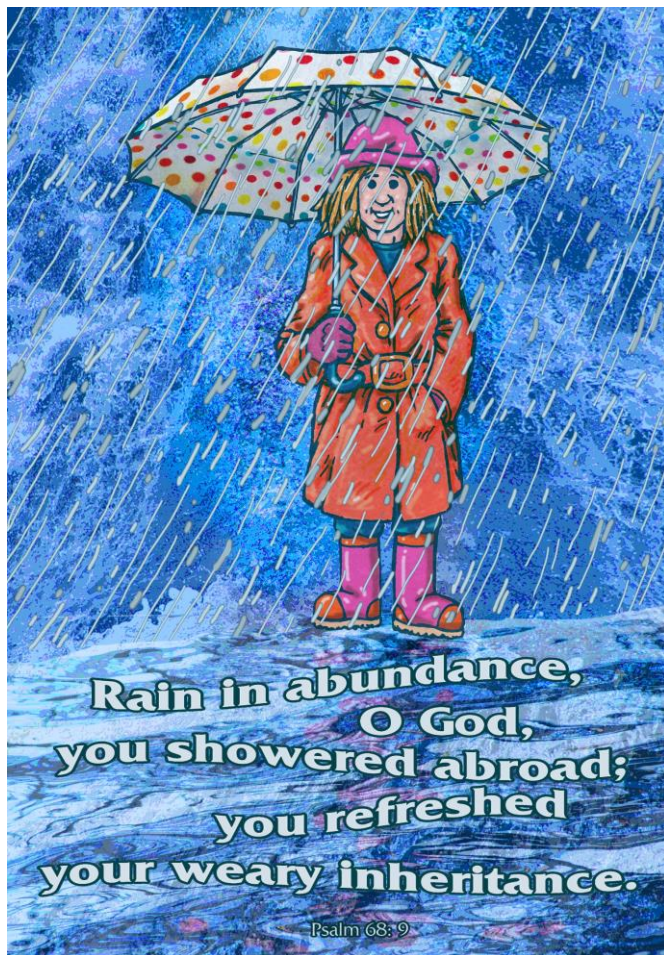


# Studland Parish News

## April 2024



St Nicholas Church Studland

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**May submission deadline is Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> 10am**

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**Note from the editor...**With even more rain falling as I write this, I wanted to share this poem of hope with you. You will also find the theme of **HOPE** running through the pages of this edition, all the way to the last photo.

**The Rainbow, By Nigel Beeton**

The world was so wicked that God made it rain  
For forty long days and long nights  
The floodwaters covered both mountain and plain  
They covered the highest of heights!  
But Noah survived, because he – free from guilt  
Kept the Word of his God in his mind  
So, he and his kin, in the ark he had built  
Lived with two beasts of every kind.  
They floated by night and they floated by day  
No sign of the land could they spy;  
Till at last came the day when the flood drained away  
And a rainbow was seen in the sky.  
And God said to Noah, “You see that bright bow?  
“That rainbow up there in the sky?  
“Now I’ve put it there as a sure sign to show  
“Of a promise twixt mankind and I.  
“In future you’ll know that I won’t make it rain  
“So, the whole earth is flooded that deep.  
“Now the rainbow is there and will be again –  
“And you’ll know that this promise I’ll keep.”  
On days when it seems that the rain just won’t go  
And the floodwaters fill us with fear;  
At last, comes the sun and the bright coloured bow –  
Our God made that rainbow appear.

Hold hope in your hearts,

**Sharon Westman, Editor**

**Quotes: With the Easter season in mind...**

*“God fits our souls here to possess a glorious body after; and He will fit the body for a glorious soul.” R Sibbes*

