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Sunday Services October 2025



	5th October	12th October	19th October	26th October
Broadmayne St Martin	11am Harvest Holy Communion at St Martin's		11am Together@11 at St Martin's	8am Holy Communion BCP
Broadmayne Methodist		11am Morning Worship		11am Morning Worship
Holworth				11am Holy Communion
Owermoigne	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion	
Warmwell		11am Harvest Holy Communion		
West Knighton	6pm Evensong	9.30am Harvest Holy Communion	6pm Worship & Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion

Methodist & Joint Services: **Sunday 5th October** 11am – Revs Brenda Stephenson & David Johnson: Harvest Holy Communion at St Martin's

Sunday 12th October 11am – Peter Jenner

Sunday 19th October 11am – Jenny Bagnall & Roger Phillips: Together@11 at the Methodist Church

Sunday 26th October 11am – Elizabeth Haynes

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REMEMBERING-LOVED-ONES

The annual service for the bereaved in our villages will be held at St Peter's, West Knighton on Sunday 2nd November at 3pm followed by tea. Family and friends are all very welcome to this service of well-known hymns, readings and prayers. There will be the opportunity to light a candle if you wish. If you would like a loved one's name read out, please bring it with you on a card or send it to Jenny Bagnall, 2 St Peter's Barn, West Knighton DT2 8PF.

Harvest Festival

Sunday 5th October 11am in St. Martin's Church

This Harvest Festival is a joint service with St. Martin's Church and the Methodist Church. It will be followed by a Soup Lunch with fruit and cakes in St. Martin's Community Hall. Gifts of dry and tinned goods will be collected for the Dorchester Food Bank. Any monetary gifts will be sent to the Dorchester Poverty Action Group. As always everyone is welcome to attend the service. It would be helpful to have numbers for the lunch so if you would like to come along please let Carol (854385) know.

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FROM HOLWORTH FARMHOUSE

I have just started reading a book* by Bijan Omrani about Christianity and the creation of England. He claims that Christianity is in decline, that congregations are dwindling and that ever fewer young people believe. The author argues that this decline is the most momentous change to occur in English history. He shows how a religion that has been part of our national story for over 1700 years was instrumental in the creation and development of the English nation, its codes of morality, and its structures of government and kingship. He demonstrates its profound cultural impact in areas ranging from art and literature to our landscape and the structure of everyday life and language.

That appears to make for an interesting read, but I can't help taking issue with so much of what he says in his introduction, not to mention his first sentence that, "Christianity is dying in England". That comes across to me as highly contentious and a statement that implies we humans know more about the ways of God than God does. Whether there are signs of new growth in the church, particularly among the young, as has been reported in the press recently, I'm not sure. But what I am sure about is that, thank God, the future of God's church is ultimately in his hands, not ours. That's not to say that his followers don't have a part to play; they most certainly do, but we only see through a glass so darkly for the time being. And anyway I will always take issue with anyone who dares cast aspersions on my family of believers.

Although our earthly nature attaches us to life here below, we also have in us a portion of the Godhead, which is perhaps why, it seems to me, most of humanity is tormented, to a greater or lesser extent, by what might happen to us once we leave this life. We are God's prisoners and this becomes very apparent as we wrestle with these two parts of our nature, which happen to be set out in Paul's epistle, but are obvious to anyone with a few moments' thought. On the minus side we have hatred, discord, fits of rage, envy, selfishness, anger indecency, to name but a few. On the plus side is love, joy, peace, patience, self control, kindness etc, etc. We wrestle with them all because we are human. We fluctuate, don't we, between one list and the other. All humanity is a mixture of both lists and we engage, as the late Bishop John Taylor describes, in the world's activities – earning a living, bringing up a family, celebrating occasions, trading, farming, building cities and so on – and we do this, and so many other things, in accordance with one list or the other. And we still, deep down, agonise over how we will be rewarded or punished for our endeavours.

This, of course ties us to whoever we think might have control of what happens to us next. It makes us prisoners, if not to God, then certainly to someone, and as human nature has not changed since Old Testament times, it's unlikely to be changing any time soon, and we remain prisoners. The desires of humanity, always present, but so often impossible for us to define, centre on that 'something' from which the human spirit, confined in this prison of time and space, feels its profoundest longings.

When I had a premature glance at the closing lines of the book, I was heartened to see that the author also concluded that this was indeed so.

*God is an Englishman. *Forum Press.*

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Sunday 5th October, 10.30am: Our cathedral-style service of Choral Eucharist includes Bairstow's 'I sat down under his shadow', Mozart's 'Missa brevis in Bb K275' and Ole Gjeilo's 'Ubi caritas'. The service is, of course, free to attend and you are warmly invited to stay for refreshments afterwards.

Saturday 18th October between 12.30pm and 1.00pm: The October lunchtime concert is given by the outstanding, Dorchester-based cellist Hannah McFarlane who is accompanied by pianist Rob Taylor. Their programme will include works by Fauré and Rachmaninov. Admission is free and all are very welcome.

Sunday 19th October at 10.30am: Choral Eucharist includes: James Whitbourn's 'Crown my heart', William Byrd's 'Mass for four voices' and Elgar's 'O salutaris hostia'. This service is free to attend and all are very welcome. Please do stay for refreshments afterwards if you are able.

Saturday 25th October at 4.30pm: Choral Evensong, which is free to attend, offers a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a peaceful hour with beautiful choral music by Natalie Burton, Herbert Howells, Liz Dilnot-Johnson and Rihards Dubra followed by a glass of wine. A great way to start your Saturday night!

Keep up with events via our website: www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, subscribe through the website or drop us a line at: musicatstpeters@mail.com All of our social media and contact details can be found at: linktr.ee/musicatstpeters

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We hope you enjoyed a relaxing summer break; it's feeling like a long time ago already!

The new school year is well under way and St Mary's is once again bustling with the excitement of catching up with friends, new learning and the incredible range of opportunities that make the school the stimulating, vibrant place it is.

