

**THE BENEFICE MAGAZINE
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PIMPERNE, STOURPAINE
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Priest in Charge: Reverend Belinda Marflitt

BENEFICE NEWS

The decision to start the Benefice News again and distribute it online was to ensure that we were not putting our delivery teams at risk and to give us the opportunity to be able to update news quickly without the concerns of print deadlines and costs. It would be great to have news to put into the magazine particularly as there are few events taking place in the villages at the moment.

If you have any news then please send it to Judy on dpsbenefice@gmail.com. If there are any images that you need to be included then please send them to me as separate files. I look forward to including the news and hopefully being able to go back to our usual routine in the next few months.

NEXT EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE

Items for inclusion in the October/November edition should be passed to your parish representatives by
20th Dec 2020.

Durweston & Bryanston - Emma Corry, emmacorry26@aol.com
Pimperne - Vacancy .

Stourpaine - Ms Judith Jakes (0330 113 9805) or email dpsbenefice@gmail.com

If there is anything that you would like to see included, have any comments on our magazine or would like to place an advert in one of our forthcoming editions, please contact the Editor - Judith Jakes on 07957607111 or dpsbenefice@gmail.com.

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Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God. Matthew 5:9

There is a story that comes from the Middle East and is a sort of parable such as the ones that Jesus told. (This version of the story comes from Barnabas in Schools)

Once upon a time there was a rich man who lived in the deserts of the Middle East. You could tell how rich he was because of all that he owned and especially how many camels belonged to him. In fact, he was so rich that he owned not two, not four, not eight, not 16... but 17 camels!

He had led a peaceful and prosperous life and so when he was very old, he wrote his will, explaining how he intended to leave his belongings and share them with his son, his grandson and his nephew.

The terms of the will were these:

- one half of his riches should go to his son;
- one third should go to his grandson
- and one ninth of his wealth should go to his nephew.

This seemed fair.

Soon after this the rich man died. Now when it came time to dividing up the camels according to the will, the three beneficiaries ran into a problem.

If half the camels were given to the son, then he should get eight-and-a-half camels, which would mean one camel would have to be killed and shared.

If a third of the camels were given to the grandson, that would mean again killing a camel so he could get five and two thirds!

And when it came to the nephew, there was no way he could get his share unless another camel was killed and shared.

The three of them became frustrated and soon got very angry with each other. They shouted and quarrelled and argued and even threatened to go to war over the camels. Secretly they began gathering their weapons and plotting their battle campaigns.

Nearby there lived a very poor man who owned only one camel. Although he was poor and seemed to have no influence, he still felt he should do something to help. He wanted to stop war breaking out between the members of the rich man's family. He wanted to be a peacemaker. But what could he do?

He decided to offer his one and only camel into the rich man's inheritance to help sort out the problem. It was a huge sacrifice. The inheritance now consisted of 18 camels.

The three sat down and did the calculations:

Half of 18 would go to the son, so he took nine camels.

One third of 18 would go to the grandson so he took six camels.

And one ninth of 18 would go to the nephew, so he took two camels. After each had taken his allotted number, to their great surprise there was one camel left over!

The poor man received his camel back! He had made peace by his willingness to give up all he had, and it had made all the difference and he had not lost out in the end!

How might we be like the poorer man and support the growth of peace around us?

Taken from

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Make me a channel of Your peace
 Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love
 Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
 And where there's doubt, true faith in You' Prayer of St Francis
 Nicola Coupe – Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education Advisory Team
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Open the book

Open the Book has now been going into Pimperne and Durweston Schools for eighteen months and we have been encouraged by the response and support that we have had from the children and staff of both Schools.



For those who may not be familiar, Open the Book is a simple and accessible way of sharing Bible stories by acting them out to children between the ages of four and eight, using the Lion Storyteller Bible written by Bob Hartman, an excellent and internationally known children's story teller.