*“Man’s way leads to a hopeless end. God’s way leads to an endless hope.” Anon*

*“Do not believe in miracles...rely on them.” Anon*

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## St Nicholas Rota of Readers and Sides persons April 2024

| Date   | Service                                      | Sides Person        | Readers                                    | Readings                          |
|--|--|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Sunday<br>April 7 <sup>th</sup><br>10.00am<br>Second<br>Sunday of<br>Easter  | Family<br>Communion<br>Rev Tony Higgins      | Ginny<br>Stobart    | Jane<br>Hawksworth<br><br>Eric Stobart     | Acts 4.32-35<br><br>John 20.1-2.2 |
| Sunday<br>April 14 <sup>th</sup><br>10.00am<br>Third<br>Sunday of<br>Easter  | Rev Tony Higgins                             | Carol<br>Wadley     | Keith Tillyard<br><br>Diana<br>Edmonds     | Acts 3.12-19<br><br>Luke 24.36-48 |
| Sunday<br>April 21 <sup>st</sup><br>10.00am<br>Fourth<br>Sunday of<br>Easter | Morning Prayer<br><br>Rev Tony<br>Edmonds    | Barbara<br>Matthews | Sara-Jayne<br>Smith<br><br>Lesley Cocks    | Acts 4.5-12<br><br>John 10.11-18  |
| Sunday<br>April 28 <sup>th</sup><br>10.00am<br>Fifth<br>Sunday of<br>Easter  | Holy<br>Communion<br><br>Rev Tony<br>Edmonds | Sally<br>Hogsflesh  | Cindy<br>Yeandle<br><br>David<br>Hogsflesh | Acts 8.26-end<br><br>John 15.1-8  |
| 6.30pm   | Zoom Service<br>Rev Tony Higgins             |                     | David<br>Corben<br><br>Fran<br>Frith       | Acts 8.26-end<br><br>John 15.1-8  |

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# The Team Rector Writes...

## The Gift of Easter

Happy Easter - Christ is risen! We celebrate again the miracle of the empty tomb and the Jesus' resurrection. Over the next 50 days of the Easter season with hearts full of joy we continue celebrating 'the gloriously risen Christ.' Towards the end of this time, we commemorate Jesus' ascension into heaven and the great commission he gives to his disciples to continue his work. Finally, we celebrate the fulfilment of his promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit to all believers on the day of Pentecost, which both completes and crowns the Easter season.

Deep joy marks this season because through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God demonstrates that he has kept his promise to redeem humanity, to give us new life. We have a new status as children of God, loved by a Father who loves us more than we can ever know. St Paul in his Letter to the Romans writes:

*'For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, not things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'* (Romans 8.38-9).

Now that is something to celebrate!

I hope this Easter season that we will all be more aware of the rich blessings we have in Christ and whatever we might be facing that we know deep in our hearts that nothing can separate us from God's wonderful and immeasurable love. We continue to live through tough economic times and the current international situation is a source of great concern, yet we have hope, not in any earthly power or structure, but in the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Cardinal Basil Hume once wrote:

*'The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.'*

It is hope built on the strong and sure foundation of Jesus Christ. We are all called to share this hope with those around us in what we say and how we live. May all our churches be known as communities of hope. Let us not be timid but be bold in sharing this priceless gift we have as Christians in a world that is so desperately in need of hope.

May God richly bless you this season we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ian, Team Rector



## Studland Parish News April 2024

We are truly blessed that our beautiful church is back for Easter celebrations. The organ is now fully rebuilt though there will be some small adjustments over the next few weeks to ensure it settles down. The organ was able to function for the Good Friday Meditation and Easter Day services. The joys of an ancient building mean there are often things that need to be done. Thank you to all who have encountered any difficulties, your acceptance and forbearance have been greatly appreciated.

After many hours of applications and letter writing by Barbara Matthews, we are finally able to restore the portion of

Psalms 8 which adorns the Choir arch. This will require scaffolding in the church, which will be put up from 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Looking back to March we were very happy with the support given to The World Day of Prayer which was an emotive service as it was written by the women of Palestine some while before the disasters they have faced. The service was very well supported and poignant. Thank you to all who contributed to the enjoyable tea and for the generous donations.

Thank you also to all the ladies who decorated the church for Easter. If anyone would like to join our happy group of flower arrangers, please telephone Felicity on 01929 450691.

We look forward to Gregory Stewart, a professional tenor who will perform a concert of both classical music and Songs from the Shows on 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. This will be a rather special evening. Tickets are available from Swanage Post office and stores or from Barbara Matthews 01929 450218. This will be the first of several Fundraising events this year.

Our first wedding of the year will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April and will be conducted by our team Rector Rev. Dr Ian Bird.

You are warmly invited to our Annual Parish Church Meeting at 7pm on 24<sup>th</sup> April. Annual meetings do not always enjoy a reputation for being fun, however they are very informative and are very important part of the life of the Church. This is an opportunity to shape the church that is meaningful for your lives. It is far more that reports and accounts which are always presented informatively and with respectful brevity.