As is usually the case, the school remained very busy throughout the summer break. Once again, the fabulous Mrs Doak and her dedicated team of staff, ran our annual summer school during the first week of the holidays. Over 40 Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a wide range of activities, from swimming to planning and making the refreshments for a picnic for parents and siblings. The family picnic on the school field was a lovely way to round off the summer school. Massive thank you to all the children for being so fabulous and to the staff for giving up the first week of their holiday to make it such a success. We are very grateful to Dorset Council for providing us with the funding to run our summer school. Over the summer holidays we also had solar panels fitted to the roof of the school hall to further reduce the school's CO2 footprint and reduce our energy bills. During the last few weeks we have enjoyed enough sunshine to generate roughly half of the school's electricity needs!



St Mary's
OPEN MORNINGS

Tuesday 14th October 2025 9.30am - 11.00am
Tuesday 4th November 2025 9.30am - 11.00am
Tuesday 25th November 2025 9.30am - 11.00am
Thursday 8th January 2025 9.30am - 11.00am

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 21st October 2025 6.00pm - 8.00pm

We invite all parents of Year 4 children to join us for our school Open Mornings and Open Evening where you will have the opportunity to meet our staff, tour the St Mary's site and find out what it is like to be a part of our wonderful school.

To confirm attendance, please email office@stmarys.wessex.ac - we look forward to welcoming you.

We are all looking forward to welcoming prospective new pupils and their families to St Mary's for our big Open Evening on Tuesday 21 October, 6-8pm. This is an important event for the school and we would be very grateful if you would spread the word far and wide. There will also be opportunities for new and existing parents to come in to see our fabulous school in action; for information about our up-coming open mornings see left, or on the school website and on the school's Facebook feed. If you are a parent of a child in Year 4, we would love to welcome you to these events. Please contact the school office by phone or email (see below) for further information.

Thank you as always for your valued support and very best wishes to all our pupils and their families for a happy and successful term.

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Dr Tim Ennion (Head of School)

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Wednesday 8th October 7.30pm, West Stafford Village Hall

Wednesday 5th November 7.30pm, New Inn, West Knighton (Precept Meeting only)



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Christmas Menu

STARTERS

Creamy leek and potato soup, topped with cheddar cheese, served with crusty baguette and butter (GFOA)

Chicken liver pâté, red onion and orange marmalade, toasted brioche (GFOA)

Crayfish and smoked salmon parcel, cos lettuce, brown bread and butter (GFOA)

Brie and cranberry tartlet, seasonal leaf salad, rich balsamic glaze (GF)

Pan fried gnocchi, bound with Dorset pesto and topped with shaved parmesan (GFOA)

MAINS

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Heath Farm slow braised beef Bourguignon (GFOA)

Mushroom, spinach and Blue Vinny wellington, cranberry sauce, vegetable gravy.

All mains are served with a selection of seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes.

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Update from the Crossways Youth & Community Centre

At the Annual General Meeting of the CYCC held in August, grateful thanks were extended to retiring Chair, Dave Harris and to his son Daniel for all the help, support and time given freely not only to the centre, but to assisting with numerous youth club centre sessions. Along with his late wife Karan – running the Easter, Christmas Bingos, Quizzes, Fayres and other funding-raising events; and, prepping and cooking all the community lunches and monthly Cafés with homemade bakes. We will miss you very much but hope you will join us on some future events.

We also said thank you and goodbye to Heather, Kirsty and Sarah-Jane who ran the weekly Stay and Play sessions. Sadly, due to both lack of attendance and volunteers the club is currently closed. But if you know of someone who would like to reopen and lead on these sessions, please let us know.

The new term has also seen the Friday evening Youth Club resume for Years 7 and 8, with sessions running from 6.30 to 9pm. For all enquiries, please email youthclub@crosswaysycc.org

For any other queries or private bookings please contact: enquiries@crosswaysycc.org

JULIA'S HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Jacquie and Sian are once again taking on a challenge for this wonderful charity. We are trekking the Saghro mountains in Morocco in November and we are hosting a skittles evening at The New Inn, West Knighton on Friday 3rd October starting at 6pm. £20pp including supper, teams are of 8 if you want your own crowd otherwise teams will be selected on the evening. Please contact jacquie.walton@outlook.com or Sian on 07703774375 to book your space.

ARTSREACH & WEST STAFFORD VILLAGE HALL PRESENT

Bob Marley: How Reggae Changed the World by Duane Forrest - Monday 20th October 7.30pm Join Toronto based singer-songwriter Duane Forrest on an acoustic journey through the roots of reggae to the global influence of Bob Marley in this award-winning show. Experience acoustic renditions of legendary reggae songs that have reshaped countless lives, including Duane's own. From the origin of reggae to Marley's transcendent legacy, immerse yourself in the soulful melodies and transformative power of this iconic music. Duane will also perform a second half of his new work, a reggae, jazz and folk music fusion album, Adrift, in a duo performance. Following a sold-out run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2024, Duane returns to the UK following an international tour. Visiting Dorset with Artsreach, the county's rural arts charity.

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BROADMAYNE WEATHER REPORT FOR AUGUST 2025 by Ted Byrne

From the weather station situated at 23 Watergates Lane August was an unsettled month with showers, thunderstorms, a named storm and a heatwave. If you don't recognise this depiction, well, you are onto something there, because though that is true for the UK as a whole, things were rather different around here. We had hardly any rain, until the very end of the month that is, and storm Floris fortunately stayed up north. We did have a mini-heatwave around the middle of the month though, with the highest temperature hitting 32.3°C on the 12th.

For most of us August was a good month, one during which we were able to enjoy warmth and sunshine until the last four days, when it finally rained. We have also enjoyed a bountiful crop of both wild and cultivated fruit. Of the 60mm of rain that fell in August, about 57 came in those four days, with the early hours of the 29th bringing us 37 of them. In fact, the 37mm of the 29th gave us more rain than we had fallen in the whole of the previous eleven weeks. Coincidentally, the dry spell came to an end on the same day it did in the famously dry summer of 1976. You may well wonder how I know that, and it's because it was the day of a family wedding.

