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Sunday Services September 2026



	6th September	13th September	20th September	27th September
Broadmayne St Martin	11am Holy Communion		11am United Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion BCP
Broadmayne Methodist	11am Morning Worship	11am Morning Worship	at St Martin's, Broadmayne	11am Morning Worship
Holworth				11am Holy Communion
Owermoigne	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion 6pm Harvest Evensong	
Warmwell		11am Holy Communion		
West Knighton	6pm Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion	6pm Worship & Prayer	9.30am Harvest Holy Communion

Methodist Sunday 6th September 11am – Rev Gwyneth Owen
& Joint Sunday 13th September 11am – Dudley Coates
Services Sunday 20th September 11am – Rev David Johnson at St Martin's
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Dorset Historic Churches Trust – 'Ride and Stride' 2026

The annual fundraising event – 'Ride and Stride' – will take place this year on **Saturday 12th September**. The money raised will support the work of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust.

In 2025 the R & S day raised over £100,000 (plus Gift Aid recovery): one of the highest totals on record. Fifty percent of the money raised is refunded to the parish church nominated by individual fundraisers (or to a charity of their choice). The balance is used to support the repair and maintenance of the many historic and beautiful churches – of all denominations – in Dorset. Each parish in the Watercombe Benefice has a DHCT representative (contact churchwardens for names), who will be able to give details of how to take part in the event.

Apart from raising money for the Trust, which last year approved grants for repairs and maintenance that totalled over £125,000, the Ride and Stride day offers an opportunity to visit some of the smaller, less well-known churches across the County.

An important note for all sponsors: as a Registered Charity the DHCT can claim a Gift Aid Refund from all donations made by those who pay Income Tax (ie nearly everyone!). So please don't forget to tick the appropriate box on the Sponsorship Form. Thank you.

Gerry Gerrard (01305 852320), DHCT Warmwell Parish Representative

[see also pages 13 and 21]

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FROM THE RECTORY

"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

We often speak of "pearls of wisdom" and I wonder what would be your one pearl of wisdom you would like to share with every person in the world if you had that chance? Just before you read on perhaps think what that would be – one piece of advice – one pearl of wisdom – to make the world a better place...

For many years my answer could have been expressed in one word: "think", as I believed that many of the world's problems could be eased if everyone thought about what they did; what they said; what was best for themselves and for others; and if we all thought about the consequences of our actions.

You may know I was a chaplain and secondary school teacher for 21 years before coming to Dorset. I felt the most important skills to teach were those of thinking about issues in an informed way; listening and asking questions so that we can work things through. I still feel these are skills needed in so many parts of personal and public life.

Our thoughts are subject to many powerful influences: our own upbringing and personal experiences; the views of people around us and the opinions of the media, social media (sometimes 'unsocial media'!). It can be quite hard to think through things clearly and to know what is best.

If someone asked me what pearl of wisdom I would like to share now it would have moved from asking people to "think" to simply asking people to "be kind". The kingdom of heaven is not an idealised and abstract world; it is a place of love and practical kindness. And our world needs these acts of kindness.

Of course, we do not need to have any sort of faith in order to be kind, but we often do need an encouragement to be kind: for our acts of kindness to extend beyond just the people closest to us; for kindness to be expressed in all we think and do and say; to be kind, patient and forgiving even when we might not feel this way. I hope the pearl of wisdom you might want to share with others is an encouragement to be kind and that you have experienced the value of kindness in your own lives too.

David

PS We focussed on the word "kindness" in one of our joint Together@11 Methodist & Anglican services at St Martin's earlier in the summer. All the contributions from everyone there are displayed on the board at the back of the church. Come in any time to read them – and there are extra cards for you to add your own thoughts too...

BENEFICE REGISTERS

Marriage

1st August **Candice Jackson & James Reed**, wedding at St Catherine, Holworth

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Sunday 6th September, 10.30am: Cathedral-style service of Choral Eucharist which includes Haydn's 'Little Organ Mass' as well as music by Mozart and Tomas Luis de Victoria.

Saturday 12th September, 4.30pm: Choral Evensong includes Stanford's 'Magnificat and Nunc dimittis' in C and Edgar Bainton's exquisite 'And I saw a new heaven'. There is also music by the former organist of Salisbury Cathedral, the late Richard Seal, and a beautiful setting of the 'Ave Maria' by the contemporary Latvian composer Rihards Dubra.

