

# Studland Parish News



October  
2025



St Nicholas Church Studland

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**St Nicholas Church, Studland**  
**Rota of Readers and Sides Persons**  
**October 2025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Sides Person</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Readings</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Communion. Trinity 16. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds</i>	Sally Hogsflesh.	David Hogsflesh.  Cindy Yeandle.	2 Timothy 1, 1-14.  Luke 17, 5-10.
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Holy Communion. Trinity 17. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds.</i>	Carol Wadley.	Polly Warner.  Keith Tillyard.	2 Timothy 2, 8-15.  Luke 17, 11-19.
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Morning Prayer. Trinity 18. <i>Rev. Natalie Davies.</i>	June Fletcher.	Jane Hawksworth  Peter Jennings.	2 Timothy 3, 14-end & 2 Timothy 4 1-5.  Luke 18, 1-8.
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Holy Communion. Bible Sunday. <i>Rev. Tony Edmonds.</i>	Ginny Stobart.	Eric Stobart.  Diana Edmonds.	Romans 15 1-6.  Luke 4, 16-24.

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### Can you help?

#### St Nicholas are seeking a PCC Secretary:

To attend 6 PCC meetings each year, plus 1 annual meeting.  
These meetings can be recorded for ease of transcribing later.

The primary responsibility of the PCC Secretary is to support the PCC Chair in the preparation and organisation of the meetings and to handle all correspondence.

Please contact Barbara Matthews (Churchwarden) for more information  
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Note from the editor...

Well, the autumn chill has certainly arrived. On the morning of finishing this month's edition the temperature outside has dropped considerably. I hope everyone is ready for the change of the seasons and everything that comes along with it.

Although I am not a fan of the cold, I do have to say I marvel at the changes in colours that this season promotes to us. It reminds me of the following lyrics from a favourite band of mine:

*'There's nothing like the colours of October,  
to make you feel you can start it all over.'*

It makes me hopeful. Maybe you too can find some hope, something you can start a new, or something worthwhile revisiting?

It can be easy to get downhearted when the nights draw in and the temperature dips, but as ever, you will find warmth and reasons for joy in the pages of your Parish News – plenty to look forward to and remain positive in spirit about.

So, whatever life brings you next, I hope it fills you with joy and wonder and gratefulness in your heart and soul.

Sharon Westman, Editor

**November deadline**

**is:**

**Wednesday October**

**22<sup>nd</sup> 10am**

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Late contributions cannot be  
guaranteed.

**Mini Poem of the Month**

**The Leaves**

The leaves had a wonderful frolic.  
They danced to the wind's loud song,  
They whirled, and they floated, and  
scampered,

They circled and flew along.

The North Wind is calling, is calling,  
And we must whirl round and round,  
And then when our dancing is ended  
We'll make a warm quilt for the ground.

*Author unknown*

## St Nicholas Parish News

At last, the rain has come. The hills and the meadows of Studland are turning green. Bushes, trees and flowers that were looking quite sorry for themselves have perked up and are fresh again. Once more the cattle and sheep can graze the fields, finding something to eat. In our garden the lawn is beginning to look like a lawn and not a desert. The Japanese anemones and viburnums have straightened up and the roses and hydrangeas have started to flower again. What a difference the rain has made!

Of course, rain is not always welcome. It can come far too quickly and roads and buildings and fields become flooded and life can be endangered. It can put pay to our plans for barbecues and picnics. It can cause a lot of worry to a couple hoping for the sun to shine on their wedding. It can ruin a cricket match (a subject dear to my heart). It can remind us all too easily of human frailty.

Sometime ago Diana and I were caught in a torrential tropical rainstorm. We were drenched in seconds, but worse was yet to come. When we reached the shelter of our hotel the air conditioning was going full blast and we were frozen. Yes, in that moment we felt very frail.

Rain, relief at its coming, thankfulness for it bringing life back to the land, fear when caught in its power, helplessness, and terror in the sweep of a flood: these are all our experiences and they were the experience too of the nations, people, and writers of the Bible. So many of their songs and sayings, writings and prophecies pick up on the theme of rain. In the psalms it is celebrated as God's gift. In the book of Deuteronomy, God's teaching through his servant Moses is pictured as being like "showers on new grass." Isaiah pictures God's loving purposes for His world as the rain that brings growth and harvest, seed, and bread. And as for Noah and the ark, need I say more?

In the Church Year we are in the season of "Creationtide." At St Nicholas we have given thanks for our pets in our annual Pet Service and we have celebrated the goodness of the earth in our Harvest Festival. But for now, for all of us, the rain might be a good opportunity for to just stop and reflect a little. Maybe we could give thanks to God for the world and its delicate balance of climate and seasons, perhaps questioning how we can better stewards of creation. Maybe we could see the rain as a picture of God's words coming to refresh us or as God's love and care bringing growth and fruitfulness. The rain reminds us that we are very much part of and dependent on God's good creation. *"Rain is grace; rain is the sky descending to the earth; without rain, there would be no life."* John Updike

**Rev. Tony Edmonds**

## Church Alive Writes...

### The Body of Christ – a witness to the world

Over the last couple of months in the Swanage and Studland Team, we have had two important services that mark exciting times and new beginnings. In mid-August Bishop Karen came to St Nicholas Church, Studland to welcome The Revd Tony Edmonds as Associate Minister. Tony is now leading worship, pastoral care and mission at St Nicholas and we pray that God will bless his ministry there.

