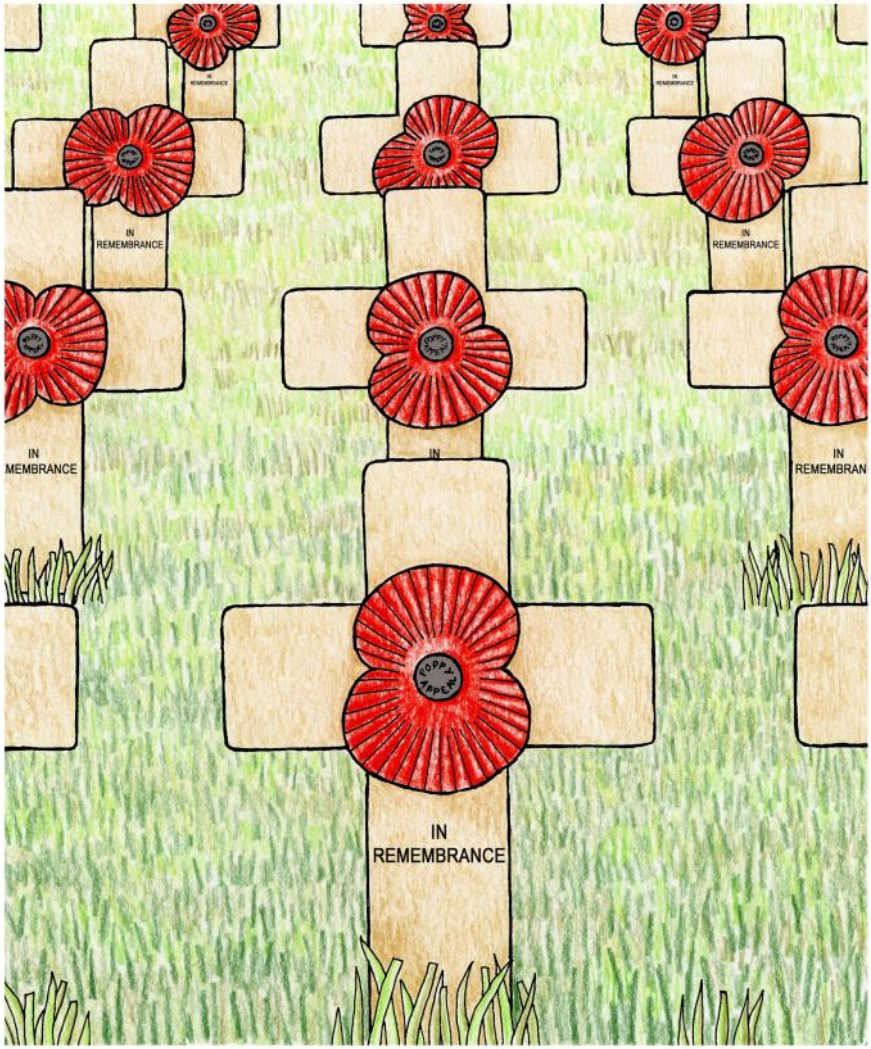


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DATES FOR YOUR NOVEMBER DIARY



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

Wed 4th	WeAre Giffard “Ireland to the wild west” 2:30 pm (P.24)
Wed 4th	Littleham Village Hall AGM 7 pm
Sat 7th	Littleham Repair Shop (P.12)
Sat 7th	Breakfast Rolls 10 am - Noon Weare Giffard V.Hall
Sat 7th	“Disclosure” Littleham Film Club 6:30 for 7 Village Hall (P.14)
Tue 17th	Grave Talk Littleham V.Hall 2:30 pm (See P.4)
Wed18th	Streams. Littleham Village Hall 2pm - 4:30pm
Fri 20th	Quiz and Curry Night. 6:30 pm Littleham V.Hall ((P.11)
Sun 22nd	“The Fourth at Four” 4pm Littleham V.Hall (P.14)
Sun 22nd	Festive Afternoon Tea W.G. Village Hall 2:30 pm (P.20)
Sat 29th	Christmas Fayre W.G. Village Hall 10:30 - 4 pm (P.20)



