

# Studland Parish News



September  
2025



St Nicholas Church Studland

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## St Nicholas Church, Studland

### Rota of Readers and Sides Persons September 2025

Date	Service	Sides Person	Readers	Readings
7th September	Family Communion. Trinity 12. <i>Rev. Natalie Davies</i>	Peter Jennings.	June Fletcher.  Peter Jennings.	Philemon, 1-21.  Luke 14, 25-33.
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Holy Communion. Trinity 13. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds.</i>	Carol Wadley.	Eric Stobart.  Sara-Jayne Smith.	1 Timothy 1, 12-17.  Luke 15, 1-10.
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Morning Prayer. Feast of St. Matthew. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds.</i>	Ginny Stobart.	Susie Marsh.  Polly Warner.	2 Corinthians 4 1-6.  Matthew 9, 9-13.
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Holy Communion. Harvest Festival. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds.</i>	Peter Jennings.	Diana Edmonds.  Cindy Yeandle.	Joel, 21-28.  Matthew 6, 25-33.

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Note from the editor...

It feels strange compiling the September edition, marking I guess the end of summer and the return to a different sense in the community, as tourists return home, children go back to school and our village settles down to prepare for the arrival of Autumn.

Having said that, as summer draws to a close, local events for the month feel like they have increased. There is yet again so much going on in the village, and beyond, that we can enjoy, get involved with and support, where we can. Whatever takes your fancy, I hope you enjoy.

I draw your attention to page 4, where you are welcomed to this edition by Tony who shares a beautiful impression that sparks pause for reflection, thank you Tony. Tony's words inspired my choice of this month's mini prayer too.

There is a lovely selection of photos on the back page, shared from a variety of sources, which I am always grateful for. It is much better sharing your photos than mine. So, please do keep sending them in, they are appreciated.

Take care,

Sharon Westman, Editor

### **Mini Prayer of the Month**

**By Liz Stuart**

As we gaze in wonder at the world around us, Lord God, we are captivated by the loveliness of your Creation, and the way it displays your glory, your faithfulness and your goodness. But we are led to wonder even more, Lord, as we look at Jesus, for in him you have allowed us to glimpse all that you are encapsulated in a human life, a life which tells us of your love and compassion, and your desire to be part of our lives. All this beauty is like a rainbow, its myriad colours filling our souls, and so we lift our hearts to you in songs of thanksgiving, love and praise.

**Amen**

**October** deadline is:

**Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> 10am**

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Late contributions cannot be guaranteed.

## St Nicholas Parish News

Dear Friends,

Just a few days ago Diana and I sat out on Studland beach with some friends. We'd brought the table out of our old beach hut and as the evening light faded sat and ate some fish and chips. It had been a busy day for all of us and a hot summer's day too, but now all was hushed and a gentle breeze cooled us down. In the distance we could see the lights of Poole and Bournemouth and in the bay the riding lights of the various yachts and dinghies twinkled softly. We were glad of each other's company and the conversation and laughter flowed. It was a lovely end to the day.

Such moments always remind me of the great creation narratives in the book of Genesis. These verses are a profound and beautiful meditation on the nature of God as an ordered creator, delighting in all that he has made. The creation of humankind points to His special and profound relationship with us as human beings. The story is filled with such joy and colour, but then something goes wrong. Humans make a poor choice, and what follows are some of the saddest verses in the Bible:

*"Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden..."*

In the cool of the day, when work was over and all was at rest, God walked into the garden to be with his creation, man and wife, to enjoy their company and talk with them, but they were ashamed and hid from him.

The hot days of summer and the busyness of our lives can sometimes squeeze out our desire to just chat with God and yet the story that emerges from the Bible is of a God who goes out of His way to find and talk with and enjoy our company. Maybe we feel we're too far from God or not good enough for him to come and talk with us. But that's really not the point. Perhaps we all need to find gentle "evening moments," when all is hushed and quiet, when we can just be ourselves in this beautiful world enjoying its peace and then just wait, wait for God to come. He will come if we ask, He loves to be with us and talk with us. There's no need for us to feel ashamed or abashed or to feel too inadequate. God takes us as we are and through the eyes of His Son sees us wonderful, as companions, as someone to sit down with in the cool of the day and have a good chat.

May we all be blessed with rich conversations with our wonderful creator and friend.