At the very end of September, Bishop Karon was once again in the area, this time to lead a Licensing Service at St Mark's Church, Herston. She licensed The Revd Dave Richards as a Non Stipendiary Minister (NSM) and re-licensed two people, Carol Richards and Jane Hawksworth as Licenced Lay Ministers (LLMs; they used to be known as Readers). Carol will continue to minister with husband Dave at St Mark's. Jane, who already worships at St Nicholas, will be ministering there alongside Tony. It is important to stress that both of our 'new' LLMs occasionally will be leading or taking part in Team wide worship and activities too. It is great to have these developments happening in our Team and we all need to support Tony, Dave, Carol and Jane going forward.

There are a lot of different metaphors in the Bible that help us understand who we are as a people of God. One of the most famous is that of the body of Christ. St Paul uses this rich metaphor in chapter 12 of his first letter to the Corinthians. One thing he is keen to stress is that we all have a part to play in the body: *'many members, yet one body.'* (1Cor. 12. 20). All of us, whether our parts are big or less big, can effectively work together as the body of Christ. All are important and the body only works effectively if we are all playing our part, using our gifts, skills, and experiences together. Obviously, there are times and seasons when what we can contribute is lessened by circumstances such as illness or frailty. If that's you at the moment, please particularly pray for our Team and its worship and mission that we would see more people coming to faith in Jesus Christ and more of God's kingdom come among us. Let's all be encouraged by what God is doing among us and seek to play our part.

We are living through very challenging times, with a moribund economy and serious national financial challenges which directly impact our lives. Our society is fractured, and the quality of public debate is poor, often suffused with anger, intolerance leading to further division. Yet we can model together something else, another way of life. As the body of Christ, we can show a better way of living that is full of love and hope that is found in Jesus Christ and in him alone.

**Every Blessing**  
**Ian, Rector**

## **STUDLAND WI** **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

The President welcomed all members who attended the meeting. Apologies were given for those who were unable to attend.

As summer comes to an end our September meeting is our celebration of Harvest. After the main meeting we share a lovely supper. Thanks to all the ladies who provided a bumper feast.

Before celebrating we tended to our monthly news from County and National.

It's been a busy summer but there is no let-up in Autumn as we plan for the winter months. Plenty of things happening over the next few months with skittle league matches, netball and planned crafting meetings for us to prepare items to sell on our WI table at the tabletop sale in the village hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.



Debbie, our social secretary has arranged some excellent speakers and outings over the last year, and early September saw us heading off to The English Oak Vineyard where we learnt all about how the vineyard started, along with planting, harvesting, and entertaining the English Oak certainly has a busy time. The tour concluded with a sampling of their finest with the opportunity to buy. I think all our ladies will agree it was a lovely day out.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. We will be welcoming David Bailey who is an award-winning wildlife photographer. David will be presenting his talk "Wildlife Wonderings".

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**



## Studland History Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. In a change to the programme the speaker will be David Beardsley with "The Man Who Didn't Succeed," a talk on the sad life of John Ralph Bankes 1937 – 1996. He was the son of the last owner of Kingston Lacy, Ralph Bankes. Privileged and conventionally educated, he was on track to inherit the fabulous house and estate. But John died a solitary and messy death in London, the latter half of his existence marred by deep personal sorrow and material neglect. He was buried at Studland on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1996. David has undertaken in depth research of the Bankes Archives. All welcome. Visitors £3.50 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November we have "Dad's Longest Day", with Sarah Ferguson.



**Joyce Meates. Secretary. 01929 439245**

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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**



## Updates from the National Trust:

### Otterly brilliant news!

Thanks to the beaver trail cams, we know there are at least two families of otters on Little Sea.

This is a great sign that nature is thriving on the lake. Otters will happily live alongside the beavers and don't compete for food as otters are carnivores and beavers are herbivores. An otter might take a very young kit, but the beaver parents are very protective.

(Photo: John Hubble)



## Saving our silent hunters



Many of you will have enjoyed the sight of ghostly barn owls flying over the fields and hedgerows at twilight. But did you know that these beautiful birds are often found dead in cattle troughs? Like most birds, barn owls need to bathe, but their feathers are adapted for slow, silent flight so they aren't very waterproof. If they fall into a trough, their feathers absorb the water causing them to sink.



To prevent this, we are trialling a new system – putting ‘rafts’ on cattle troughs. These are made of treated timber and strong plastic mesh, with polystyrene for permanent buoyancy. They allow cattle to drink but prevent owls from sinking. (Find out more on the Barn Owl Trust website.)

**(Photo: Barn owl, Mike Wenham.)**

### **Let's get ready to rumble...!**

Now's the time that sika deer are checking each other out, ready for the rut. In the breeding season, the males (stags) stake their claims to the females (hinds), often fighting aggressively with other stags. Listen for their banshee-like wails, screams and grunts.

