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Hosanna!
Crucify him!
Finished!
He is risen!
Alleluia!

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PARISH MAGAZINE

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All good wishes and love to Rev'd Lizzie as she steps back for a while on maternity leave.



And a warm welcome to Rev Jeff as he takes over as Priest in Charge



INTRODUCING REV'D JEFF ADAMS

Hello! I've already had the pleasure of meeting a few of you within the parish over the last few weeks, and I'm looking forward to getting to know the church even better over the coming months. The Salisbury Diocese has asked me to cover for Rev'd Lizzie while she is on maternity leave, acting as priest-in-charge of West Moors in her absence. To introduce myself, I've been asked to write a short "pen portrait" for you.



I am currently nearing the end of my three-year curacy. I was ordained in 2023 and have been serving at St James' Church down on Poole Quay. I've loved getting involved in everything from worship and discipleship groups to working with young people, families, and toddlers. What excites me most about church life is journeying with others to discover more about God; I love exploring how He cares for us and uses each of us, regardless of our age or background, to reveal His glory and kingdom here on earth.

My favourite Bible verse is likely John 10:10, where Jesus reminds us that He came so that we can have real life in Him and "have it to the full." That's certainly something I aim to live by.

Having been a member of several different Anglican churches from a young age (my dad is also a priest), I've experienced a wide variety of traditions, from Anglo-Catholic to charismatic evangelical worship. I love engaging with the best that each tradition has to offer; after all, Jesus is Jesus!

I'm married to Liz (and for absolute clarity, that's a completely different Liz than your Rev'd Lizzie!). We have two teenage sons, Ben and Sam, and a tank full of fish. We live in Parkstone, so I'll be commuting into the parish on a daily basis.

Although I'm originally from Cornwall, I've lived in Poole for most of my adult life. Before feeling the call to ordained ministry, I spent about 20 years as a teacher, covering history, geography, computer science, and robotics at a couple of secondary schools in the Poole area.

When I'm not studying for my MA in Theology and Ministry at Durham, you can find me enjoying my spare time with bikes, guitars, drums, walking, or DIY. I also enjoy table tennis and playing computer games with my sons, though they beat me every time!

God bless, and see you soon.

Jeff

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SOUP LUNCHES

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST MARY'S WEST MOORS

<p>Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday</p>	<p>8am BCP Communion 10am Palm Sunday Communion Service 2pm Palm Sunday Procession at Sturts Farm</p>
<p>Monday 30th March Tuesday 31st March Wednesday 1st April</p>	<p>6:45pm Stations of the Cross and Compline</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>6pm Maundy Thursday Supper 7:30pm Eucharist with Washing of Feet</p>
<p>Friday 3rd April Good Friday</p>	<p>2-3pm Liturgy of Good Friday</p>
<p>Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday</p>	<p>6am Dawn Service 7am Breakfast 8am BCP Communion Service 10am Easter Day Service!</p>

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MU theme for 2026 – “Join US and JOIN IN”.

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

The next meeting is on **April 20th at 7.30 pm** in the Church Hall.

The Speaker will be Richard Benjamin , giving Silvertime Legal Advice.

At last after all the rainy and cold days we have had, we are able to enjoy some sunny days and with the sun comes the colours of spring to our gardens and surrounding countryside. I do not have much of a garden but I enjoy seeing my neighbours' displays. Last weekend I visited RHS Wisley to see the amazing display of bulbs and the smell of the hyacinths filled the air. Earlier in the year I was at Kingston Lacey, and was delighted by the banks of snowdrops.

On my journey to Surrey and into the Surrey Hills I was heartened to see the swathes of daffodils on many grass verges, particularly around Guildford Cathedral. By the roadside there was an abundance of gorse in full bloom and many of the trees were laden with blossom or just coming into leaf producing that fresh green haze.

This all brings me nicely to our Mothers' Union fund-raising project for the 150th anniversary. Some of you will have seen there is a tree on the notice board in the Church Hall. We will be canvassing for donations to buy a leaf so that our tree will be in full bloom by the end of April. On May 1st when we close the project there will be a lucky leaf that will win for the donor a £10 prize.

As we approach the end of Lent and participate in the services of Eastertide, I would like to wish you a Happy Easter with your Family and friends.

God of Love, in silence and in speaking, we worship You.

You are the very breath of our lives,

You are the promise of renewal,

You are the offer of forgiveness,

You are the flame of inspiration

You are the wind of challenging change.

Renew, forgive, inspire and challenge us, and fit us for your service,

In Jesus' name, Amen

Love and Blessings **Mary Hurdley**



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY WIMBORNE COMMITTEE

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ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL BH22 OJF

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Our Annual Coffee Morning, here at St Mary's in the Church Hall, will take place on Saturday the 11th April 2026 (10.00am-12.00 noon). We shall be selling cakes together with a bring and buy stall, hand made cards and a raffle. There will be refreshments also including toasted teacakes. If anyone would like to help with making cakes that would be really appreciated. Please bring your Children's Society house boxes to the coffee morning. If you are not able to bring your box at that time, we shall collect these during April in Church also. If anyone does not have a house box and would like one please either ask on the morning or see one of us in Church.