**Rev. Tony Edmonds.**

## Church Alive Writes...

**What a great summer!** We have already celebrated:

- Natalie's ordination as a Priest
- All Saints' Family Fun Day
- Pimm's and Hymns at St Mark's
- The Year 6 Leavers' event for Purbeck schools
- The Churches Together Carnival Praise, the outreach tent on the Carnival field, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the walking section of the Carnival procession
- Tony Edmonds' commissioning as Associate Priest in Studland

As I write, we are still looking forward to the Lifeboat Service, the Studland Pet Service and the Folk Festival service. Yes, the Church is alive and well and working in a community near you.

Despite these good news stories, we need to recognise that **we are no longer in a world where people come looking for us** – even weddings and funerals are, increasingly, non-religious occasions. While our buildings are often important for heritage, fewer people want to worship in them.

**It's easy for churches to become ground down** and preoccupied with internal church things, finances, roof leaks, coffee rotas, music rehearsals, and so on..... These are all important, but they are not the reason we are here. We are here to fulfil Jesus' command: *"go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (Matthew 28:19-20)

**So, what do we do to fulfil this command to mission?** I don't have all the answers, but I have some suggestions:

**Pray:** Before Jesus sent his disciples out, he said: *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me"*. (Matthew 28:18). We need the guidance and power of Jesus before we do anything else. Why not join in one of the National Week of Prayer events?

**Look outward:** The command was *"Go"*, not *"Wait for people to come"*. Our present situation emphasises the fact that we are called to mission. (A bit like the Church in Acts, and look how well they did!)

**Trust the Gospel message:** The Good News of Jesus has the power to change lives. We need to offer people Jesus, not church. We don't need a hard sell, just a good introduction.

**Tell your story:** People love stories, hence the success of The Archers and East Enders! Your story, of how Jesus works in your life, is much more interesting than a sermon.

**Expect things to change:** The church is either renewed, (and renewal means change), or it dies. The message never changes – Jesus is always the crucified, risen and ascended Lord; *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever"*, (Hebrews 13:8), and God's Word never changes, but our liturgies, our

hymnbooks and our church meetings have changed over the centuries, and will continue to change.

This is not a complete plan for mission, just some basic thoughts. What are your thoughts about mission, how best to share the Good News? The most important thing in any conversation about mission is not answers, but the fact that we are willing to ask some questions. Do share your questions, (and maybe answers), with any of the Clergy Team; I look forward to being swamped by your emails!

**Rev. David Richards**



## **STUDLAND WI – Wednesday 13th August 2025**

August is a meeting free month for Studland WI, and we headed off on our annual “Grockle” evening in Swanage. This year we decided on a change from “Pitch N Putt” and opted for Croquet. Swanage

Croquet Club hosted our evening and very kindly gave us tuition on how to play correctly. A fun evening was had and hopefully we have convinced some of our ladies to compete in the WI croquet competition next year. We then headed off into town for our fish and chip supper. A lovely evening spent with a great group of ladies.



Our next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. There will be no speaker this month as we celebrate September with our Harvest Supper.

WI is here for all ladies of all ages, and we would love to welcome you to join us, so why not come along and join our friendly group. Fun, friendship and plenty of laughter.

**Lynn Elliott - President.**

## **HARVEST SUPPER 2025**

Saturday 11th October - Studland Village Hall - 7pm for 7.30pm

- \* First Class Food \*
- \* “Entertainment” \*
- \* Special Guests \*
- \* FUN \*

The highlight of the Studland social calendar will be upon us before you know it. Watch out for more information about tickets from Studland Stores in September.

Still the best value night out in the South East Purbeck Area at £10 a ticket



## Studland History Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker is our own Carlton Hobbs with "The Delamottes of Swanage – a truly remarkable family". We first met Henry Delamotte of Swanage when Carlton gave us a talk on "Medical care for the Poor" back in 2018. Since then, Carlton has delved a little further, not only into Henry's colourful ancestors – beginning with a refugee from the Low Countries and ending with his slightly dotty father – but also into the exploits and mishaps concerning him, his two wives and the 17 children they had over a period of 39 years! He offers some highlights from this remarkable story.

All welcome. Visitors £3.50 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

The speaker for 15<sup>th</sup> October is to be confirmed.

On 19<sup>th</sup> November Sarah Ferguson will talk on "Dad's Longest Day".



**Joyce Meates. Secretary. 01929 439245**



### Updates from the National Trust:

#### Purple haze:

Now's the time to get out onto the

Purbeck Heaths as the heather turns into a stunning palette of purple and pink. These delicate flowers are humming with the activity of pollinating insects, while rare heathland birds flit among the shrubs. The heather seems to have started flowering early



this year, but hopefully there will still be lovely displays throughout September.