Most of the action takes place at dawn, but the



testosterone-fuelled males can be seen or

heard at other times. Please remember:

- Watch the rut from a distance and never get between two stags.
- Keep your dog on a lead or under close control.
- Drive carefully especially at dusk or dawn in autumn, as deer often run into the roads.

**(Photos: Sika stag and hinds, Mark Singleton.)**

### **Middle Beach update**

Work is progressing speedily at Middle Beach. The contractors removed most of the wire gabions in the first week, lifting the hefty stone-filled baskets like they were cushions! All the materials from the site are being reused or recycled. Please remember that although the part of the beach where work is taking place is closed, the Sandy Salt Pig café, Fore Adventure, toilets and car park are still open.

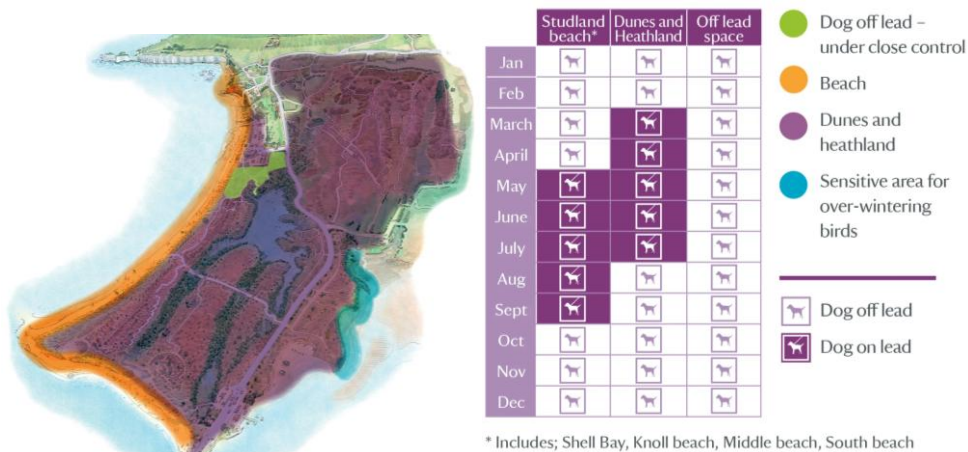
**(Photo: Kelly Marshall)**



If you have any queries, email us on [purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk).

**Cathy Lewis, National Trust**

# Updated Dog Policy for Studland (kindly shared by a reader)



## Corfe Castle Surgery/The Patient Participation Group News

The first Saturday flu clinic will be 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025 9am-12pm and will be supported by the staff and PPG members in very much the same way as normal. If you haven't already had a call or text from us and you believe you are eligible, please call the reception team. The second weekend date is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October with additional appointments made available Monday to Friday for those with limited mobility and unable to attend on a Saturday. As in previous years, there will be limited parking at the practice for those with a blue badge.

We have been notified of proposed highway works in West Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October from 8am to 6pm. This may cause delays when visiting the practice so please allow extra time for appointments or walk in if you can.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October sees the return of the health talks at The Club with Rob Moverley attending to talk about 'shoulder problems' from 7pm and then Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November with Robert Middleton talking about 'hip problems'. Please come along and support if you can.

Don't forget that the 6 FREE taster sessions of Mobility and Balance classes for over 65's start Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall. Limited spaces are available, so book now with Sally on 01929 439052.

Please contact us with any queries.

Kerry Norman, Practice Manager and Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair.  
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# Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

## Patient Survey carried out at the Surgery in June 2025

The results of the Patient Survey carried out by the PPG on behalf of the Practice have now been published in the News section on the Practice's website, together with the Practice's response to the PPG's recommendations for further action - please see: <https://www.swanagemedical.org.uk/News>.

Our thanks again to the 400 people who took part in our Survey. 86% described their overall experience of the Practice as good and 89% described their experience of making their appointment as good. 77% found it easy to contact the Practice by phone, 78% found it easy to contact the Practice via the website and 79% found it easy to contact the Practice using the NHS App. The results of the Survey are set out in full in the Report, together with all the comments provided by those who took part.

Although most patients rated their experience of using the Practice positively, getting an appointment at the Practice was clearly an issue for many of those who participated in our Survey. The PPG has therefore made recommendations to address these concerns - the PPG will be supporting the Practice to take forward these recommendations for action, which are also set out in the Report.

## Health and Wellbeing Event at The Mowlem on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Don't forget to come to the free Health and Wellbeing Fair being held in The Showbar between 11:00am and 3:00pm. The PPG will be hosting a stand at this event - do drop by and say "Hello". If you would also like to watch the film about Health Services in Purbeck, the first screening of which will be taking place in the Mowlem Theatre at 12:30pm, please book your free seat to watch the film by visiting The Mowlem's website at: <https://themowlem.com/event/health-and-wellbeing-event/>. There's no need to book if you are just attending the Health and Wellbeing Fair.

## PPG Meetings

The PPG last met on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025, when we were joined by Dr McIntosh, one of the GP Partners at the Practice. Our next PPG meeting will be held at the Surgery on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 12:30pm.

