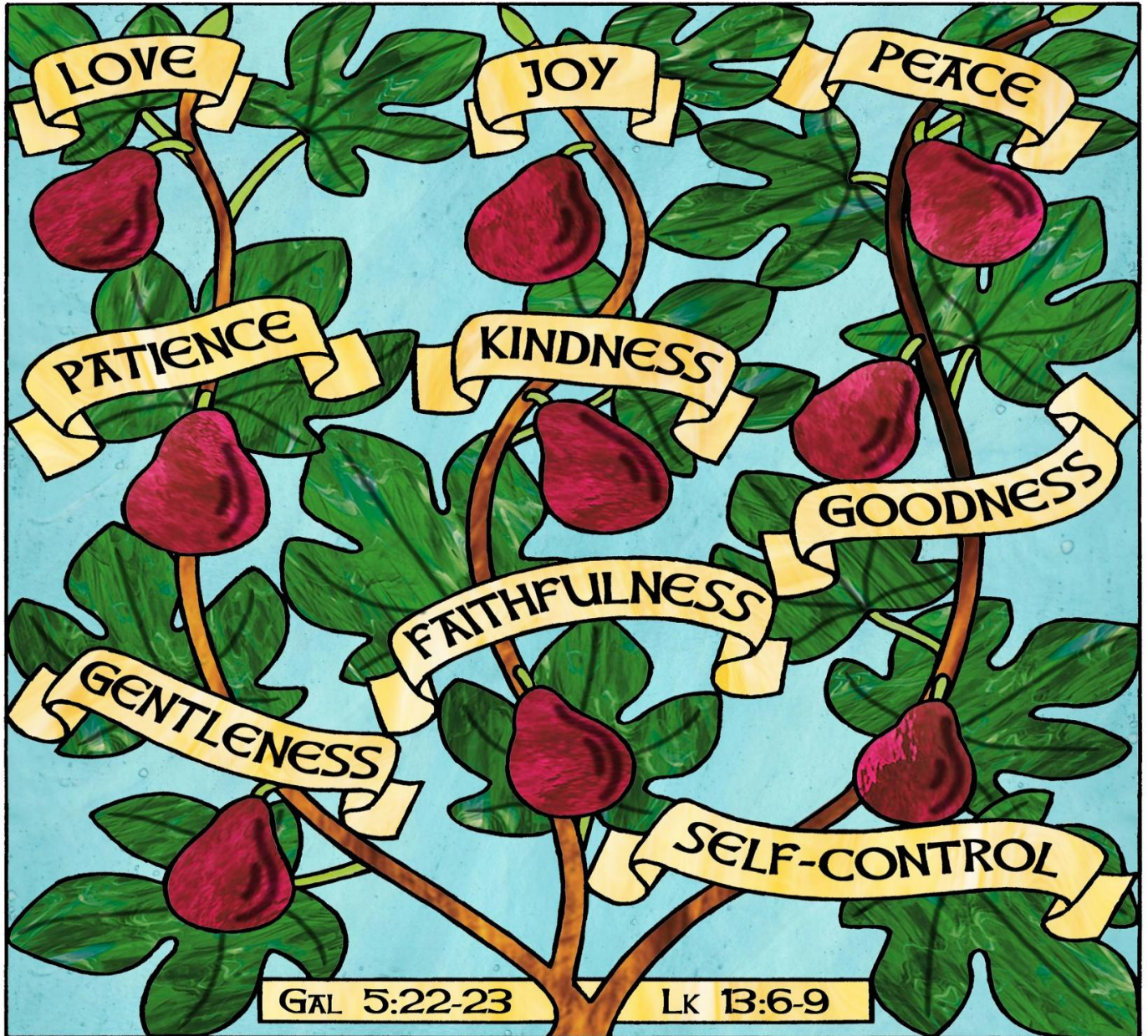


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## FROM THE VICARAGE

On June 8<sup>th</sup> the church celebrates Pentecost – if you can believe it, we are 50 days past Easter Sunday (which feels like yesterday to me!)