ADVANCE NOTICE DECEMBER

Wednesday December 2nd Fim Night W.G. Village Hall (P.22)
Wednesday December 9th Wreath Making Monkleigh V.Hall (P.16)
Wednesday December 9th Christmas Wreath 7 pm W.G. V.Hall (P.22)
Saturday December 12th Christmas Shindig Littleham V.Hall (P.11)
Sunday December 13th Christmas Dinner W.G V.Hall 1 pm (P.23)

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

Please send your emails to: **andrewtregoning@btinternet.com**

Or phone ☎ **01237 479459**

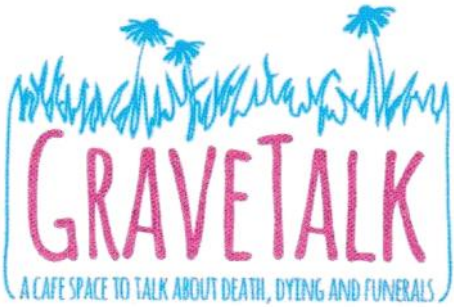


Dear All,

When I was a teenager, I was told that there were three things you never talked about in 'polite society' – sex, money and death. Well, the 60s changed the first, economic crises have opened up the second, but the third is still a bit of a no-go area.

Having said that, I've had a lot of conversations in the last few weeks about getting old, dying and death – and some of them were hilarious!

In November, we're going to host an afternoon at Littleham Village Hall to talk, over tea and cake, about this one thing we will all have in common – death.



We'll be using some cards called 'Grave Talk' to get us started. They have questions like:
How would you like to be remembered?
If you were planning your funeral, what would you include?
Do you need to make any plans or choices now?
What's important in your life?

If my conversations of the last few weeks are anything to go by, this promises to be anything but gloomy.

You're very welcome to join us. Just turn up on Tuesday 17th November at Littleham Village Hall at 2.30.
And be assured, the cake will be to die for!

God bless.
The Pastoral Team

For more information: ☎ **Sarah on 01237 471441**

Miscellaneous observations

I have met only one perfect man, and he was a perfect nuisance! - CH Spurgeon

If you fall, don't give up, get up! - Anon

Torrington and District Historical Society

We look forward to welcoming members and visitors to our meetings. Our next event is "A Night at the Museum" when we will be able to visit the Torrington Museum out of hours and view artifacts and exhibits, some not normally on display.

Dave (the curator) has mustered his knowledgeable volunteers to give us a fully immersive experience. We will meet at the museum between next to the Pannier Market between 7.20pm and 7.30pm.

If you are not a member and would like to join us please contact Jane on ☎ **07510 924388** as numbers are limited. Many thanks to Dave and his team for making this available.

With Remembrance Sunday in mind

In war, there are no unwounded soldiers. **- Aron Kilbourn**

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. -

President John F. Kennedy

STREAMS

Wednesday November 18th

2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

Littleham Village Hall







Choose from a variety of crafting activities, interspersed with coffee, cake and chat

For more details contact Sarah on 07566 789150

From the Parish Registers, October 2026:

Nothing this month

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!). You can also ask any of us (Ruth, Sarah, Claire, Robin, Madeline or Alan) to take a service at the Crematorium, so that you have a known person to help at a sad time.

Phone Ruth on ☎ **01237 439584** or speak to any of the team in Bideford (☎ **01237 472551**).

4 Parish Choir dates

Nov 1st Weare Giffard Memorial Service 3pm
Nov 20th Rehearsal for Advent and Christmas Littleham 2.30
Nov 27th Rehearsal for Advent and Christmas Littleham 2.30
Nov 29th 5P Advent Service St Mary's 10.30



See page 8 for the CPRE's breakdown of the proposed data centre and what it means to rural North Devon.

