) You are such active Communities and I love to catch up on all your news.

Added to this...we are in the Easter Season which always puts a smile on everyone's faces. The blossom is out on the trees, the lambs are skipping in the fields, and all is right with the world!

Well almost.... Of course, the news is as ever quite worrying and as I write this we are holding our breath as Israel considers how it may respond to Iran's attack. Also, with so much rain, our farmers are struggling with waterlogged fields. We have been praying for these and other world matters this afternoon in our Ministers Meeting.

April is also the Season for our Village APCMS. (Annual Parochial Church Meetings) An opportunity to thank God for what has gone on in the last year and to plan for the year ahead. Being in an interregnum also offers us an opportunity for reflection.

One thing I noticed is Participant figures have dropped since last year across the team (including Bideford). In the Villages of Landcross, Monkleigh, Littleham and Weare Giffard this may be just 1-2 people less in the congregation. That may not seem a lot but if we carry on this trajectory, and as Churchgoers get older it will be hard to sustain our Village Churches.

You amazingly support us with fundraising, concerts, and fetes, etc and we are incredibly grateful. However, what would bring real joy to the faithful Church family and God is to see more people attending Church on a Sunday. Even commitment to once a month would transform our situation.

Could you do that? Just one hour in a month to thank God for all His blessings and to hold up to God the needs of our community and the world? And to laugh too- as the people who attend Church are good, fun people!

We need your support.... Please look at the back of the Crosslet to find out Service times....and if a Service isn't in your Village this week, please join us in the next Village!... Church just isn't the same without you!

Best wishes and God bless,

Revd Claire Rose-Casemore (Team Rector)

Holy Week

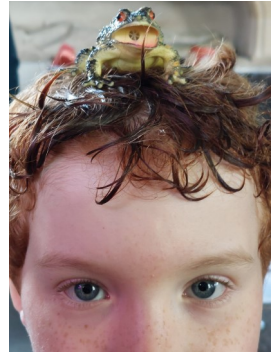
We had some wonderful services in Holy Week this year. Kevin took a lovely reflective service of Compline at Littleham on the Wednesday; Claire led the Maundy Thursday Communion service followed by an hour's vigil in Landcross Church; we had Walk of Witness in Weare Giffard on Good Friday morning (see photos) and a reflective service in Littleham in the afternoon. Alan and Robin led our four Easter Day

services. Many thanks to all of them, and to all our readers and musicians.

This was taken just before the torrential hail storm. Thanks to Sue, Gill and Liz for the much needed coffee and hot cross buns waiting for us in the Church!



Sam was an absolute hero and carried the cross all the way round even though his hands must have been frozen by the end. Theo brought his croaking toad with him and kept us all entertained. The toad was the only one who didn't mind the wet!



Earlier Date for Submission of Articles for the June Crosslet

A reminder to all contributors that due to other commitments I will need your copy a little earlier next month, say 5th of May (and 10th of May at the absolute latest) *Andrew*

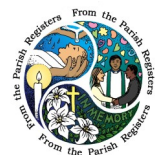
From the Parish Registers

Nothing to report this month.

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

Please send these directly to Andrew Tregoning :-

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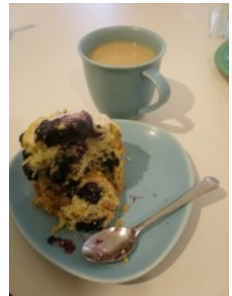


Next Streams

Thursday June 27th
Littleham Village Hall
2-4.30pm

An afternoon for ladies of all ages to relax, create, chat or just eat cake.

The afternoon starts and ends



with a short time of worship. Drinks and cake provided.

For more details see posters in churches appearing soon.

"A problem shared is a problem halved"

How many of us have heard that and so we talk. We talk about our aches and pains. We talk about our children or our family issues. In fact, we are usually quite willing to talk about anything except the only thing in life that is certain and which we will all experience ...

Dying!

Despite its certainty, death holds many uncertainties that we worry about.... How might I die? Who will look after me? What about my funeral? What about 'after'!

So let's change that and GET TALKING.



St. Margaret's Church

Mondays in May

2.00 - 4.00pm

Grave Talk

The accompanying poster has been sent to us from St Margaret's Church in Northam

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Old person

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Streams

Our Spring Streams afternoon in February was great fun making small flower arrangements, cards, painting, a lot of chat and plenty of tea and cake.