Saturday 19th September, 12.30pm - 1.00pm: Soprano Iris Lam and pianist Rob Taylor will perform a programme of Romantic songs and arias by Robert and Clara Schumann, and will be joined by clarinettist Natalie Burton for a performance of Schubert's delightful 'The Shepherd on the Rock' trio. Admission is free.

Sunday September 20th at 10.30am: Choral Eucharist with music by Amy Beach, Edward Elgar and William Byrd.

Tickets are now on sale for two more exciting concerts: **Bach by Candlelight** (a performance of the Goldberg Variations by Royal College of Music harpsichord scholar Markus Sadler on **Friday 13th November at 7pm**) and **Handel's Messiah** (performed by the singers and instrumentalists of Music at St Peter's on Saturday **12th December at 5.30pm**). Tickets for both performances are £15 and can be booked online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester. 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

News from Crossways Youth & Community Centre

Our next **Community Café, Car Boot and Table Top sale** takes place on **Saturday, 5 September from 9am until 12 noon.**

We are grateful to Dorset Council for providing youth outreach sessions for young people during August, with a number of edible and fun activities!

The **Youth Club** returns with a new leadership team, on **Friday, 11 September for Years 7, 8 and 9 running from 6.30 to 9pm** for £3 each. Please complete the registration form prior to attending. Here is the link: www.crosswaysycc.org/yc-form

BOCKHAMPTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

The next event of our 2026 programme is a River Walk by kind invitation of our very own Chalkstream River Keeper John Aplin. This event is free to all of our members; we also welcome guests to the event £5pp, no need to prebook. Parking is at West Stafford Village Hall at 5pm and guests will walk to The Dairy House for the walk to begin at 5.30pm. There will be wine to purchase on completion (cash only please). Any more information needed please contact jacquie.walton@outlook.com



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Both provide services to help our wellbeing. Social prescribers work with people of every age, who may be lonely or isolated, live with a long term condition or have complex social needs. They can give you time, which is more difficult in a busy GP practice. Time is a precious commodity which can help many issues.

Access Wellbeing again helps anyone over 18 providing early help to prevent concerns escalating, whether it be finances, work or housing.

Come and find out more at this Open meeting about how DPA and these organisations help local people and could help YOU or those you work with.

Dorchester Poverty Action (DPA) works closely with these and many other referring organisations. Over the last year DPA has been busy helping local people living in DT1 and DT2 with their wellbeing through grants for nursery equipment, washing machines for young families or with car repairs, so someone can get to work. £76,000 was distributed in grants over the year. This is a 28% increase in individual grants over the last year and a 66% increase over the last 5 years. Without the very generous donations from local people, churches and businesses none of this would be possible.

Everyone welcome on Wednesday September 30th at 7pm at the Dorford Centre

For more information go to dorchesterpovertyaction.org.uk

ECO TIP OF THE MONTH

Looking after wildlife in the heat – if it lasts! Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects – put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference.

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

Instead of letting a mob of hoodlum tasks surround and trample me to death, I force them into a single file and handle them one at a time.

D Mallough

Our whole life is taken up with anxiety for personal security, with preparations for living, so that we really never live at all.

Leo Tolstoy

Increase of material comforts, it may generally be laid down, does not in any way whatsoever conduce to moral growth.

Gandhi



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Ride and Stride – St Martin's Church, Broadmayne

As many of you will know the annual Ride and Stride in aid of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust takes place in September; this year it is on Saturday 12th. Ben Wightman will be taking part on his bike, and I will be cycling too. If anyone else would like to take part do let me know, and I can explain a bit more about it and provide the necessary paperwork. You can walk or cycle to visit as many churches as you can (or want to!) during the day.

Just as importantly, if you would like to sponsor either of us, do please let us know; we would be most grateful – it makes such a difference when you are cycling or walking along to know that you are benefiting a good cause. Half of the sum that we raise will be returned to St Martin's.

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BROADMAYNE WEATHER REPORT FOR July 2026 by Ted Byrne

From the weather station situated at 23 Watrgates Lane

July was the driest in England since records began 190 years ago. Here contributed to this record by having no rain at all. The last measurable amount of rain we had was on the 20th of June. Doesn't it show: gardens and fields are as dry as a bone. It is difficult to imagine it looking green again, but I can pretty much guarantee that sooner or later it will. In the meantime let's hope that not too much permanent damage is done. One result is that many areas in England, including parts of Dorset, are under hosepipe bans, but not ours, at least not yet.