# PENTECOST

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the time when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles in the form of flames, giving them the power to heal people, forgive sins, to speak many languages and to have the courage to share the Gospel all around the world.



Celtic theology often portrays the Holy Spirit as "An Geadh-Glas," or the wild goose, symbolizing its untamed, unpredictable, and often courageous nature. The Wild Goose is an image of a dynamic and joyful Holy Spirit who leads us on unexpected journeys into spiritual growth.

Christians believe that the Holy Spirit is still active in the church today – helping us to become the family that Jesus wants us to be. But how do we know if the Holy Spirit is active in our church? Well, the Bible tells us that we will know that we are full of the Holy Spirit by our 'fruits.'

Not a banana or a coconut, not even a bunch of grapes – the fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Perhaps you memorized them at Sunday school or learned a song that helps you remember all of these attributes. But when we find ourselves being loving and gentle even despite ourselves, perhaps we are experiencing the Holy Spirit working through us.

During May, we at St Mary's started thinking about something called a 'Mission Action Plan' – without the jargon, we want to know where we are aiming to go and have a rough plan of how we're going to get there!

Our plan isn't just the work of the congregation. We'd also love to hear what the local community would like to see from our church – a summer fete, new outreach methods, or something completely new? You can let us know your thoughts by messaging us on Facebook or emailing me, Rev Lizzie, using the email found on the front inside cover of this magazine.



We're also listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us and moving our church out of our comfort zone and into new and exciting things!

So, as we celebrate Pentecost on June 8th, let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our parish of St Mary's. May we be filled with love, joy, peace, and all the fruits of the Spirit as we discern God's path for us. As we embark on creating our Mission Action Plan, we invite you, the wonderful people of West Moors, to share your dreams and ideas for our church. We look forward to hearing from you, and as ever, we invite you to join us for worship on Pentecost Sunday and every Sunday and Wednesday at 10am.

With prayers and blessings,

***Rev Lizzie Duckhouse***

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## CHATTY CRAFTERS

**Our happy group of crafters have recently completed an unusual project that could help local women with breastfeeding.**



The multicoloured knitted 'boobs' are a key tool in the bags of midwives and infant feeding advisors in hospital and community midwives. An infant feeding advisor explained: "The boobs are a

great way of breaking the ice and starting a conversation about breastfeeding and expressing milk. It is almost impossible to demonstrate expressing without one, and that is why the boobs are so important."



These are now on their way to Bournemouth Hospital – along with pairs of 'comfort hearts' which are used to help connect and comfort very sick patients in hospital with their relatives.

## DRAGONS IN CHURCH!

It was lovely to welcome West Moors scouts, cubs, beavers and squirrels to St Mary's today for a service in celebration of St George and Scouting!



They brought a ferocious dragon with them, and donations for **The Sharing Shed** and **Castleman Community Larder**.



And at our Sunday@10 service we were thinking about 'Doubting Thomas'.

Rev Lizzie talked about trust and believing. She said there was a **dragon** hidden in her box! Could we believe it? Could we be sure?

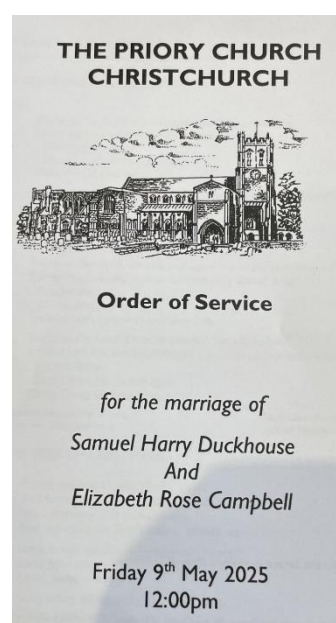


And it was TRUE!

There was a DRAGON in Rev Lizzie's box!