Last year the Children's Society supported more than 57,652 young people across the country through one-to-one sessions, group work, events and more. Supporters like us all made that possible.

Our Dorchester Committee are selling reconditioned second-hand bicycles for The Children Society funds. Please see details on the box advert which is attached for further information.

Heavenly Father we pray for all who support or work for The Children's Society in any way; keep us close to the love and mission of your Son and to His special regard for children. Give us eyes to see the plight of others, give us hearts to respond to the needs of others; give us hands to act in the service of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Many thanks.

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Geraldine

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Adults £5 full book, Children £3.50 half book Joe 90 £1 Please book with Louise Collins 01202 895528, email louisejason1@yahoo.co.uk

SPRING FAYRE Saturday 8th May in the Church and Hall

This replaces the Harvest Fayre this year

Please help us to make this a success by donating goods if you can. The following stalls will need items: Tombola, Raffle, Plants, Bottle Stall and Cakes

Everyone is welcome, please tell your family and friends about it and come along if you can

ST MARY'S GOT TALENT CONCERT Saturday 6th June in Church

Tickets £10

If you have a talent of any kind ie. musician, singer, entertainer, conjuring, story teller or anything or anyone you know please tell Stuart Stebbing or Caryl Longland know

BARN DANCE Saturday 12th September in West Moors Memorial Hall

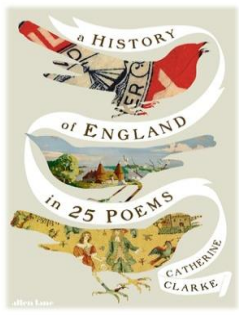
TWO TOGETHER TALK ON DYLAN THOMAS

Saturday 21st October in the Church Hall

An entertaining talk on the life and work of the great poet and learn about his local connections told in words, music and pictures

Watch this space for more details and other events!

A Times History Book of the Year, a Financial Times Book of the Year, a BBC History Extra Book of the Year, a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week



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Some of you who remember Catherine, a former member of our congregation, or who have read her book, recently published by Penguin, might be interested in attending this event.

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The Lent Charity for 2026 has been chosen.

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High Mead is especially important to us at St. Mary's as our own Chris Scott is a valued member of staff here and will be delighted to work together with us.

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To give to this year's Lent Appeal please either put a donation in an envelope clearly marked '**Lent Appeal**', (cheques payable to PCC West Moors). Or you can make a direct payment using the following bank details (but please put as the reference '**Lent Appeal.**')

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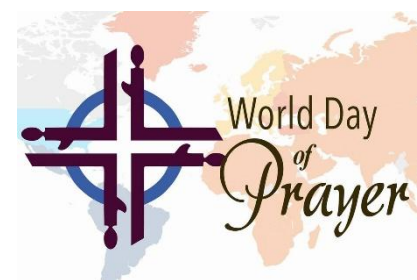
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THANK YOU!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER IN WEST MOORS –

looking forward and back!

Thanks to all those people who arranged this ecumenical service for all on March 6th for the people of West Moors and other local communities. Maggie Larkin has been the secretary for nine years for West Moors and she has done a really good job of getting us focussed on the work of this great ecumenical organisation which promotes "informed Prayer and Prayerful action" and has seen us 'visit' lots of countries who have prepared the united service for us.



This year we had a lens into the lives of Christians in Nigeria, found out about their culture and how prayer and knowing Jesus helps them in their lives which are often very hard. World Day of Prayer started in the USA in 1927 by ordinary women from the Baptist and Presbyterian faith communities and the first gathering of people in the UK was in the early 1930's. Maggie has now decided to hang up her secretarial hat and we thank her for her great service to us all along with a number of other people who have retired due to ill health or advancing years!

The West Moors group that organises this annual service (next one Friday March 5th 2027 at 11am in St Mary's West Moors) would love some new members from any of our churches to join in the preparations for this service. To that end.... This is an advanced notice... there will be a get together with some food at St Mary's church hall at 12 noon on Wednesday 16 September when the information about the 2027 service will be issued. Please come and join us! **Any questions contact Alison Butler ab874641@gmail.com.**



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NEW - St Mary's West Moors Parish DisABILITY policy Rev Lynne



It is about four years since we, St Mary's, signed up as a Roofbreaker Church with the Christian disability charity 'Through The Roof'. A Roofbreaker Church is one where the leadership and people are seeking to make all aspects of church life, spiritual and social, accessible to those with disabilities, and their carers. Enabling all to know God's love for them in Jesus while enabling them and all to seek and find their God-given calling, their place within the community of believers.

A Roofbreaker church will have at least one individual appointed as a Roofbreaker who will be a point of contact for anyone with questions, observations, concerns regarding access (spiritual, social, physical). As a reminder your Roofbreakers are Revd Lynne and Alyson Scott. But we all need to be on the lookout as to who might need some support. - Always Ask. Never Assume.

Using a policy document, via Revd Lizzie, from another church (different diocese) Lynne and Alyson have tweaked and adapted this to form our own disABILITY Policy which was adopted at our March 2026 PCC meeting.