The end of August brings an end to the meteorological summer, though the more optimistic amongst us will not call it until the end of the astronomical summer at the time of the autumnal equinox on the 22nd of September.

Maximum temperature: 32.3°C on the 12th	Minimum temperature 5.4°C on the 22nd
Wettest day: 37mm on the 29th	Days with rainfall (0.5mm or more): 5
Total rainfall for the month: 60mm	Total rainfall for the year to date: 488mm

More details are available in real time on www.watergatesweather.co.uk. You will see temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit. If you would prefer centigrade click on the settings button at the top right hand corner of the screen and select °C.

BROADMAYNE, BUMPS, BABIES AND BEYOND!

It was good to meet up with you all again after the summer holidays.

If you are new to the village or at home with little ones for the first time here is some information about the group. We meet in St. Martin's Community Hall (next to the Church) at 10am on Monday mornings during term time. The group is for anyone at home looking after the under 5s. We have parents, grandparents and childminders who come along with their little ones. There are toys to play with, snacks for the children, tea/coffee for the adults and most importantly a friendly welcome and a listening ear. All this for just £2 per family. We look forward to seeing you.

As we follow school term dates we shall not be meeting on Mondays 27th October and 3rd November as this is the half term holiday.

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BROADMAYNE PARISH COUNCIL – notes from the September 2025 meeting

Public participation (i) A resident commented on a point made at the August meeting about the lack of a pavement on Main Street between the Black Dog PH and the shop. He wondered if DC Highways might be persuaded to consider installing a flush kerb and a textured walkway surface at the side of the road similar to an arrangement he had seen in other villages. The Chairman hoped that when the Council's application for a 20mph speed limit is considered by DC this suggestion might be considered at the same time. (ii) Another resident drew attention to the removal of further trees on the land adjacent to Knighton Lane, opposite Old Brickfields. This has been brought to the attention of Dorset Cllr Roland Tarr to pass on to the DC departments dealing with the matter of unauthorised development on this land. (iii) A number of points were made about the Planning Consultation on the Land adjacent to Broadmead. There was also some discussion about the large number of conditions which are required to be met before commencement of construction of the dwellings. It is DC Planning Department's responsibility to check this and hold the developers to the conditions. (iv) Attention then turned to points made about the consultation on the Dorset Local Plan options. These are included in the notes below.

Planning and Tree Matters Consultations Received: (i) P/RES/2025/02270 Land Adjacent Broadmead Broadmayne. Amended Plans - Reserved matters application (following the approval of planning permission P/OUT/2021/05309) to determine layout, scale, appearance and landscaping matters associated with the erection of 80 dwellings together with open space and enhanced drainage features). After listening to a number of comments from local residents and considering the details submitted within the application the members of the Parish Council concluded that whilst they did not wish to raise an objection they had three points of concern and comment to raise about this application amendment: 1. Omission of Drainage Ditch from Proposed Drainage Plans. Omitted from the plans is an important drainage ditch that runs north to south down the hillside along the southwest field boundary, 2m to the east of and parallel to the foul sewer. This omission consequently creates a possible flooding risk. It was noted that the ditch is fed from higher ground at the top northern end of the field, as well as from the paddocks to the northwest of the SANG that back onto properties along the north side of Martel Close. Residents commented that whenever there is persistent heavy rainfall, this ditch quickly fills with rainwater run-off flowing at high speed down the hillside. This therefore affects the Surface Water Drainage Calculations, the Drainage General Arrangement Plan and the Drainage Catchment Area Plan – all of which need to be amended to take it into account. 2. Landscaping management on the boundary – the current absence of a Schedule for On-Going Management of Existing Hedgerow It was noted that the Landscape and Ecological Management Plan gives a detailed schedule for on-going management of proposed new planting for the development, but it does not yet include a schedule for the on-going management of existing hedgerow currently growing along the shared boundaries of the site. The developer will have responsibility for managing their side of the existing hedgerow. In order to protect the existing hedgerow from neglect or mismanagement a management schedule needs to be included for the existing hedgerows around the development site. 3. Concerns about the contractor access to the site / the Haul Road A number of residents expressed concerns about rumours that the haul road which has long been understood to be an assured condition for access / egress of all construction traffic will not now be included. The Designated Planning Officer and the Developers have been asked to give their assurances that the haul road will still be constructed and used as detailed in the previous consultations, submitted plans and correspondence. (ii) P/HOU/2025/03102 47 Chalky Road Broadmayne DT2 8PJ. Retain and extend existing annex building. No objection.

Local Plan To note the Dorset Local plan Options Consultation is now open to all Dorset residents until 13th October; and to consider whether the Council wishes to develop and submit a corporate response. The details of this consultation had been received and circulated to Parish Council members and also published on the website ahead of the

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meeting. The initial announcement included links to the Development Options documents and the Consultation Response paper. This was then followed by a communication from DC giving details of thirteen public drop-in sessions they are running in various locations across Dorset between 2nd Sept and 7th Oct. This nearest is at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Thurs 11th Sept 2pm-7pm. Council members were disappointed by the length and complexity of the Consultation Response form, which makes it off-putting to read and challenging to complete. Members were also concerned that the development land options for Broadmayne had been combined with those for West Knighton. It was remarked by Council members and members of the public that in some cases owners of land included in the list of local options had evidently not been asked whether they were willing to sell the identified land. A point was made that these areas for possible development seem to have been matched for convenience to local current agricultural holdings rather than reflecting specific housing needs. A particular concern expressed was the total volume of housing identified – which it was felt would result in Broadmayne expanding to a point where its character as a village, as well as that of the adjacent village of West Knighton, would be lost completely. With regard to the difficulty in using the complex Survey Response form, members of the public wondered if it might be possible to construct something simpler and more specific to gather and convey to DC the views of local residents of Broadmayne. Consequently the Council Chair indicated that he would prepare a short questionnaire for local residents to use covering a dozen or so key questions – to be returned to the Parish Council by the end of September. It was however stressed that it is important that individual residents also submit copies of their own responses direct to Dorset Council as best they can – even if it is just a simple email – rather than relying solely on the collective response submitted by the Parish Council.