The community coffee morning will continue in the Church Hall until 4<sup>th</sup> May (no coffee on Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> April) and from 4<sup>th</sup> May Julie Smith will kindly host the coffee morning at Manor Farm Tea Room.

The Men's Breakfast, held in St Nicholas Church Hall on the first Saturday of each month, is a great success - and Chef, Tony Edmonds and Sous Chef, Peter Hawksworth look forward to welcoming more hungry customers to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30 to 10am. It's café style – so drop in when you can. And it's free! but if you would like to make a donation, that would be great! As well as sausage and bacon rolls, there are vegetarian and vegan options. If you have specific dietary requirements, just email us on [stnicksbreakfast@yahoo.com](mailto:stnicksbreakfast@yahoo.com)

Early notice of our "Nourish the Soul" festival which is on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May from 10am -4pm, more in the May edition. Also, 5<sup>th</sup> May is Rogation Sunday. After the success of last year "Rogation" with pets we will use the same route through the now planted Church Meadow and you can see for yourselves an idea coming to fruition.

Please note that Tony will be taking leave from 15<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> April

### **From the Registers**

24<sup>th</sup> May - Baptism of Elodie Ava Baker

**Rev Tony Higgins (Resident Priest)**



### **World Prayer Day, thank you...**

Thank you to all those who attended or supported our service this year and helped bake and set up on 1st March 2024. A total of £268.00 was raised for the benefit of the women of Palestine.

**Barbara Matthews**

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### **Christian Aid, thank you...**

Thank you to all those who attended, supported and helped set up our Ash Wednesday Service on 14th February 2024.

£156.50 was raised from the service and the tea for the benefit of Christian Aid.



**Barbara Matthews**



## STUDLAND WI – Wednesday 13th March 2024

The President welcomed members, along with guests Kim Elliott, Lynette Hool & Sue Johnson. Apologies noted for those unable to attend.

**Matters Arising:** 2024/25 fees are due in April. A reminder to members that fees have been discounted to £43. Please pay by bank transfer (details in your programme) between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April. For any new members who wish to join or members paying later than 30<sup>th</sup> April the official rate of £48 will apply.

**Correspondence:** The 2024 County budget was received, and copies were distributed for members to view. At the end of the meeting, we voted as County required total numbers of members accepting their budget.

2025 diaries are not available to order and if you require one, please let us know at our April meeting.

Information was received on trips being arranged by County, including a Literary Talk and an afternoon tea in Puddletown on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. The talk is by author Christina Cornwell and the cost is £35. A trip is also being arranged to Carey's Secret Garden with guided tour on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Cost £7.50.

A4's for putting your names down will be out again in the April Meeting.

Many other events and craft workshops are available through County and advertised in our County Newsletter. Ladies interested can contact and book through County direct.

We have a booking for a tea on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June and a call out was put out for helpers on the day and cake and sandwich makers. These tea events are a good source of topping up our WI funds and one of the reasons this year we can offer a discount to members on their yearly fees. The committee really appreciate help with these events and remind members that any bakers or sandwich makers get paid £7 for a cake or loaf of sandwiches. Help on the day is always required. Annie is always happy to hear from those able to do so.

Information was given on future village events with plenty going on over the coming months for us all to enjoy.

**Speaker:** Clare Jennings, "How to Build a Stronger, More Resilient Dorset."

Clare works for Dorset Local Resilience Forum, which is a national, government run organisation which was started up following Covid. She gave us a great talk about the work of the organisation, how she contributes, and this then led on to questions and group conversation about what is happening in our village.

Clare has been working with Studland with a core group to assist in setting up our village resilience plan. The plan identifies who and how specific local people can help in various emergency situations. These details have been published and are available to read on the notice board by the village hall. Further information will continue to be available as further plans are put in place. It's good to know that our village is prepared for any emergency situations and that we can all come together as a community to help each other in times of need.

If anyone has any questions or requires any further information Clare can be contacted on [clare.jennings@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clare.jennings@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)



Our Competition was "A Phot of a Secret Location in Studland" and was jointly won by Sarah Ferguson & Lynn Elliott. We then had to guess on the locations, some very tricky. Who knew that Studland had so many secret spots!