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# FUND RAISING NEWS

*Chris Wilson*

## FISH AND CHIP SUPPER Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm

Our next event is a social event when there will be fish and chips at an outside venue to be arranged so please look out for more information in the Pew Sheets.

There is a choice of meals provided by a fish and chip van so there will be a sign up list available in church to let us know the numbers of people coming and what food requests are required in advance



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### FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HARVEST FAYRE Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November

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## AUCTION OF PROMISES

Our recent event was a huge success which was well attended and was a joyous occasion.

The profit to date was £1622 and above all it was an entertaining, interesting, exciting social occasion

Thanks to Rev Lizzie who was a superb auctioneer, Louise who did a great job as our administrator and Mike our treasurer

Thanks to all of those who had donated such interesting promises and all who bid so generously and not forgetting those who helped with the refreshments.

# PILGRIMAGE TO IONA... A THIN PLACE

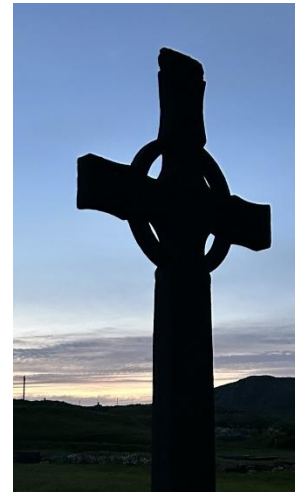
***Alison Butler***

Soooo, Alan and I read in the Diocese of Salisbury 'Grapevine' back in June of 2024 that the suffragan Bishop of Sherborne, Karen Gorham was looking for pilgrims to join her on a pilgrimage to and around the Isle of Iona off the end of the island of Mull which is, in itself a 45 minute ferry journey from Oban on the South West coast of Scotland.

We signed up along with 40 others; the date was now set. All we had to do was await the week after Easter 2025, pack appropriate clothing - think shorts, woolly jumpers and waterproofs, walking boots and flip flops (unless you are Alan who can't manage the latter!). In other words, be prepared for all eventualities!

First things first, we had a bit of homework to do about pilgrimage, understand something about St Columba who landed on Iona in AD 563 with 12 companions; and on a practical note get to Glasgow for the appointed day ready to meet fellow travellers in time to stay at the Premier inn overnight and catch a coach to Oban to start our journey in earnest.

I was never the best at doing homework so the two books we purchased about the Saint lay in the bottom of my bag until the return journey (mainly as they were written in Old English by a man called Adaman who lived about a century after Columba, then re published in the 17th century - not my kind of bedtime reading!!!). But, suffice to say it was not critical it turned out!



If you have watched any of the pilgrimage journeys on the TV recently you will know that it is about walking and meeting with people as you journey to a spiritual or holy site. In our case this was Iona; both the Abbey with its ecumenical community and the sites on the small island such as the ancient nunnery, St Columba's bay and the Celtic crosses carved out of large pieces of stone which are in various places on the island. It took us about 8 hours to get from

Glasgow to Iona on a coach-ferry-coach-ferry sandwich followed by a body workout walking from the island port of Fionnphort to the St Columba hotel. Unlike on the TV pilgrimages we had the luxury of incredible food, en-suite bathrooms and in our case an amazing sea view.

Our 6 days on the island were punctuated 12 hourly with prayers in the Abbey at 9am and 9pm. The abbey is on the site of St Columba's abbey but was completely rebuilt in the 12th



century by benedictine monks who followed after Columba. Their building was damaged during the Scottish reformation and the dissolution of the monasteries. The current building was rebuilt from a ruin in 1899 by George McCloud, a minister from Glasgow who saw benefit in upskilling people to relieve poverty in Glasgow at that time. Men and women came to the island for a period of time to help with the rebuilding and this helped begin the ecumenical work of the Iona Community.



The worship in the abbey was very thought provoking at times and it was obvious that the lay members of the community put a great deal of thought and planning into the structure of the worship which was appreciated by the many pilgrims visiting from all over the world, and Ruby Wax!