Reports Cllr Byrne reported on the nine Community Speedwatch sessions which had been held during August. This included one session held at a new site at Lytchetts Park on Chalky Road. The nine sessions had resulted in 3872 vehicle journeys being observed, of which 188 were speeding. The top speed was a vehicle doing 49mph. There were 26 vehicles recorded travelling at over 40mph.

Financial Matters A grant application totaling £925.84 submitted by the Broadmayne Playing Fields Association for reimbursement of Property & Liability Insurance and the fee for the annual RoSPA Play safety Inspection was unanimously approved.

Governance Matters The Clerk reported that the external auditors, BDO LLP, have signed off the Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 Mar 2025 with no issues of concern to report.

Bench at Washpounds To note progress on installation. It was noted that Lee Alexander was expected to complete the installation of the bench on 2nd Sept – weather permitting.

Remedial work to the War Memorial The Council agreed with a proposal that the name panels on the War Memorial would benefit from being cleaned and the inscriptions refurbished. Quotes are being obtained for this work.

Remembrance Sunday 2025 Consultation letters have been distributed to residents who will be affected by the proposed usual 20 minute road closure between the crossroads and the junction with Rectory Rd on the morning of Sunday 9th Nov (10:50-11:10) for the parade to the war memorial.

Matters of report The Clerk drew attention to the following: (i) Ironman event – Sun 14th Sept. (ii) Temporary closure and mandatory 'no parking' restriction day times (08:00-18:00) on the following village roads: Bakers Paddock 10th – 14th Oct, Broadmead 11th – 15th Oct, High Trees 11th – 15th Oct, Osmington Drove 11th – 15th Oct, Woodlands 12th – 16th Oct, Rectory Road 12th – 16th Oct.

Next meeting The next meeting will take place on **Monday 6th October 2025** in the Methodist Church Hall, unless otherwise advised. Parishioners are always welcome to attend and speak at council meetings during public participation. Agendas are posted on the village notice boards and the website approximately a week before the meeting. For the full minutes please see the website www.broadmayne.org.

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St Martin, Broadmayne Annual Gift Day Coffee & Cake Morning Saturday 8th November 10.30am to 12noon

Please come along for coffee and cake at St Martin's Church, and Community Hall next to St Martin's Church, in Broadmayne and to offer support your parish church.

The church has been serving the village for nearly 800 years and needs your help and support to preserve and maintain it for the future – for weddings, baptisms, funerals and our regular Sunday worship – you might dare to imagine the costs associated with a listed historic building!

The 'Gift Day' is an annual opportunity (around the time of St Martin's Day which is 11th November) to offer a donation towards the church – as it receives no other external funds for regular maintenance. You will be warmly welcomed on Saturday 8th November to enjoy cake and refreshments and all donations will be gratefully received.

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Ride & Stride 2025 Just completed our Ride & Stride for the church, many thanks to my support team Gill Baker, Sarah Power and Denise – they are fast walkers. It is a most enjoyable walk, meet lots of folks and enjoy our refreshment stops. Also many, many thanks to all who sponsored me, so far over £400, half of which will come back to our church.
Jill Lawton

Owermoigne Cricket and Social Club

The August Bank Holiday BBQ was a big success. Thank you to all the members and their guests for supporting this event. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event happen; we are always very grateful.

Forthcoming Events:

- **Treasure Hunt – Sunday, 12th October** – Club bar will open for Teas/Coffees at 9:30am – First car leaves at 10am. £2.50 per person, maximum of 4 people in a car/team, to include Soup and a Roll upon your return to the Club
- **Fish & Chips Supper – Thursday 16th October** – details will be emailed to Club members
- **Pumpkin weigh-in – Sunday, 26th October** at 12noon

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Caroline Holmes, OC&SC Secretary



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We had a very enjoyable afternoon in September watching demonstrator Denise Jones with her "Artful Flowers". Her interpretations of Van Gogh, Rennie McKintosh, Kadinsky, her Chelsea experience and Constance Spry were full of beautiful flowers and her background stories were interesting too.

On 21st October we have a hands-on afternoon. An arrangement in a pumpkin. Experienced members will be on hand to help those less experienced. A good chance to learn new skills and opportunity for some social chat whilst we work. Visitors are very welcome to our club meetings but please contact our secretary before attending a workshop. Cost £7. In November we have Area Demonstrator Allison Finch with "Winter Draws On" Allison always gives us a very entertaining afternoon.

December will be a workshop led by Carrie, a Christmas hanging. We meet at Owermoigne Village Hall, and the meeting begins at 2pm. For further information contact Secretary Chris Davies

07578391080 or email:
chris09davis@googlemail.com

There will be no **Owermoigne Photography Group** meeting in October.

We had an excellent talk by Louise McKenna on Astro photography at our September gathering.

There will be no meeting of **Owermoigne Craft Group** this month. I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday the 3rd November when we will be making paper Christmas lanterns. All materials provided. All welcome.
Jenny Blacknell



Black Dog

CHRISTMAS MENU

STARTER

Baked Camembert (GFOA)
topped with garlic and rosemary butter served with melba toast, red onion and cranberry chutney and a salad garnish

Wild Mushroom and Chicken Liver Pate
freshly baked mini whole grain loaf, spicy tomato chutney, salad garnish

Smoked Salmon and King Prawn Salad (GF)
with a lemon caper dressing, fresh leaf salad, dill hollandaise

Roasted Fig and Poached Pear (GF)
brie, and crispy prosciutto ham topped with cranberry chutney and fresh leaf salad

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DESSERT

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• **Friday 3 October is skittles and pizza night...**

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Booking is essential - please contact Derek Woodward on 07976 058158. Pay in advance or on the night - only £2.50 per person.

The Firehouse Pizzeria will be ready to serve delicious pizzas from about 6pm. You can order in advance (see their Facebook page for the menu) or come along and order on the night.