The drought has, fairly logically at this time of year I suppose, come with lots of sunny days and high temperatures. July in England was the sunniest on record and also the second warmest. Here in Broadmayne we had two heatwaves, with temperatures over 26° for thirteen consecutive days from the 6th and for another six days from the 20th. The highest temperature was 34.3°C on the 10th. We had a total of ten days when temperatures exceeded 30°C and only one day when they didn't exceed 25°C.

A quick word about the lowest temperature of the month which was 7.6°C on the 20th. There was only one other day, the 3rd, when the minimum dropped below 10°C. The highest minimum was 16.6°C on the 15th, warm, but well below the 20°C which would be needed for a night to be called a tropical night and which would make sleep difficult.

Maximum temperature: 34.3°C on the 10th	Minimum temperature: 7.6°C on the 20th
Wettest day: Not applicable	Days with rainfall (0.5mm or more): 0
Total rainfall for the month: 0mm	Total rainfall for the year: 599mm

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Broadmayne Parish Council: August Update

Broadmayne Parish Council discussed a range of matters affecting village life. During **public participation**, two residents of Osmington Drove explained why signs had been installed to discourage parking beyond the adopted highway, on the bridleway. They described increasing difficulties accessing their homes when vehicles are parked inconsiderately. Councillors noted the concerns and confirmed that no Parish Council funds had been used for the signs. The Council does not take a formal position on the matter, but encourages all residents and visitors to park considerately and show courtesy to others throughout the village.

A number of **community reports** were received. The next **Broadmayne Playing Field Association** meeting will discuss the playing field lease and pitch care among the agenda items. The **Village Hall** continues to be well used, with bookings healthy and income currently exceeding running costs.

The Parish Clerk also reported on Dorset Council's initial round of "**Community Conversations**", which are intended to explore how the Unitary Authority can work more closely with local communities. Feedback from attendees at this first session suggested that it was felt somewhat unstructured. Councillors were also reminded to access the new Dorset Council portal and complete fresh Declarations of Interests, if not already done.

Broadmayne **Community Speedwatch** held two sessions in July. A total of 928 vehicle journeys were observed, with 17 recorded exceeding the speed limit. The highest speed recorded was 43 mph. The council was pleased to hear that another resident has volunteered to join the Speedwatch team. The monthly report from the **Police Community Support Officer** recorded one local incident: a lorry seen in a field late at night. Police enquiries confirmed that this was a legitimate visit by the landowner.

Concerns were discussed about the **grass-cutting and grounds maintenance** contract. Activity reports had not been received from the contractor for at least three weeks before the meeting, contrary to contract requirements. The Clerk will follow this up, and both the standard of work and reporting will be closely monitored ahead of a review in September.

A major item on the agenda was the **village shop**. Reflecting residents' concern and the importance of the shop to the community, the Parish Council agreed to submit an application to Dorset Council for the shop to be designated an Asset of Community Value. If successful, the designation would last for five years. It would create a pause in any future sale, giving community groups time to express interest and, if appropriate, prepare a bid.

One **allotment** holder will be giving up a plot before the end of August. The plot has been offered to the person at the top of the waiting list, who has indicated they intend to take it on. Also there is some improvement in two plots that had previously caused concern.

Footpaths and rights of way were also discussed. Concerns had been reported to Dorset Council about Bridleway S9/10 at Osmington Drove, Footpath S9/2 between Knighton Lane and the church, and Bridleway S9/15 at Bramble Drove. Dorset Council has confirmed action on S9/10 to ensure it is passable, and further cutting work had taken place on S9/2 and S9/15 under the annual agreement. Dorset Council will also contact the relevant landowner about hedge growth affecting Footpath S9/2.

Highways matters included concerns about visibility at the Rectory Road and Chalky Road junction, where hedge growth is affecting sightlines and narrowing pavements. Dorset Council is monitoring the situation during the bird nesting season. Councillors also raised concerns about the condition of several local roads during Dorset Council's scheduled maintenance works. In some places, stripped road surfaces had left loose or uneven areas that could be hazardous for pedestrians. The Parish Clerk will raise the scheduling and safety concerns with Dorset Council Highways. Residents are also reminded that the forthcoming **Ironman event** on Sunday 20 September will require local road closures.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 7 September 2026** in the Methodist Church Hall, unless otherwise advised. Residents are warmly welcome to attend and may contribute during the public participation section.