Teacup Flowers

Our next session will be on **Thursday June 27th** at 2pm in **Littleham Village Hall**.

Put the date in your diary now! If you want to know more about it, phone **01237 471441 Sarah**



Easter Eggs



Aileen's Birthday



Beach Art



Cakes

May Choral Evensong

Weare Giffard
Church

Sunday 12th May

6pm

All Welcome



Concentration

Grin

Keep smiling - it makes people wonder what you've been up to.





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This event is being held the day before 'Bellringers Sunday'. It is part of our fundraising effort to raise the money for essential repairs and servicing of what the instructing engineers have described as a 'particularly fine peal of bells'. The event is under the auspices of the St Mary's Fundraising Group. All are welcome.

There will be a varied programme of singing and music with readings from poetry and prose. John Hobbs and John Nixon, Chris and Pam Beechey, and our own Mo Channon are all involved with a team of readers. The captain of Bideford's Tower will speak about the bells and the admission price of £7 will include a free glass of wine.



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Closing date for applications: Monday 13 May 2024.

Appledore Singers

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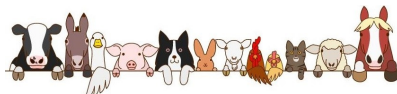
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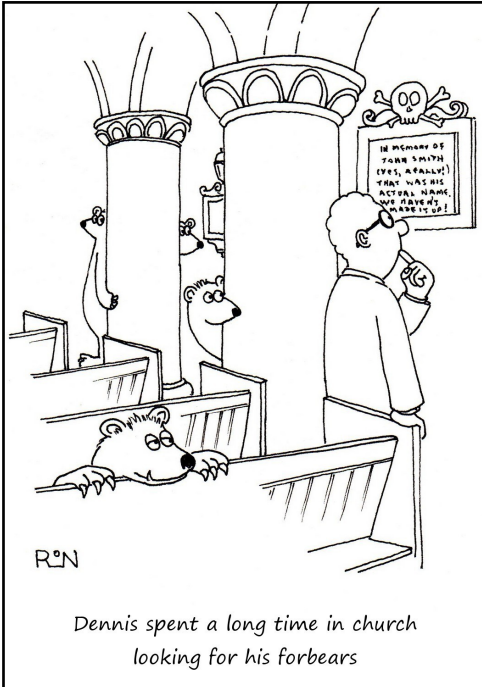
Services this month:-

This month's Taize service is on Thursday May 2nd at 7.00 pm.

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

Do come and join us if you can!

April



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Bookings: Eric ☎ 01237 238596
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New Kid on the Block!

New(ish) Committee member, Eric Palmer, has been very busy updating the village hall website, so do take a look and, if you become a subscriber, you will receive regular updates about what's going on at the hall. Eric is also taking on the village hall bookings, so he's your man if you wish to book the hall for regular groups, parties, workshops, meetings etc. The website calendar is kept pretty well up to date if you have a query about availability. ☎ **01237 238596**

Sadly, we have decided to cancel the Vintage Tea (advertised in the April Crosslet) due to insufficient support.

SUMMER SOLSTICE SOCIAL EVENING AND SIZZLING BBQ

Friday 21st June, 6pm till late

Come and join in with the fun at Littleham village playing field,.

Bring the whole family, a blanket and settle down, or get involved with the organised game of rounders. Enjoy a burger or hotdog, BYO tipple or buy a drink from the selection at the bar.



FETE - Saturday 6th July 1.30

A good selection of stalls and attractions have already been booked. Please note, we will not be having a bric- a- brac stall this year, but please start saving books, plants, bottles and tombola items. Of course, your delicious cakes will be most welcome. To enable us to provide as many stalls and attractions as possible, we need manpower. If you could spare half an hour or more on the day, this would enable us to share the load. Also, the loan of gazebos would provide much needed shelter to our willing helpers.

THANK YOU from your hardworking village hall committee.

FRIDAY CLUB

Meeting at the Village Hall at 2 pm on the last Friday of each month
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LITTLEHAM FILM AND SOCIAL CLUB



April's film "One Life" was an emotional and moving true story with Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter, and Johnny Flynn with its depiction of how one person really can make a major positive difference to many people's lives. This was our first film without Sue Tait. There were plenty of shared memories and the raising of a glass or two... in remembrance of a key member of our village community. The film club committee would like to thank everyone for their amazing support.