• **Art exhibition, Saturday and Sunday 4-5 October, 11am - 4pm**

Back by popular demand, we'll be hosting the art show by Owermoigne and Osmington artists during the first weekend of October. Enjoy some great work by local artists, and you never know - you might even spot that perfect Christmas present! Entry is free and we'll be serving our famously delicious drinks and cake.

• **Village market, Saturday 11 October 10.30am-12 noon**

Visit our monthly market for fresh foodstuffs, plants, gift ideas and delicious tea, coffee and homemade cakes. Please come along to support local makers and growers and Owermoigne's wonderful village hall.

• **George Michael tribute act, Saturday 18 October**

What a legend he was! Pump up the nostalgia by joining us at the village hall, grab a drink at the Cricket Club next door and join the fun.

Tickets are only £8, email Phil on pscull3161@gmail.com to book and pay by card or cash on the door. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm show.

And our regular events are:

Village coffee mornings, 14 and 28 October
We meet on the second and fourth

Tuesdays so come along between 10.30am and 12 noon to receive a warm welcome. We'll be offering freshly cooked bacon baps on 14th and sausage baps on 28th October. We have shelves full of books for you to borrow and you can also get help with any digital issues you may have. We'll be pleased to see you.

Group guitar lessons, 8 and 22 October
Fortnightly on Wednesdays, 7-8pm. Contact Nick for more info at nickandjudy@hotmail.com

Owermoigne painters

Our friendly painting group welcomes new members. We meet every Friday 10am-12 noon, except the last in the month. Contact nigel_baker@icloud.com

Short mat bowls

The Short Mat Bowls Club usually meets on the first and third Saturdays from 10am till 12 noon. October is a busy month though, so we'll be playing on the 18th only. We welcome new members so contact Rob Burgess on 07836 386088 if you're interested in learning a new game.

Table tennis every Thursday

Table tennis at 10am. Come along to join in or call Margo on 07887 685199.

Dog Training Club

Peter Gibbins runs a number of classes on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm. Call him to check availability on 01305 602883.

The Village Hall also hosts a wide variety of clubs and societies and everyone is welcome. Please see the separate adverts for **Owermoigne Craft Group**, **Owermoigne Flower Club**, **Pilates classes** with Deni and **Yoga classes** with Kaly.

You can see event bookings online at <https://owermoignedorset.com/calendar> Contact Margaret Burgess on 01305 854695 to book the hall or send an e-mail to her at crozlemargaret1950@gmail.com

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POETRY CORNER

Nigel Beeton writes: In Luke 12:16-21 we read the story of the Rich Fool - a man blessed by a bountiful harvest who decided to put his feet up with all his grain in his lovely new, bigger barns. Perhaps not a problem for our farmers this year, but what should we do if God is good to us?

The Rich Fool

God was so good to the rich man,
That his fields yielded so much grain;
He came to wondering which plan
Would yield him the best long-term gain?

But God disagreed with this scheming-
He'd granted that grain for the poor!
So God put a stop to his dreaming,
That night the fool lived no more.

Well, he'd worked hard at his farming.
He needed a well-deserved rest!
Retirement? Well, that sounded charming-
'Eat, drink, be merry' is best!

Invest in the hearths of the homeless.
Buy food for the plates of the poor.
Your funds will not then have grown less-
They'll grow in God's bank ever more!

More Poetry — or Life in the 21st century?

Nigel Beeton writes: There's a plot of land near us where an old bungalow was pulled down and two quite nice, detached houses built on the plot. But why these days do they still build garages sized for cars of the 1960s?

A Weeny Garage!

I purchased a lovely new house
But what is making me grouse
Is the lack of a marriage

Twixt my car and my garage
Which is challengingly sized for a mouse!

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Children's page

A short story from the Bible
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Judges 6:36 - 7:8, 16-22

God had told Gideon he would drive the
Midianite invaders out of His country.
32000 men had come to fight with Gideon.

Gideon asked God for proof.



God did as Gideon
had asked.



Could you show me again,
but with the wool dry and
the ground wet?



God said
The army is
too big. They will think that
they beat the Midianites,
not Me.



So Gideon sent home
all who were afraid -
22000 of them



There were still too many,
so Gideon told them to
drink from the spring.



300 scooped up water to drink,
and the rest were sent home.



Each man was given a
jar with a lit torch in it
and a horn.



That night they
surrounded the
Midianite camp.



At the signal, they blew the
trumpets, smashed the jars
and shouted a war cry



The Midianites were so
shocked they attacked
each other, and then ran



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without having to
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There is a WORDSEARCH to accompany this story on page 31

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WORDSEARCH – to accompany the story on page 29

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afraid
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Midianites
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PUZZLES — 2

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Each grid number represents a letter. Every letter of the alphabet appears at least once in the grid.

Some of the words have a connection with the scriptures or a religion in some form or other.

Some words may be (sometimes obscure!) names of people and places. two letters are given to start you off.

Can you crack the code?

For another letter see page 47

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ALL IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

It was....

750 years ago, on 27th October 1275 that the city of Amsterdam in the Netherlands is traditionally considered to have been founded.

200 years ago, on 25th October 1825 that Johann Strauss II, was born: this Austrian composer is best known for his waltzes, including *The Blue Danube*.

125 years ago, on 20th October 1900 that aviation pioneers the Wright Brothers made their first untethered glider flight at Kill Devil Hills, in North Carolina (see p39).

100 years ago, on 13th October 1925 that Margaret Thatcher, Baroness Thatcher, was born: the first woman Prime Minister of Britain, 1979-90 (died 2013) (see p39).

90 years ago, on 12th October 1935 that Luciano Pavarotti, Italian operatic tenor, was born: he is considered one of the finest tenors of the 20th century, and one of the most commercially successful of all time (died 2007).

80 years ago, on 12th October 1945 that US Army combat medic Desmond Doss became the first conscientious objector in US history to receive a Medal of Honour for heroic actions for saving the lives of 75 men during the Battle of Okinawa: the film *Hacksaw Ridge* told his story (see p41).