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Welcome to the Autumn Term after a hot summer break. We do hope that you have enjoyed the holidays and are now looking forward to meeting up again. We start the new term on Monday 7th September

If you are reading this for the first time, you may like to know more about our 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 in a supportive setting. All this for just £2 per family.

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See you all again on Monday 7th September.

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Owermoigne Village Hall – September

Our main events are:

• Village Market, Saturday 12th September

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• Elvis, Friday 3rd October

Doors open from 6:30pm, show from 8-10pm. All tickets £10 - booking essential via Cricket Club.

Pizza available from 6:30 pm - contact Fliss on 07824 337580.

Our regular events are:

Village coffee mornings, 8th and 22nd September

In September we meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays so come along between 10.30am and 12 noon to receive a warm welcome. 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.

NB Stop Press: on 22nd September at the Coffee Morning we have a presentation on Scams - given by Age Concern

Dog Training Club

Peter Gibbins runs a number of classes on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm. Call him to check availability on 07767 147248.

Group guitar lessons

Wednesdays 7-8pm. Contact Nick for more info at nickandjudy@hotmail.com

Owermoigne painters

Our friendly painting group welcomes new members. We meet on Friday 10am-12 noon, except the last Friday of 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. 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 Jill on 01305 354467 [see also below].

The Village Hall also hosts a wide variety of clubs and societies and everyone is welcome. Please see the separate adverts for **Owermoigne Photography 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 07909 718569 to book the hall or send an e-mail to her at crozlemargaret1950@gmail.com

You can find the village Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/owermoigne/>

Owermoigne Photo Group

In September the Owermoigne photography group are having an evening devoted to drone photography.

We meet on the second Monday of every month in the village hall from 7:15pm.

The **Owermoigne ladies walking group** will be meeting at Kingston Maurward car park at 10 am on Thursday 24th September and walking to Hardy's cottage (weather permitting). Please contact Sarah Power 07919551317 for more details.

Table Tennis

Thursday mornings from 10.00am until 12.00 we play Table Tennis, mainly doubles in Owermoigne Village Hall. £2 a session, but you only pay when you turn up! We are very keen to find folks to join us as two players are moving and some of us are not moving as well as we would like! The standard is not high but the company is good, so if you would like to join us either come along or get in touch with me – Jill Lawton, 9 Moreton Rd or telephone 01305 854457 – we would be very pleased to see you.

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Owermoigne Cricket and Social Club

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- **Thursday, 17th September** – Fish & Chips Supper, followed by Col's Quiz – pre-orders and payment at the Club bar by no later than Sunday, 13th September
- **Friday, 25th September** – Meat Raffle – tickets available to purchase from the Club bar at £1 each, or 6 for £5
- **Sunday, 4th October** – Annual Car Treasure Hunt
- **Sunday, 25th October** – Pumpkin Weigh-In

Keep your eyes peeled for posters and emails with all the event details!

Caroline Holmes, OC&SC Secretary

Ride & Stride for Dorset Historic churches - Saturday 12th September

Once again a gallant team from Owermoigne will 'Stride round' churches in our area to aid the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. This is their largest event to raise money to help keep our lovely churches in Dorset in good repair. We can apply to them for much needed help when work needs doing, and what sponsorship we make is a great help for us and others in need. Half of the money we raise comes back to our church.

This year we hope to have a small team from the village. Not far: Stinsford and around Dorchester to meet lots of good folks and tea & biscuits are available. Anyone else who would like to join us are welcome; just ask me, Jill Lawton, for details. There will also be the 'yellow notices' on the notice boards. Thankyou.

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Programme at Owermoigne Church

3.00pm. Home-made cakes and tea in the Churchyard. Music by The Greenwood TreeO.

4.00pm The Chairman of the Thomas Hardy Society, Mark Chutter, acts and tells stories from the "Distracted Preacher", Hardy's novella about smuggling in Owermoigne.

4.30pm Walk around the centre of Owermoigne to visit the locations in Hardy's story.

5.00pm Celebratory Drinks reception in the new Hospitality area of the Church.

6.00pm Harvest Festival Service. Followed by an auction of the fresh local produce decorating the Church.

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Visitors are always welcome to our meetings. If you want to join us a workshop, please contact Sue Legg 07775741439 to check the requirements. Or you can email: owermoigneflowerclub@gmail.com

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LIFE IN THE 21st CENTURY

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ALL IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

It was....

