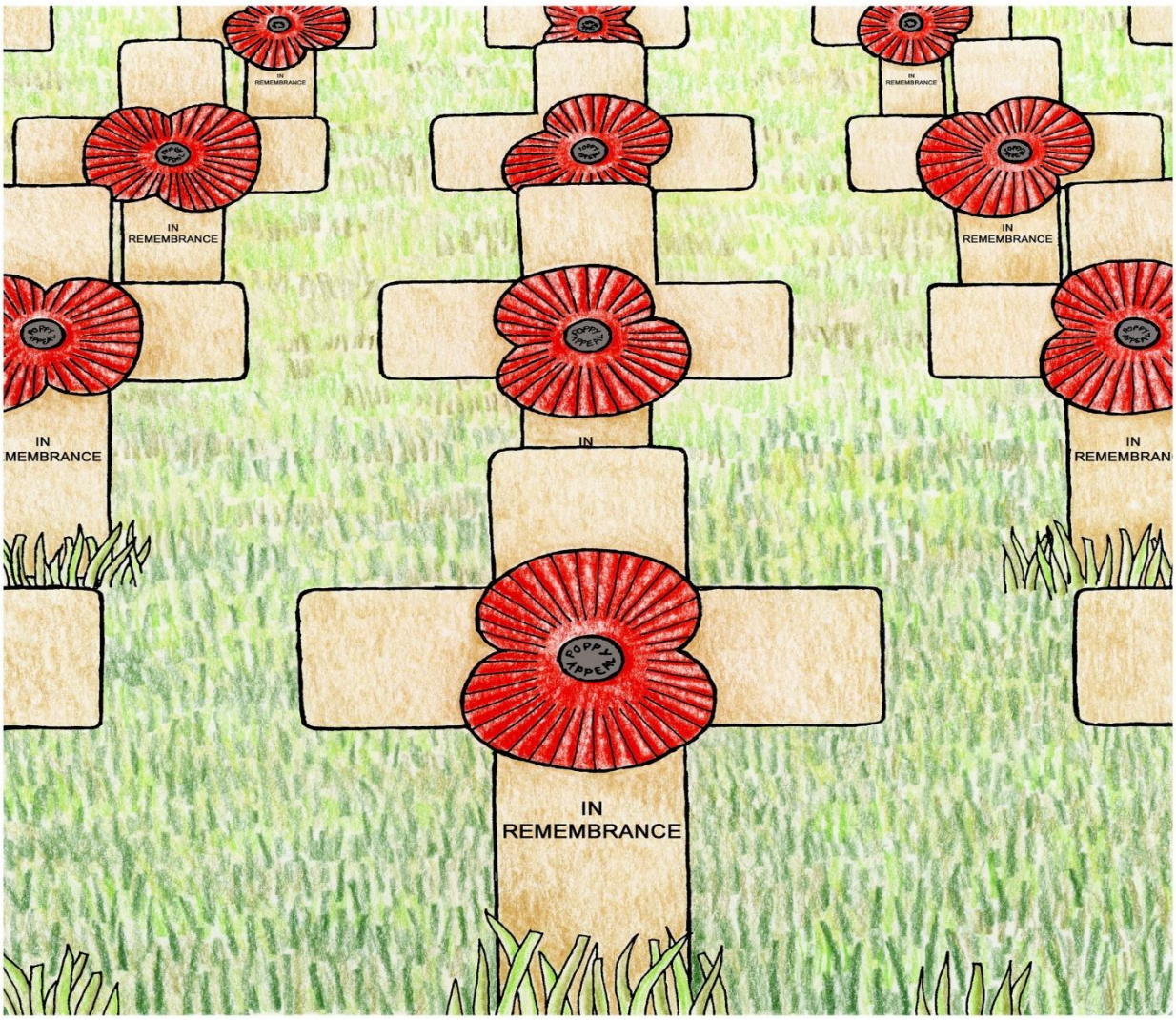



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## FROM THE TEMPORARY VICAR

Up until a week ago I was in blissful ignorance about what the word “Manglewurzel” actually **meant**. I presumed it was something like a primitive piece of clothes washing machinery. This all changed on Harvest Sunday when my agricultural education took an uplift.