(Photo: Mark Bauer Photography)

**Heathland horror:** We can't talk about the heathland without mentioning the two huge wildfires of August. One destroyed 25 hectares at Newton Heath, near Studland, the other 70 hectares of heathland at Holt Heath, near Wimborne.

Heathland is home to many rare birds including nightjars, woodlarks and Dartford warblers, as well as reptiles like sand lizards, slow worms, smooth snakes and adders. While most birds are able to fly away and escape the flames, reptiles aren't so lucky.



One of our Studland-based rangers, Emma Finlinson, joined a rescue effort at Holt Heath organised by the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust. They rescued almost 30 reptiles from the burnt earth and released them into nearby unaffected heathland.

You can see a video of their release here:

<https://youtu.be/p4rFiEgJWwM>

We can't thank the fire services enough for their tireless work. But worryingly, they have said that both fires were deliberate. Please be vigilant if you are on the

heaths. If you see any suspicious behaviour, report it to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or in an emergency, call 999.

(Photo: Rescued common lizard, Dorset Heaths Partnership)

**Beaver update – 'tails' of the unexpected!** Five months ago, we released wild



beavers into Little Sea, Studland. A lot has happened since then, including three kits being born, a female beaver taking a short break in Swanage, and sadly, the death of one of the male beavers. Their activities have been monitored by our wonderful team of volunteers, who have spent countless hours wading through trail cam footage (or actual swamps!) to record their whereabouts.

Although it's upsetting to have lost one of the beavers, it does highlight that they are wild animals that aren't in enclosures, and there are always risks with reintroductions. The loss doesn't affect the long-term aims of the project to introduce more animals and establish a healthy, viable population of beavers in Purbeck. Read the full update here (scroll to the August update at the bottom):

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/studland-bay/re-introducing-beavers-to-studland](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/studland-bay/re-introducing-beavers-to-studland)

(Photo: The Swanage beaver, Mark Singleton)

**Heritage Open Days:** Discover how Britain prepared to defend its coastline in WW2 at a display at Knoll Beach on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. There's also a free guided walk, but please book in advance. Find details on the Studland Bay website. If you have any queries, email us on [purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk).

**Vision for Middle Beach:** You might have noticed that signs have gone up at Middle Beach featuring this artist's impression of how the beach might look when nature has reshaped the cove. Work to remove the failing sea defences begins on 8 September and will continue until the end of October. It will involve some heavy machinery on the beach, so we apologise for the inevitable disruption. Beach access will remain closed until the cliffs have stabilised, but the car park, café and toilets will remain open. The end goal is a beautiful, natural cove and wildlife haven.





(Illustration: Richard Allen)

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

## Corfe Castle Surgery/The Patient Participation Group News

As I write there is thunder in the air after what has been a very hot day - we await the much-needed rain!

In case readers have missed the excellent news, I am delighted to report that in a recent survey CORFE SURGERY has once again been rated among the top 20 GP surgeries across the county for a positive overall patient experience. Many congratulations to Dr Lepper and his team - a great result.

### NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**FLU VACCINES:** As of September, the surgery will be inviting pregnant women and eligible children to have their flu vaccines and for all other eligible groups vaccines will be available from October 1<sup>st</sup>. The first Saturday clinic will be held on **4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER from 9-12** when staff and PPG members will support the session. A second session will be held on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER from 9-12**

**Please do get your vaccination from the Surgery where an immediate record will be kept in your patient notes. Vaccines have already been purchased so any not used will be wasted and significantly affect the Surgery budget.**

**HEALTH TALKS:** A talk about Shoulder problems is booked for **OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm** at the Corfe Castle Club. The session will be led by Mr Moverley, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon from Poole Hospital.

**HEALTH SERVICES IN PURBECK:** We are all invited to book a seat to watch a 'Health Services In Purbeck' Film, at the Mowlem Theatre in Swanage on **THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER at 1230**. The film is free to attend for staff and the public and will feature coverage of services available to us in Purbeck. It will last 35 minutes. The Mowlem Link is.

<https://themowlem.com/event/health-and- wellbeing-event/>

**A Health and Wellbeing fair 'drop in'** will also be held on the same day in the Mowlem Show bar from 11-3.

Please do support these events

**NEW PPG INITIATIVE:** Free mobility and balance classes for the over 65's are being offered at Corfe Village Hall from **THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER** for surgery patients. 6 free taster sessions are on offer. Please, call Sally on 01929 439 052 to reserve your spot and please support this initiative to, 'Stay Steady, Stay Active' which will be led by Vanessa Leesh, a qualified instructor.