250 years ago, on *9th September 1776*, that the Second Continental Congress adopted the name United States, which replaced United Colonies.

200 years ago, on *5th September 1826* that John Wisden, British cricketer was born. Founder of Wisden's Cricketers' Almanac. Launched with 112 pages in 1864, it now runs to 1500 pages and is the bible of cricket (see p31).

175 years ago, on *19th September 1851*, that William Lever, 1st Viscount Leverhulme, was born. Co-founder of Lever Brothers with his brother James. Now called Unilever, this global consumer goods company operates in more than 190 countries.

125 years ago, on *29th September 1901* that Enrico Fermi, Italian-born American physicist was born. Creator of the first nuclear reactor, he became known as the 'architect of the nuclear bomb.'

90 years ago, on *7th September 1936* that Buddy Holly, the American rock and roll singer was born (killed in a plane crash in 1959); and on *21st September 1936* that Frank Hornby, British inventor, died: remembered for Meccano, Hornby Model Railways and Dinky Toys (see p33); and on *30th September 1936* that Pinewood Studios in Buckinghamshire were officially opened (see p33).

80 years ago, on *5th September 1946* that Freddie Mercury, Zanzibar-born British rock singer and songwriter was born: as lead singer of Queen, he sold more than 250 million records worldwide (died of bronchial pneumonia resulting from AIDS in 1991).

70 years ago, on *25th September 1956* that the world's first transatlantic cable, TAT-1, went into service: it could carry 36 simultaneous calls, later increased to 72 until it was retired in 1978.

65 years ago, on *11th September 1961*, that the World Wildlife Fund (now the World Wide Fund for Nature) was founded in Switzerland: nowadays it is the world's largest conservation organisation, operating in nearly 100 countries with over 35 million supporters.

60 years ago, on *8th September 1966* that the Severn Bridge was officially opened: linking Wales and England over the rivers Severn and Wye, it carries about 32,000 vehicles a day.

50 years ago, on *5th September 1976* that the first episode of the Muppet Show was broadcast on ITV in the UK: it attracted 15 million viewers and ran for five series until March 1981.

40 years ago, on *7th September 1986* that Desmond Tutu became the first black Archbishop of Cape Town: he retired in 1996.

30 years ago, on *27th September 1996* that the Taliban seized control of Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan: Mullah Omar was installed as Head of the Supreme Council and ruled until 2001.

25 years ago, on *11th September 2001* that the terrorist attacks on America took place when Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes and crashed them into the World Trade Centre's Twin Towers in New York, into the Pentagon, and into a field in Pennsylvania (following a passenger revolt – the intended target was Washington DC): 2,973 people were killed (see p31).

20 years ago, on *3rd September 2006* that Andre Agassi announced his retirement due to back problems: he was 36, a former world number one in tennis, and the 1996 Olympic champion.

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SAINTS OF THE MONTH / MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

11th September: St Protus and St Hyacinth, victims of mindless violence

On this, the anniversary of the Twin Towers, we remember two innocent people who also met their death in the flames of mindless violence. These were Roman martyrs in the 4th century. Hyacinth's tomb was discovered in the cemetery of Basilla, with his name and the date of his burial (11th September). Inside were charred bones, indicating death by fire. An inscription by Damasus says Protus and Hyacinth were brothers, and another ancient source called them 'teachers of the Christian law'.

On the same date, 25 years ago, of 11th September 2001, the terrorist attacks on America took place when Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes and crashed them into the World Trade Centre's Twin Towers in New York, into the Pentagon, and into a field in Pennsylvania. This year major national institutions in the US will mark the anniversary of that terrible day. In New York, a good number of Christian churches and interfaith groups are planning special services and memorial events. This will include hourly musical offerings at St Paul's Chapel in New York City, in honour of the chapel's role as a refuge for the first responders.

Other events include a digital experience at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, and various events by the New York City Fire Department, who lost 343 members that day, as well as the 400 members who have since died from World Trade Center-related illnesses. There will also be the iconic reading of the names of those who died, and the annual Tribute in Light installation, held at Ground Zero.

In the UK, the 25th anniversary of 9/11 will be remembered by a Memorial Concert held on Friday, 11th September at Southwark Cathedral (7:30 pm to 9:30 pm). A special guest performance by The Outcry Ensemble will present a programme of American and British music reflecting on loss, memory and the human cost of violence.