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).

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



## **Isle of Purbeck Golf Club**

### **All the Fun Starts This October at Isle of Purbeck Golf Club**

We've got an exciting line-up this autumn—parties, music, quizzes, films, festive celebrations, and of course, golf! Mark your calendars and book early so you don't miss out.

#### **Live Music – Blues Festival**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 8:00pm start — Bar food available starting at 6pm  
Kick off October with Neil Sadler and his band performing songs from their Past to Present tour. Expect foot-stomping, dance-worthy blues alongside original tracks from Neil's album. You can book for dinner and music, or just come for the music—but if you are including dinner in your evening, reserve your table early to avoid disappointment.

#### **Purbeck Film Festival at the Club**

\*A Complete Unknown – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 7:30pm

Timothée Chalamet delivers a stunning performance as Bob Dylan in the true story behind the rise of one of the most iconic singers of our time.

\*Burton – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30pm

The rags-to-riches story of Richard Jenkins, born into a poor mining family in South Wales, born into a poor mining family in South Wales, who became the international film star known as Richard Burton.

Tickets: £8 (£6.50 for students and under 25s) at [www.purbeckfilm.com](http://www.purbeckfilm.com)

#### **Christmas at Purbeck**

Bookings are already filling fast.

\*2 or 3-course Christmas Lunches: 1<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December

\*Six Christmas Parties, open to all: 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> December

\*Christmas Eve Brunch: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 9:00am–1:00pm

Don't delay—check out our website and secure your place now.

#### **Golf in October**

There's still time for a round before the days draw in.

\*Purbeck Course (18 holes): £110 Saturdays, £90 Fridays/Sundays, £85 weekdays

\*Twilight rates (after 2pm): £45 Monday–Thursday, £50 Friday/Sunday, £55 Saturday

#### **Dining with a View**

We're open for dinner most Friday and Saturday evenings, from 6:00–7:30pm. The food is excellent, the views are stunning, and it's the perfect place to meet with family and friends. Sample menus are available on our website.

We look forward to welcoming you soon. Please note our dress code is Smart Casual.

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## Studland Village Hall

We have contracted with Polar Glaze to install the **new doors**. The doors will be made to measure and will take around 3 days to install; disruption to hall users should be minimal. Thanks again to everyone else who has helped to make this happen.

Visitors to the Hall may have noticed that we have removed the shrubs from the right-hand side of the entrance as they were getting out of control. We plan to plant some smaller shrubs and bulbs and would like to thank Paul Fuller for his help with this project.

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## ARTSREACH AT STUDLAND VILLAGE

Matinee Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 4pm

Our next Artsreach show at the Village Hall features duo Leon Hunt & Jason Titley.

Back together and performing on guitar, banjo, gourd banjo, and percussion these old friends will most likely confound any preconceived ideas you may be harbouring as to what these instruments can (and should) do. Leaning heavily on traditional music from the US and The British Isles, their own compositions take on musical references from just about everywhere else.

Banjo-wizard Leon Hunt has played alongside some of the world's top musicians from a number of musical styles. Jason Titley is unquestionably one of the most driving and rhythmically engaging 'flat pick' guitarists around. Expect a show of superb musicianship and funny insights into their 30 years' making music together as the duo tour Dorset with Artsreach, the county's rural arts charity.

More info at [www.leonandjason.com](http://www.leonandjason.com) and [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)

As usual, there will be refreshments available and the Old Harry Bar will be open. Tickets Adults £12.50, under 18s £6, family (2 adults 2 children) £35, available online from [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk) and in person from Studland Stores. Telephone bookings and enquiries 01929 450587. Tickets will also be available on the door unless we have sold out by then.





Come celebrate Autumn's arrival at your local Bar!

We serve beers, ciders, wines, spirits & soft drinks to Studland locals and we particularly welcome visitors in our family and dog friendly bar.

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

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

### **OPENING HOURS**

We are now open 5 days a week for the Autumn/Winter Season

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

SUNDAYS Open: 3pm – 10pm

(Closed on Tuesday and Wednesday)

### **What's Happening at Old Harry Bar?**

#### **LIVE MUSIC!!!**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm – 9pm - Alastair**

(From the McClean Gang and the Clandestinos)

**MONDAY** – Bridge Club – Beginners Welcome - 6pm

**THURSDAY** – Crochet Club, 'Yap & Yarn', brand new group for Autumn - 5.30pm

**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**

(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 Ice Cream!

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



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

Studland Parish Council (SPC) met on 15<sup>th</sup> September. All councillors were present, except David Battle, who had given his apologies. Cllr Ben Wilson of Dorset Council also attended. There was no representative from the National Trust (NT).

The Minutes of our meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> August were approved.

Cllr Ben Wilson gave updates on the revised Local Plans and the Local Transport Plans: more on this below. He also commented on the “Fresh Start” initiative by Dorset Council (which is about local government structural changes): SPC will submit a response to a questionnaire on this. Ben also said that there was still no news on the outcome of the Ferry Toll increase inquiry.