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Everything you need to know about
THE DEVON AI DATA CENTRE & BESS

In a nutshell

In June 2026 Xlinks, a UK energy company, revealed plans to build a mega BESS (battery energy storage system) and AI data centre on 850 acres of farmland between Great Torrington, Huntshaw and Weare Giffard in North Devon. The site would comprise the largest data centre in Europe and the 10th largest BESS in the world: Five buildings, each up to 40 metres tall, and 96 acres of 1,700 lithium-ion batteries.

What is an AI data centre?

A specialised tech facility designed to train and run artifi cial intelligence models. The UK government designates this Critical National Infrastructure (CNI), with top-tier priority status aiming to fast-track planning approvals.

What is a BESS?

A large station of rechargeable batteries which stores electricity for later use in homes, businesses, or industrial facilities.

1 Agricultural land, gone forever

In order to accommodate a hyper-scale data centre, the hills will be flattened and concreted, permanently destroying good quality and productive agricultural land - as the country hurtles towards a food security crisis. In a BBC Countryfile interview, Kao data centre CEO, Spencer Lamb, said "We do not need to build data centres on greenbelt, we do not need to build data centres on farmland," adding that there are "more than enough" brownfield sites across the country which can be built on instead.

2 UNESCO biosphere status at risk

The local ecosystem and landscape, protected by the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere, will be obliterated. UNESCO has warned that building this massive industrial complex within the biosphere's transition zone could strip North Devon of its rare eco-designation.

3 The 'heat island' effect

Both the AI data centre and BESS will increase the land and air temperature by several degrees, potentially life-threatening for animals and people living close to the site.

4 Water consumption and contamination

The enormous quantities of water (quoted by Xlinks themselves) entering the closed loop cooling system will drain local water sources. The waste water will occasionally need flushing back out, contaminating the aquifers, bore holes and rivers close by.

5 The North Devon skyline, industrialised

The 40m high industrial buildings will be visible from every direction including Dartmoor, Exmoor and even the sea, redefining the North Devon skyline.

6 The risk of a mega BESS fire

Lithium-ion batteries carry a risk of thermal runaway, a chain reaction where a single cell overheating triggers adjacent cells to catch fire. In a mega BESS complex with thousands of containers, a fire can rapidly escalate into an uncontrollable industrial blaze which could burn for days or weeks.

7 Toxic off-gases

When lithium-ion batteries burn or vent under severe heat, they release high volumes of hazardous gases, similar to those used in chemical warfare. For nearby communities, this toxic smoke poses immediate respiratory risks and may force emergency evacuations.

8 Tourist industry wiped-out

The project will decimate the North Devon tourist industry as no hyper-scale industrial complex has ever been associated with a good tourist destination anywhere in the world.

9 Noise pollution

The audible and inaudible noise that the site will generate day and night every single day of the year without pausing, ever, will harm life across a sizeable radius, including populated areas and homes.

10 The jobs myth

The employment figures Xlinks promise - 650-1200 jobs - appear to be wildly exaggerated and misleading. Going by existing data centre and BESS figures, it could be as few as 100-150 jobs, with most of the quality positions going to remote workers.

LANDCROSS



Our services this month are: -

Taizé Thursday 5th Nov 7pm
Sunday 8th November 10.50am Act of Remembrance followed by Celtic Communion
Sunday November 22nd 11am Holy Communion