John Wisden and his famous 'Cricketers' Almanack' – Tim Lenton

Two hundred years ago, on 5th September 1826, British cricketer John Wisden was born. He was the founder of Wisden's Cricketers' Almanack. Launched with 112 pages in 1864, it now runs to 1500 pages and is the bible of cricket.

Wisden was a builder's son, born in Brighton. He moved to London after his father died, and lived with the outstanding Sussex wicketkeeper, Tom Box. Wisden was only 5ft 4in and weighed seven stone when he made his first-class debut for Sussex against MCC in 1845, taking nine wickets. He became known as Little Wonder.

He averaged 225 wickets a season for twelve years, took 455 wickets in 1851, and clean bowled all ten wickets in the second innings for North v South in 1850. He bowled fast, round-arm (before overarm was permitted) and was said to have had an extraordinary off-break. He was also a strong batsman.

Away from the game, Wisden began a cricket equipment business in Leamington Spa in 1850, and five years later opened a "cricket and cigar" shop in central London, initially in partnership with fellow-cricketer Fred Lillywhite. Wisden was also cricket coach at Harrow School and in 1867 bought The Cricketers, a public house at Duncton in Sussex.

In 1859 Wisden – by now bowling slow – was involved in the first tour by an English team to Canada and the United States, where he achieved a double hat-trick, taking six wickets in six balls.

Because of rheumatism, Wisden retired from cricket in 1863 at the early age of 37 and started publishing his annual Cricketers' Almanack the following year. Described now as the most famous sports book in the world, the iconic yellow-bound volume contains comprehensive match records, chapter and verse, prophecy, history and the occasional sermon. It is known simply as Wisden.

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MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

Hornby trains and Dinky toys – Tim Lenton

It was 90 years ago, on 21st September 1936, that Frank Hornby, the British inventor, died. He is remembered for the immensely popular Meccano, Hornby Model Railways and Dinky Toys.

Hornby was born into a Liverpool working-class family and was said to have been inspired by the industry in the city. He was brought up as a Methodist and was interested in music, having a strong tenor voice. He met his future wife, Clara, when they were members of the Liverpool Philharmonic Society choir: they married in 1887 and had three children.

To amuse his two sons he constructed a model crane using perforated strips of metal held together with nuts and bolts. It could be dismantled and the parts used to build other things: this formed the basis of Meccano, which when refined proved hugely popular. After the first world war he turned his attention to the construction of toy trains, powered by clockwork. At first these were made from kits, but it was not long before they were sold as ready-made train sets – a perfect children's toy. Dinky toys started as an accessory but soon developed into big-sellers in their own right.

Later Hornby, who was described as polite and a "keen observer of morality", became a Conservative MP for Everton. In his youth he joined the anti-alcohol Band of Hope and set up a number of groups and clubs dedicated to the improvement of society. He was a great believer in determination and the ability to overcome setbacks.

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Remembering Buddy Holly – Tim Lenton

Ninety years ago, on 7th September 1936, Buddy Holly, the American rock and roll singer, was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas. His career was cut short when he was killed in a plane crash in 1959 – an event remembered as "the day the music died".

Holly was raised by a devout Southern Baptist family and was baptised at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in his hometown. His widely recognised talent as a musician and singer led him into the emerging country rock scene, where performers were often exploited by those working behind the scenes.

His influence has been acknowledged by many top singers and guitarists, including Bob Dylan, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Eric Clapton.

The plane crash happened during a poorly organised winter tour of the Mid West where the buses supplied were hopelessly inadequate in terms of reliability and heating. Temperatures well below freezing led Holly to hire a small private plane to take three of them to the next venue. The inexperienced pilot crashed the plane shortly after take-off near Clear Lake, Iowa, killing everyone on board: himself, Holly, J P "The Big Bopper" Richardson, who was given his seat because he was suffering from flu, and Ritchie Valens, who won it on a coin toss.

Holly's pregnant wife Elena heard of his death on the radio, and the shock of it led to a miscarriage. This resulted in the convention of not broadcasting the sudden death of anyone without close relatives being informed.

The disaster was immortalised by singer/songwriter Don McLean, who said he had idolised Holly and felt his death marked a watershed between the innocence of the 1950s and the changes brought about by the Vietnam generation. His song, *The Day the Music Died*, was a long and brilliant solo performance.