Councillors asked Ben about progress on the proposed 20mph scheme for Studland: Ben said that this had been part of the package, along with the pedestrian crossing, last year. But as the village decided to reject the pedestrian crossing, we have fallen down the list of priority. There are about 30 Parishes that want 20mph speed zones, and at present we are in the fourth or bottom category of priority. Budgets and planning next get reviewed in February, but it unlikely that any scheme will be introduced in Studland for at least a couple of years.

A planning application had been received from the NT to repair some walls on Brownsea Island; SPC had no objection to this.

On Highways, two accidents had happened: one on Swanage Road near Woodhouse Lane, the other on the north side of the village on Ferry Road.

No crime was reported.

Chrissie Neville, our Tree Officer, said that the Studland Tree Wardens would be meeting soon to better identify key / priority trees for preservation.

Stephen Yeoman, Transport and Planning Officer, said he had written to Dorset Council about getting real-time information displays for the bus stops in Studland, but has not yet had a reply.

Steve Smith said he and James, our Lengthsman, had been busy with clearing drains. Also, various branches had come down in the high winds, but have been cleared away. The Clerk, Tim Watton, was asked to contact Dorset Council to get their road sweeping vehicle to clear the leaves etc. from all the roads in Studland: in the past these came on a regular basis, now we have to request them to come.

Tim Yeandle, Rights of Way Officer, said that some initial work had started on the Currendon footpath upgrade, but that the main improvement – along Swanage Road – would not start until next year. Tim has also asked Dorset



Council to consider positioning a sign before the Woodhouse Hill bend to advise walkers to the village to use Woodhouse Hill and Heath Green Road - rather than having them walk down Swanage Road.

Mark Elliott, Resilience Officer, is working with the Fire Brigade and other relevant bodies to put together a resilience plan for Studland: this includes clear location mapping using What3Words, an evacuation plan, and guidance on pre-packed “grab” bags. He and Lyn Hool will be meeting with the new Dorset Resilience Officer in late November. Please see Mark’s article in the Parish News for more details.

Lyn Hool, Community Speed Watch Officer, reported that the team had conducted two speed watch sessions. As a result, at least 13 drivers will be receiving cautionary letters from Dorset Police for speeding in the village.

The Clerk reported that the annual audit has been concluded and signed off by external auditors. This has happened very efficiently, which is a great credit to our Clerk, Tim Watton.

The “Future Studland” reports have been reviewed by SPC, together with the NT’s response. The Chairman has asked the NT to present the results to the village. Residents were invited to participate in this exercise last summer, and so it is only reasonable that they are informed of the results.

Arising from this report, SPC has some key concerns:

- \*Parking will be reduced at both Middle Beach and Knoll NT car parks, with a possible loss of up to 300 parking spaces: but more and more visitors are coming to Studland. Unless other car parking space is provided, or visitors persuaded to come by bus or cycle, SPC are concerned that there will be more parking along Ferry Road (with this turning into a linear car park) and also in the village.

- \*Accessibility into and out of the village, particularly in the summer, is becoming increasingly an issue; this could be particularly serious if there were a fire or other event which necessitated rapid evacuation of the area.

- \*Fire hazards are growing: with more people coming, and summers getting hotter and drier, the risk of fires on the heathlands and woods around Studland is growing.

Cllr Ben Wilson, together with Stephen Yeoman, outlined the process around the Local Plan and Local Transport Plan consultations. Central government has increased the target number of new houses to be built in Dorset by 2043 by 80% to 55,182. The plan has identified 240 sites for house building around Dorset – including (for example) in Swanage. There are no plans for new housing in Studland as no new housing can be built within 400 meters of the heathlands. However, if residents wish to learn more, they should look at the Dorset Council planning website; consultation runs until 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Some comments made at the SPC meeting on the Local Plans were: is the huge housing target feasible? And is it desirable for Dorset? This number of new

houses would change the environment and character of the area. There were also concerns about a lack of information on the infra-structure needed to support the housing: e.g. schools, buses, doctors, etc.

No mention is given in the plans to improved bus services through Studland (the 50 bus): SPC will make representations on this. If visitors are expected to leave their cars behind, they will need more buses; this needs to be planned for.

Stephen Yeoman is also in touch with Dorset Council about improving mobile phone signals in the village: as everyone knows, the quality of signal in the centre of the village is dire.

SPC considered 3 options for a bench on the Village Green to commemorate Peter Bowyer, and selected one.

Our next meeting will be on October 20th. Items for the agenda will include: updates on the Local Plan and Local Transport Plan, the Fresh Start initiative, resilience planning, consideration of an email supplier for Councillors, the village pond, dates for the Annual Parish Meeting in 2026.