70 years ago, on 20th October 1955 that *The Return of the King*, the third and final part of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*, was published.

65 years ago, on 12th October 1960 that, at a meeting of the UN General Assembly in New York, the Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev is reported to have removed his shoe and pounded his table, in protest at a speech by another delegate; and on 30th October 1965 that Diego Maradona was born: the Argentine football player, manager and coach is regarded as one of the greatest football players in history (died 2020).

60 years ago, on 8th October 1965 that the Post Office Tower (now the BT Tower) in London was officially opened: it was the tallest building in the UK until 1980.

50 years ago, on 9th October 1975 that the IRA detonated a bomb near the Ritz Hotel in Piccadilly: one person was killed and at least 20 injured.

40 years ago, on 1st October 1985 that riots broke out in Toxteth in Liverpool and Peckham in London: five days later (6th October) Met Police Constable Keith Blacklock was killed in the Broadwater Farm housing estate riot in Tottenham and was the first British constable to be killed in a riot since 1833; and on 26th October 1985 that the Australian government returned the ownership of Uluru / Ayers Rock to the local Pitjantjatjara people, on condition that they lease it to the National Parks and Wildlife Agency for 99 years and allow it to be jointly managed.

25 years ago, on 26th October 2000 that the BSE Inquiry Report was published in the UK: it concluded that the BSE (Mad Cow Disease) epidemic was caused by the use of infected meat and bone meal in cattle feed.

20 years ago, on 3rd October 2005 that Ronnie Barker, TV comedian, actor and writer, died: known for *The Frost Report*, *The Two Ronnies*, *Porridge*, *Going Straight* and *Open All Hours*; and on 18th to 26th October 2005 that Hurricane Wilma, the most intense Atlantic hurricane ever recorded, hit the Caribbean, Central America and the eastern USA: 63 people died and the storm caused £18.1 billion worth of damage.

15 years ago, on 13th October 2010 that 33 Chilean miners who had been trapped underground for 69 days following the collapse of the San Jose copper-gold mine were rescued; around one billion TV viewers around the world watched them being pulled to the surface one-by-one, in a specially designed capsule.

10 years ago, on 26th October 2015 that the Hindu Kush earthquake hit Afghanistan, India and Pakistan: at least 399 people were killed, and 2,536 more injured.



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'SAINT' OF THE MONTH

29th October: James Hannington, bishop and martyr in Uganda

James Hannington could have had a most comfortable and respectable life, safe in the peaceful English county of Sussex. Born in Hurstpierpoint in 1847, he'd worked in business and the army before theological study at Oxford and two curacies. Then he was appointed minister of St George's Chapel in Hurstpierpoint in 1875. Still only 27, Hannington had it made for life.

But something had happened to Hannington during his first curacy at Martinhoe in Devon. His cultural Christianity had been transformed by an intense conversion experience to the risen Christ, and with it, his hunger for spreading the Gospel had grown. In 1882, he was disturbed and challenged to hear news of the deaths of several missionaries who had been serving in Buganda (now a part of Uganda). After prayer, Hannington decided that taking the gospel to Buganda-Uganda was the true calling of God on his life, and so he applied to the Church Missionary Society, and was sent out.

Arriving on the coast of East Africa, Hannington began the long trek inland to Buganda, but was overcome by dysentery and fever. The CMS recalled him before he died, and it was not until two years later, in 1884, that they allowed him to go back, this time as Bishop of the newly created Diocese of Eastern Equatorial Africa. Hannington was a great success. A colleague at the time wrote: "He was beloved by every missionary. There was never a bishop who could be so firm, and at the same time, so kind and considerate."

Then came July 1885, and Hannington decided to venture into Buganda. He'd heard that Mwanga, the new Kabaka (the title of the ruler of the Kingdom of Buganda), had been persecuting the Christians, and wanted to encourage his flock there. Disregarding the danger, he set out with a small party from the diocese. But as Hannington's party approached the Kabaka's home village, they were stopped by a local chief. Mwanga sent word that they should all be killed, and so Hannington and his group were speared to death on 29th October 1885.

Hannington was the most high-profile Christian martyr in Uganda until Idi Amin killed Archbishop Janani Luwum in Kampala in 1977.

Let Him lead me to the banquet hall (*Song of Songs 2:4*) – David Pickup considers *Harvest Festivals*.

I like a good harvest festival. 'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come', 'For the Fruits of His Creation', 'Now Thank We All Our God' and my favourite, 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter'; this last one is not everyone's favourite but I like it. It reminds me of school assembly and teacher who pointed out the words sound like ploughing fields and then running away. I can remember the fields near where I lived and seeing the tractor followed by flocks of birds, eager for food. Harvest is about being thankful for God's provision and how the harvest, in this part of the world at least, never fails. No matter how dry or wet the growing seasons are, we always get a harvest.

I enjoy a good harvest lunch. We used to have really good ones in the parish, and it brought out people who were not regular church goers but occasional attenders, mainly when food was on the table. I like a buffet because you can choose what you want and how much of it, and if you are clever, you can get two helpings. My advice is let the polite people go first, as they eat little and then go for it when most people have had their fill. No! don't be greedy but do tuck in and make sure you help others.

God invites us to a banquet where there is plenty to eat for everyone and everyone makes sure all have their fill.

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MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

The Iron Lady of Britain – Tim Lenton

One hundred years ago, on 13th October 1925, Margaret Thatcher, Baroness Thatcher of Kesteven, was born. She was the first woman Prime Minister of Britain (1979-90). Her father, Alfred Roberts, was a grocer and Methodist local preacher in Grantham, and she was brought up as a strict Wesleyan Methodist. At one point just before the Second World War, the family gave sanctuary to a young Jewish girl who had escaped the Nazis.

Margaret later became a lay preacher herself, and was married at Wesley's Chapel in City Road, London, where her children were baptised. Afterwards she and her husband Denis (later Sir Denis) attended Church of England services and became Anglicans. She felt her policies as a Conservative aligned closely with Christianity.