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Duke of Edinburgh's Award celebrates 70 years: 1956 - 2026

It was back in February of 1956 that Buckingham Palace released a press announcement outlining plans for a trial period of 'The Duke of Edinburgh's Award'. It was the post-war era, and His Royal Highness wanted to help boys bridge the gap between leaving formal education at 15 and starting National Service at 18. He also wanted them to build self-confidence and a sense of purpose to support them into their future. A youth programme, he believed, would improve their skills and equip them to make valuable contributions to their communities and society.

In 1956, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award pilot was launched to national voluntary youth organisations. It soon expanded to include Local Education Authorities, the Armed Forces and some schools across the UK. After the first year, 7,000 boys had started a programme and 1,000 Awards had been achieved. Girls were allowed to join the programme in 1958. Since that first year, millions have joined the DofE Award programme.

The DofE continued to evolve, and programmes took on their current format of Volunteering, Physical, Skills, Expedition, and Residential at Gold level in 1980. In 2020, DofE participants stepped up in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The volunteering efforts of 330,000 young people equated to an investment of almost £8.5 million in a time of need.

The DofE says: "It hasn't been the easiest few years for young people. From the ongoing aftermath of the pandemic to the anxieties of the cost-of-living crisis, the future doesn't always feel certain. But, in seven decades of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), we've learnt one thing: never doubt what young people can do. Time and time again, we've seen that when young people are given the chance to prove to themselves what they're capable of, there's no limit to what they can achieve. We're here to celebrate and champion every young person. To provide a safe environment of support and challenge that grows as they do. Whatever their ability, interest or background, DofE offers young people the chance to strive for achievement, overcome obstacles, and set their minds to a personal challenge. Because when you prove to yourself that you're ready for anything, nothing can hold you back. Our Founder HRH Prince Philip once said: 'There is more in you than you might think.' And, here at the DofE, we help you realise that."

Prince Philip passed away in April 2021, but his legacy thrives thanks to the tireless support of the new Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward.

More info at: <https://www.dofe.org>

Hard Times – David Pickup

Do you remember rock? I do not mean the music, but the confectionary sticks sold at seaside resorts. The pink cylinders about a foot long and an inch wide with a white centre had the name of the place in letters. They were covered in film and had a small label with a picture of the place on. It is sometimes referred to now as Rock Candy which does not seem right. They were hard as, well, hard as rock and very difficult to break up to eat. Real teeth breakers.

One source says it started at fairgrounds in the 19th Century, when sugar was plentiful and inexpensive. It was not brightly coloured or lettered in those days, but it was of similar shape and size as it is today.

Ben Bullock was an ex-miner from Burnley, who conceived the idea whilst holidaying in Blackpool. He began producing sticks of brightly coloured lettered candy at his Yorkshire-based sweet factory in 1887. He sent his first batch of lettered rock to retailers in Blackpool, where it was well received. It takes a lot of skill to make it, and it is still available on sale to eat or keep as a souvenir.



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MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

'He gave us eyes to see them': the Church Bells – Rev Michael Burgess

'Summoned by Bells' is the title of John Betjeman's poetic autobiography, where he describes how bells summoned him to school and to church. Bells announcing the joy of weddings and Sunday services; and also marking out times of sadness and the death of loved ones.

One of the strangest bell-towers is at St Augustine's Church, Brookland in Kent, north-east of Rye. It was originally built in the medieval period, and now stands as a triple coned, wooden, octagonal tower detached from the church, and clad with shingles in 1936.



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The story is that the tower looked down at a beautiful bride about to marry an unpleasant groom: it was such a surprise that the tower jumped off the church in shock. The truth is that the church was built on marshy ground, and a stronger foundation was needed for the bells. And so the tower was built north of the church.

Like all belfries and steeples, it is an impressive witness to the place of bells in human life and work: as time-keepers, announcing both festive occasions and emergencies, and calling people away from more worldly pursuits to worship. That is why bells have always been blessed at their installation for their true function is to ring out the harmony of heaven.

The tenor bell at Warburton Church in Cheshire is inscribed with the words, 'I bid you to the house of prayer. St Werburgh's hallowed name I bear. Good folk draw near and humbly pray, as prayed that saint in olden day.' As a little boy, John Betjeman would listen to the bells with his teddy bear, Archibald. 'I heard the church bells hollowing out the sky, deep beyond deep, like never-ending stars.' For him, for the people of Brookland, and for all of us, the bells were like stars lighting up the sky with faith and joy and praise.