Further details on SPC and our meetings are available at:  
[www.studlandparishcouncil.org](http://www.studlandparishcouncil.org)

**Nick Boulter, Chairman**



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## **WONDERFUL STUDLAND LADIES' ANNUAL TABLE TOP SALE**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025  
Studland Village Hall  
Opens at 10am

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

## People Matter

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*‘Christ taught love and charity, and that we should show humanity and compassion, at all times and in all situations.*

*A lack of humanity and compassion can be very destructive – how easily this causes divisions within nations and between nations.*

*We should remember, instead, how much we have in common and resolve to give expression to the best of our human qualities.’*

**1973**

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*‘Even in our very material age, the impact of Christ’s life is all around us. If you want to see an expression of Christian faith you have only to look at our awe-inspiring cathedrals and abbeys, listen to their music, or look at their stained-glass windows, or their books and their pictures.*

*But the true measure of Christ’s influence is not only in the lives of the saints but also in the good works quietly done by millions of men and women day in and day out throughout the centuries.’*

**2000**

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*‘Remarkably, a year that has necessarily kept people apart has, in many ways, brought us closer. In the United Kingdom and around the world, people have risen magnificently to the challenges of the year, and I am so proud and moved by the quiet, indomitable spirit.*

*We continue to be inspired by the kindness of strangers and draw comfort that – even on the darkest nights – there is hope in the new dawn.*

*Jesus touched on this with the parable of the Good Samaritan. The man who is robbed and left at the roadside is saved by someone who did not share his religion or culture. This wonderful story of kindness is still as relevant today.*

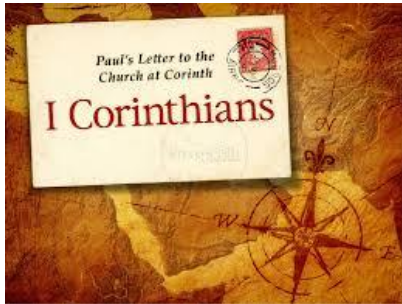
*Good Samaritans have emerged across society showing care and respect for all, regardless of gender, race or background, reminding us that each one of us is special and equal in the eyes of God.’*

**2020**

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# What's the Big Idea? Introducing the Books of the Bible:

## *An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: 1 Corinthians*



‘When people become Christians, they don’t at the same moment become nice. This always comes as something of a surprise’  
(Eugene Peterson).

After founding the church in Corinth Paul spent a year and a half with them, showing them how to live out this new life as a community of believers. Corinth was a major commercial centre in Greece and a crossroads for travellers and traders across the Empire. Its people placed a high premium on wisdom, but Corinth was also known for its immorality. Little wonder that the church was plagued with so many problems! However, after Paul left the church factions developed, immorality was rife, and worship had become a selfish grabbing for the supernatural. Paul’s letter, written around AD 55 in Ephesus, is a response to these problems.

It is clear that, although the church was gifted (1:4–7), it was immature and unspiritual (3:1–4). Paul’s purpose for writing was to:

- instruct and restore the church in its areas of weakness, correcting erroneous practices such as divisions (1:10—4:21), immorality (ch. 5; 6:12–20), litigation in pagan courts (6:1–8) and the abuse of the Lord’s Supper (11:17–34).
- correct false teaching concerning the resurrection (ch. 15).

This letter is very relevant for us today, as we are also powerfully influenced by our cultural environment.

Many of the questions and problems that confronted the church at Corinth are still with us.

Yet despite the problems, Paul’s focus remained on knowing Christ in His life and trusting in the power of the cross:

*‘For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.’ (2:2).*

## Planet Purbeck

Oscar-winning actor Mark Rylance and campaigning writer George Monbiot are coming together to host a public forum about how local communities like Purbeck can influence national and global progress. Topics up for open discussion at the event – staged by community group Planet Purbeck at Sandy Hill Arts in Corfe Castle – will include thorny issues such as rewilding, tourist taxes and, in a wider context, efforts to solve the convergent economic and ecological crises.

Rylance, who won the Best Supporting Actor Oscar for his performance in the Steven Spielberg film *Bridge of Spies*, and Monbiot, a leading critic of mainstream politics and passionate environmentalist, will conduct a Q&A session with each other and take questions from the audience.

The actor, who is Patron of Planet Purbeck, will also auction a signed photographic portrait of himself as Henry VIII's scheming chief minister Thomas Cromwell – a prop used in the acclaimed BBC series *Wolf Hall*.

And he will help to launch a Friends of Planet Purbeck scheme aimed at expanding the group.

He said: *"I hope the chat with George will be full of ideas I haven't imagined and good humour. I will depend on the audience for the really smart questions. There is a desire to build up a group of people interested in similar things such as nature conservation and climate change so there is a place they can come with concerns – and make a difference with ideas and action. I believe in thinking internationally but acting locally. If you change a small or local thing well enough it will affect the rest, which is true in biology and the environments we live in. We can lift the whole system into a better place of harmony and equilibrium."*

Guardian columnist and author Monbiot said of the event: *"I'm greatly looking forward to it. We'll be navigating the great political and ecological crises in which we find ourselves, and hoping to chart a path through."*

The forum, on October 11<sup>th</sup>, is the third in a series of Planet Purbeck Presents events scheduled for the autumn.

It follows a "marine ecology evening" co-hosted by Greenpeace in Swanage and a theatrical and musical performance of Stravinsky's short masterpiece *The Soldier's Tale* in Langton Matravers, both of which were held in September.