You may be familiar with the Harvest service at West Moors, but just prior to the moment where congregants are invited to proffer their produce in an act of gratitude we said some responsory prayers. I declared various things that we were thankful for with the congregation responding with “Thanks be to God”. I was fine with lauding the “harvest of the cornfields, the oats and the wheat, the rye and the barley”, (“Thanks be to God”), but the following line stumped me; I had to give thanks for “swedes and mangolds”. What’s a mangold?

I’ve been around the sun enough times now to have learned most common victual vocabulary, but had never come across this term before. I appreciate that it’s not uncommon in church services to come across obfuscated phrasing (see what I did there?) but I’m sure I’m supposed to know what a mangold is, given that I’m leading the service and literally grew up next to multiple farms in rural Cornwall. Since I am the one with the clerical collar and the microphone, I was able to halt the service and ask the question to those gathered: “What’s a mangold?”

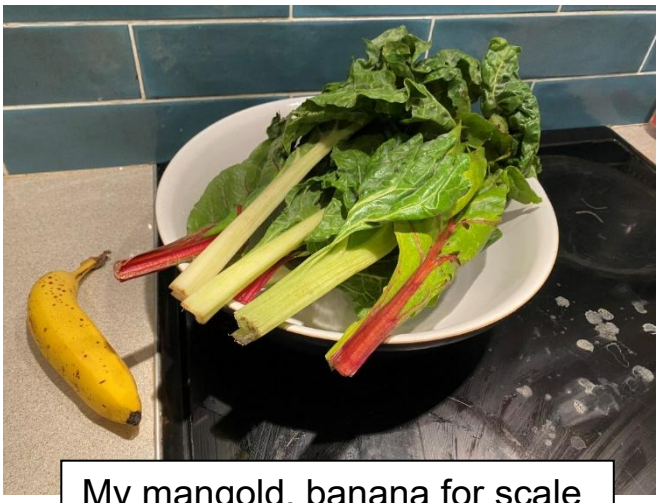
If you were there on that particular occasion, or were watching online, you may remember that moment. When faced with the blank expressions of the entire gathering and helpful “comedy” comments from the choir, I momentarily lost it in a fit of giggles and was unable to proceed with the prayers. Once I managed to regain my composure we could continue with the service thanking God for “clover, for hay, and for corn”, but still in utter ignorance regarding the nature of the mangold. I decided then and there that my mission was to locate one and eat it!

Perhaps I shouldn’t be surprised that there are still new things to learn. I only learned recently that 2 of the books of the Bible were written by 2 of Jesus’s younger brothers, for example. One I did know about, but the other was a complete surprise. Which books? Grab a Bible and flick through the index of the New Testament and see if you can work it out (or you could just Google it, I suppose). Do we ever get to the point where everything is learned, everything is done, everything is complete? I hope not. I love finding out new things about the past, about people, about the world, and now I had a new mystery to solve. Where can I buy a mangold and how does one eat it?

There’s a great verse in the Bible in Lamentations chapter 3 where you read this famous line; “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” It’s a reminder that every day is a new day, a chance to reflect on our blessings, a chance to learn a new thing, a chance to spend time with loved ones, a chance just to watch something good on the TV, or even a chance to discover a new root

vegetable, because each day is a new day with new opportunities and new experiences of God's compassion.

So what have I learned? A quick google revealed that other names for mangold include *mangelwurzel* and *Swiss chard*. Some of the agriculturally inclined might scoff and state that mangold is cattle feed whilst Swiss chard is not, but the two plants are so similar that the terminology is interchangeable and that's good enough for me! So off to one of those fancy foodhalls I trotted with my ever-bearing wife to find and purchase a packet of the freshest mangold for my dinner. And what a blessing it was, although I think I probably overboiled it.



My mangold, banana for scale

What's new for you this day, is there a fact, a person, an experience which is new and you appreciate? Perhaps take a moment to say, "Thanks be to God".

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## And Chris Long joins in the debate….



