



A Time to Remember

Fiona Hall

November is a time of remembering. With All Soul's, Guy Fawkes and Remembrance Day we are given a lot of time to look back and remember key historical events and key people

in our lives.

But remembering is not always easy, it can open old wounds and churn up feelings and thoughts we'd rather left still, and we can be left feeling like autumn trees battered by the wind, and groaning with the strain and loss of all their beauty.

During our lives we will all experience some losses;

some will be small and others huge. They will include things like death, illness, and broken trust, family breakup, leaving home, loss of a pet or a change of job, a new home, failed tests or a loss of financial security.

And each grief is like a weight, where even the little griefs and disappointments can build up inside us, tucked away in the attics of our minds, yet still hurting and weighing us down.

November is then a good time to have a look at our grief and all our disappointments and losses, and to sift through those memories, however painful it may be.

Remembering that as we do so, God, who is the God of all comfort, will comfort us in all our afflictions, hold us in our numbness and exhaustion, steady us in our rage, and still us with his love. Until, like the autumn trees, we see past the winter of grief to the

Ann Onymus



*This month's cover picture:
St Mary the Virgin, Charminster
home of the Rural Dean, Rev. Janet Smith*

Did You Know?

RAB Butler was born in Attock Serai, Attock in India (now in Punjab, Pakistan) to Sir Montagu Sherard Daves Butler and his wife, Anne Gertrude (née Smith). His maternal uncles were Charles Aitchison Smith, Sir George Adam Smith and Sir James Dunlop Smith. His sister was Iris Mary Butler, who became Iris Portal upon her marriage. Her elder daughter is Jane Williams, Baroness Williams of Elvel, the mother of Justin Welby.

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Amy's Antics



Let Everything that has
breathe Praise the Lord! –
Yes dogs included!

We recently had a Songs of
Praise at St George's, and I
gather they raised the roof
with their singing. I could

certainly hear it from the vicarage, and saw the happy faces
that came out! Including the visiting poodle's.

Having a good sing is healthy, and singing praises to God
is even better, it fills the lungs with fresh air, gives hope to
the heart and lightens the spirit.

So when did you last have a good sing? And where were
you?

If you haven't sung in a while, with Christmas coming and
all those carols to sing – you'd better get some practice in.
So lift up your heart and voice and sing away, in the
shower, in the car, out walking the dog, or in the pew!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Christmas Day Lunch at St George's

This year will be organised by Val Scriven and helpers,
please contact Val if you can help or would just like to
attend.

Anyone can come (within reason) not just St George's
people and not just people on their own, it couples
wanted to come that would be fine.

If people get in touch with Val in Church at Lunch Club
or on 01305 265177. We shall have to restrict it a bit but
will see what response we get.

Altar Flowers in October/ November

Given by Ron & Dorothy Huxley birthday memory of
James Huxley 31.10.1902

Given by Dick Patterson in memory of Ros Patterson

Given by Brian Elton birthday memories for wife Patricia

Given by Ann Harris memories of husband Percy

The Night Sky

One dark night the little four year old was watching a
plane moving across a clear sky. As it disappeared, he
heaved a sigh of relief and said, "Whew, I am never going
to be a pilot." His surprised mother asked him why not.
"Because," he replied wisely, "How hard would it be to
steer around all those stars."

A Poem

We are born and in that have no say
Seeking loving kindness come what may
Through this troubled world we make our way
We have our being we live each day

Ken Howard

How's Your General Knowledge?

October is my daughter's wedding anniversary month and
the children spent the weekend with us. It can be
challenging and one realises the need to keep up with
everything including geography, music and now sport.

First I was tested on the capitals of the world, bit worrying
when a 6 year old knows the capital of Zimbabwe, you
think you know it till you're asked. The games whilst
driving round France in the summer had moved on from I
Spy to Capitals (spare me).

Next it was general knowledge of sorts. Music was pretty
grim too, did not even know the group never mind the
song. We struggled through famous tennis players then
Rocco who has now become a sports fan at 8 was in his
element when we got to football – I was still in the David
Beckham age!! Long gone I now realise.

My failure resulted in an evening of ripping, cutting, and
the using-up of a whole roll of cello-tape and all the paper
in my printer. Eventually I was presented with a goalpost
with a flag on, telling me who the best player in the world
is, someone called Messie? Poor Grandma had not even

heard of him. Did not do too well on motor racing either – I have much to learn...

Wedding flowers for Heather & Mark Jones (19th October)



A Poem for All Souls Day

On All Souls Day, we remember all those we have loved and lost:



Do you remember this? St George's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Brian Knowles

My earthly father was an Independent Methodist minister. During his training he had bought books that explained the meaning and the then social structure

for each Book in our Bible. They contained beautiful colour pictures of the Holy Land which I never tired of looking at; but was allowed to do so only after first washing my hands.

Until circa the 1970s air-travel was only for the rich or famous so as a young lad I never dreamed of actually going there. Since then air-travel has become relatively inexpensive and many people across our socio-economic society use it for foreign holidays. In 1993 Pam

Montgomery organised a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for principally members of St George's, though several of our friends also came along. The photo shows our group at Ceasarea Philippi where in fact St Peter first declared Jesus as the "Son of God".

From my own perspective at the time the visit was far from a religious experience, because for example sites of the Ascension, the transfiguration and even the Crucifixion etc were first identified some 300 years later by the newly converted Roman Emperor Constantine and his mother Helen.

Others have since suggested radically different locations for the same events. Nevertheless, the legacy for me is that Gospel-readings now become 'alive' by being set in their proper context.