Details of all events can be found at [www.planetpurbeck.org](http://www.planetpurbeck.org)



(Pic: Mark Rylance with the *Wolf Hall* photographic portrait he will auction at the forum.)

## Studland Resilience Plan

This plan is put in place to support the parish of Studland, its residents and visitors. The main concerns in Studland are wildfires on the surrounding heathland and medium to long term power outage.

If you have to contact the fire brigade to report a heath fire, they will probably ask, if possible, for a **'What 3 Words'** location. W3W is an app for mobile phones. It is a GPS based location system that has divided the whole globe into 3mx3m squares. Each square has its own three permanently fixed dictionary words. For example, the entrance to the village hall is: demand.celebrate.kinder or Agglestone rock is: pacifist.gone.manhole. The problem with W3W is if you're dyslexic or have issues spelling, communicating locations can be problematic.

In the event of a significant heath fire the public would be evacuated from the beaches. The residents should look after themselves in their home unless or until it becomes unsafe to do so. At which point the team will set up a hub in the village hall, or another safe location.

If there is a power outage of more than a few hours, the resilience plan may be activated. The resilience team will set up a hub in the village hall, offering support and advice. The village has many assets listed in the information pack in the resilience box. We would aim to support locals by providing facilities to warm food and drink brought from their homes, phone charging etc.

It is advised to have a pre packed bag in case you are asked/advised to vacate your home (not just during the summer in the event of fire). The contents of the bag is dependent on your needs, and should cover your basic needs for at least 24 hours. Each person should have their own bag, including children and pets. The contents should be person portable and include, but not limited to

Essential/Prescription medication.

Hearing aids plus spare batteries.

Glasses/contact lenses inc. solution and case.

Mobile phone charger cable and plug, plus possibly a battery pack

Useful phone numbers.

Money/credit cards.

Complete change of clothes, warm clothes.

Basic toiletries

Other things that you may want include:

Dog food plus bowls.

First aid kit.

Anti-bac wipes, hand gel.

Books, toys, activities.

Torch plus spare batteries or charging cable.

Copies of important documents. Home insurance etc

Special dietary requirements

Food, water snacks

Grab bags should be checked/reviewed monthly. Changes to the contents may be needed, depending on seasonal requirements. Don't forget house keys and mobile phone. Close all windows. If you are able, please walk to the village hall.

There are some things that we can do to our homes to reduce fire risk.

Firewiseuk.org has an 8-point checklist.

1. CLEAR leaves and other vegetation from roofs, gutters and decks.
2. REMOVE dead vegetation and other items from under your deck and within 10 feet of your house.
3. SCREEN areas below decks with wire mesh to prevent accumulation.
4. REMOVE flammable materials e.g. wood piles from the vicinity of your house if possible.
5. PRUNE trees so that lowest branches are 6-10 feet from the ground.
6. KEEP your lawn hydrated (use grey/waste water if necessary) and maintained.
7. DISPOSE of lawn cuttings and debris and responsibly to reduce fuel for any fire.
8. INSPECT roof tiles and replace or repair as necessary to prevent ember penetration



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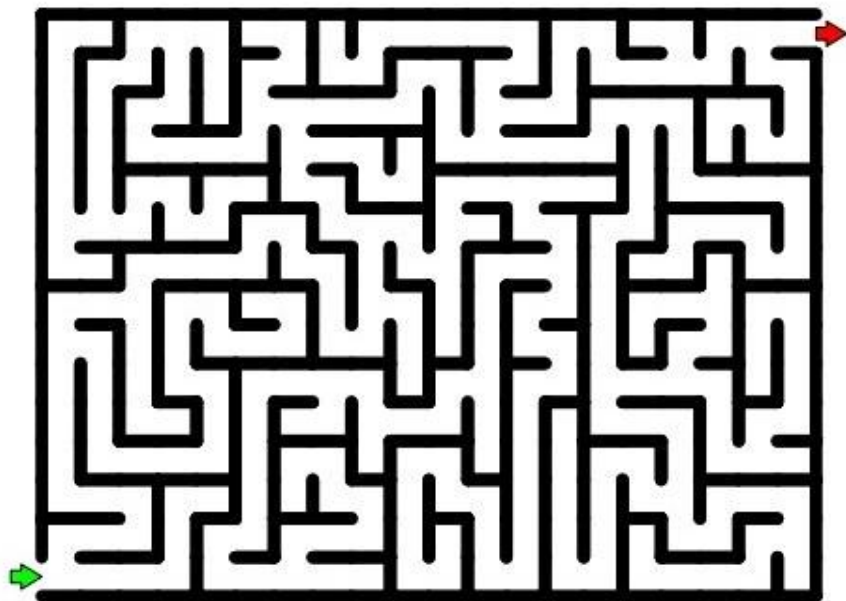
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## Puzzle Place - Maze