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

A facelift for Landcross

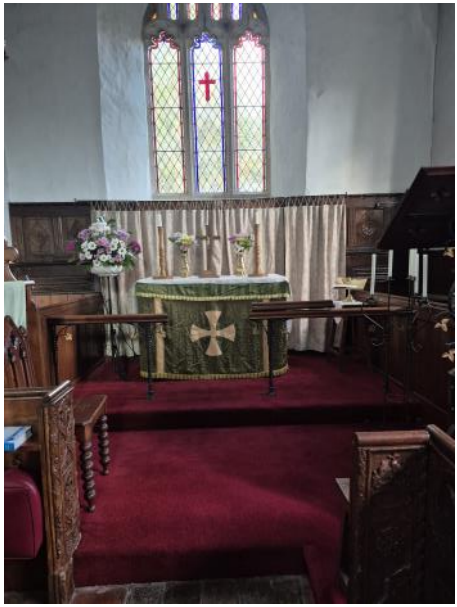
The PCC have long been conscious of our faded carpet with its candle wax stains and general wear and tear which has been in situ for many years.

We are delighted to announce that, as from Monday, September 28th, we now have a vibrant new red carpet, purchased from, and fitted expertly by Bideford Carpets. It was not a straightforward job by any means.

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Your Village Hall Needs You

AGM Wednesday 4th November at 7 p.m.

Please do come along for a chat over drinks and nibbles followed by our AGM. Find out what the trustees and helpers have been up to this year and our thoughts going forward. We'd love to hear your ideas and suggestions. As always, we would welcome offers of help, either on the committee, as a trustee, or as a member of our band of invaluable helpers. You could also have the final say in the FETE debate!!!

In the meantime why not join us for our:



Seasonal Quiz and Curry Night with Rose
Friday 20th November Food from 6.30.
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Christmas Shindig- Saturday 12th December 7.00. Bell and the Boys
Bring and share supper. £5 per head. Bar and raffle.

and hold that date:

Fete or similar- Saturday 3rd July 2027

St Swithun's Grass Cutting



Many thanks to all those who have helped keep the churchyard tidy this year.

Wilf Smith

redcotts@hotmail.co.uk **(☎ 01237 475538)**

100 Club October Winners!

The October draw for the Littleham 100 Club took place on October the 12th, drawn by Allan Licalsi

The results were as follows:-

First Prize	48	Jenny	Whinney
Second Prize	24	Mary	Brooks
Third Prize	13	Val	Peacock

Congratulations to them all!



LITTLEHAM REPAIR SHOP

Littleham Men & Women's Shed announce the second Littleham Repair Shop. To reduce landfill, extend use of your favourite items and reduce your costs. It is a part of our sustainability drive.

Saturday 7th November 2026, in the Littleham Shed, (our shed) on the Old Moor Boarding Cattery.

We intend to offer this on the first Saturday every two months and can look at and fix smaller items in wood, metal, plastics, textiles and electrics / electronics, as long as it is economic and salvageable. Textiles may include minor repairs to clothing or bags but not major alterations. All mains electricity items will be PAT safety tested.
For each repair, we just ask for cost of materials and a small donation. This can be agreed before we get into the repair.
If we can't fix your item there and then, we may ask to keep it a little longer to fix it in the workshop or textiles room.
If there is a local commercial repair service for items, we may advise you to go there eg Mobile Phone repairs. dishwashers etc.
Sorry - No White Goods, that is no fridges, freezers, dishwashers, washing machines or tumble driers.
Tea, coffee and biscuits available for a small donation. Come on up to the Shed and see what all the fuss is about. *Jonathan Gershon*

Intercessors and Readers for Littleham November 2026		
Date	**Intercessor**	**Readers**
Nov 1st (All Souls)	Anita	Allan Pete
Nov 8th Remembrance	Allan	Vicki Andrew
Nov 15th	Penny	Anthony Keith

LITTLEHAM



Harvest Festival

The Littleham Howlers, below, in full flow at the Harvest Festival Service on Sunday October 4th. Thanks also to the 4-Parish Choir and everyone who helped in any way. We raised £133 for Harbour!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Coffee morning held to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Support was a staggering success with **£866** going to this worthwhile cause.

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed by donating cakes , those who helped on the day, those who donated prizes for the raffle, donations from people unable to attend on the day, and of course everyone who came along to have a drink, eat the cakes and gave their support.