Our May 4th film is "The Miracle Club" – Set in 1967, this is a heartwarming film that follows the story of three generations of close friends, Lily (Maggie Smith), Eileen (Kathy Bates), and Dolly (Agnes O'Casey) of Ballygar, a hard-knocks community in Dublin, who have one tantalizing dream: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes.

As always, we meet at Littleham Village Hall, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm screening on Saturday 4th May. £15 subscription pays for the whole season's films until December 2024 or pay in 3 x instalments of £5.00, after which all films are free - £1.50 per film. 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 subtitles. Hoping to see you on 4th May, the Film Committee and our Wonderful Volls (call Keith - ☎ **07425392731** for more information).

Grass Cutting Rota for St Swithun's May 2024

Andrew Tregoning
Eric Palmer

Garry Hans
Phil Pennington

Martin Manley



My thanks to everyone for volunteering to go on the Rota, if you are unable to take your turn please exchange with someone else on the list or contact me.

The Mowers, Strimmer and everything else connected are now in the new Shed at the top left side of the Churchyard. Please check oil level on the Rotary Mowers before starting.

I shall be keeping the two stroke mixture available let me know however if it's getting low please. If you are rained off please help with the next group. Petrol and oil will be with the machines as well as large white plastic bags for grass clippings.

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LITTLEHAM



Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist chapel at 10.30 am on the 12th May with Davis and on the 26th May with Rev. Andrew Vidamour.

100 Club April Winners!

The April draw for the St Swithun's Littleham 100 Club took place on Tuesday April 16th drawn by Sandy Sampson

The results were as follows:-

First prize	96	Sandra Lowe
Second Prize	64	Judy Hamilton
Third Prize	84	Patricia Guy



Congratulations to them all!

Race Night Friday April 12th



Thanks to everyone who came and supported the event, to those who sponsored races, contributed prizes, to Aileen and Judy for the raffle, to the Village Hall Committee for running the bar and Sarah Manley for the Atlantic Grill. We raised the magnificent total of :-

£500

towards Church repairs and maintenance. A good time was had by all - even the several ex-police officers from the village who bet on "PC Plod" and then the horse didn't even get out of the starting blocks!

Andrew (per pro Littleham PCC)

The following real-life answers to various exam papers explain why teachers need long holidays...

What is a nitrate? Cheaper than a day rate.

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for? He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common? Unusual names.

LITTLEHAM & LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL.



Dear Residents

I can report on a successful Littleham and Landcross Wild Again event on 16th March which the Council was part of the funding and organisation in partnership with the Biodiversity Group. Councillor Rosemary Gent was one of the key figures in the previous events and it was a poignant memory of her work. A memorial service for Rosemary was held in the Village Hall on 19 March organised by the Bideford Music Group and prior to the event a tree was planted in Rosemary's memory.

The Council through its links with Torridge District Council has been in discussion with the North Devon and Torridge Councils Sustainability and Climate Officer regarding a project focused on decarbonisation of Rural areas. It is envisaged that private residents and community buildings might benefit from renewable energy sources.

Without many fixed assets or a specific service delivery the Council can focus on issues around the threats of biodiversity loss and climate change. One thing that came to my mind was a Devon Wildlife Trust leaflet entitled "Is your garden Hedgehog friendly?" Small changes can make a difference and a few examples are: don't use slug pellets or pesticides, provide log piles, long grass, rotting leaves and nectar rich flowers - if you would like a copy of the leaflet let me know.

David Edwards (Clerk to the Council)

tel: ☎ **07527441577**

Email: clerk@littlehamandlandcross-pc.gov.uk

Information on the Council can always be found on its Website:

littlehamandlandcross-pc.gov.uk

Thursday Mornings

The Thursday Morning Get -Togethers continue at 10.30am at Littleham Village Hall. If you fancy borrowing a book or DVD, or having a natter and a cuppa, we'd love to see you. *Tricia*

Children's exam papers contd.

How does Romeo's character develop throughout the play?

It doesn't, it's just self, self, self, all the way through.

Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld. Mrs Orpheus.

Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

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Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Littleham	Crealock Arms	09:35	10:10



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Hello from The Bell Inn, Monkleigh

As I write this it looks like the weather has finally got the memo about spring! With this in mind, we are now running our carveries fortnightly and in the weeks between, we are offering a 10% discount on our sharing platters to enjoy with family and friends. Give us a call to check what's on offer each week and get booked in (or keep an eye on our social pages).