Our next meeting is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, Studland Village Hall at 7.30pm. Members are reminded this is our AGM. It would be lovely to see as many members as possible. No Speaker this month. Competition is a Spring Flower.

WI is for all ladies, all ages. We would love to welcome you to join us, so why not come along and join our friendly group. Fun, friendship and plenty of laughter.

**Lynn Elliott - President.**



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**STUDLAND GARDENING ASSOCIATION:** Here we are in April, spring is rushing by and I'm still running late. Despite that there's bound to be time to go to the Plant Sale. This is in the Village Hall on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Bring your own surplus plants and seedlings between 12:30pm and 2:00pm and buy some better/worse/just the same between 2:30pm and 4:00pm.

For those with spare time, there's also Bournemouth Horticultural Society Spring Show, 12:00pm – 4:30pm, St Francis of Assisi Church Hall April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Followed by Parkstone Gardeners Society Spring Show 1pm-4pm on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Branksome St Aldhelm Centre, 401 Poole Road.

**Geoff Willcocks 07813 521386**

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**Studland History Group:** The next meeting is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, with "Old Roads of Purbeck", Stephen Yeoman. All welcome. Visitors £3.50, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Annual membership of £17 is due at this meeting. This covers all meetings so why not come and join us! On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May we have a visit to Langton Matravers Stone Museum. As well as the history of Purbeck Stone they will have a special D Day exhibition and the part played by the Radar Station at nearby Worth Matravers. On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May we have a FREE Open Morning starting at 10am when Carlton Hobbs will be telling the Amazing Story of Mabel St Clair Stobart, in two parts with a refreshment break at a suitable cliff hanger, (there are many), when there will be an opportunity to explore History Group activities. Mabel was a long time Studland resident and lived at Knapwynd. In her auto-biography she wrote: *"It's no good waiting till someone better suited to the task turns up"*. And she didn't! As she pens plays, composes limericks on a liner or dashes off the occasional hymn, Mabel may make you feel inadequate; she'll almost certainly irritate you with her versatility and self-confidence, but you definitely won't be bored!



**Joyce Meates. Secretary. 01929 439245**



## Updates from the National Trust:

**Special visitor to Studland:** We had a special visitor at Studland Bay this week. Kate Adie, the former Chief News Correspondent of the BBC, was here helping us to tell the story of Exercise Smash, which took place 80 years ago. Her reporting will be used in a video which includes original and current footage of the beach and Fort Henry. We'd like to thank Kate for her time and energy in helping us to produce the video. You'll be able to view it at the exhibition in Studland Village Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April. For further details about how else we're commemorating Exercise Smash and its role in WW2, please see our website.



[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/studland-bay/events](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/studland-bay/events)

*(Photo: Richard Gregory)*

**Rare blue butterfly thrives in Studland:** The dazzling silver-studded blue butterfly has seen a population explosion on the Studland Peninsula. This is even more special because this rare heathland butterfly is in decline across the UK. The butterfly gets its name from the light blue reflective 'studs' (scales) found on the underside of the wings. Males are bluer than the females (which are brown with metallic blue spots). Look out for them in June and July. Volunteers have been monitoring the populations of silver-studded blues on either side of Ferry Road since 1976. Ecologists aren't sure why their numbers are increasingly so dramatically, but they definitely thrive where there is a mix of short heathland plants and patches of bare soil for them to bask in. *(Photo: Mike Wenham)*



**Join the rangers clearing pesky burs:** How often have you returned from walk to find everything is covered in spiny burs – from your boots to the dog's fur? Well, here's a chance to take action. Our rangers are looking for volunteers to help clear the invasive pirri pirri bur from sections of the dunes in Studland on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-3pm. Pirri pirri bur is thought to have been introduced to the UK from New Zealand in the early 1900s. It thrives in sandy soils, forming dense mats which prevent native plants from growing. The burs are designed to hook onto animal fur, carrying the seeds far and wide. The event is suitable for the whole family, but places are limited. You can book by calling 01929 450002. *(Photo: Frank Vincentz, Creative Commons)*



**Follow us on Facebook:** If you are interested in the nature and landscapes of Purbeck, why not follow our new Facebook page, National Trust Purbeck Countryside? There we are sharing stories and images of our amazing wildlife and habitats, what we are doing to protect and enhance them, and how you can help.