The PPG committee will be meeting again in November and would welcome any queries or concerns patients may wish us to raise with the Surgery team. We can be contacted through the surgery or by email [corfecastleppg@gmail.com](mailto:corfecastleppg@gmail.com)

Enjoy the remainder of the Summer!

**Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair**

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## **Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group**

**Health and Wellbeing Event at The Mowlem on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** - Save the Date! Everyone is invited to come along to the free Health and Wellbeing Fair in The Showbar any time between 11:00am until 3:00pm. The PPG will be hosting a stand at this event - do drop by and say "Hello."

At 12:30pm, you will also be able to watch the first screening of a short film about Health Services in Purbeck - please book your free seat to watch the film in the Mowlem Theatre. There's no need to book if you are just attending the Health and Wellbeing Fair.

The event is being organised by the Purbeck Integrated Neighbourhood Team, which brings together all the providers of health and care services in Purbeck - including primary care, community care, adult social care, children and young people services and the voluntary sector - so they can work together more closely to help people stay well for longer and provide streamlined, personalised support when people need it. The PPGs in Purbeck are also working with the Purbeck Integrated Neighbourhood Team to ensure people living in Purbeck are involved in improving and shaping local services.

Our next PPG meeting will be held at the Surgery on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 6:00pm**, when we will be joined, by Dr McIntosh, one of the GP Partners at the Practice.

You can find more information about the PPG, including Minutes of our meetings and our current Priorities, at: [www.swanagemedical.org.uk/pages/Patient-Participation-Group](http://www.swanagemedical.org.uk/pages/Patient-Participation-Group).

If you are interested in joining the PPG, please contact Natasha Ritchie, the Practice Manager, or email the PPG directly at [ppgswanage@gmail.com](mailto:ppgswanage@gmail.com).

**Mrs Margaret Broadhurst (Dr Margaret Guy)**  
Chair, Swanage Medical Practice PPG



## Isle of Purbeck Golf Club

It's hard to believe September is already here! There's still a little time to soak up the late-summer sunshine before autumn truly arrives—so let's make the most of it.

**Golf Specials:** Our courses are both open, and there's still time to fit in a round before the days get shorter.

- **Purbeck Course (18 Holes):** £110 Saturdays, £90 Friday & Sundays, £85 all other days
- **After 2pm:** £40 Mon–Thu, £45 Fri & Sun, £50 Sat
- **Dene Course (9 Holes):** Just £14—exceptional value!

**Breakfasts Are Back:** Our breakfasts have been a big hit lately—whether you're fuelling up before golf or just treating yourself to a leisurely morning, it's a delicious way to start the day. Check out our menu online and join us soon.

**Blues Festival:** We're proud to be part of the upcoming Blues Festival! Mark your calendars for Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 8 PM, when we'll be hosting the Neal Saddler Band—an evening of fantastic music you won't want to miss.

We look forward to welcoming you soon, whether it's for a round of golf, a hearty breakfast, or some great live blues music.

**Smart casual dress code applies.** For bookings or questions, please call or email us.

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The new doors are on their way! With huge thanks to the Parish Council for their donation of £10,000 to the doors fund, we have now received some quotes for a new set of external doors. We hope to award a contract shortly and work should begin soon thereafter. Thanks again to everyone else who has helped to make this happen.

The Annual Accounts for 2024 have been approved by the Trustees and will be submitted to the Charity Commission to be posted on their website. Income from bookings and rental payments for the year was £22,861 and operating costs plus capital expenditure amounted to £18,886. We are most grateful to Geoff Willcocks for independently examining the accounts.



**Make it a September to remember at your local friendly bar!**

We serve beers, ciders, wines, spirits & soft drinks to Studland locals and we particularly welcome visitors to our hidden gem of a bar in the heart of Studland.

We have a full-sized pool table; board games and we also serve tasty stone baked pizzas!

(You will find us opposite the shop, tucked just behind the village hall)

**OPENING HOURS**

We are still open 7 days a week for late summer fun!

MON, TUES, WED, THURS, FRI & SAT Open: 5pm - 11pm

SUNDAYS Open: 3pm – 10pm

FRIDAY NIGHT MEAT RAFFLE – weekly at 9pm

SATURDAY NIGHT MEMBERS DRAW – weekly at 9pm

(You must be a member and be there in person for a chance to win!)

**ITALIAN STONE BAKED PIZZAS**

**Scrumptious! Perfect after a late summer beach day!**

(Available to eat in or take away - Order on 01929 450561)

12" Margherita - £12 - (Tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese)

Plus, a wide selection of extra toppings to choose from at 50p each

We also have deals for 2 pizzas and 2 drinks

And

our brand-new deal just for Kids of Pizza, soft drink, and an Ice Cream!