We also have our events into May planned:

- Music Bingo and carvery 27 April at 7pm
- Pub quiz 1 May at 7pm
- Burger and bands 26 May from 6pm

On Sunday 26 we will be joined by The Dukes and another local band who we are confirming as we type. We will have our delicious burgers available through the evening and the marquee roof on to enjoy the music in our beer garden. Always FREE entry, we'll also be running some great deals on drinks.

Many thanks to all those who came along to our wine tasting quiz in April, it was a great success and we persuaded Patrick from Sovereign Wines to run another one for us, focusing on sparkling wines – we will let you know as soon as we have a date.

Our weekly chatty café on Saturday lunchtimes is open to all and we'll be running another comedy night in June – so watch this space!

We hope to see you soon!

Sally, Roy and the whole team here at The Bell

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Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Monkleigh	Village Hall	13:45	14:15



Monkleigh Village Hall News

Save the date: Eco Fair – 8th June,
more details to follow

We have a couple more events in the planning stages, one of which will feature our newly revamped and heated skittle ally. more info to follow as the events get finalised.



Monkleigh Village Hall Committee

Monkleigh School

We hope to bring you more news of events from the pupils and staff at Monkleigh School next month

Tracey Wilson PE lead

Karen Reeves (Head Teacher)

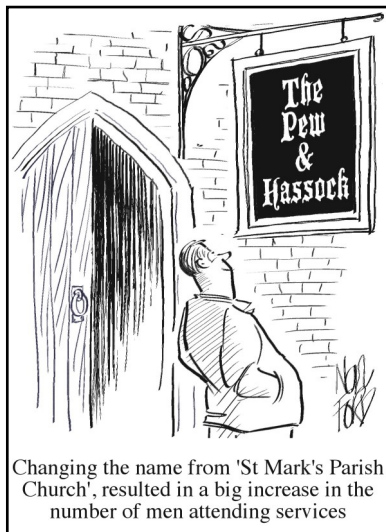
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Children's exam papers contd.

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.
Learning to speak Latin.

Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic.
Two polar bears. Four seals.

Assess "Fashion House" PLC's choice to locate its factory near Birmingham. Is Birmingham the right location for this type of business?
No. People from Birmingham aren't very fashionable.



Crossword Solution April

ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.

DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

WEARE GIFFARD

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Every Thursday

10:30 am - 12:00 pm



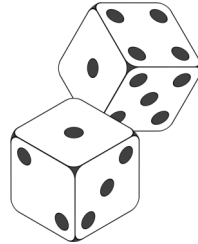
Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery March and April results

March 2024

1st prize. Andrew Hedden
2nd prize. Vanessa Saunders
3rd prize. Mike and Lisa Watts

April 2024

1st prize. Mark Hedden
2nd prize. Carol Walker
3rd prize. Steven Toogood



May Grass Cutting Rota for Weare Giffard.

First Half Team C
Duncan Bardner, Matthew Retter, Mike Saunders,
Bob Gethin, Phil Messenger

Second Half Team A
David Branston, Kevin Richards, David Gott,
Chris Ayres, Sarah Woolfenden

A huge "thank you" to all who have volunteered to cut the grass/weed in the churchyard this year. *Sue Gethin*

Jigsaw puzzle swap

This seemed to be popular . Donations of £15 were received and the Breakfast rolls matched this and a donation will be made to Gaza. This will now be a regular feature at the Breakfast roll morning which is held on the first Saturday of every month. See you on Sat 4th May .

Takeaway/Eat in Breakfast Rolls

Saturday *May 4th*

10 till noon

Weare Giffard Village Hall



Thank you to all our customers who returned to Breakfast rolls on sat 6 April. It was a very busy morning and enjoyed by all

Thoughts of a new Bellringer

I love to hear the sound of church bells ringing. For me it's a symbol of an active village community and a reminder of our history. When I heard Weare Giffard were looking for new bellringers, I put my name down without hesitation but it was April 2023 before I got my opportunity to start learning.

I arrived at my first training session feeling nervous and wondering whether I would be able to meet the expectations of the other bellringers. I needn't have worried as I was one of two new students on that first day and a whole hour was set aside with one to one tuition. On week two I was taken up the tower and received a full explanation of how the bells, stays and sliders work. Fascinating, but not being good with heights, it's not an experience I will want to repeat in a hurry!!