**Cathy Lewis, National Trust**

## **Corfe Castle Surgery/The Patient Participation Group News**

The sun is shining as I write this, let's hope April starts with a change in the weather!

A polite reminder that the morning sit and wait clinic is for more urgent on the day medical problems. Please speak to reception to book an appointment if it is a more routine problem or query for the GP. If it is a medication question this could be directed to the dispensary team or the reception team can book a telephone consultation with the Pharmacist, Tim that works closely with the clinical staff.

We have now welcomed Keeley to the reception team who I am sure you will all see or speak to soon; it is great to have her here with us and I am sure you will all extend a warm welcome when you come in.

**Kerry Norman, Practice Manager**

At our recent PPG committee meeting I was delighted to have representatives from the wide Practice area who are actively contributing to our PPG work and will be seeking comments from patients to help support the work of the Surgery.

It was however very disappointing to hear that in the last two months 100 patients have not attended booked appointments despite text reminders resulting in significant loss of valuable clinical time of doctors and nurses and therefore reduced access for those needing appointments. The Surgery will 'phone up to 3 times or send a letter to try to rebook what could be an important appointment missed which also then adds pressure on an already stretched clerical team so please can we help each other by cancelling appointments if they are not needed or we are unable to attend.

I would also like to mention the national shortage of some medicines which is affecting local pharmacies and our own Surgery. We are so fortunate to be part of a Dispensing practice with a team who work so hard for us and are doing their best to provide us with a good service.

If you do experience problems and wish us to raise them with the Surgery, please do use our PPG email address or contact us through the Surgery, [corfecastleppg@gmail.com](mailto:corfecastleppg@gmail.com)

We are continuing with our Health Talks programme and are delighted that Mr. Simon Parvin. Consultant Vascular Surgeon. Royal Bournemouth Hospital will be coming to the Corfe Castle Club on Thursday 11th April at 7pm to give us a talk entitled 'Aneurysms the Silent Killers'. All are welcome to attend, please do support the evening.

**Kind regards, Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair**

## Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG) works with the Practice Manager and the GPs at the Swanage Medical Practice to help improve and shape local health services. The Group is made up of patients registered with the Practice who have volunteered to get involved. We meet every two months – and we are always looking for new members!

The PPG last met on 19<sup>th</sup> March, when we were joined by Ella Scrymgeour, Public Health Dorset's Locality Link for Purbeck. She updated us on the role of Public Health Dorset, as well as the work she is doing within Purbeck. Natasha Ritchie, the Practice Manager, updated us on the changes to the GP Contract in 2024/25, including the below inflation uplift in funding that has been announced for General Practice in 2024/25. We also discussed the Patient Survey we will be doing at the Surgery in April. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

You can find out more about the PPG, including Minutes of our meetings, on the Practice website at: [www.swanagemedical.org.uk](http://www.swanagemedical.org.uk). If you are interested in joining the PPG, please contact Natasha Ritchie, the Practice Manager, or email the PPG directly at [ppgswanage@gmail.com](mailto:ppgswanage@gmail.com)



**Childhood Vaccinations:** You may have heard that childhood infections like measles and whooping cough are rising – and that outbreaks are occurring across the country. Such infections can have a huge impact on your child's life. They can miss out on school while they are unwell, they may need to be admitted to hospital - and they may even experience life-long complications and disability. If your child isn't vaccinated, they're not protected. We would like to encourage you to

check whether your children's vaccinations are up to date and, if not, to speak to your GP Practice. Vaccination saves lives. Each year in England, the Childhood Vaccination Programme prevents around 5,000 deaths and over 100,000 hospital admissions. All childhood vaccinations offered by the NHS have been used in millions of children worldwide and have an excellent safety record.

**Breast Screening:** We have heard that the Breast Screening Van Is now in Swanage. Eligible women aged 50 to 70 registered with the Swanage Medical Practice and the Corfe Castle Surgery are being invited to attend for breast screening, so please look out for your invitation letter in the post. Women who are aged 71 and over, who haven't had a mammogram in the last three years, can also make an appointment either by phoning 01202 65511 or by emailing [dbsu@uhd.nhs.uk](mailto:dbsu@uhd.nhs.uk)

**1 in 7 women  
will be diagnosed with  
Breast Cancer**

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



## Isle of Purbeck Golf Club

March has been a busy month. We had a really lovely Mother's Day and finished off with Easter Bunnies, Easter Eggs and lots of delicious Easter Food. We hope you were able to join us for at least one of these special celebrations.