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See: Facebook, Instagram, our members newsletter or visit:

[www.oldharrybar.co.uk](http://www.oldharrybar.co.uk)

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**BRIDGE CLUB** Meets every Monday from 6-8PM in Old Harry's Bar.  
Experienced players and beginners welcome.

**Virginia Lynch 01929 450177**



## WONDERFUL STUDLAND LADIES' ANNUAL TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

Studland Village Hall

Opens at 10am

**\*\* Raffle \*\***

**\*\* Bottle Tombola \*\***

**\*\* Refreshments\*\***

Get ahead on the festive shopping!

For more information or to book a table,

Contact Julie or Lynn

[julie@dyball.com](mailto:julie@dyball.com)

All proceeds to Studland Village Hall Doors Fund

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## Lewis-Manning joins Wellbeing Swanage to offer palliative care advice to the community

Dorset's independent charity, Lewis-Manning Hospice Care, has partnered with the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust to provide palliative care advice at The Focus Centre.

The Welcome Lounge at the Focus Centre in Swanage opened in April 2025 and offers the local community access to confidential drop-in support, and signposting for health and wellbeing services. Lewis-Manning has joined the initiative to provide monthly complimentary advice on palliative care and receive referrals to its related services.

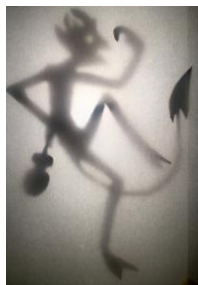
Ellie Suthers, Senior Nurse at Lewis-Manning, said: *"Our slot at The Focus Centre each month provides a place where people can come, without the need to wait for an appointment, and ask questions about their diagnosis and our services. Being diagnosed with a life-limiting illness can be incredibly daunting and scary. When someone is told that they are dying, they often don't know what comes next, or what they can expect life to look like. We're here to help people live well through their illness by empowering them with understanding, information, and the tools to remain independent in their life choices."*

Lewis-Manning operates several free-to-the-patient services including occupational therapy, counselling, and complementary therapy. The charity's services enable those with life-limiting illnesses to have the best quality of life throughout their palliative care journey. It also operates a range of services support to families and those facing a bereavement.

In Purbeck, the charity offers anticipatory Hospice at Home care, enabling people to access its services at home, as well as its Day Hospice from Swanage Cricket Club every Friday.

Lewis-Manning's expert nurses operate the drop-in clinic at The Focus Centre in Swanage from 10am to 2pm on the first Tuesday of every month. No appointment or referral is required.

Visit [www.wellbeingswanage.org/the-focus-centre](http://www.wellbeingswanage.org/the-focus-centre) to find out more about The Focus Centre, or [www.lewis-manning.org.uk](http://www.lewis-manning.org.uk) to learn more about Lewis-Manning Hospice Care's services



## DANCING WITH THE DEVIL

The Devil, a princess and a wayward soldier will take centre stage in a remarkable production combining theatre and music.

Two performances of *The Soldier's Tale*, in which a "mischievous" narrator, actors and a dancer tell a story based around one of Igor Stravinsky's short musical masterpieces, will take place in Purbeck in September.

And audiences at the cabaret-style presentations have been told to expect the unexpected in "fun and playful ways."

The productions are the brainchild of renowned international violinist Miranda Fulleylove, who will lead a seven-strong ensemble featuring some of Britain's most accomplished musicians.

Miranda divides her time between Purbeck and London, where she is guest principal with several orchestras including the London Sinfonietta and the BBC Symphony Orchestra. She loves Purbeck's countryside and will donate all profits from the performances to local community group Planet Purbeck, which she describes as a, "wonderful organisation working hard for the environment."

She said: "*I chose *The Soldier's Tale* as it is highly relevant to what Planet Purbeck is doing. The story revolves around an exhausted soldier who is tempted by the Devil as he sits down to rest by a rural stream. Now, Planet Purbeck is doing projects with schoolchildren and adults to raise awareness about how we can clean up streams in the area and get them running freely again, so it's a perfect match. The piece has a moral message about falling prey to greed but is also great fun – very energetic and lively. I think people will love it from both theatrical and musical points of view. They can expect a surprising Devil, a wicked narrator and a beautiful dancer.*"





The performances will be staged at Langton Matravers village hall, which will be converted into a relaxed cabaret setting with tables and a bar, on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Elgiva Field, an immersive theatre specialist known for her work with London's Punchdrunk company, will direct the action. And Peter Ash, artistic director of the Odyssey Festival Orchestra, will conduct the ensemble. The day will also include an opportunity for schoolchildren to watch a dress rehearsal. Miranda, who has run the popular Chamber Music In Purbeck Houses series since 2013, said: *"I'm thrilled with our wonderful team of performers and can't wait to bring them to Purbeck."*

Bookings can be made in the events section at [www.planetpurbeck.org](http://www.planetpurbeck.org).