Starring

- Narrator – Fran
- Mary – Jacqui
- Joseph – John
- Priest – Barry
- Jesus – Peter

And all was going swimmingly until..... Covid-19.
 For most of 2020, of course, schools have been closed, and now that they are open again, it is not possible visit them. Neither can we get together physically to rehearse.
 So the team has built on the success of our weekly benefice Zoom services, and has started to produce Zoom recordings,

with each 'actor' recording their parts in their own home. This is quite time-consuming, but in July we produced our first recording, the story of Jesus as 'The Boy in the Temple' when He was 12 years old. This was very well received by the schools, where it was shown to many of the small class groups, probably reaching more children than when we were live!
 We are now working on our next Zoom production, 'Jesus is Baptised', which will hopefully reach schools in November.
 Whether 'live', or on Zoom, preparing these playlets for our schoolchildren is great fun. If you would like to join us, please contact Belinda.

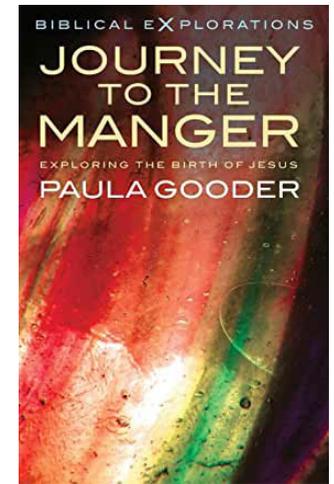
Revd Belinda Marflitt & Barry Torrance

Advent Course 2020

Every year we hear the wonderful Christmas story - read from the Bible, or maybe in Nativity plays. We sing Christmas carols which also tell the story. But how well do we really know the story? We hear it in fragments as we follow the lectionary each year. So, over five weeks - three before Christmas and two after - we will hear it in full, along with prophecies and some Old Testament stories, which the Gospel writers would have known, and which inspired their telling the story of the Early Life of Jesus. We will have time to think about and consider these events.

We will meet on zoom on Mondays 23rd & 30th November, Wednesday 9th December; Mondays 11th January and 1st February. It will be 2-4pm - bring a cup tea/coffee and cake!

Recommended reading is: Paula Gooder - 'Journey to the Manger'. If you would like to participate please contact Belinda - beneficerevb@outlook.com.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR
Each day add an item to the box and then donate to a food bank or a family in need.

THE MAD HOUSE
www.muginthepadhouse.com

I know that we are being encouraged to support the Blandford Food Bank, but the idea of a Reverse Advent Calendar seems to be an excellent way to prepare for Christmas. If we start on Sunday 13th November and place items in the box for the next 25 days then there will be a fantastic Food box for a family.

Please consider including some treats in the box as well the essentials and try not to include nuts or nut based products.

Please ensure that the items are tinned or dried goods and not fresh vegetables.

SERVICE NOTICES

Sunday Services for 8th to 29th November 2020

Date	Time	Service	Location
Remembrance Sunday 8th	10 am	Remembrance Service	Zoom
	10:50 am	Act of Remembrance	Holy Trinity Stourpaine
	10:50 am	Act of Remembrance	St Peter, Pimperne
	10:50 am	Act of Remembrance	St Nicholas, Durweston
15th	9:30am	Morning Service	Zoom
Christ the King 22nd	9:30am	Morning Service	Zoom
Advent Sunday 29th	9:30am	Morning Service	Zoom

Weekly Services November 2020

Day	Time	Service	Location
Monday	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom *
Wednesday	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom *
Thursday	10 - Noon	Church Open – Private Prayer	All churches
	5pm	Evening Prayer (Said)	Streamed from Holy Trinity, Stourpaine
Friday	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom *
Sunday	9:30 am	Morning Service	Zoom *
	11am-4pm	Church Open Private Prayer	All churches

**+++ Please note Services and times have changed due to changing Covid-19 Restrictions +++
December's services will be announced as soon as possible, depending on Covid-19 developments**



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BENEFICE WEATHER

RAINFALL - September/October 2020
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2020	Over the last 57 Years		
September	Highest	Lowest	Average
1.6 in(39.9 mm)	8.01 in(203 mm) 1976	0.34 in(8.6 mm) 2003	2.79 in(70.9 mm)

September Comment: A pretty dry month with 17 consecutive “zero rain” days and 36 of our 39mm falling in the last week. All told a good inch less than the long term average. Lawn grass has slowed down a little but apple and pear trees are showing good crops, some of which the wasps have been spoiling. Regrettably our local Bambi has returned to take his pick of the early autumn rose shoots. Drat him!