Since our pilgrimage the St G's originals have become fewer on the ground, but those of us still here can recommend the visit to younger members of the congregation. However, Jewish building on the West Bank was then far less confrontational, and with the Land relatively more peaceful our visit was much safer than it would be now. On this train of thought, no earthly possession is given to us for perpetuity, but (like a pint of beer) leased for the good we can make of it.



St Mary the Virgin The Open Door



November Service Dates

Saturday 2nd November – All Souls
9.30am – Requiem Mass

Rosemary
Bassett

Sunday 3rd November – All Saints

8am – Mass

9.45am – Sung Eucharist

12noon – Baptism of Jack Hill

6.00pm – Taize service.

3pm – **BENEFICE All Souls service at St George's**

Sunday 10th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent
(Remembrance Sunday)

8am – Mass

9.45am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 17th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

8am – Mass

9.45am – Sung Eucharist

2.00pm – Baptism

6.30pm – **BENEFICE Choral Evensong at St Peter's**

Sunday 24th November – Christ the King

8am – Mass

9.45am – Sung Eucharist

12oclock – Baptism of Charlie Kerslake

Weekday Mass on Tuesdays at 9.30am and also on
Festivals.

The Contemplative prayer group will meet each
Wednesday at 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and
at the Quiet Space at 7.30pm on 14th & 28th November

Other Events Coming Up

Monday 4th November – The Church Council meets at
7.30pm after Mass at 7pm

Saturday 16th November – St Mary's quiz, in the hall at 7
o'clock. There will be a ploughman's supper but please
bring your own drinks. Teams of 6; £5 a head

Monday 18th November – The Monday Club will meet
from 2.30-4.00pm in the church hall in Alexandra Rd
when Carol Stephens will be returning to tell us about her
Baltic Cruise. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Thursday 28th November 10am-12 – Church cleaning

Saturday 30th November at 7.30pm. Dorchester Choral
Concert

Important Dates in December

Sunday 22nd December – At 6pm a Candlelit Traditional
Nine Lessons & Carol Service followed by Mince Pies &
Mulled Wine.

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4pm – CRIB service with Christingle.

10.30pm – Carol Singing followed at 11pm by Midnight
Mass.

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

9.45am – Sung Eucharist.

The Licensing of Revd Patrick King

Adrian
Downton

We gathered outside St Mary's
Church and climbed aboard the two
minibuses provided by Dorset Cars.

The journey to Wokingham was
smooth despite the heavy traffic north of Southampton.

We stopped briefly at Winchester services and then
arrived in good time to look at the very modern setting of
Woosehill Community Church, recently established with
the Methodists, where Patrick will spend part of his time.
He will also work with the congregation of St Paul's
Wokingham with its Anglo-Catholic tradition.

The bishop of Oxford led the clergy into a filled church.
It was good to see Rosemary Bassett, Jane Culliford, Alan
Woods and John Good among those robed. After
welcoming those present the bishop explained the format
of the evening. Patrick greeted his family, friends from
Dorchester and his new parishioners. In his usual way he
joked that the large group from Dorchester had come to
make sure he really had gone!

There was no organ or piano but a band of quite young
people playing guitars, saxophone, clarinets and drums.
They set a cracking pace and the popular hymns were sung
with sincerity and gusto.

The licensing was carried out with simplicity and meaning.
The loud support for Patrick was a genuine reflection of
our affection for a young man following his journey from
us to new pastures. We all applauded with enthusiasm
when Patrick was presented to us.

The Eucharist followed, celebrated by Bishop Andrew,
and smooth organisation ensured a dignified conclusion.

St Mary the Virgin



The hymn sung during the Communion made me think of our church community in Dorchester –

We are pilgrims on a journey
And companions on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

The service ended with the bishop giving God's blessing to us all and the singing of a well chosen hymn, "Hope of our calling". Rev Patrick proclaimed the Dismissal and we then enjoyed chatting to his new parishioners while enjoying an excellent buffet provided by the Woosehill congregation, something which was much appreciated after our long journey.



The photograph shows some of the Dorchester group with Patrick. As one churchwarden said as we left, "We'll look after him" and we realised that he will be in good hands.

A Letter from Paddy

Dear friends,

I am now happily settled in my new home in Wokingham, and have had my first week - straight in to all the excitement of parish life. It was good to have a break in between; giving me the chance to get properly settled in

the house and to get to know the local area, but I'm now very glad to have started!

I'd like to thank all of you, who made my time in Dorchester so formative - things I learned and relationships I forged will stay with me throughout my ministry. The send-off was particularly kind, and I was touched by all of you who came to my 'last supper' and then on the Sunday morning to say goodbye. It was wonderful to see people from all around the benefice come to see me off.

After long and careful consideration, I decided the good folk of Wokingham probably wouldn't appreciate me getting my money's worth out of a golf club membership(!) so your very kind cheque went on a new leather sofa for my living room. Do drop in and inspect it if you are passing!

Huge thanks also to all those who made the journey up to Berkshire for my licensing service. I found it to be an extremely moving and uplifting service, and it all passed in somewhat of a blur - but I was so grateful for all the familiar faces who turned up to support. Thanks to you, my new parishioners are under the impression I'm their 'new popular young vicar'...

It is always with mixed emotions that one moves on, but my time in Dorchester was one of immense growth and you are all in my prayers. Do please keep praying for me!

Yours in Christ,

Paddy

The Rev'd Patrick S King

Sanctuary Lamp Candles

3rd Given by Cyril Treviss in memory of his wife Joan whose years mind falls on 2nd November.

10th Given by Ellie Stephens in memory of Irene Keir, Tom Baker (priest) and Marie Baker whose years mind falls at this time.

17th Given by Di House in memory of her brother Martin whose years mind falls at this time.