We undertook several pilgrimage walks whilst on the island. I would like to tell you this was a great hardship, with terrible weather and very difficult terrain but that would not be quite right! We had amazing, sun-filled days with clear views and just enough rolling hills down to the coast to make our walking very enjoyable with sea air and clear skies. St Columba's bay had a large pebbly beach and at sometime a labyrinth had been made. You pick up a stone and work your way through the pebble maze until you get to the centre. As you walk towards the centre, possibly going in the wrong direction at times you might say your prayers or when you get to the centre and add your pebble, drop with the pebble whatever burden you may be carrying.

Overall Iona is a place of Celtic spirituality and a “thin place” for many people. This means that it feels as though heaven is very close to you, perhaps as you do when you are in church or out on a walk in a place you know and love. Iona is a place where faith and practical action are joined. Where God and Christ are seen in the everyday, in the landscape, in the people you are with and in the work you are doing, be it fishing, cooking, sewing, sowing or harvesting. This Celtic spirituality is found all the way down the western side of the UK, in the highlands and islands, Cumbria, in Wales and in Cornwall (and also in Northumberland). It is a simple spirituality which is not fussy or formal but profound in its simplicity.

I leave you with a Celtic prayer:

*God of all ages, Jesus, yesterday, today and forever*

*Spirit breathing life since the dawn of creation*

*Give us courage to walk new paths with you*

*Open our eyes to the endless depth of your mystery. Amen*

*Author unknown*



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**MU theme for 2025 – “Join US and JOIN IN”.**

Meeting on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Church Hall.

The next event is our Coffee Morning on June 7th.

The next meeting is on June 16th, when will meet at 7pm at 9 Avon Drive - for a leisurely walk, those not wishing to walk can enjoy the lovely garden. Please bring a picnic supper.

One Sunday just after Easter we were asked in Church for Our Most Memorable Moment of Easter. Some thought perhaps like me, 'I can have chocolate, wine or cake!', but then in a more serious moment, thought like myself of the joy that was felt on Easter morning arriving at Church, in the sunshine to a beautifully decorated Church, everyone greeting each other, 'Happy Easter'. The last time I had been in Church was Maundy Thursday evening when I had left a dark, bare, silent Church. Easter morning was such a glorious contrast.

For many years I have looked forward at Eastertide to a programme on BBC 'The Pilgrimage'. It started back in 2018 when a few well-known faces from the world of entertainment, all with different faiths, some with none, take on the pilgrimage. The first was to Santiago de Compostela, the Cathedral dedicated to St James the Great. Since then different pilgrims have travelled to other pilgrim sites in The Vatican, Istanbul, Portugal, Wales and Scotland. This year they crossed the Austrian and Swiss Alps to the Monastery of Einsiedeln to see the Black Madonna.

It is really interesting to hear the discussions the pilgrims have with each other along the way. One pilgrim this year was Harry, who had won The Traitors. Sadly he had not impressed me but hearing him talk, to other pilgrims, happy to tell all he was a devout Catholic, I very soon changed my mind, especially, when on a steep climb he offered to carry Helen's rucksack. Although Helen was no slouch - she had celebrated her 70th birthday on the journey.

This is something I have learnt recently that people I have found difficult, after spending time in their company I have changed my mind. So the 'moment' I have learnt around this Eastertide is to be much more tolerant.

Love

**Mary Hurdley**

***Let there be no divisions in the Church, rather, be of one mind,***

***united in Thought and Purpose.*** 1 Corinthians 1 :10.



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We are happy to report that the box opening has now been finished and a grand total of monies raised from the boxes was £677.87. A remarkable amount and thank you to everyone who has helped achieve this by having a house box. We still have plenty of boxes if you would like to have a house box for The Children's Society. Please see either, myself (Geraldine), Julie, Rosemary or Susan.

Cake Bake stall after the 10.00 Eucharist on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> May raised an incredible amount of £85.50 including donations. Many thanks to all who supported the stall by buying cakes or making them!