***Mangolds***

Those of you who attended the service of Harvest Festival, and enjoyed the amusement concerning mangolds, received inaccurate information after the service. Discussions continued for a number of days. In case the subject comes up in a pub quiz, a correct definition might be useful.

A mangold is a variety of beet (as in spinach beet, sugarbeet) and is cultivated to feed cattle. It looks like a giant, misshapen, or snarled beetroot. It can grow as large as a human head. It can be white, yellow, or deep red. The large, thick leaves were eaten in the period of rationing. I would choose chard!

***Who knew church services could generate***
***such passionate debate and questioning!!??***
***At least Rev Jeff and Chris seem to be in agreement***
***and have clarified the information – with the help of Google, of course!***

# WEST MOORS DEMENTIA ACTION GROUP

**Needed**: **New Leader/Chair for**
**West Moors Dementia Action Group**
**(WM DAG) - a volunteer role.**

Needed: A heart and vision to serve the community of West Moors is key, especially to help us as a group to raise awareness of dementia in our small town.

**The role includes :**

- chairing bi-monthly meetings which are kept no more than 1 hour.
- ProMo events, ensure on the agenda and planned for at meetings, assist in accomplishing.
- attend various networking opportunities to connect, inform and promote DAG
- lead (or appoint someone to lead) on the Living Well Community magazine (4 monthly, small Lead article, What's On (WM), distribution list).
- responding to phone or email enquiries.

**About us.**
We are a small group seeking to raise awareness about dementia, connecting with businesses, shops and others.
Signposting carers and those with dementia to where to get help, mainly via Social Prescribers. We are not trained or equipped to offer advice ourselves.
The Group is made up of local residents and representatives from businesses, agencies, faith groups, etc. in West Moors.

**Might YOU be the right person for this role?** If you have any questions or would like to know more, email lynnemorrislp@btinternet.com or phone for a chat on 07485 294 507.

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The Children's Society Wimborne Coffee Box opening morning held in October in Church House, Wimborne, raised £321.30. Thank you to all who supported us in any way. Again, we were blessed with a very warm and sunny Autumnal day. Anne King, our Wimborne representative, gave a very supportive talk at the end of the morning which highlighted the work done by The Children's Society to support disadvantaged young people. (A message from Anne King - see below).

The total raised for our Cake Bake held last month was £85.00 (including donations). Thank you to everyone who supported our stall either by making cakes or buying them.

Our next fundraising event venue will be on Friday the 20th November 2026 from 9.30 till 12.30pm. at Verwood Memorial Hall, Ringwood Road, Verwood, BH31 7AA selling nearly new gifts, bric a brac and the Children's Society Christmas Cards. Please support us if you are able. A box will be put in the Church Hall to collect donations beforehand.

Dates for Christingles will be in next month's magazine and on the pew sheet when these are taking place.

Message from Anne King (Wimborne Committee member)

> *"Please support the excellent work the Children's Society does in helping young people rebuild their lives after mental health problems, exploitation, drug abuse, and other traumas. Children's Society staff work with each client until they get to a place where they can move forward positively with their lives. There are so many problems facing our young people, and not enough support to help each one needing help to access it. In addition, according to Unicef, there are almost 4 million children in the UK living in poverty, with all its attendant problems and impacts on their current and future lives. We need our children to grow into happy, healthy people who can build fulfilling lives. They can't do that without our help and support".*

Prayer for The Children's Society:-
Loving God, open my heart to your children. May my ears hear their laughing and my eyes see their hurt. May the power of your creation give us all a sense of hope. May my hands be gently caring yet strong and resolute where change is needed. May I speak so all your children, the happy and laughing and the troubled and lost, may come to know your love and justice no matter where they are. Amen.

With love and blessings,
***Geraldine Cole/Rosemary Dunning/ Julie Hardman/Susan Yates***



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## A VIEW FROM THE DIOCESE



In Salisbury, *Sarum Lights* has become firmly established as part of many people's pre-Christmas ritual. For one week the Cathedral hosts a stunning immersive display. Its vaults, arches, and walls become the screens upon which a bewitching sequence of images and animations are shown. Dinosaurs have lumbered along the aisles; whales have leapt in the nave; the glories of Renaissance art have lit up the transepts. The building has been filled with people, young and old, many of them visiting the Cathedral for the first time. In 2025 *Sarum Lights* brought more than 13,000 visitors to the Cathedral.