24th Given by Janet Comley to mark family birthdays.

Jean
Lang

AGMs (Annual General meetings) are not known for being inspiring. However I was invited to one last month which really was and sent me home enthused by what the Charity was doing and what was planned. It was the AGM of the Dorset Youth Association (now in its 70th year). Originally founded to support Youth Clubs and Groups throughout the County (a job it still does) it has spread its wings to provide information, advice and guidance for young people (those between 13 and 25) and to give support to families with young people who are struggling.

Other than the headquarters in Lubbecke Way, "Routes" is the most visible sign of the work carried out by DYA in Dorchester. "Routes" provides advice and information for young people and works on a "drop-in" basis. This is really important as the chaotic lives that some young people lead makes an appointment system unworkable. "Routes" offers an



outreach service at both Thomas Hardy School and Kingston Maurwood College.

"Fresh Start" is another project, this works throughout the County supporting young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEETS) providing jobs skills workshops, first aid training, volunteering opportunities and sports (such as kayaking and rock climbing) all aimed at encouraging NEETS to extend their horizons and skills.

It is so important to the future that young people are enabled to make a positive contribution to their community and this is what DYA does. Have a look at its website

(www.dorsetyouth.com) to find out more (or speak to the Chairman Allen Knott or to Sue Harries who is a trustee) and if you have spare tins of food drop them off at Routes in North Square who are always in need of tins (tinned fruit/ tuna/baked beans are good since they don't need cooking) to give out to needy and hungry young people.

A Child's Imagination

Robert
Potter

On an inclement Saturday afternoon recently with one part of our family staying, our son-in-law had taken our grandson to watch Dorchester play football and the ladies had gone shopping. I was left at home to look after our little grand-daughter.

So there we were sitting on the floor, with the farm spread out to one side and the Cindy dolls the centre of attraction at that time. We sat there for over an hour during which time Natasha stopped talking only when additional concentration was needed in putting some difficult item of clothing on a doll. She kept up a running commentary.

First Cindy 1 (there are 3 of them) was going to a wedding and she and her companions (bridesmaids?) had to be dressed appropriately and walked to the wedding.

Once that scene been played out we moved to a hairdressing theme. One Cindy was the hairdresser and the other two were customers. In real life Natasha must have sat in a hairdressers and listened to and watched the activities going on with the ladies and we had what I assume (not being an habitué of ladies' salons) was a description of the normal routines. Aprons were put on the customers and they were offered various 'treatments'.



Hairdressing over, the dolls were going round the farm to see the cows and other livestock. These had been put out to graze but a thunderstorm was due and everything had to be fitted in to barns and sheds. Never mind that the Cindy horse is perhaps a hundred times bigger than a farmyard cow, the horse carried one doll round while the others (and I) moved the animals to shelter.

One item in particular played three distinct roles. This was a bag, intended to hold oats and to be hung round the horse's neck when it was hungry but it also served as the hairdresser's bag with a Cindy mirror and comb and various other small items stuffed into it and hung on the doll's shoulder. Its first role had been as the bride's bag, again carrying what the bride needed for the wedding.

What fascinated me was the vivid and varied imagination, the endless description of what was happening, the exhortations for me to do this or that and the ability to switch seamlessly from story to story. I have been party to many other play scenes with all the grandchildren as I am sure you have but now the older ones have left this stage behind. I suppose this vividly imaginative stage gets overtaken by pressures of school and of prescribed work and organised play but I hope some powers of imagination remain.

Natasha thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. I did too but was finding the pressure rather tiring so I felt some relief when eventually she asked, "Can I watch TV grandad?"

Tony
Wheeler

...No matter what the Beatles said. People get very cross with Christianity because of the religious wars – Catholics against Protestants. That was hundreds of years ago, but atheists still go on about it.

“You are supposed to be preaching – and practising – love,” they tell us. “How can you fight and torture each other?”

They have a point, of course. If there is a war, both sides do hate each other, no matter what the war is about. That is human nature. It is worse when it is Christians fighting each other, I agree, but it was too much love, not too little. Illustration :-

Suppose that Jesuits, say, had received a batch of Protestant prisoners of war. “Oh dear,” they bewailed, “Those poor people are going straight to hell if we don’t do something to stop it. We’ll have to torture them a bit.”

“Oh, surely not. That’s horrible.”

“Yes, but think. Is it not better for them to suffer a little pain here and repent of their Protestantism rather than to suffer the much worse pains of hell for ever and ever for not being Catholics?”

So they tortured them. Unfortunately, being an obstinate lot, it wasn’t just a little pain the Protestants suffered. The Jesuits were upset by the agony, especially when not a few Protestants died without recanting, and therefore the pain was wasted – but what should good Jesuits do? It was their duty to try to save these people from hell.

Some Protestants did recant, terribly damaged perhaps, but still just about alive. The Jesuits were delighted. They gave their converts a big kiss of peace, took them to church, received them back into the true faith as they themselves saw it, fed them, gave them painkillers and lots of congratulations. Then they sent for the local authorities who, by previous arrangement, did ’em in quick.

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Well, you see, who knows how deeply these Protestants had repented? There had been sad cases of ex-protestants who had been released, had gone back to their old haunts, and their old religion and, from a safe distance, had said shocking things about the kind Jesuits who had tried so hard to help them. What would happen to such when they came to die? Hell, surely, but at an even higher temperature. It was kinder far to kill them while they were still in the purity of their conversion and would go safely to heaven.

All this, as I am sure you would agree, is a strange kind of Christianity. What has gone wrong?