After my first session I stayed on for a while to watch the experienced team have their weekly practice. Easy I thought – that'll be me in a couple of months, but the reality has been very different. Bellringing is harder than it looks! I found it difficult initially to control the bell. I would regularly 'lose it' and need to be rescued by my trainer. It was frustrating at times and I recall going home one evening after about 2 months vowing that if I didn't perform any better the following week I was going to give it up – I would never be a bellringer. The following week turned out to be better with hints of what it can be like when you find your rhythm and have some technique. I was determined to get to a stage where I could ring in sequence with other members of the team.

Practice, practice and more practice. At times I thought I'd never find a consistent rhythm that would allow me to join the experienced ringers, but I have managed it. It was a great feeling to be part of the ringing team on Easter Sunday. I still have lots of work to do before I'm totally competent – but I love it. I want to thank Steve Hoile and Kev Richards for their commitment to my training, and the rest of the bellringers for their patience, encouragement and ongoing support. I would also like to apologise to members of the village who have had to endure the monotonous one bell toll during my very lengthy training period!!



HISTORY WALKS WEARE GIFFARD – SPRING/SUMMER 2024.

Unfortunately, this is likely to be the last year these walks will be available, lead by myself. There are 3 walks available, and a brief outline of each is below. Each walk is around 1.5 - 2 hours.

Walks this year will be 'by demand' i.e. if sufficient numbers show an interest and register this interest with myself, a date mutual to all will be arranged. When registering an interest, please indicate the WALK NUMBER. Thanks.

WALK NO 1. PARISH CHURCH TO THE OLD CORN MILL

This walk will start at The Church and cover:- Why Weare Giffard?; The River Torridge; The Church and Graveyard; a sad 'industrial' grave; External of WG Hall; Our piano entrepreneur; The Lost Pub; The Village School; Robert Smith war artist; The Quay; The Fortescue Arms; The Riddle of the River – novel; 'Weare Mills Orchard'; The Park; The Weare Giffard 'Rat'; The Old Corn Mill including it's mill leat and race.

WALK NO 2. THE CYDER PRESSE TO CHOPES BRIDGE

This walk will start outside of the Pub and will cover:- Why Weare Giffard?; The River; Tavern Gardens; A Village Shop; A (very) ancient track; The first school – 1671; The Methodists; The Old Forge; Murder most foul; Where is Stoney Bridge?; The first ford above Bi-de-ford; Why Vine Cottage?; The Old Tucking Mill; An ancient Bridge; The Mill Leat Aqueduct; Weare Giffard's role in the film 'Tarka the Otter'; Henry Williamson's 12 Oak Field.

WALK NO 3. BERRY CASTLE, IRON AGE HILL FORT

This walk will start at Foxes Cross, Huntshaw (directions to attendees), and will cover:-

A tour of the actual settlement (hill fort); putting it into its context of the nearby Roman Marching Camp; and will cover all aspects of this site and period – to the best of our current knowledge, and especially that of your guide!! Plus a very recent LIDAR find!!!

GENERAL:-

The walks will all be either a Saturday or Sunday and will start at either 10.30 or 2.30p.m.; with day and time being decided by sounding out the availability of registered attendees.

A small donation of £5 will be asked, this to go towards other W.G. history projects, e.g. Oral History Recording.

If the 2.30 p.m. time is chosen, there is a strong possibility of finishing with a cuppa and cake in the leaders garden!

If showery, we walk; if tipping down we POSTPONE.

ANNERY KILN & SEA LOCK area is covered by The Rolle Canal Society :- Saturday 6th July 2.30 p.m., meet at Annery Kiln. See their web site for other Rolle Canal walks over the spring and summer.

TO REGISTER AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:-

Register an interest by 30th April 2024 please email or ring – Keith Hughes:- keith_willows@talktalk.net or ☎ **01237 475168**. Please give walk(s) number, an e-mail contact and tel. number.

Weare Giffard Film Club

Wednesday 15th May, 7.30pm start



May's film; Oppenheimer 2023(15)

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Oppenheimer is a historic thriller which tells the story of the American scientist, J. Robert Oppenheimer and his role in the development of the atomic bomb. The film explores the life and legacy of this scientist. The film is stunningly filmed, action packed, thrilling and incredibly well acted, scooping up awards for best and supporting actors.