October	Highest	Lowest	Average
6.7in(170.9mm)	8.7 in(221 mm) 1976	0.31 in(7.9 mm) 1969	3.87 in(98.5 mm)

October Comment: Double the average rainfall and only 8 “zero” days in the month; definitely a soggy feeling. Added to which the winds associated with French met office storm Alex at the beginning of the month and Irish met office storm Aiden at the end made for some bracing conditions particularly if one was on the coast. Needless to say some trees have lost all their autumn coloured leaves whilst others - beeches in particular still have leaves and are still to develop their full autumn palette.



Thanks to Mike Warren from Lazerton Farm for these Autumn Photos

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The Letter Link

Members of St Peters Pimperne have been writing letters and cards to Pimperne school. They are stories about things that happened when they were children in the 1940's, 50's and 60's. The letters have been laminated to make them cleanable and taken to school. A copy of the letters have been displayed over the Easter Garden collage in St Peters. This collage was made by the school Craft Club ready for Easter but never finished. The back drop shows the 'hill far away' with the cross and the cave with the stone rolled away. We look forward to next Easter with hope and prayers that we will be able to welcome the children back into Church again. This project is ongoing and I would welcome more stories to take to school.

Please contact Jacqui Torrance 01248 480713 or 07950 753320.



The Food Bank

It is really important that we continue to support the food bank at this time, dry goods and tinned food gratefully received. Rather than putting the items in the plastic bins at the back of the church as normal, could I ask that you to save your donated items up, put them in a bag and deliver them to the Vicarage. I will ensure the food bank receives your donation. If you are unable to deliver them to the Vicarage, please contact me. Belinda

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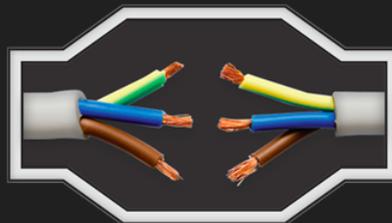
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If you would like to promote an event on the website, please contact: Catherine Kene – Web-

site Co-ordinator Tel: 01258 446466 Email: catherinekene@gmail.com

Stourpaine Tennis Club news.

Well, what a year we have had so far. When lockdown happened back in March, courts were closed nationwide. The government soon recognised however, that exercise is important and tennis is one of the less risky sports, as it is naturally socially distanced. Gradually, in line with LTA guidance, the committee have worked hard to deal with changing protocols and ensure safe practice so the courts could open throughout the summer and since.



The planned tournaments, social events and league competitions had to be cancelled unfortunately but members' sessions on Sunday mornings, Wednesday mornings and (until November) Thursday evenings, have recommenced, with careful monitoring. In fact, the courts have been well-used throughout this time, with new people joining and members encouraged to arrange plenty of games with people they had not played with before.

The Dorset Winter League has just started, with a mixed team entry. Coaching is running for Juniors on a Saturday morning and Adults on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. For more information email club coach Simon Kevern of Blandford Tennis Academy: blandfordtennis@hotmail.co.uk

New members are always welcome and there are discounted rates for joining mid-year. Contact Membership Secretary Felicity Cox on 01258 454840 / email: stourpainetennisclub@gmail.com

For more information see our website: www.stourpainetennisclub.org
The AGM will be held by Zoom for the first time ever, at 7.30pm on Monday 16th November 2020. If you wish to "attend", please email stourpainetennisclub@gmail.com. We are looking for new committee members so if you might be interested in contributing to this active and worthwhile club do let us know.

Well anything could happen between penning this piece and publication but here is hoping that tennis can continue!

Sam Harriskine
Secretary STC



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STOURPAINE FRIDAY CLUB

The club is not going on at the moment however we are looking at ways to keep in touch with you all during this time. We have a great team of volunteers but if anyone would like to come and help or like more information then please contact Judith Jakes on 07957607111 for more details.

STOURPAINE GARDENING CLUB

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