Before tackling this let me explain something. I have

tackled this from a Catholic, Jesuit point of view because it is easier, Jesuits being a disciplined body at that time in history. But all that I have said about the Catholic treatment of Protestants can be mirrored in a less cohesive way in the Protestant treatment of Catholics. Morally they are alike as peas in a pod.

What went wrong with both their points of view?

A little gentle dogmatic theology.

“Will it bite?”

Not that sort of dog. It is quite safe. Dogmatic Theology is Bible-based but not written in biblical-type language. It is doctrine, like the Creed.

THE VIRTUES

1. THE CARDINAL VIRTUES.

These are Justice, Temperance, Fortitude and Prudence. Pre-Christian doctrine, but accepted by theologians as correct. We are concerned with JUSTICE.

2. THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES.

These are Faith, Hope and Love. We are concerned with LOVE.

In practice you cannot have one set of virtues without the other. It is like two stories of a house. Cardinal virtues are the ground floor. Theological virtues are the upstairs.

You try building the upstairs of a house before you have built the ground floor. Disaster!

However, that is what Catholics and Protestants were doing. Love they had in plenty, but no justice underneath to support it.

God has given us free will. It is unjust not to allow people to exercise it freely. Catholics and Protestants must respect **each other’s point of view even if they do not agree with the doctrines they teach.** Otherwise they are defeating God’s intention for us to grow spiritually by learning from the decisions we make. Some of these will be mistaken. **“The person who never made a mistake never made anything.”**

To try to change a person’s mind by torture is not simply unjust. It is horribly unjust, even quite literally soul destroying. It destroys the souls both of the victims and of the torturers. It is an attempt to change God’s wonderful creation – a freely growing human soul – by turning him or her into a robot with no real free will. How unjust can you get?

There is one exception to the use of justice to protect freedom. Sometimes a baddie will use his freewill to damage another person. Then it would be unjust not to prevent him/her. An important function of justice is to protect the weak.

This is what the law is for. It is an antiseptic to protect love by keeping it just.

Libby
Bradshaw

In early October Margaret saw me wearing a fleece with 'Southwark Cursillo' embroidered on it and asked me what this was. I think what caught her eye initially was

'Southwark' as she used to live in that South London diocese! However, once I had told her what Cursillo is she asked me to share this with you in this short article. Space does not permit me to give more than the bare outline but if you would like more information please contact me on 07956 655037 or libby.bradshaw@ursa.me.uk

Cursillo, (pronounced Cur-see-yo), is 'a worldwide movement of the Church providing a method by which Christians are enabled to grow through Prayer, Study and Action and empowered to share God's love with everyone'. Its roots lie in pilgrimages to Santiago de Compostela in Spain and many of the words used by the movement are still Spanish, including 'Cursillo' which means 'short course'.

Usually people begin by taking part in a 3 day weekend pilgrimage in a community setting. This is only the beginning and as we return to our everyday life we begin what is called the 'fourth day'. Supported by fellow Christians and sustained by prayer, the sacraments, spiritual direction, and the Church's teachings we build on the weekend to grow in faith and develop our gifts as we serve God in all aspects of our life – family, workplace, church and community.

We meet regularly in small faith sharing groups of 4-5

people where we support one another on the journey. We also hold larger meetings within each diocese where Cursillo is active. This usually includes a small group meeting, a lay person's talk and clergy gospel response, sometimes within a service, followed by a bring and share meal. *Ultreya!* – the shout of pilgrims on the way to Santiago to 'keep going!' is the name given to these larger gatherings.

Cursillo has helped many people to discover the gifts they have and develop confidence in using them. One person I know who has become a care assistant since her weekend has said she has discovered what God wants her to do and received the strength to do it.

What do the leaders of the Church say about Cursillo?

Cursillo has been very powerfully used by God in the renewal of Christians and Christian communities of all styles and backgrounds. I am deeply grateful for all that has been done through its work. Rowan Williams, Former Archbishop of Canterbury

Cursillo is about making disciples; it transforms people's lives and empowers them for service. Cursillo is active within most Dioceses of this province for which I praise God. John Sentamu, Archbishop of York

Although Salisbury diocese does not have Cursillo at present there are opportunities to attend a weekend elsewhere. Southwark diocese is celebrating 25 years this year and has also included those from Exeter, Canterbury, London & Chichester dioceses in weekends.



'Land Felt' Community Project

The *South Dorset Ridgeway* is an area rich in stories, ancient sites, diverse ecology and traditional crafts. The Dorset AONB has been awarded Heritage Lottery Funding to focus on this exceptional area, stretching from Osmincton in the East to West Bexington in the West and north to Dorchester. Artsreach is an AONB partner organisation and we are seeking people interested in our community project '**Land Felt**'.

There will be a series of workshops leading participants through the processes of using dye extracted from plants growing on the Ridgeway to colour local sheep's fleece, progressing to felting the fleece creating work that reflect some of the rich cultural heritage and stories of the Ridgeway. The completed work will form part of a touring exhibition in the Spring of 2014 which will tour to 4 rural venues along the Ridgeway.

Workshops will take place in Upwey Village Hall, from Friday 4th October with Annabel Wilson leading a workshop on using natural plant dyes, with further Fri 18th Oct, Fri 1st Nov, Fri 15th Nov, Sat 18th Jan and Sat 1st Feb from 10am – 4pm.

Martinstown Village Hall will also host the '**Land Felt**' project with a series of workshops on Sundays throughout the winter commencing on 3rd Nov followed by workshops on Sun 10th Nov, Sun 24th Nov, Sun 1st Dec, Sun 12th Jan from 10am – 4pm

For further information and booking contact Artsreach 01305 269512

VIVA!, Heart and Soul and The Heavens Christmas Concert

VIVA! The Dorchester Community Choir are looking forward to their Christmas concert which this year is being held in St George's Church on Saturday 14th December at 4pm.