We are Weare Giffard Film Club and we meet each month in our village hall. Doors open 7pm onwards. Entry is £5 per person or free if you have paid a £15 annual membership. For membership information details contact maryrichards@live.co.uk

BEETLE DRIVE

We will be holding a beetle drive evening on Sat 11 May, Weare Giffard Village Hal. Booking is essential please contact Tracy ☎ **07826732399**. £10 per ticket which will include a buffet. Please bring your own drink . Fast, furious, fun come and see how to play. You may enjoy yourselves and make some new friends.

WEARE GIFFARD ORAL HISTORY RECORDINGS

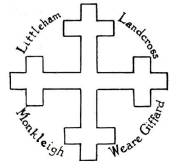
In the early 2000's the village recorded some 16 older 80+ year old residents who had lived here for perhaps 40 plus year, but the 50/60 year olds of that time are now themselves 70/80 plus, so we have another valuable source of village memories to record.

We will undertake these recordings over this autumn/winter i.e. October to March. To record and archive their memories, we will require a small band on enthusiastic recorders/interviewers – working in pairs. This will be a limited commitment. Advice, training and equipment will be provided. Please do think of putting yourself forward, perhaps with a spouse or friend, and/or be prepared to be asked! Further information, without obligation, phone Keith (Hughes) ☎ **01237 475168**.

Friends Together Lunches - Weare Giffard

Our next lunch is on Monday May 13th 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**.



Knit and Natter

Saturday May 11th
10 till Noon

£4 includes drink, cake, raffle
Weare Giffard Village Hall



Weare Giffard Mobile Library Timetable 2024

Monday Jan 22 Feb 19 Mar 18 Apr 15 **May 13** Jun 10
Jul 8 Aug 5 Sep 2, 30 Oct 28 Nov 25

Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Weare Giffard	Village Hall	9:30	10:00



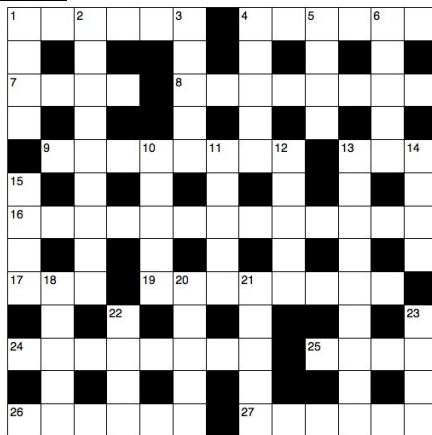
Our pastoral visiting team 2024

If you would like a visit from one of our friendly team members or know someone who does then please call Sarah Cordingley
☎ **01237 471441**

May Crossword

Across

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)
- 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17 Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)
- 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)
- 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)
- 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)



Down

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)
- 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
- 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)
- 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
- 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
- 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)
- 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)
- 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)
- 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)
- 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)
- 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)
- 18 Cares (anag.) (5)
- 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)
- 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)
- 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)
- 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)

**Answers in
June
Crosslet**

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Services for Anglican Churches in the Four Parishes May 2024

	Monkleigh	Littleham	Weare Giffard	Landcross
Normal Service Time	9.30 am	11 am	9.30 am	11 am
Thursday May 2nd				Taize *7.00pm April Saltmarsh
Sunday 5th May 5th Sunday after Easter			Morning Praise Acts 10: 44 – end 1 John 5: 1 – 6 John 15: 9 – 17	
Thursday 9th May Ascension Day	Ascension Day service at Chudleigh Fort 11am	Ascension Day service at Chudleigh Fort 11am	Ascension Day service at Chudleigh Fort 11am	Ascension Day service at Chudleigh Fort 11am
Sunday 12th May Sunday after Ascension Day			Choral Evensong 6pm	Celtic Communion Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 – end 1 John 5: 9 – 13 John 17: 6 – 19
Sunday 19th May Pentecost		Parish Communion Acts 2: 1 – 21 Romans 8 : 22 – 27 John 15: 26 – 27; 16: 4b - 15	Parish Communion Acts 2: 1 – 21 Romans 8 : 22 – 27 John 15: 26 – 27; 16: 4b - 15	
Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday		Morning Praise Isaiah 6: 1-8 Romans 8: 12 – 17 John 3: 1 - 17		Joint Patronal service with Weare Giffard Holy Communion Isaiah 6: 1-8 Romans 8: 12 – 17 John 3: 1 - 17

Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist chapel at 10.30 am on the 12th May with Davis and on the 26th May with Rev. A. Vidamour.

**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