Thank you all so much. You are all amazing.
Sue and Karen

Craft Fayre

Thanks to everyone who came to the Church Craft Fayre on the 3rd October. With your help we raised **£300** for Church funds.

Thank you. *Val*







Littleham Film & Social Club



We had a good turnout for our 3rd October Film "The Devil Wears Prada 2" A big thank you to Trevor for hosting the evening plus our sincere thanks to the many volunteers that made the evening such a success.

Our next film scheduled for Saturday 7th November, is "Disclosure Day" Directed by Steven Spielberg, the 2026 science fiction thriller Disclosure Day follows a high-stakes race to expose a decades-long government and corporate cover-up of extraterrestrial life. The film stars Emily Blunt, Josh O'Connor, Colin Firth, Eve Hewson, Colman Domingo, Wyatt Russell, and Colin O'Brien. Spielberg is also reuniting with Jurassic Park and War of the Worlds screenwriter David Koepp

As, always, we meet at Littleham Village Hall at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm screening on Saturday 7th November.

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).

The Fourth at Four





Hi, do you like cake?

Some of us from the village are meeting up in Littleham Village Hall on the 4th Sunday of each month, at 4.00pm. for about an hour. It provides an extra opportunity to get together for an informal time of singing, worship, chatting and prayer … and cake!

Whether you attend church (in Littleham or elsewhere) or not, you are welcome to join us for an informal time with more contemporary music.

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday 22nd November**. Pete Scott is leading the session, including a short talk from the Bible.

Even if you just want to come and eat cake, we would love to see you!

If you want to know more, you can contact Pete on ☎ **07930637864**

LITTLEHAM AND LANDCROSS COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS
NEW PHASE OF STEWARDSHIP FOR OUR 3 COMMUNITY DEFIBS

Our defibrillator contract with the South West Ambulance Trust has now come to an end following the Trust's decision to cease its scheme. Over the past 8 years we have been well supported by members of the ambulance service, who will continue to offer free annual training. They have generously donated the machines and cabinets to us in good working order. The stewardship of the machines will now be fully maintained by members of the Community Defibrillator Group. This will involve regular checks by the 3 'guardians' in our villages, led by Ian Hopkins. Funds are in place, both in the fund-raising pot and from the parish council, to renew disposable parts and replace each machine when necessary.

This feels like an opportune moment to remember the late, great **Pat Haddrell**. In early 2018, following a tragic local death during a wild night when fallen trees prevented ambulance attendance, Pat assembled a group of people from both villages and formed the Community Defibrillator Group. Research into defibrillator provision followed and the contract with SWAST was decided upon with the PC's agreement. Fund-raising ensued, bolstered by generous donations from the public and grants from parish, district and county councils. The infrastructure for our three machines was completed and sufficient funds were in place in time for an October launch. Since then, the defibs have been 'fetched' many times, one defib quite recently: a ready resource in times of need. An initiative identified and doggedly pursued by Pat!
If you notice anything untoward with a defibrillator please contact:
Ian Hopkins on ☎ **07795 513193**

For Community Defib Group queries/donations please contact: Janet Smith on ☎ **07745 784773**

OUR HEARTS ARE IN LITTLEHAM AND LANDCROSS

Explaining those words used in church

BULLETIN: *Your receipt for attending a service.*
USHERS: *The only people in the parish who don't understand the seating capacity of a pew.*
PEW: *A medieval torture device still found in many churches.*
CHOIR: *A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.*
HYMN: *A song of praise, often sung three octaves higher than the congregation's range.*
AMEN: *The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.*

MONKLEIGH

Monkleigh Village Hall News

We hope this finds you well.

A note of our regular events is below. Please also keep an eye out on the boards- the one on 'the bend' and one outside the village hall car park for more information. Check our Facebook page too.