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## **Purbeck Integrated Neighbourhood Team will be holding a Health & Wellbeing Fair at The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage, on Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 11am- 3pm, just drop in.**

On this day we will also be showing our short film "Health Services in Purbeck" at 12.30pm (35min long). Tickets for this are free but to secure a seat, please book via <https://themowlem.com/event/health-and-wellbeing-event/>.

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**Thank you** to everyone who came to our open garden, we raised £1000 for the NGS. Also big thanks to Julie Smith, Stephen Yeoman, Pauline, and Terina Dale for all your help!

**Matt and David, School Lane**



[studlandparishcouncil.org](http://studlandparishcouncil.org)

## **Update from Studland Parish Council August 2025**

Studland Parish Council met on August 18<sup>th</sup>. All councillors, other than Lyn Hool (who had sent her apologies) and Peter Hammond, were present. Also present were Emma Wright from the National Trust, and Cllr Ben Wilson, of Dorset Council.

Minutes of the SPC meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> July were confirmed.

Emma had submitted a report. This included:

- \*Some tree works near Marine Terrace have been applied for.
- \*The old sea mine that was positioned outside the old Middle Beach café has now been moved to outside the toilet block on Middle Beach.
- \*Emma provided an update on the beavers in Little Sea. The colony there is thriving, with three kits born. The beavers have on occasion been seen crossing Ferry Road: signage will be put up to warn drivers to be aware – especially at dusk or nighttime.

\*The NT is helping with a series of events – such as with parking for an Open Gardens at Morval on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

\*The beaches have all been exceptionally busy this summer. Despite the signs, some barbecues have been started: if they are spotted, NT staff put them out.

\*Works on the gabions at Middle beach will start on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cllr Ben Wilson outlined the processes for the Dorset Local Plans and the Dorset Local Transport Plans. Consultation on these will be starting shortly: all residents are invited to attend a consultation meeting at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm to 6pm. Ben also encouraged councillors to complete the questionnaire prepared on “Fresh Start”, on possible areas for devolution: this asks whether Town and Parish Councils should take on more duties currently performed by Dorset Council. A team of councillors volunteered to go through the Dorset Council “Fresh Start” devolution questionnaire, to understand the issues raised, and to propose a SPC response.

Two planning applications had been received: for tree works to be conducted by the NT (these are largely to remove dead branches), and restorations/renovations to The Villa on Brownsea Island, owned by the Dorset Wildlife Trust. SPC had no objections to either of these.

Notice has been received that the top 110 meters of Heath Green Road will be shut to traffic on October 7<sup>th</sup> between 09.30 and 16.00 for works to be conducted by Openreach.

No crime had been reported.

The Chairman commented that the results of the Ferry Toll application have not yet been announced: it is now 8 months since the Enquiry. The Inspector’s report has apparently been with the Department for Transport since early June, awaiting a decision.

The Chairman also commented that the £500 donated by SPC to the Church for the VJ80 celebrations had been well used. An excellent exhibition had been mounted in the Church Hall. This was well attended. The exhibition boards bought for the displays are available for use by other organisations in Studland.

Thanks, have also been received from the Village Hall committee for the SPC donation towards replacing the doors.

Council Officers gave various updates:

\*Chrissy Neville, our Environment and Tree Officer, is organizing a meeting of our Tree Officers to discuss the information on veteran trees in Studland, and how best to use this

\*David Battle, Marine and Coastal, said that the Swanage and Studland Water Safety body is looking at redrafting bye-laws to make the whole no-anchor zone a 5mph area.

\*Stephen Yeoman, Planning and Transport Officer, will attend the consultation sessions on Dorset Local Plans and Local Transport Plans, and will report back.

Stephen is also contacting Dorset Council to try to have real-time bus arrival information screens installed in Studland.

\*Steve Smith, Playing Field and Studland Care Officer, says that our Lengthsman, James, remains busy, keeping the village mowed, trimmed, and kept tidy and in order. Steve is also looking into whether solar panels can be installed on the streetlights to save electricity.

\*Tim Yeandle, Rights of Way Officer, explained that the start date for the new Currondon footpath has been delayed; he is finding out when these works will start. Tim is also proposing that a sign be placed at the junction of Heath Green Road and Swanage Road on Woodside Hill, to encourage walkers, for their safety, to walk down Heath Green Road rather than Swanage Road.