She was the longest-serving Prime Minister of the 20th century and, partly because of her resilience, aroused strong feelings both for and against, having to weather difficulties and misjudgements, such as the poll tax. Those opposing her described her policies as 'Thatcherism', but others put a positive slant on this. Her nickname of Iron Lady – first used by a Soviet journalist – aptly described her leadership style and lack of compromise.

Before becoming Prime Minister, she had studied chemistry at Oxford, and then the law, qualifying as a barrister. She became an MP – for Finchley – in 1959 and progressed to Secretary of State for Education and Science before defeating Edward Heath in the 1975 Tory leadership election, making her leader of the Opposition and the first woman to lead a major UK political party. When she arrived at Downing Street, she adapted a prayer of St Francis beginning "Where there is discord, may we bring harmony". She died from a stroke while staying at the Ritz Hotel in London in 2013 at the age of 87, having been unwell for some years.

Those magnificent men in their flying machine... – Tim Lenton

It was 125 years ago, on 20th October 1900, that the American aviation pioneers the Wright Brothers made their first untethered glider flight at Kill Devil Hills in North Carolina. This was a key moment in the history of aviation, although their first powered flight of a heavier-than-air aircraft came three years later, on 17th December 1903, also at Kill Devil Hills, which is near Kitty Hawk.

Orville and Wilbur Wright, who lived in Dayton, Ohio – more than 600 miles from Kitty Hawk – were the sons of a bishop in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and were both named after clergymen. However, they became inventive mechanics and owned a bicycle shop at a time when cycling was becoming safer and popular. They chose the Kitty Hawk area for flight attempts, based on advice from the US Weather Bureau.

There had been many unpowered glider flights in Europe before, and the Wrights, who were in their thirties, were particularly impressed by the successful German pioneer Otto Lilienthal, who had been killed in 1896. The Wrights' big leap forward, however, was a system of three-axis controls that made fixed-wing powered flight possible. It enabled the pilot to steer the aircraft and maintain its equilibrium. It remains standard on aircraft today.

Flying changed the world for us all. It had long been a dream, dating back at least as far as the Greek legend of Icarus and Daedalus, and including kite-flying in China and ballooning in 18th-century France, with the Montgolfier brothers. A small piece of the Wright Flyer is now on Mars – a piece of cloth attached to a small but active reconnaissance helicopter called *Ingenuity*.

	
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MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

The brave Desmond Doss of Hacksaw Ridge – Tim Lenton

Eighty years ago, on 12th October 1945, US Army combat medic Desmond Doss became the first conscientious objector in US history to receive a Medal of Honour for heroic actions. He saved the lives of 75 men during the Battle of Okinawa. The film *Hacksaw Ridge* told his story.

Doss was born in Virginia in 1919, and became a strong believer in the Bible, especially the Ten Commandments. As a devout Seventh Day Adventist and conscientious objector, he determined to join the Army after Pearl Harbor – his goal being to save as many lives as possible, and to kill no-one.

He enlisted as a medic and refused to carry a rifle, despite receiving abuse from his fellow soldiers and officers. This diminished when it became clear that he bore no grudges and was the first to help when anyone got into difficulty.

He served in combat on the islands of Guam, Leyte, and Okinawa – but it was the last that was most remarkable, because the fighting took place on the top of a sheer 400ft cliff with booby traps and hidden machine gun nests. Doss refused to retreat with his battalion and kept on returning to the battlefield before lowering injured comrades down the cliff (known as Hacksaw Ridge). He thought he had saved 50 men – praying aloud each time “Lord, please help me get one more”. His comrades thought he had saved 100: the official report split the difference.

Of the 16 million Americans in uniform during World War Two, only 431 received the Congressional Medal of Honour. Before leaving the Army, Doss had contracted tuberculosis, and eventually he had to have a lung and five ribs removed. He lived with one lung to the age of 87.

Complaints – how do you make them effective? – David Pickup

I cried unto the Lord with my voice;... I poured out my complaint before Him; I shewed before Him my trouble. (Psalm 142:1,2 KJV)

Perhaps it is a British thing, but we do not like to complain, do we? But the psalmist was not British, so he did not mind complaining – even to God, we are told. Nowadays, most large organisations, especially public bodies, want us to complain if something is wrong, because good service standards are important. They have well-designed complaints systems and independent ombudsmen to oversee it all.

The first thing is to try to resolve an issue informally. If this has not worked, use the proper procedure. You can probably find how to on the company's website.

Be precise about what you are complaining about. Be clear – use account numbers, references and dates. Put in the names of persons involved, if you know them. Do not leave it too long because most procedures have deadlines.

Keep it short, simple and to the point. Ask a friend to look at it first, to make sure they understand what you are complaining about. Be firm but polite and business-like – you are more likely to be listened to. It may be helpful to use numbered points, in date order. Keep a note of dates. Be reasonable. It may be an apology will suffice, but do not be fobbed off.

Think about what outcome you want. Is it an apology? If so, get a genuine apology. If you are told “we are sorry you felt let down” that is not an apology; “We let you down” is. Perhaps you want the organisation to change their ways so something bad does not happen to other people.

And another thing: if you get a good service from someone, tell the company. It might make their day.



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MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

Why is there a need for Food and Clothing Banks in the sixth wealthiest economy in the world? – Julia Curtis-King



After attending a Lent Group at St Martin's Community Hall, I felt totally inspired and intrigued to find out why there is a need for Food and Clothing Banks in Britain. I started at Westham Methodist Church, which is a satellite of the Weymouth Foodbank, in April 2024. I was impressed at the slick operation of the Foodbank, where all clients are treated with dignity and respect. The immediate needs are met with bags of staples, eg tinned meat, tinned fish, pasta, rice, milk etc.

The Foodbank also offers hot drinks, squash, biscuits & snacks which are all well received. Clients sit and chat in a seated area whilst their bags are made ready. I chatted to a number of people and found their life stories interesting but also sad, it was an eye-opening experience. Life events can affect a person's ability to provide for themselves and their families through no fault of their own.