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.
First Weds of every month, Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start. BYOB and snacks, light supper available for purchase.
It's not mastermind, just a bit of fun. New teams welcome and we can match you up with a team if you don't have one.



Breakfast club: Friday mornings 08:45-10:30
Breakfasts and rolls to eat in or take away. Veggie options. Please check our Facebook page and the board at the hall for any updates/changes

Quilting class is the 3rd Thursday of the month – 10am start, £10 session



Penny will be running her popular Christmas wreath making workshop in the evening of Dec 9th – please get in touch with her to book a place on
☎ **07929734757**, places are limited

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**.

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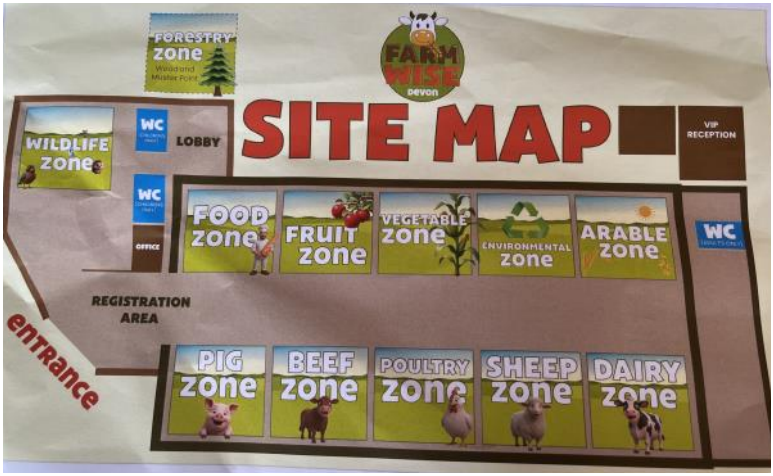
Monkleigh School



So excited to open our Baby room.
Our Year 4 children had a lovely day at Farmwise Exeter. We held baby chicks, watched sheep shearing and ate lots of fresh local produce. It was such a busy day. ***Tracey Wilson*** PE lead

Karen Reeves (Head Teacher) Tel: ☎ **01805 623269**





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Weare Giffard Village Hall

Coffee Morning
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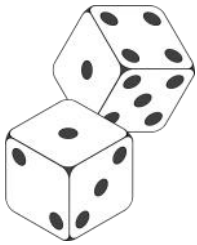
10:30 am - 12:00 pm





Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery results

Lottery Results for September



1st prize.	Sheila Stark
2nd prize.	Kelly, Barton Farm
3rd prize.	Lyn Nigh

Weare Giffard Village Hall

It's always lovely to see the Village Hall when it's bustling with activity and the committee wants to say a huge thank you to everyone who supports us. The Halloween quiz night has had a good number of entries at the time of writing and I'm sure we can look forward to a fantastic evening with a few laughs along the way. We're going to keep the momentum going and a Christmas quiz night is also being planned. We would love for you to join us for our forthcoming Festive Afternoon Tea, which will be the perfect way to kick off the winter season for everyone, with a lovely decorated hall, fine food and matching ambiance.

We have plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks, starting with the familiar and popular breakfast rolls at the beginning of November, the festive afternoon tea (as mentioned already) and the church will be holding their Christmas fair at the end of November. At the beginning of December there will be a Christmas themed film night, the following week a Christmas wreath making evening and that weekend there will also be the village Christmas dinner on Sunday!

As a small community, every single person who walks through our doors makes a massive difference to keeping the hall running. We really want to fill the room, so please do reserve your tickets, and book early to save any disappointment. Bring a neighbour and come along to join the fun. Look out in the magazine and on the website for further details.

Vanessa Saunders Chair to WGVH Committee

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 29th November
Weare Giffard Village Hall
10.30 – 4pm
Stalls,
Christmas Cake Draw
Tombola
All day refreshments
Proceeds to Church & Village Hall

If you would like a stall please contact:-
Sue Gethin ☎ **01237 478377**
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Weare Giffard Village Hall Events

Book your place / Buy your tickets

we will have all these available on

Saturday 7th November during Brekky Rolls



Donations Please!