Back to School: facing that first day

No matter how old we are, we can probably remember our first day at school – being left at the door, meeting children we did not know, separated from the adults we did know and had trusted since the day we were born. But on the other hand, there was the excitement: a big step along the road of life, new friends to make, another adult to become important in our lives. Yes, quite a lot to handle when you're rising five!

And that's what hundreds of thousands of children are going to experience this month. Parents may have prepared them for it, and they may in a slightly apprehensive way be looking forward to it, but it must feel to the five-year-old like a massive step into the unknown.

Not much less is the anxiety of mum, who leaves her precious child, proudly resplendent in their new school uniform, in the Reception class-room. Will he or she suddenly panic, and cry for that familiar parental cuddle? Will they feel abandoned in an alien setting? Will they like the teacher?

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THE LETTERS OF UNCLE EUSTACE

My dear nephew Darren

So, you are about to run a course in your parish; I am sure your bishop will be delighted. I remember him from my Oxford days. He was just starting as a gangly undergraduate when I was finishing my doctorate on Eusebius.

I recall him as a keen rugby player who took early morning dips in the Isis, who led intense discussions on Saint Paul's theology of "the body" over cups of cocoa in the evenings in his rooms and who spent his holidays laying paths for the National Trust in the Lake District while lodging in Youth Hostels. He's exactly the sort of person who will empathise with your ministry – hearty, enthusiastic and overflowing with compassionate intensity. We were not close friends.

We tend not to go in for those sort of things here at St. James the Least, preferring matters a little more relaxed and understated. If we ever do hold discussion groups (and they are a regrettable necessity in times like Lent), they always start with a good lunch, finishing with coffee and one of Mrs French's excellent Madeira cakes. Once we have removed from the table, those who manage to stay awake will start to tackle the chosen topic.

However, we always seem to veer off to discussing more interesting matters, such as why Col. Chorley is never allowed to sing solos in the choir any more, or who moved Mrs Cholmondeley's flower arrangement from the font the previous week.

Apparently she has given notice that her weekly contributions on the plate will be much reduced unless an appropriate apology is received.

These matters may not seem as important to you as deciding what the "white stone" in Revelation 4 is all about, but let me assure you that to members of our congregation, knowing why the second verse of the National Anthem is no longer sung at our Remembrance Services is of pivotal importance.

At 2pm we wake up those who have enjoyed an hour's slumber and totter off home, knowing we have once again done our bit for faith in the parish.

I am sure your own group will also return home after your sessions – even if a digestive biscuit and weak tea is all that has been offered – invigorated and braced to tackle the heathen in the parish. We all take our pleasures in different ways.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

POETRY CORNER — Back to School

Nigel Beeton writes: It's miserable when the summer holidays end and we must get back into the old routine, but it's also the dawn of a new term, new opportunities, new friends, new horizons. And - enjoy those six-week long breaks while you can!

The summer days of leisure
Give way to autumn cool;
Our mood is hard to measure
As we go back to school.

But we can't live forever
On a beach of golden sand;
It wouldn't be so clever
To live our lives unplanned!

The table that was bearing
The fizzy pop and snacks
The surface is now caring
For books and packed lunch packs.

A new phase is beginning
New scope of things to learn,
New ways we can be winning
New corners we can turn!

It's sad when times of easy rest
Give way to daily grind;
The bright side, when we're feeling stressed
Can be quite hard to find!

When school days are behind us
And faded, like a ghost -
The summertime will find us
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What do they teach them in school these days?! (and more...)

Johann Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of children. In between he practiced on an old spinster which he kept up in his attic. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Bach was the most famous composer in the world and so was Handel. Handle was half German, half Italian, and half English. He was very large.

Bethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf that he wrote loud music and became the father of rock and roll. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Bethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.

The nineteenth century was a time of a great many thoughts and inventions. People stopped reproducing by hand and started reproducing by machine. The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up.

Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabbits but I don't know why.

Karl Marx was one of the Marx Brothers. The other three were in the movies. Karl made speeches and started revolutions. Someone in the family had to have a job, I guess.

Creation

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So, they picked one scientist to go and tell Him so.

The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things by ourselves."

God listened very patiently and then replied: "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest. We're going to do this just like I did, back in the old days with Adam."

The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

God looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You get your own dirt!"