VIVA! has performed at St George's several times and Kathie Prince and her singers are very pleased to be back. They are a well established community choir and new members are always welcome to come along on Thursday evenings during term time at Dorchester Arts. This Christmas they are being joined at St George's by *Heart and Soul*, a new singing group formed in Poundbury earlier this year, and by Kathie's vocal quartet, *The Heavens*. There will also be the opportunity to join in with the carols we know and love.



VIVA! Heart and Soul and The Heavens Christmas Concert 14th December 2013, 4pm St George's Church, Fordington. Admission £4 (children free).

Some Creatures Great And Small

Ruth Chipp-
Marshall

In the words of Tony Hancock "A pint, that's very nearly an armful!"

As in human medicine, following an accident or illness there are rare occasions when some of our patients at the veterinary surgery would really benefit from a blood transfusion.

One such case was a small Jack Russell Terrier who had a womb infection. She had an operation to remove her womb but remained quite poorly following the operation due to her age and the size of the infection. It was soon clear that she would really benefit from a blood transfusion and the vet set about trying to find a suitable local donor as quickly as possible.

Blood typing as in human transfusions is not essential for dogs as they have a very low level of naturally occurring antibodies (unless they have had a previous transfusion) therefore making a serious reaction very unlikely. (Cats are different, and do need to be type matched before a transfusion can be given.) Luckily for the little Jack Russell, a Greyhound was found with a willing owner and a blood donation was taken and a transfusion given. She has gone on to make a very good recovery and the Greyhound turned out to be a lifesaver. Lurchers and Greyhounds are ideal breeds to donate blood as they have a naturally higher level of red blood cells than other breeds.

There is a charity called the Pet Blood Bank, based in Loughborough, which was set up in 2007 by a group called Vets Now. A change in legislation in 2005 made it possible for vets to store pet blood. Vets Now raised the funds to set up and support the Pet Blood Bank and any money raised from the sale of blood is ploughed back in to the charity to develop its work. It is the first UK charity to

collect, process, store and distribute pet blood products in the UK. They hold regular blood donor sessions and collect and store blood and blood products. Once you register your dog as a donor they would ideally like you to donate 3 to 4 times a year. Around 350 to 450mls of blood is taken each time. Any vet can buy blood from the blood bank for use in general practice.

There are certain criteria that a dog needs to meet to be suitable as a blood donor.

- 1) They should ideally be aged 1 to 8 years old.
- 2) Ideally weigh over 25kgs.
- 3) They must never have travelled abroad.
- 4) Be up to date with vaccinations.
- 5) Be generally fit and healthy and not recently been ill.
- 6) Must not be on any medication themselves.
- 7) They must never have received a blood donation themselves in the past.

Once the sample is taken, the blood is placed in a centrifuge and spun to separate its two components-red blood cells and plasma. Red blood cells are stored in a nutrient solution and held at 4 degrees C for up to 42 days. Plasma is frozen and can be stored as fresh frozen plasma for up to one year and as frozen plasma for up to 5 years. So nothing is wasted!

In general practice the blood would be collected and used immediately or could only be kept in the fridge for around 24 hours.

As I mentioned, these cases are rare, but when they do occur they need to be dealt with urgently and the success stories are very rewarding.

Ruth Chipp-Marshall is the receptionist at Fielding and Cumber Veterinary Surgeons

Trading Standards Update—Buying a Used Car



Nationally, Trading Standards receive and investigate high numbers of complaints about the motor trade, ranging from car repairs to car sales.

A few years ago, Dorset Trading Standards carried out a project checking the safety of cars for sale

across Dorset. Working with VOSA, we found that up to 15% of vehicles for sale were unroadworthy.

Coupled with this, Dorset Road Safe reports that fatalities involving young car drivers accounted for 24% of all road deaths in Britain in 2010, and nearly a fifth of all car occupants killed or seriously injured were young car drivers aged 17 to 24.

Working with the Dorset Road Safe Partnership, we developed a '50/50 car' as a tool to engage with young drivers for providing advice and education on how to buy a safe car.

The 50/50 car, a typical sporty hatchback that appeals to

younger drivers, helps them recognise what makes a car roadworthy or dangerous. A 'zip' splits the car down the middle and upon closer inspection, one side of the car is ready for the road and the other has numerous defects.

The car has been used at schools, colleges and community events across Dorset, along with Trading Standard's 'On the Road' booklet which provides a wealth of information to car buyers.

We've also developed a checklist that you can take with you to help you to narrow your choice of cars down further. It won't guarantee your next car is safe – we'd always recommend that you take someone knowledgeable with you or get an independent report on the car before you buy it – but it will help you focus in on the cars that deserve a closer look.

These resources can be found on the 'Buying a used car' pages of our website at www.dorsetforyou.com/403832

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ST PETER'S

High West Street • Dorchester



Vicar: *The Revd Vicky Thurtell* 268767
 Churchwardens: *Mr Brian Hellin* 268844
 and *Mr Mike Nisbett* 260983

Diary Dates for November

Sunday 3rd November – All Saints
 9am BCP Said Communion (said)
 1030am Sung Eucharist

Vicky
Thurtell

Sunday 10th November – Remembrance
 Sung Eucharist at 9am
 Town Cenotaph Service at 10.45

Sunday 17th November – 2 before Advent
 9am BCP Communion (said)
 1030am Sung Eucharist
 6.30pm Benefice Evensong*

Sunday 24th November – Christ the King
 9am BCP Communion (said)
 1030am Sung Eucharist
Guest preacher – The Very Revd Jonathan Draper (Dean of Exeter Cathedral)