Light in the darkness: that's the essence of *Sarum Lights.* The projections would not work on balmy August evenings. It's only in the gloom of the approaching winter that they can be seen. The colours and shapes prompt the warmth of a shared experience. The *Lights* beget light. Cameras are held aloft; children gasp in amazement; families chat about what they've seen over cups of hot chocolate. And the night-time streets are busy – after hours, for this one week, the city comes to life, and its shops, pubs and cafés thrive. Light in the darkness: dazzling images, the joy of human company, the bustle of the lively thoroughfares. In the light of *Sarum Lights* we see such light.

November offers so many moments to enjoy the thrilling sight of light in the darkness. A sparkler twirled on Guy Fawkes Night, perhaps, or a candle lit in memory of the fallen, or a brooch of bright red petals worn in the autumn mist and drizzle.

For in reimagining light in the darkness *Sarum Lights* is only catching up with what our culture and our Church have done at this time of year for many centuries. October ends with All Souls, and with the opportunity to light candles and remember those we love but see no longer. Then November opens with All Saints, when we honour those women and men of faith whose lives have shone brightly in their generation (at the Cathedral, Bishop Karen will present the Cross of St Aldhelm to those who have served our Diocese with distinction – whose light has guided, helped, and enabled many others to flourish). Remembrancetide follows. The scarlet of our poppies glows against the often-solemn tones of military uniforms and winter overcoats, recalling us to the sacrifice made by many in service of the liberty we enjoy.

These weeks lead us to the end of the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The infant who is greeted as '*a light to reveal you to the nations'* is acclaimed as the universal Lord, to whom all things are subject. Our *Lights* may beget further light, but at our year's end we are reminded that it is Christ's light that illuminates all things. '…*In your light shall we see light'*, as the Psalmist puts it. Only in Christ are our eyes truly opened, and in Christ there is no darkness at all.
Light in the darkness. Hope renewed at the end of a challenging year.

***Nicholas Papadopulos, Dean of Salisbury***

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# WEST MOORS

# HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

This month we have a rest from our illustrated talks, instead hosting our annual Award Lunch for the cup and trophy winners of the Spring and Summer Shows.

However, here is a date for busy December diaries:

**Monday 14th December Talk**
**"Making the Most of your Garden"**
**by Simon Goldsack.**
2.30pm West Moors Memorial Hall.
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# LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 2026

| Date | 1st Reading | 2nd Reading | Gospel |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Saints Day<br>1st November | Revelation 7<br>9-17 | 1 John 3<br>1-3 | Matthew 5<br>1-12 |
| Wednesday<br>4th November | Philippians 2<br>12-18 | | Luke 14<br>25-33 |
| Remembrance<br>Sunday 8th Nov | Amos 5<br>18-24 | 1 Thessalonians<br>4 13-18 | Matthew 25<br>1-13 |
| Wednesday<br>11th November | Titus 3<br>1-7 | | Luke 17<br>11-19 |
| 2nd before advent<br>Sunday 15th Nov | Zephaniah 1<br>7, 12-18 | 1 Thessalonians<br>5 1-11 | Matthew 25<br>14-30 |
| Wednesday<br>18th November | Revelation 4<br>1-11 | | Luke 19<br>11-28 |
| Christ the King<br>Sunday 22nd Nov | Ezekial 34<br>11-16,20-24 | Ephesians 1<br>15-23 | Matthew 25<br>31-46 |
| Wednesday<br>25th November | Revelations 15<br>1-4 | | Luke 21<br>12-19 |
| Advent<br>Sunday 29th Nov | Isaiah 64<br>1-9 | 1 Corinthians 1<br>3-9 | Mark 13<br>24-37 |

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# FUTURE EVENTS:

**13th November – Friday Night Bingo - organiser and caller Louise Collins**
Start time 6.30pm for 7pm.
Raffle

**5th December – Christmas Bazaar**
10am until 12 noon

**23rd January 2027 -Quiz night.**
**Quiz Master Steve Yeates**
7pm Start
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If you have any events that you would like to put forward or see in our church next year, please contact Karen Short 07701365892 or email kac2193@gmail.com

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***Dr. Ruth Bancewicz;*** *Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge*



## God of the mountains, God of the valleys

*Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone ... The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment… Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?*

Job 38:4–7, 14, 16 (NIV)

These verses from the biblical book of Job focus on the Earth, from the top of the highest mountains to the deepest valleys of the sea floor. Job used to have a very comfortable life, but lost everything: health, children, and much of his property. He can see no obvious reason for this terrible turn of events, so he demands an answer from God, asking "What have I done to you…? Why have you made me your target?"

There is no direct reply to Job's question, but instead a long conversation with his friends who assume (wrongly) that he must be being punished for doing something very bad. When God finally speaks, He draws Job's attention to his surroundings. The sun, moon and stars, the immensity of land and sea, the creatures that inhabit them, and the processes that produce weather are a wonderful display of God's creative power. God is the origin and sustainer of all these things, and they are far beyond anything humankind could produce, fully understand or imagine – even today.

The things we do know about the processes described in Job can help us appreciate how marvellous they are. Mountains are produced by the movement of the Earth's rocky crust over great periods of time. Erosion by weathering or glaciers then grinds down those rocks to produce the mineral component of soil.

Considering the wider perspective of creation can help restore our sense of who we are, who God is, and where we fit into His purposes. God speaks to Job in the midst of his suffering, lifting his eyes to the power and creativity of his Maker. Only after this theology lesson are Job's practical needs addressed. What will life be like for us over the coming months? A constant check on our own thinking – reminding ourselves of the bigger picture of God's plans and purposes – might be just what we need to help us keep going.



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**MU theme for 2026 – "Join US and JOIN IN".**

**Our next meeting is on November 16th at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.**

This will be a Discussion evening when I hope everyone will bring ideas for next year's programme.

*'Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness'*

I love the autumn, perhaps because I was born in September. I so enjoy seeing the trees and shrubs display such wonderful colours and although those leaves will fall, in Spring there will be new green shoots, the cycle of life once more repeats itself. Thank you to everyone who came to our recent Coffee Morning, our final fundraiser of the year; once again we were able to add money for the 'pot' which at the end of the year we will allocate to various projects. One of these provides Christmas presents to children who have a parent in prison.

You will be reading this in November so not too early to mention Christmas. I am told Christmas cakes and puddings should be made by now. It has been several weeks since Christmas cards and decorations appeared in Supermarkets, Garden Centres and Charity shops.

We are all pruning our Christmas card list due to postage costs but do consider people who live alone and look forward to cards arriving. We should also think of all the families that at this time have very little cash to buy extra at Christmas particularly those things that their children have put in their letter to Santa. Finally we should also include in our prayers at this time rough sleepers and the Charities that try to provide shelter and Christmas lunches for them.

On November 25th it is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

***GOD, we cry to you for justice for women and girls;***

***help us to dig out the roots of gender based violence and discrimination;***

***inspire us to break down the structures that***

***silence and disempower women***

***and make us united in condemning abuse, in all its forms.***

Love and Blessings to you all

***Mary Hurdley***

# St Mary's CE First School & Nursery

# Harvest Service

St Mary's CE First School and Nursery held its annual Harvest Festival on Thursday 8 October 2026 at St Mary's Parish Church, and it was a tremendous success.

The church was filled to the brim, with standing room only, as families, friends and members of the local community came together to celebrate. The children sang beautifully and delighted everyone with their enthusiasm and confidence, making it a memorable experience.

A wonderful collection of harvest donations was also received. The school is extremely grateful for the kindness and generosity shown by families and the wider community.

Don't forget our wonderful Christmas Fair is taking place on Friday 27th November at West Moors Memorial Hall!

# LEST WE FORGET

***Rev Paul Hardingham***




*'In Flanders' fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place:*

*and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.'*

This is the first verse of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. It soon came to symbolise the sacrifice of all who died in World War One. Today, the poppy remains an important symbol of all those who have sacrificed their lives in conflicts over the years. But why do we remember them?