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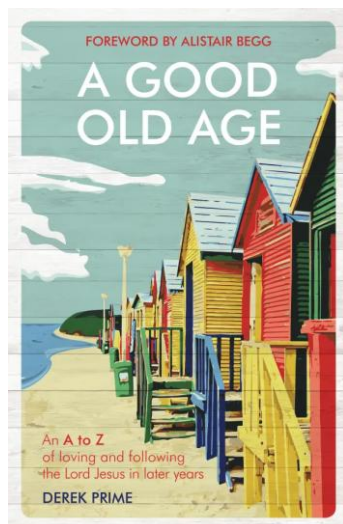
## Book Review

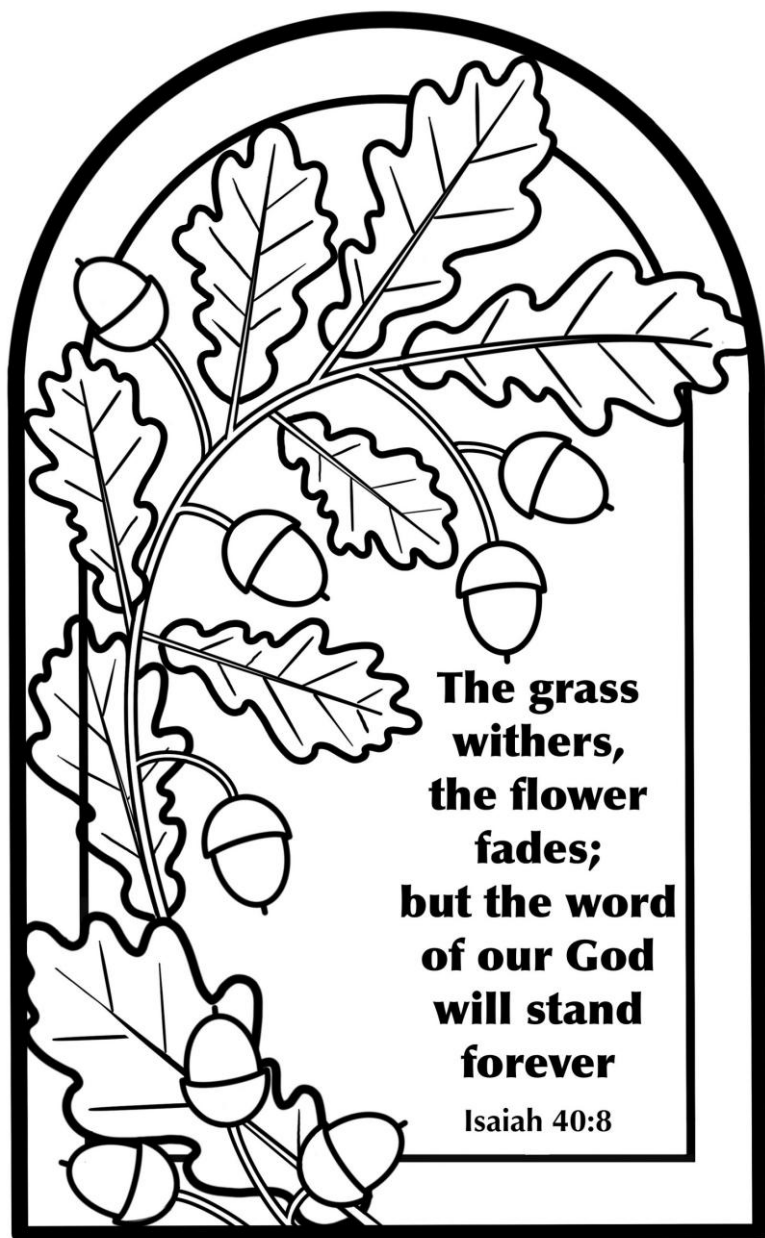
A Good Old Age - An A to Z of Loving and Following the Lord Jesus in Later Years  
By Derek Prime, 10Publishing.

Old age often gets a bad press. Associated with grumpiness, aches and pains, loneliness, and isolation it's not something we particularly look forward to or relish when we're there.

Pastor and Bible teacher, Derek Prime, writing in his 80s, shows us that there is another way to view old age. He guides us through 26 Christian priorities that we should hold to in later life.

With biblical wisdom and practical advice, Prime helps us to navigate the unique challenges and joys that old age can bring. This is a book to dip into, meditate on and read prayerfully as you let the truths it contains gently transform the way you live your old age.







## The Poppy Appeal – could you help by giving some time this autumn?

The 2025 Poppy Appeal will be launched this month.

The Poppy is a powerful symbol worn by people right across the UK to commemorate the sacrifices of our Armed Forces and to show support to those still serving today.

The Royal British Legion was first set up to help those returning from the First World War. Almost a century on, they're still helping today's Service people, veterans, and their families coping with bereavement, living with disability or finding employment.

However, the Poppy Appeal would not be able to continue without the dedication of the teams of volunteers who stand in the streets, shops and supermarkets. Each town and village has their own Poppy Appeal Organiser - also a volunteer - who runs these teams, arranges for cover, drops off and collects the boxes.

The Poppy Appeal is always grateful for the work of these dedicated people, but the volunteers say they proud to be selling Poppies to show support for those who sacrificed their lives for us.

If you want to volunteer, or if you would like a visit from a local volunteer who can speak to your community/church group, please go to:  
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