*Please note St Peter's will host the Benefice Service this month – Evensong on Sunday 17th November 6.30pm followed by refreshments (canapés)

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 7th December 10am - 12 noon

This is our major fund raising event so please support in any way that you are able. Contributions for the following stalls would be much appreciated:

- Red and gold, blue and silver, purple and green (a chance to be imaginative!)
- Christmas produce and mince pies
- Books and men's gifts
- Raffle prizes

Come and try this year's special - our Teddy Tombola

We would also be grateful for help on the day. For any offers of help, donations or queries please contact Val Beavis (268756) or Beryl Shuttleworth (bshuttleworth04@aol.com)

Rest in Peace

God speed to beloved friends who died and whose funerals took place at St Peter's last month: Harold Swain, Elaine Jacknelle and Pat Gollodge. May they rest in peace.

Harvest

Minna
St Aubyn

12 noon on Sunday, 29th September, at St Peter's.

The noise and chatter centred around the tables arranged in front of the altar, covered with a Harvest feast, and in the pews filled with friends and neighbours and the congregation of Sung Eucharist, just finished. I'm no good at numbers, but certainly the church was crowded.



It all seemed so natural and unforced. The speed with which the drinks and food and furniture were laid out, by the orderly ranks moving chairs, tables, carrying plates, glasses, drinks, platters of food, while Vicky was still saying goodbyes at the church porch and Alan was playing his customary flamboyant finale on the organ.

For your diaries: LOOKING AHEAD...

Advent Sunday 1st December
10.30am Advent Eucharist with Christingle
6.30pm Service of Darkness to Light
Advent carols, readings and anthems
Seasonal refreshments

Saturday 7th December: Bazaar in Church
10am-12noon (see previous page)

Friday 13th December 2pm
Sunninghill School Carol Service

Thursday 19th December 7.30pm
Thomas Hardy School Carol Service
Chapel Choir

Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm
Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve 11.30pm
Midnight Mass
Choral; Candlelit; Carols; for the town

Christmas Day 10am
Christmas Eucharist
Carols and refreshments



Maureen Shaw filled people's plates with home-made lunch treats, donated by so many willing cooks as they queued up the side aisles, for first and often second helpings. Being one of the organisers, I didn't have time to stand and stare, but I was aware that no one was left standing or sitting alone. Those less able were brought their lunch and beakers of Maureen's punch to where they were sitting in the pews.



This was a splendid first for St Peter's – it was a jolly, unforced, plentiful feast, and the sight of Maureen filling doggy bags with the leftover food, and the organised gallop, led by Vicky, right at the end, to collect all the non-perishable food which had been donated and arranged so skilfully around the church, to fill up boxes for distribution. And as I left, someone had 'magicked' a table by the font with the fresh fruit and vegetables and a note saying 'help yourselves'.

The generosity was amazing - in every way. The offers of help, during and after the lunch, were just wonderful. A feast, a festival, a spiritual thank you – all in one.

St Andrew's Church West Stafford

Church Correspondent: Revd Jane Culliford



Dates for November

Nov 3 – 10am Parish Communion

Nov 9 – 2pm Baptism – Forest Pearce

Nov 10 – 10am Morning Prayer
with Act of Remembrance

Nov 17
– 10am Parish Communion
– 6.30 Benefice Evensong at St Peter's Church Dorchester

Nov 24
– 9am Holy Communion
– 10am Come and Worship

Nov 30 – St Andrew's day

Remembrance

Although now there is no one left alive who served in the Armed Forces in the Great War and fewer and fewer each year who served in the Second World War, we continue to remember those from the village who gave their lives in these wars.

On Remembrance Sunday, as part of the 10am service of Morning Prayer, there will be an act of remembrance for the four men from West Stafford – William Fowler, William Fry, Robert Birnie and Frank Barter – who died in the First World, and for Robert the son of the then Rector, Edmund Corbett-Winder who was killed in France in WWII.

We shall also remember family members of those who live in the village now who lost their lives in these conflicts and those countless millions from this and every nation who died or whose lives were drastically changed because of the injuries they sustained in war.

We thank God for the peace and freedom we enjoy today and must continue to remember the horror and great loss of life that war entails so that this peace and freedom extends into the future.



Lest We Forget.

Churchyard maintenance

At the Quinquennial inspection of the church building

and the surrounding churchyard last year, one of the issues that needed attention was the vegetation growing around the church which was blocking the gullies and also the mass of ivy brambles and branches covering the churchyard walls.

The Church Council decided to tackle the work ourselves. So, this led to a series of working parties to deal with the problems and complement the team of those who mow the churchyard and make it look tidy. The summer sun and rain meant everything particularly the wisteria around the door and brambles grew amazingly but the hard work has paid off and now the working parties can be for churchyard maintenance rather than fighting back the jungle!

Thank you to all who have given their time and energy to help – the pile of weeds and branches that have been cleared would probably reach almost to the top of the tower! I'm sure all would agree how well kept the church and churchyard look, but we know there will be more to tackle next year!

Saint Andrew

The church in West Stafford is dedicated to St Andrew whose feast day falls on the 30th November. To mark this our patronal festival the blue and white flag of St Andrew, the 'saltire', will be flying from the flagpole on the church tower on that day. This flag is seen as the Scottish national flag, as that nation, as well as Greece and Russia, share St Andrew as their patron saint with us.

If you read the account in St John's Gospel, Andrew was the first disciple Jesus called to leave his fishing net beside the Sea of Galilee and begin to 'fish for people'. Andrew called his brother Peter, who then rather eclipsed Andrew in prominence, yet Andrew was the one in the account of the feeding of the 5,000 who noticed the small boy with his loaves and fishes.