In the Foodbank there is a dedicated section with pre-loved items of clothes, shoes and baby items, which can be taken as required. As I had previously worked in a Charity Shop, I offered to help sort the clothes. A young man was looking for trainers, as his were worn out and he obviously could not afford replacements at this time. Sadly I didn't have any to give him.

I realised that some items are needed more than others and with this in mind I would like to politely ask for your assistance in obtaining pre-loved goods of good quality, to assist these worthy people. Quality over quantity, if you would be so kind to support this worthwhile cause. Items required are:

T-Shirts, Hooded tops, Walking trousers, Fleece, Baseball caps, Jeans, Waterproof Jackets, Named items (eg North Face), Trainers, Socks (new if at all possible), Underwear for Men, Sleeping bags (with stuff bag) for Homeless. Also any unwanted gifts, face creams, and toiletries would be gratefully received. The Foodbank also needs good quality carrier bags although I am trying to encourage reuse where possible.

I have also added to my portfolio and am working with Family Matters and offering support to the Baby Bank and Adult Clothing Bank, details for those online (apologies to those who do not have access): <https://www.helpandkindness.co.uk/service/5677/Family-Matters-Weymouth-and-Portland>

Thank you to each and every one of you who have supported me unwaveringly in my endeavours, your assistance is fully appreciated. However I feel the time is right once again to ask for your valued assistance. The number of homeless individuals that we assist seems to be increasing.

If you would like to donate any of the above items or check if an item can be of use, please contact me: juliackh7@gmail.com or leave donations marked Attn: Julia, in the foyer of St Martin's Church Broadmayne.

To make a big difference to a person's life, a donation of a pair of new trainers would be a wonderful gift.

ECO TIP OF THE MONTH

As you clear the summer plants from your gardens, don't clear it all up, leave some twigs and logs, leaves and moss to rot down at the back of your plot and create a habitat for the invertebrates that we need to be part of our ecosystem.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to.

Mark Twain



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Greetings again from St Petrified's

At the first meeting of the youth group after the autumn term had started at school who should turn up but Darren and Mandy, who were welcomed like royalty and were interrogated as to how they had got on at uni and why it had taken until the end of the summer to come and see them. Well, as most uni students spend the summer working, no, not academic study, but to earn money to clear overdrafts, so did Darren and Mandy, but not at supermarkets and the like – they had managed to get jobs helping to run kids' clubs at a campsite in Spain. Accommodation provided (a tent), and food (takeaways) during working hours. And they were paid! Can they speak Spanish? Well, Mandy took Spanish GCSE at school, and Darren picked enough up from Mandy for them to be able to communicate with each other when they didn't want others to know what they were saying. But when the British school holidays finished so did their jobs. They were obviously good at it, as they have already accepted an offer to return next year. So their experience at St Petrified's youth group had been valuable after all. Some of the current members were staring starry-eyed at the pair and planning to emulate them when they had finished school. Only problem might be that Darren and Mandy had said that it helped that they were a couple so could deal with both boys and girls at the kids' club, so some of their listeners began looking round the group for a suitable pairing!

So, how did uni go? Well, they both had passed their first-year exams, she with Psychology and he with Music, which was an advantage for him as he managed to get a stint as a DJ at the Spanish campsite in the evenings, and she as a waitress (no free food, but free drinks). They had done some similar paid work at uni – hearing about which was more interesting to their listeners than hearing about lectures and practical sessions for their courses. What about the Christian group that they ended up leading? It was in the job description,

they said, of the university chaplain who had welcomed some help with the role. Rev Keen acknowledged the part that Darren and Mandy played in organising the St Petrified's group, but said nothing of the concerns that he had about the pair's somewhat non-Christian ethics. The university chaplain, fully aware of what students think and do, was quite happy to relieve himself of hands-on work with the group, even to the extent that any bible-related studying went by the board. So what did Darren and Mandy do? Organised concerts – Darren had plenty of contacts through his course. The closest to anything hymn-like, they admitted, was a performer who included Bob Dylan's *With God on our side*. Personally, I could never decide 'if Judas Iscariot had God on his side', but it would be a good topic for a discussion! Perhaps when Rev Keen gives his next sermon I could suggest he tackles this one!

Ten pin bowling was another activity – the group played in a league against other teams in the town, some connected with the university, others not. There had been a Christian group team previously which got thoroughly thrashed in matches such that opponents were pleased to be drawn against them. No longer. They didn't end up at the top of the league, but neither were they now at the bottom, when they only remained in the league because there was nowhere to be relegated to! Where did they get their encouragement from? Opposing teams suggested David and Goliath!

Cinema trips – Rev Keen thought of *Conclave*, the fictional story about the choosing of a pope. Mandy said no, not that movie: one of the movies the uni group went to see was *Bridget Jones: Mad about the boy*, a romantic comedy – but is Bridget a good role model, the critics had asked? Mandy said that critics would ask the same question about her and Darren! Which prompted one of the listening youth group members to ask if they were married yet, if not why not, and if they are to get married when would it be, and if they would be married at St Petrified's? Answers: no not yet; too busy with uni life; when they had graduated; probably (but can Darren bring his own organist?). We got the impression that when the big day arrives we will have the fullest church we've had for a long time!

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Fresh ideas

The elderly Catholic priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush padded chairs. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now."

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n' roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony."

"Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth."

"All of these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest, "But I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-through confessional."

"But, Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!"

"Yes," replied the elderly priest, "and I appreciate that. But the flashing neon sign, 'Stop and Tell or Go to Hell' cannot stay on the church roof!"



Good news – at last we've got someone interested in becoming a churchwarden

Worn out

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week."

"Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day."

"That's nothing," said the third boy. "When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

Smart car

A clergy friend of mine bought a new car that sported an on-board computer. On Sunday morning he got into the car to drive to church, and the digital display lit up. Glancing at the readout, he chuckled at the announcement: "Time for service."

Tempting

Don't tempt me, I can resist anything but temptation.



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