\*Studland Resilience Officer, Mark Elliott, is meeting, together with Lyn Hool, with the new Dorset Resilience Coordinator. The danger of fires is a major concern for Studland residents. Mark will share, at our next meeting, plans for how we should react if there is a major fire.

Last summer, the NT commissioned an organization called Dorset Coast Forum, to conduct interviews/workshops/surveys of the views of visitors and residents on the key issues affecting the Studland Peninsula over the next 25 or more years. A report, called Future Studland, has been prepared, and the NT in Purbeck have issued a response to the key findings. SPC will discuss these reports at our September meeting. For SPC, the key areas of concern are likely to be about the increasing numbers of visitors, the reduced availability of car parking in NT car parks, and the greater use of parking on Ferry Road and other roads.

SPC decided to press for better mobile coverage in the centre of Studland: Stephen Yeoman will pursue this with Dorset Council and the mobile phone providers.

SPC agreed to a proposal from Steve Smith to dedicate a bench on the Green (opposite the Village Hall) to Peter Bowyer, in thanks and memory of his contribution to Studland.

The next meeting of SPC will be on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Issues for the agenda will include:

\*The Future Studland report.

\*Resilience/fire safety in Studland.

\*Mobile connectivity.

\*Dorset Local Plans, and Local Transport Plans.

\*Signage at top of Heath Green Road for walkers.

Further details of our meetings can be found on our website:  
[www.studlandparishcouncil.org](http://www.studlandparishcouncil.org)

**Nick Boulter, Chairman**

# Words of Hope and Inspiration by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

## Hope

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*'We must not let the difficulties of the present day or the uncertainties of the future cause us to lose faith.*

*You remember the saying, \* "The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist fears that this is true".*

*It is far from easy to be cheerful and constructive when things around us suggest the opposite; but to give up the effort would mean, as it were, to switch off hope for a better tomorrow.*

*Even if the problems seem overwhelming, there is always room for optimism. Every problem presents us with opportunity both to find an answer for ourselves and to help others.'*

**1978**

*\*James Branch Cabell, The Silve Stallion (1926)*

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*'What is it that makes people turn from violence, and try to bring peace to their communities?*

*Most of all, I believe, it is their determination to bring reality to their hopes of a better world for their children.'*

**1994**

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*'We need to realise that peaceful and steady progress in our society of differing cultures and heritage can be threatened at any moment by the actions of extremists at home or even abroad. We can never certainly be complacent. But there is every reason to be hopeful about the future. I certainly recognise that much has been achieved in my lifetime. I believe tolerance and fair play remain string values and we have so much to build on for the future.'*

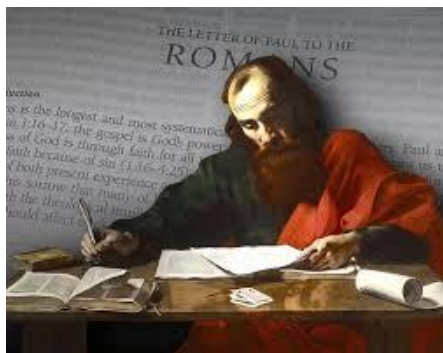
**2004**

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# What's the Big Idea?

## Introducing the Books of the Bible:

### An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Romans



*'Paul's letter to Rome is the high peak of Scripture...all roads in the Bible led to Romans, and all views afforded by the Bible are seen most clearly from Romans' (J I Packer)*

Paul probably wrote his letter to the Christians in Rome around AD 57 at Corinth, on his third missionary journey. The original recipients of the letter were predominantly Gentile, although Jews would have constituted a substantial minority of the congregation.

He set out to explain the relationship between Jew and Gentile in God's plan of salvation, as the Jewish Christians were being rejected by the larger Gentile group in the church. Paul begins by showing that both Jews and Gentiles are sinners in need of salvation. He shows how the life, death and resurrection of Jesus eternally affects both world history and every person.

This salvation, secured by Jesus, must be received *by faith*, as the example of Abraham shows. As salvation is not just about starting the Christian journey, Paul goes on to show how believers are freed from sin, law, and death. This is made possible both through their union with Christ in His death and resurrection and by the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

The theme of the book centres on the Gospel of Christ, which brings us into a right standing with God through faith: *'I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."'* (Rom. 1:16,17).