*'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.'* (Micah 4:3). Writing 700 years before Christ, Micah spoke at the time when Samaria was captured due to the invasion of Assyria. However, he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations would come together in peace rather than war. His words are fulfilled in the kingdom of God established by Jesus.

Our understanding of *peace* is more than simply the absence of conflict. It is about building relationships between people, communities and nations, founded on love and justice for all. As we remember those who have died in war, we should look practically at how we can build such relationships, beginning with our own families, colleagues and neighbours. *'We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.'* (Micah 4:5). Let us ask God's Spirit to make us people of peace, justice and compassion for today's world.

***'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:***

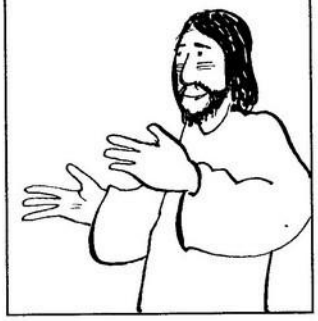
***Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.***

***At the going down of the sun and in the morning***

***we will remember them.'***

# The gardener and the Vine

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS





ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL ABOUT A GARDENER.

THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS TO CARE FOR THE VINES





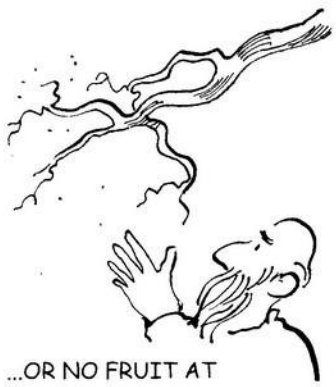
HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH BRANCH CAREFULLY..

... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.

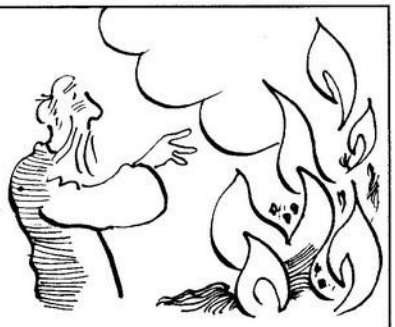


IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD FRUIT...





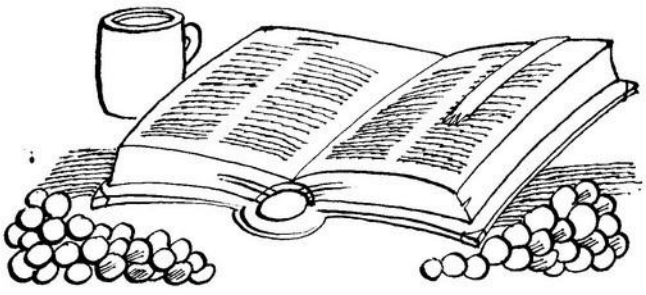
...OR NO FRUIT AT ALL...



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JESUS WANTED HIS FRIENDS TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS - THAT'S LIKE THE VINE BEARING GOOD FRUIT.





YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.

## GENERAL SYNOD OPENS – FOR THE 11TH TIME

There is a new General Synod beginning this month. Its term will run from 2026 to 2031.

It is the 11th since the first General Synod began in 1970, following the Synodical Government Measure of 1969.

The new General Synod has lots to debate and decide. Here are just some key issues:

*Identity and relationships:* Since the conclusion of the formal Living in Love and Faith (LLF) programme, new consultative groups will manage the work regarding same-sex relationship and marriage guidance.

*Clergy care:* There is a growing concern for the wellbeing of our clergy. It is felt they need stronger support packages, better pensions and improved care for themselves.

*Safeguarding* is still a top priority. The new General Synod will discuss and implement the strict new Clergy Conduct Measures (CCM) and responses to independent safeguarding recommendations.

*Social & Environment:* These problems are still growing, and so debates will address achieving net-zero carbon goals, protecting nature on church land, and reducing the polarisation in our society.