In the church at West Stafford the beautiful green altar frontal used in Ordinary time depicts St Andrew's occupation with nets and silvery fish. St Andrew died a martyr and he will be remembered by the church community who will celebrate not only by raising the flag but by sharing a meal together.

St Simon & St Jude

Winterborne Monkton

Church Correspondent: Ursula Norman



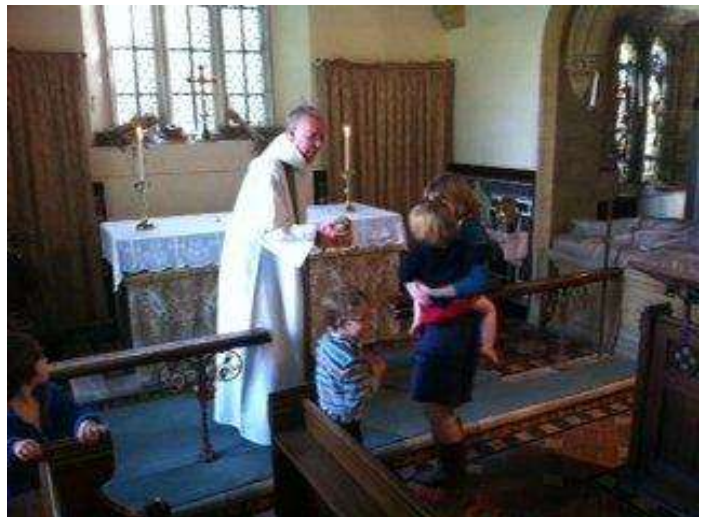
Harvest Festival

Can you get the word THANKS out of the word H-A-R-V-E-S-T? No, we couldn't either – but we were given “TA” meaning the same thing instead!

The Rev Richard Press who presided over our Harvest Festival at Monkton had the children standing out in front with large placards saying amongst others, “TA”, “STARVE” and “SHARE”, all of which you can get from the word HARVEST.

After Thomas and Stanley Hoskin had read the story of the man who built huge new barns to contain his bumper crop, Richard led us all into the theme of thankfulness and of sharing God's gifts to us so that others would not starve.

Harvest Thanksgiving is always very meaningful in a farming community, and our much enlarged congregation bore witness to this.





CHURCHES TOGETHER DORCHESTER

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Churches Together AGM

Liquorice Allsorts were the reward and discussion topic at the recent AGM of Churches Together in the Dorchester Area. We selected our favourite flavours and showed that we are all different. We can celebrate that and include everyone by providing a wide variety of flavours. It is the same with our churches, lots of styles and services on offer, surely something for everyone - but we need to take care, what about the diabetic? Do we really welcome everyone in our churches?

As well as this challenge we had reports from all our ecumenical groups and activities: Poverty Action, Christian Aid, Quiet Space, Food Bank (use has quadrupled in the past year), Ecology Group and First Dorset Credit Union. All of these showed that we are working and witnessing together to the love of God for all the people in our town and wider world.

It was agreed that we need to build a stronger executive committee to support these initiatives, with representatives from each of them and both lay and clergy representatives from each member church. If you are interested in being one of these representatives do talk to your church or group.

New County Ecumenical Officer

I am delighted that my successor as Ecumenical Officer is now beginning to make contacts and learn more about all what the job entails. I congratulate the appointing group, (which included Tess James), for their excellent choice!

The press release is below:

Churches Together in Dorset is pleased to announce that, following the retirement of Val Potter, Katja Babei has been recruited to the post of County Ecumenical Officer. Katja, a Roman Catholic lay person living in Bournemouth, previously worked for the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth as the Advisor for Marriage and Family Life, and her background includes theology, adult education and social work.

Katja will be welcomed publicly at a brief service at the beginning of the Churches Together Forum on Mission at St Nicholas Church Centre, Corfe Mullen, on 24th October.

Katja says, "I am very much looking forward to my post and the many opportunities for developing ecumenism within Dorset that it brings."

New United Church Minister

The United Church Dorchester is pleased to welcome Rev'd Peter Clark as their new United Reformed Church minister, working alongside Steph Jenner, who arrived in September. It will be good to again have ministers from both Methodist and URC traditions here in Dorchester.

Peter will be shared with the United Church Bridport. He comes to Dorset after ten years ministry in Kent and previous experience in the health service. Peter will be inducted on 16th November and both he and the United Church communities in Bridport and Dorchester are looking forward eagerly to working together.

Quiet Space

We are pleased that a few more volunteers now wish to become Companions, taking the opportunity to have a little time of peace for themselves for a few hours a month, while being available to any visitors who need to talk to someone.

We can always welcome a few more and we do need more people with practical skills and/or a willingness to roll up your sleeves and do a bit of cleaning, gardening or **maintenance of the building**, to be 'Friends of the Quiet Space'. If this interests you please contact the **Warden**, Alan Murray, on our new email address office@thequietspacedorchester.org or tel 756517. We are **planning a 'Working and cleaning party'** on 18th January for those who want to help.

There is a tea for Companions, Trustees, Friends and clergy on 9th November, 4.00pm, so if you want to know more in a friendly informal gathering, do come along to talk to those already involved.