Summer extravaganza at Westival – taking place on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> July between 12.00pm and 4pm. We are having a small tombola and bring and buy stall for The Children's Society. Prizes gratefully received and a box will be put in the porch to collect prizes nearer the time.

Wimborne Minster Coffee morning has been booked for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025 10.00am – 12.00 midday, as usual in Church House, Wimborne. Stalls, refreshments, raffle, bring & buy, cakes. You are warmly invited to attend and support this event if you are able.

*Prayer for The Children's Society:-*

*(Written by Andrew Moran, Head of Supporter Experience, Children's Society)*

***Compassionate and loving God, We remember Jesus' commandment to love one another as He has loved us.***

***We pray for all children and young people seeking love and acceptance, for those who feel isolated and unloved.***

***We thank You for The Children's Society, providing care and compassion to the vulnerable.***

***May their work continue to spread love and kindness, so that every child may know they are cherished and valued.***

***We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

With love and God's Blessings

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# LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE

## Sunday 1 June

Acts 16.16-34

Rev 22.12-14,16,17, 20-end

John 17.20-end

## Sunday 8 June

### Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21

Romans 8.14-17

John 14.8-17,25-27

## Sunday 15 June

### Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31

Romans 5.1-5

John 16.12-15

## Sunday 22 June

[1 Kings 19.1-4,8-15a]

Gal 3.23-end

Luke 8.26-39

## Sunday 29 June

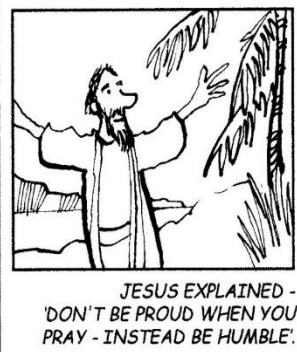
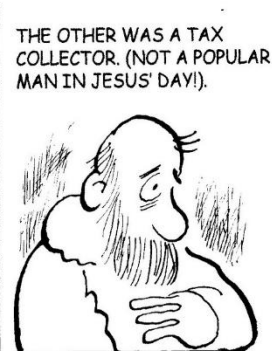
### Peter and Paul

Acts 12.1-11

[2 Tim 4.6-8,17-18]

Matthew 16.13-19

### The Tale of the TWO MEN SAYING THEIR PRAYERS



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# V E DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Tea@3 had a fabulous V.E. Day afternoon tea party with over 40 people joining in a wonderful sing-a-long, plus hats and flag waving, with the church choir.



Thank you Valerie for accompanying them and organising this.

Everyone enjoyed a quiz (which the choir won) and the fabulous food provided by the Tea@3 team.



And Chris Wilson displays his invitation to the very first VE Day Tea Party!





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Please do come and join us to help raise funds for MU Charities.

## **APCM NEWS**

Karen Short finished a very successful term as Church warden, we want to give her enormous thanks for all her hard work serving St Mary's as church warden, and hope she enjoys the view from the pews as she takes a very well earned break from four decades of serving in various ministries in church!

Stuart Stebbing was elected as our new Church warden, and Louise Collins continues for another year as Church Warden - thank you Stuart and Louise for your willingness to serve in this role and for all the generosity and support you have given to St Mary's thus far!

Joining Debbie Brown as Assistant Churchwardens are two marvellous new additions to the team: Paul Brealey and Christine Nutland! We look forward to the able assistance given to our churchwardens by Christine, Debbie and Paul. Thank you all!

Thanks go to Peter Short and Isobel Dale who stepped down from PCC this time after several years of guiding and serving our church family.

Noel Moss-Holland is our newest PCC Member and the new chair of our Finance Committee. Thank you Noel!



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If a Thursday would suit you better, another group meets on the first Thursday of the month usually in the library at 10.30. (Occasionally we do go to one of our homes) If you would like to join us or just find out a bit more about the group, phone Janet on 01202 020492. Then just pop along to one of our meetings.