March also included the official launch of our monthly Jazz Evenings, hosted by Nigel Williams – the voice of Jazz FM's Breakfast and Saturday Morning shows. This series is made possible by Mayank Patel, who has created the Swanage Jazz Club at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club to allow the finest jazz artists in Dorset to play with the finest jazz artists in the world. He also owns and runs the popular Hampstead Jazz Club in London.

The March Jazz Evening was sold out and we expect to see more of the same in the months to come. We are really excited about this series as it brings extremely talented musicians to Purbeck. You can enjoy the series at the golf club on the first Saturday evening of each month, with music ranging from the Great American Songbook all the way through to classic bebop or blues with a dash of soul. To find out more about who is playing and what food is being offered, go to our website or [www.swanagejazzclub.com](http://www.swanagejazzclub.com). The next Jazz Evening is Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, featuring the Jazz Knots — promising an exceptional evening of upbeat jazz.

Golf is starting to kick in with April bringing warmer weather and more sunshine. Our April rates for the Purbeck Course (18 Holes) are £70 on Saturdays, £65 on Fridays and Sundays and £50 on all other days. If you play after 2pm, the rates reduce to £40 on Monday - Thursday, £45 on Friday and Sunday and £50 on Saturdays. Our Dene Course (9 Holes) is still a bargain at £12. If you play 2 rounds on the Dene, the cost is only £16. We also offer a good rate for Juniors on the Dene Course: £8 for 9 Holes and £12 for 18 Holes. Take advantage now before the peak green fees go up in May!

We are pleased to announce that in the most recent ranking of Golf World, Isle of Purbeck Golf Club was rated #67 in Great Britain and Ireland's Top 100 X-Factor Courses. Come give us a try. We've made definite improvements and we think you'll be pleased with how it plays.

See our website for more details. If you have any questions or wish to book, feel free to call or email us.

**01929 450361 • [www.purbeckgolf.co.uk](http://www.purbeckgolf.co.uk) • [iop@purbeckgolf.co.uk](mailto:iop@purbeckgolf.co.uk)**



“Oh, to be in Studland now that April’s there...”

Our beers, ciders, wines, spirits & soft drinks will banish any April showers. Come and celebrate the light returning in our family and dog friendly bar. Tasty pizzas, our full-sized pool table and a warm welcome awaits you.

At Old Harry Bar strangers might be new friends you haven’t met yet!

### OPENING HOURS

We will be open 7 days a week over the Easter Holidays  
(Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April)

From the 15<sup>th</sup> of April we will return to our usual hours of:  
MON, THURS, FRI & SAT: 5 pm - 11 pm / SUNDAYS: 3pm – 8pm

FRIDAY NIGHT MEAT RAFFLE – weekly at 9pm  
SATURDAY NIGHT MEMBERS DRAW – weekly at 9pm  
(You must be there in person for a chance to win!)

### APRIL EVENTS - WHAT’S HAPPENING AT OLD HARRY BAR?

**Chris’s Music Quiz** - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April @ 8pm  
Test your knowledge of 70’s, 80’s & 90’s music – Teams of up to 6 people

**Live Music with Phoenix Rock n Roll Band** – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April @ 8pm  
Rock it out, maybe play some air guitar! (Free entry)

### PIZZA

Have you tried our delicious freshly made Italian Stone baked Pizzas yet?  
(Available to eat in or take away - Order on 01929 450561)  
12" Margherita - £11 - (Tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese)  
Plus, a wide selection of extra toppings to choose from at 50p each

### TRIPADVISOR rate us #1 Quick Bites...

Look out for pop up events to put a spring in your step!  
See: Facebook, Instagram, our members newsletter or visit:

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

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**BRIDGE CLUB** Meets every Monday from 6-8PM in Old Harry’s Bar.  
Experienced players and beginners welcome.

**Virginia Lynch 01929 450177**

### **Community Coffee Morning in Studland every Thursday**

Studland's Community Coffee Morning is held every Thursday from 10am in St Nicholas Church Hall. Each week, we provide good coffee (or tea if you prefer) and lovely biscuits (with gluten free options, too). We have a great time, meeting old friends and making new ones – and we would love to welcome you, too.