Any donations for the Tombola or Christmas hamper (see advert above) would be greatly welcomed!



The vicar's alternative to traditional after-service coffee was having a dramatic effect on male church attendance



Churchyard Grass Cutting



We have now come to an end of the Grass cutting year in the Churchyard. The PCC would wish to thank all members of the three teams for their help throughout the summer months. They are Angus Cushley, Andy and Helen(Poolsteps), Bob Gethin, David Branston, David and Theresa Gott, David Grigg , David Moore, Duncan Bardner, Heather Wraithe, Kevin Richards, Mike Saunders, Sue Bosher, Stephen Huggard, and we know that there have been others helping with weeding etc .

We have unfortunately lost Chris Ayres during the year . It is good to see his daughter Heather coming back to the village and helping with various stalls and functions.

We will keep you all on the list for next year unless we hear from you . Because of the loss of Chris we really need an extra person for next year to join one of the teams . The cut is usually once every 6 to 8 weeks .



Should someone have a motorised hand held hedge cutter we would be pleased if they could cut the inside of the boundary hedge, David G has nicely cut the exterior hedges .

Some of the long standing residents were intrigued to hear about an unfortunate lady who passed away very young age from Tuberculosis. She had lived at number 2 new buildings Chopes Bridge. We hear that she lived her final days in a shed in the garden in order to obtain plenty of fresh air. She was the wife of Jimmy Hearn and daughter of Charlie Squires .

Happy autumn to everybody. *David Moore*



Breakfast Rolls

Saturday November 7th

10 till noon

Weare Giffard Village Hall



Come and join us to make your

CHRISTMAS WREATH

Wednesday 9th December
7.00 p.m. for 7.15 p.m. start
At : Weare Giffard Village Hall

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any decorations you wish to add to your own wreath

Contact Vanessa for more details and to book your place
Text/call : ☎ **07876216031**
or email : chairwgvh@iCloud.com

Xmas Film Night in the Village Hall.

Wednesday 2nd December.

Let's start the Christmas period off with this all-time classic from 1946.

More details to follow in November.



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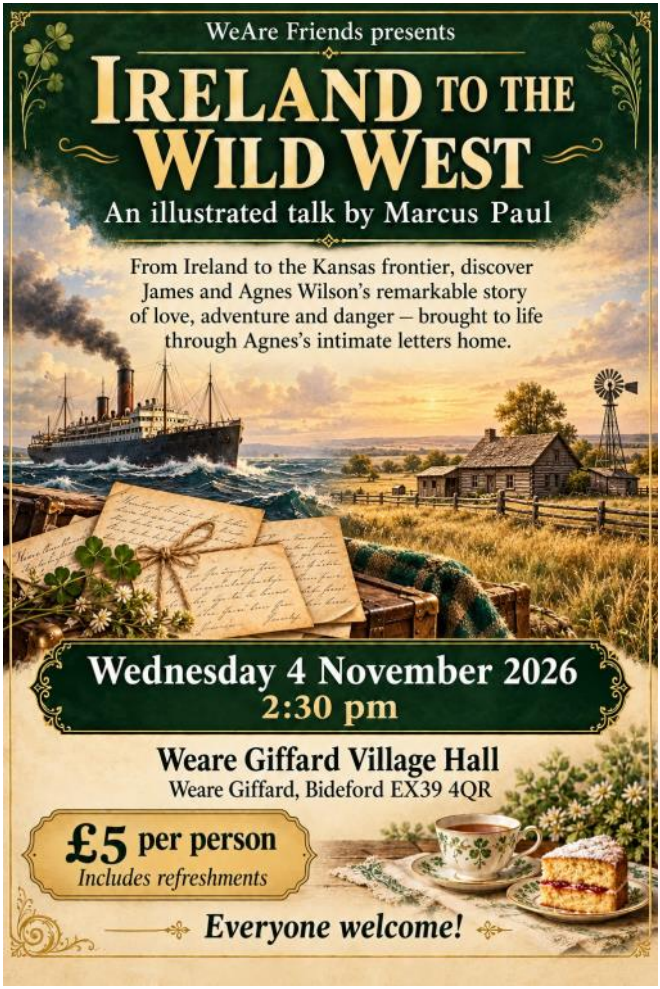
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LETS CELEBRATE!