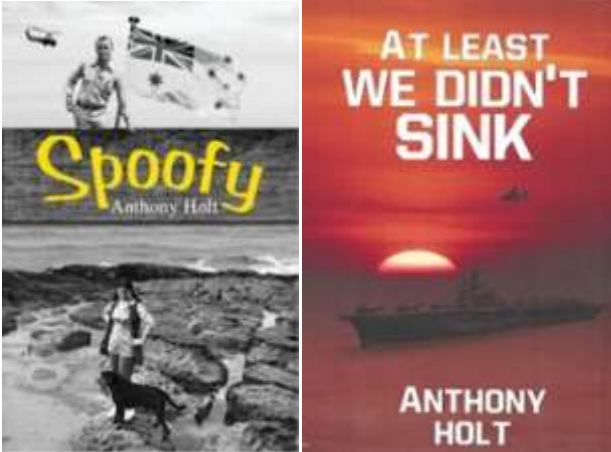
Book Sale

Come and browse and buy from the Book Sale on 9th November, 9.30-4.30 at the United Church. In aid of Mercy Ships (taking medical services to where they are needed) and Christian Aid.

Privateer — A new novel by Anthony Holt

Anthony Holt is a writer of fiction and non-fiction and a public speaker, and was privileged to be appointed MBE in 1988 for services to the Royal Navy. Anthony is a member of St Mary's Church.

His two latest books, **'Spoofy'** and **'At Least We Didn't Sink'** are available to purchase from Amazon. **'Privateer'**, his first work of fiction, will be available from 24th October 2013.



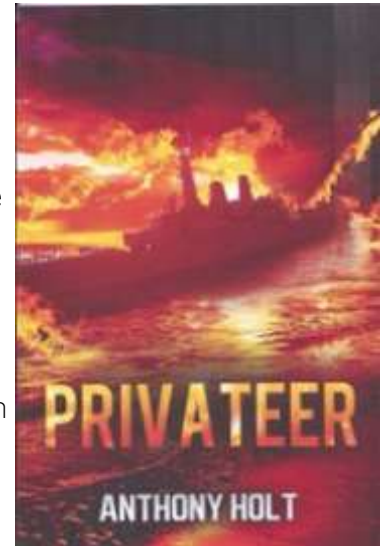
Privateer is a fast moving modern novel set among the pirate-infested waters of the Indian Ocean and the corridors of power in England and Arabia. When a

private ship is captured, the status and nationality of the occupants bring pressure on the British Government to activate deeply discreet and secure organisations to resolve the problems.

The warships on duty in the Indian Ocean are restricted in what they can do to frustrate the pirates but a way must be found to overcome that. Enter Jack Lang and his skilled but deniable men and women. The battle that takes place is inevitably outside the law but there is no alternative to the ensuing violence.

As the film "Captain Phillips" starring Tom Hanks was released this week, the subject of Somali pirates is very topical, so hopefully will generate a lot of interest!

Tony's web site is
<http://www.anthonholt.org.uk/>



Two's Company

Jean
Lang

Dorothy Whipple, the author of "They Were Sisters", is another of the publisher Persephone's Lady Novelists. She was born in 1893 in Blackburn, the daughter of an architect. Having lost her first love

in the opening weeks of World War One, she married her employer, an educational administrator 24 years her senior, in 1917. Her first novel, "Greenbanks", was published in 1932, and it was followed by eight very successful books, the last published in 1953. She died in 1966.

"They Were Sisters" was started at the beginning of the Second World War, but the author found it difficult to complete, since as she wrote "Fiction seems too trivial and fact too terrible". However she was encouraged to finish it to provide weekly episodes for "Homes and Gardens". It was an immediate success, harking back as it did to the peaceful Midlands in the immediate pre-war years, and a film was made of it starring James Mason.

As the afterword by Celia Brayfield points out, if a phenomenon can be defined as middle brow, mid-life, middle class it is almost a term of abuse, but this novel is all those things and more it is set in the Midlands! A story of three sisters brought up without any real education in a solid middle class family with an expectation of fulfilment only in marriage. The oldest and the most caring, Lucy, has the intelligence to seek more and indeed strives to reach Oxford but the death of her mother when she is 17 leaves her with no choice but to become the carer, housekeeper and companion for her lawyer father and her two younger sisters, Charlotte and Vera.

Each of the three sisters marries, and most of the novel follows the relationships between the three of them and between each sister and her husband. Vera, the hard hearted beauty of the three, marries for money and stability but her disinterest particularly of her children leads to a divorce and her husband retaining one of their two children. She is short of money and her friends fade

away – it was "awkward to fit in an odd woman at a dinner table – there were so many odd woman". Lucy makes a happy solid marriage to an older man of few words who loves her and their life together is quietly humorous and companionable.

The core of the novel lies with the marriage of the third sister Charlotte, who marries Geoffrey, a boorish, hard-drinking and cruel salesman. He is sadistic to both his wife and children, and the depiction of his character as a perpetrator of domestic violence without any physical violence or strong language is both masterful and appalling. Dorothy Whipple depicts the helplessness of Charlotte at a time when men had all the economic and social power and writes "It was monstrous that such a man as Geoffrey should have such power, but there was no appeal against it". A middle class woman in the 1930s had almost no chance of freeing herself from a bad husband. The Matrimonial Causes Act 1937 was the first to add three years desertion, five years insanity and cruelty to the existing ground of adultery (substantiated by witnesses!) for a divorce and even then a divorced woman was often assumed to have been the party at fault!

The redemption for all three sisters lies in the next generation, and Lucy's support for her two nieces Sarah and Judith, and her commitment to them, makes Dorothy Whipple's message clear that education and support for the young will lead to a more hopeful future.

They Were Sisters
By Dorothy Whipple

(Persephone PB £12.00)



Editor's Comment

In a few weeks we begin the time of Advent, a season observed in Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming".

So we in Dorchester Benefice await the coming of a new rector – we pray for him and his family as they prepare to join the family of churches in and around Dorchester, and we send them our love and best wishes.

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