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The vicar's alternative to traditional after-service coffee was having a dramatic effect on male church attendance

**SMILE!**

**What bishops do!**

A church was celebrating its 100th anniversary, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance.

At one point, the Vicar had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, 'Does anyone know what the bishop does?'

There was silence. Finally, one little boy ventured: "Isn't he the one who moves diagonally?"

***FROM THE SIDELINES at ST MARY'S***

***Louise Collins, Stuart Stebbing***

*Church Wardens*

***Debbie Brown***

*Assistant Wardens*

Loving God, Loving West Moors

As I sit in the back room looking out in the garden I am reminded how quickly the weather changes. After our long, hot summer that didn't want to end we are now feeling the colder mornings and shorter days. As a church we are preparing for the autumn having celebrated Harvest Festival followed by a Harvest service for pre-school then St Mary's First School all in the same week!
This year we take a break from tradition by sending all the gifted produce to Pinehurst Community Church where they have the facilities to manage and distribute food contributions.

We have two new servers: one for the 8am services one for the 10am services. We welcome them both as they take their positions in the holiest part of the church – the Sanctuary. All servers have accepted God's calling to assist the Vicar and priests in their church.

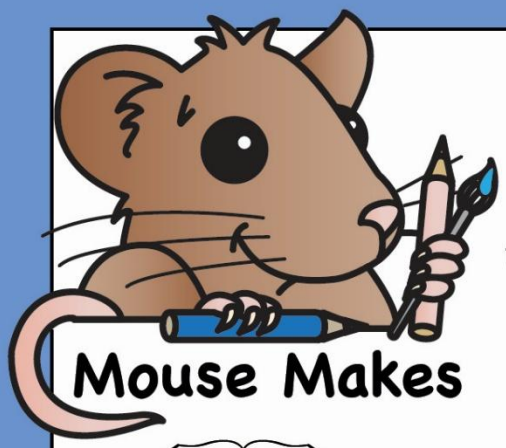
St Mary's church has undergone significant repairs over the last few months. The roof has been repaired and the electrics have been replaced ahead of the scheduled time. Many thanks to all those involved.

Our social events have flourished: Tea @3 and the Saturday Community Breakfast welcome many people from the local community achieving our objective of reaching out to the wider population of West Moors and beyond. Similarly we had a Barn Dance in the Memorial Hall and Bourne2Sing Male Voice Choir in church both enthusiastically supported. We also enjoy a tribute to Dylan Thomas in the hall on 31st October. In November we have a return to Bingo night run by Louise that is always entertaining. Thank you to all who prepare and support these and many other events over the year. Our Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday 5th December 10am to 12 noon.

Over the past month we have celebrated parishioners who had significant 70th and 80th anniversaries 70th and 80th birthdays in church with the obligatory card and cake. With so many people willing to sign their card creates warmth and happiness to the recipient. I hear on the grapevine a 90th birthday is imminent. We have parishioners who live a long, Christian and faithful life AMEN.

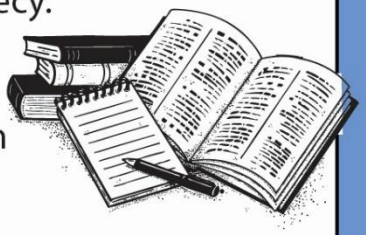
Valerie has organized rehearsals with the extended choir for Advent and pre- Christmas evening services. We welcome anyone who is interested joining us to come along, rehearsals are 1-2pm Thursdays in the hall.

Rev'd Jeff has introduced two Alpha courses (afternoon and evening) attracting a significant attendance. West Moors Middle School has expressed an interest how to interact with our church. St Mary's First School choir are enthusiastically engaged with Jeff and Paul as we look forward to their contribution in the weeks to come.
Loving God; Loving West Moors ***Stuart***




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1. How many books are there in the New Testament?



2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?



3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

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*Hebrews 4:12*




4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.



5. The first book of the Bible.



6. God's word is like?

A _ _ _ _

and a _ _ _ _ _

*Psalm 119:105*

8. The last book in the Bible.



9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.



11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?



13. The Bible is also known as the

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of God.

*Hebrews 4:12*

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman





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