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**



Miscellaneous observations on life

The only thing that wakes you up faster than coffee is spilled coffee.

About the only thing that comes to us without effort is old age.

An apology is the best way to have the last word.

I'm good at firework displays. I've got a flare for it.

Signs found outside churches:

FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised!!

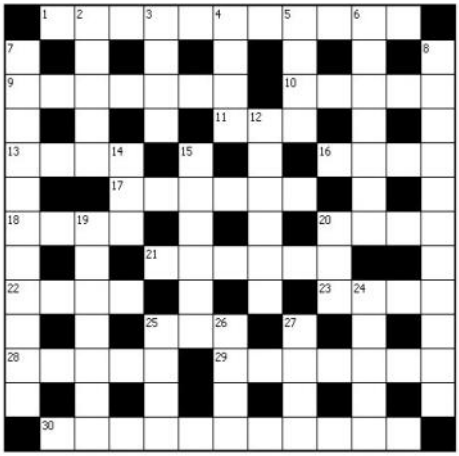
No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.





...I haven't the heart to tell her the bishop went home 20minutes ago!

Crossword Clues November 2026



Across

1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _, Lord of all _, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy'(11,3)
9 Mosesí question to a fighting Hebrew l abourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?" (Exodus 2:13) (7)
10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline _ (2,3)
11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)
13 descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4)
20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)
21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _ (Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
25 Tree (3)
28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5)
29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
30 Week beginning Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

2 'O Jerusalem _ how _I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)
3 Way out (4)
4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
5 Done (anag.) (4)
6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
7 Concerning the study of God (11)
8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
14 Frozen (3)
15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
20 See 1 Across
24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
25 Time (anag.) (4)
26 Lists choice of meals (4)
27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)

Answers in the December Crosslet

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Services for Anglican Churches in the Four Parishes November 2026

Date	Monkleigh	Littleham	Weare Giffard	Landcross
Sunday 1st Nov *All Souls/ All Saints*		**11am Morning Praise** Rev 7. 9-17 1 John 3. 1-3 Matt 5. 1-12	**3pm Memorial Service** Rev 7. 9-17 1 John 3. 1-3 Matt 5. 1-12	
Tuesday 3rd Nov	**7pm Confirmation Service at St Mary's, Bideford.**			
Thursday 5th Nov				**Taizé Service 7pm**
Remembrance Sunday 8th Nov	**9.30am Act of Remembrance**	**10.50am Act of Remembrance** *followed by* **Morning Praise** Amos 5. 18-24 1 Thess 4.13-18 Matt 25. 1-13	**10.50am Act of Remembrance**	**10.50am Act of Remembrance** *followed by* **Celtic Communion** Amos 5. 18-24 1 Thess 4.13-18 Matt 25. 1-13
Sunday 15th Nov *2nd before Advent*		**11am Holy Communion** 2 Cor 9. 6-15 Matt 22. 15-22	**9.30am Morning Praise** 2 Cor 9. 6-15 Matt 22. 15-22	
Sunday 22nd Nov *'Christ the King'*		**4pm 'Fourth at Four'** in the Village Hall		**11am Holy Communion** Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24 Eph 1. 15-end Matt 25. 31-end
Sunday 29th Nov *Advent Sunday*	**10:30am Five Parish Advent Service at St Mary's, Bideford.**			

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