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***Louise Collins, Stuart Stebbing***

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***Debbie Brown, Paul Brealey, Christine Nutland***

***Assistant Wardens***



***Loving God, Loving West Moors***

I have the pleasure writing my inaugural report for June.

On behalf of the parishioners a huge thank you to Karen Short for her significant contribution to St Mary's Church, West Moors guiding us through two vacancies. Karen leaves a huge footprint to fulfil! How great is her faithfulness.

We are so fortunate having such a loyal following supporting our services in church and online plus having a vibrant social network. Many people have commented how active our church community is!

On 9th May we had the pleasure of attending the wedding of our vicar Rev'd Lizzie to Sam at Christchurch Priory. Checking through the archives there is no mention of a vicar getting married whilst in incumbency. This is a first! So now we should accustom ourselves to addressing Lizzie as Rev'd Lizzie Duckhouse.

After Pentecost 8th June we return to normal time for the remainder of summer (be marvellous should the warm weather last). Our services will be as wholesome as ever thanks to Rev'd Lizzie and the clergy team. Our social activities will include our regular monthly events - Chatty Crafters - Wednesday, Tea@3 Thursday, Saturday breakfast, Saturday! and Hall@4 Sunday all in the hall.

There will be an overlap after the Auction of Promises as people will be fulfilling their obligations from various donations.

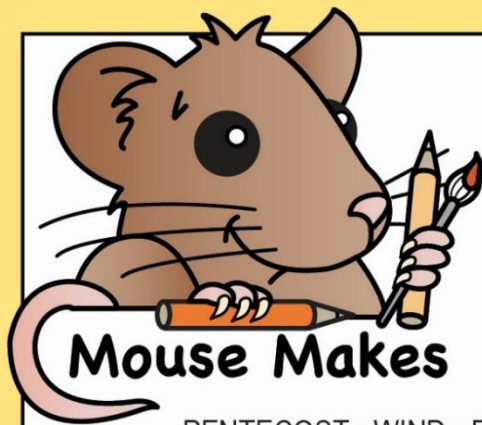
Looking ahead. Two summer dinners at the Bridge House Hotel, Longham have been booked for Monday 7th and Thursday 17th July at 7pm in the Riverside Suite. It follows the same format as the post-Christmas luncheons. This is a community event for the residents of West Moors and beyond. All are welcome, bring a friend.

Keep St Mary's buoyant, keep it alive!

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How great is our faithfulness.

***Stuart***



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 ELAMITES • MESOPOTAMIA  
 JUDEA • CAPPADOCIA • PONTUS  
 ASIA • PHRYGIA • PAMPHYLIA  
 EGYPT • LIBYA • CYRENE  
 ROME • CRETANS  
 ARABIANS • GOD



READ  
 Acts  
 2:1-41

P H R Y P  
 R Y P  
 P G E  
 W I N D  
 H A T L  
 J E W S  
 G C H P  
 A O E H J  
 L S A E U  
 C I T R G P  
 P A L I B Y A J  
 L G R E E K P R E  
 L A N G U A G E T T R  
 I C R E T A N S O R H U  
 A C U J C L A S I A T I S  
 L R G R P A M P H Y L I A A  
 H A J E M P P H Y L F O N L  
 S M E S O P O T A M I A S E  
 H P A R T H A N S G L R O P M  
 O I I J E E D T C Y R E N E  
 L R C U D L O U H E B R E W  
 Y I A D O A C S W B G O D  
 L T D E B M I A E E K M  
 A R A B I A N S E J E  
 G Y N O T O N G U E S  
 M E D E S Y P A R  
 E S S H M

It was fifty days since **Passover**, and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate Passover. As the **Apostles** were gathered together the **Holy Spirit** came upon them and they began to speak in other **languages**

as the Spirit enabled them.

The crowd that were listening were amazed as they heard about God in their own language.

*How many people heard, believed and were baptised that day?*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Bible or parts of the Bible have now been translated into over 3,000 different languages since it was first written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.