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Tue 9 Sept 9-10am	Churches Together Prayer Meeting at Emmanuel
Wed 10 Sept 10am	Prayer Meeting at St Mark's church
Thu 11 Sept 9:30-10:30am	Worship & Prayer at All Saints
Fri 12 Sept 10-12noon	Space for Quiet Prayer at United Reform Church
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Book Review:

Faith Habits and How to Form Them – 21 seasonal practices

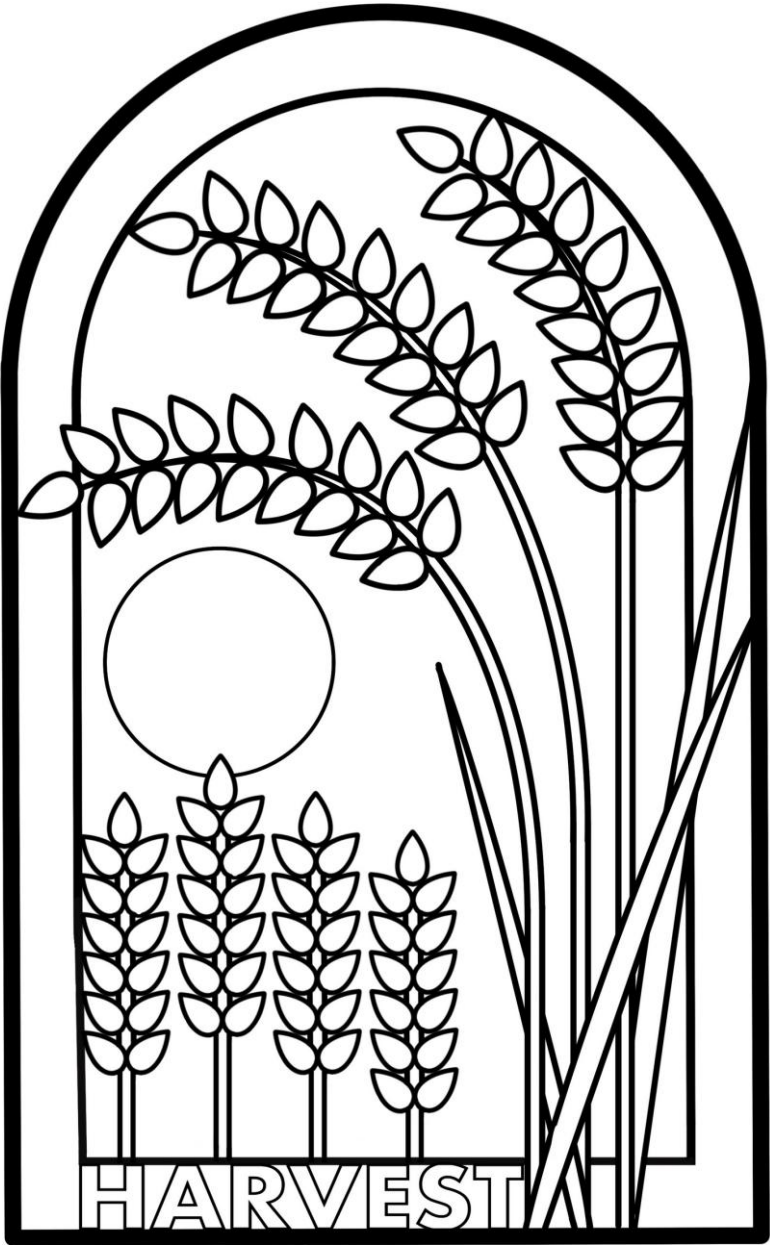
By Emma Timms

Here is a no-nonsense guide to building adaptable rhythms and practices to bring you closer to God. The pace of the modern world with its constant demands and digital connection can make it tough to form a rich spirituality, and though many of us long for a nourishing connection with God, we often struggle to form habits that cultivate and sustain it.

Here, retreat guide and spiritual director Emma Timms shares 21 spiritual practices that will both feed your soul and fit with the life you are actually living. Drawing from the Bible, the saints and mystics of old, as well as contemporary psychology, this book will help you uncover God's already-active presence inside you and help you form rhythms and practices to connect more deeply.

The book will help you understand the importance of habits in forming a life-giving spirituality; how to apply spiritual practices that have been used throughout the ages; how to make a daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, and seasonal plan for your spiritual life; and how to adjust your spiritual practices to the season of life you're in.

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## Studland Picture Gallery...

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(Above Credit - Alexander Hammond)



(Above Credit – Christine Turner)



**Left:** The youngest recruit for Studland coffee morning; Lesley's great granddaughter Cleo and her granddaughter Heather all the way from Melbourne Australia!

**Below:** Launch of Tony Edmonds Ministry with Team Rector Ian Bird and Bishop Karen



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