This affirms that we are all made in the image of God and there is a biblical imperative to have corporate responsibility to include within the structures and provision of our church.

In essence, the Policy covers: what we are & believe, what we aim to do; and practical concerns.

Over the next few months we will try and include some of these in this monthly magazine. This document will also be on the notice board in the hall for everyone to see. **Do speak to Lynne or Alyson** if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

CHATTY CRAFTERS



A swarm of colourful butterflies landed at our last meeting.

A symbol of hope and love, these butterflies will be sent to Bournemouth Hospital to be used with patients in end of life care and their families.

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Maundy Thursday Thursday 2nd April

Exodus 12 1-14 1 Corinthians 11. 23-26

Good Friday 3rd April

Isaiah 52 13-53.end Hebrews 10 16-25

Easter Sunday 5th April

Acts 10 34-43 Colossians 3 1-4

John 20 1-18

Sunday 12th April - second Sunday after Easter

Acts 2 14, 22-32 1 Peter 1 3-9

John 20 19-end

Wednesday 15th April

Acts 5 17-23 John 3 16- 21

Sunday 19th April third Sunday after Easter

Acts 2 14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1. 17-23

Luke 24 13-35

Wednesday 22nd April

Acts 8 1b-8 John 6 35-40

Sunday 26th April fourth Sunday after Easter

Acts 2 42-end 1 Peter 2 19-end

John 10 14 1-14

Wednesday 29th April Catherine of Siena

Proverbs 8 1, 6-11 John 17 12-26

THANK YOU

Sally Reid

During John's funeral a poem was read about what are "Families" ?

I have realized with all the many people who attended, or sent condolence cards that I have received, we are all part of numerous families, in our lives.

I have heard from all the families that John was connected to in the last 22 years of his life.

I am particularly grateful to our family at St. Mary's who quietly helped me in the background, to arrange the funeral and the wake. Just too many people to thank individually.

There have been so many words of comfort, which are helping me to cope with the sadness and loneliness that I feel every day now.

Thank you for helping our family to celebrate John's life.

Sally xx



World Book Day 2026 at St Mary's CE First School & Nursery



On Thursday 9th March St Mary's celebrated World Book Day! The purpose of World book Day is to inspire every child to enjoy the life-changing benefits of reading for fun, and it was great to see the children immerse themselves in the day and celebrate their joy of reading! The children took part in lots of exciting activities which included taking a trip to the local West Moors Library and having a visit from musical story teller Martin Maudsley. All the children and staff were invited to dress up as a book character and they all looked absolutely amazing!



MOTHERING SUNDAY



**With thanks to Mothers' Union
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FROM THE SIDELINES at ST MARY'S

Louise Collins, Stuart Stebbing

Church Wardens

Debbie Brown, Paul Brealey, Christine Nutland

Assistant Wardens



Loving God, Loving West Moors

Dear Friends,

We welcome Rev'd Jeff Adams as "Priest in Charge" whilst Rev'd Lizzie takes maternity leave. Jeff will lead weekly services the same as Lizzie, his first Sunday service was 22nd March for 8am and 10am services. St Mary's has been fortunate to have Jeff and our thanks go to Archdeacon Penny who has been principle in the appointment.

Rev'd Lizzie's last service; Mothering Sunday was a joyous occasion eagerly anticipated by the local community who helped fill the church. We wish Lizzie a safe birth; the first incumbent in the parish and the Diocese to have had a baby. Our prayers go out to Lizzie and Sam. **Alleluia**

We pray for two parishioners who are on a pilgrimage, the Camino de Santiago, an epic 800km. May God bless them and may the Holy Spirit be with them as a comforter. You may recall we watched the film as part of the Lent course last year.

April sees the start of Holy week; we have lows and highs. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday sees the church stripped bare. The church is then hastily decorated by our fabulous flower team to adorn the church with flowers and eggs for Easter Sunday when we have three services and a breakfast. **Jesus Christ is risen Alleluia!** There will be many more **Alleluia's** to come!!

Rev Jeff will soon realise how our church, church family and our outreach into the community works. Home Groups re-start, our regular social events continue to flourish; Tea @3 and Saturday breakfast attract more people from the local community. A heartfelt "thank you" to all who volunteer their services to make these events. Their support is invaluable. **Alleluia!**

On 17th April we have our ever popular Bingo evening in the hall. Do join us in this fun event. Looking ahead we have the Spring Fayre on 9th May.

As we go through April let us be thankful the Lord us with us every step of our life's journey. **Alleluia to that.**

Blessings

Stuart

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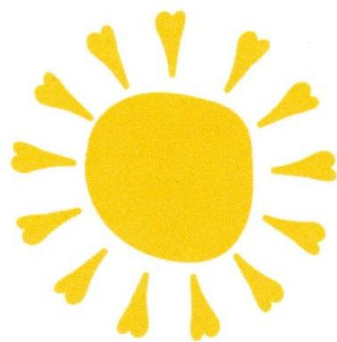
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**Saturday 9th May
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