### **Bacon Shortage Hits Studland –**

#### **Men's Breakfast Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 8.30-10am**

The Men's Breakfast, held in St Nicholas Church Hall on the first Saturday of each month, is proving popular – so popular that half way through the breakfast in February, the organisers had to send out for extra bacon! This left Studland Stores with only one packet of bacon on its shelves... and so in March, Chef Tony Edmonds and Sous Chef Peter Hawksworth, keen to avert a food shortage in the village, laid in extra provisions. Just as well... during the Men's Breakfast in March, 24 rashers of bacon, 36 sausages and 17 bread rolls were consumed, plus significant quantities of toast and cereal!

Needless to say, a good time was had by all! Tony and Peter look forward to welcoming more hungry customers to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30 to 10am. It's a café style – so drop in when you can. And it's free – but if you would like to make a donation, that would be great! As well as the sausage and bacon rolls, there are vegetarian and vegan options. If you have specific dietary requirements, just email us on [stnicksbreakfast@yahoo.com](mailto:stnicksbreakfast@yahoo.com)

### **Concert in St Nicholas Church – Songs from the Shows –**

#### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, St Nicholas Church will be hosting a concert by Gregory Steward, a classically trained tenor and graduate of the Royal Welsh College of Music. Still only 22, Gregory has already achieved success in a number of vocal competitions. His passion is opera and he will be singing a selection of classical favourites, as well as songs from shows such as Les Misérables, Carousel and West Side Story. Tickets are £12 each (and – a real bargain – free for Under 18s), available from Studland Stores or from Barbara on 01929 450218. And, of course, refreshments will be available on the night! All proceeds will go to the Organ Restoration Fund.

### **Save the Date - Nourish the Soul - 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May at**

#### **St Nicholas Church in Studland**

Nourish the Soul is an Arts Festival to be held in St Nicholas Church in Studland over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May. Designed to showcase a variety of creative skills, the Church will be full of arts and crafts, produced by people within the community. Do put the date in your diary – and plan to come to nourish your soul with creativity. Please be assured, you'll have an opportunity to nourish your body, too, in true Studland style, with a variety of delightful home-made cakes and biscuits!





## Update from Studland Parish Council March 2024

Studland Parish Council met on 18<sup>th</sup> February. Five councillors were present. Nick Boulter, Mike Ferguson, Peter Hammond and Chrissie Neville had sent their apologies. Cllr Cherry Brooks and Emma Wright of the National Trust were in attendance. No members of the public were present.

The Minutes of the previous SPC meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February were confirmed.

Emma Wright had submitted a report on behalf of the National Trust: this included an update on work at Middle Beach. Pollarding of the trees opposite the Sandy Salt Pig is planned for 21<sup>st</sup> March and a work schedule has been agreed to improve the surface water drainage in the same area. New drains will be installed and will divert rainwater to the collection chamber and out via the Coombe drain. Work to repair the damaged path has also been agreed and the NT hopes it will be completed by Easter. The meeting to view and discuss the condition of the area has now been set up for 12<sup>th</sup> April. Emma also reported that the NT are looking to trial a new car park charging system at Knoll beach this year – involving Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology and pay stations either by cash, card or App. Members will be able to scan their cards.

Dorset Cllr Cherry Brooks also had submitted a report. This included some detailed advice about the need for voters to get their ID ready ahead of this year's local elections. Residents will need to be registered to vote and show an approved form of photo ID when they go to the polling stations on 2<sup>nd</sup> May to elect for Dorset Council and Parish Council elections.

Under planning matters, one application was considered, concerning a requested variation to a condition applied to the permission for Church Cottage in Manor Road - to revise works to the retaining wall and steps forming the boundary between patio and upper garden. Councillors had no objections to this

No crime was reported.

Under reports from Officers:

- Chrissie Neville had submitted a written report confirming that the 4 residents who had have now signed up to be Tree Wardens has now received their training from Dorset Council.
- Steve Smith confirmed that the street light at the junction of Heath Green Road and Agglestone Rd had now been replaced by SSE. The plan is to install the telephone box on the Green is awaiting approval from Dorset Council planning dept. Some parts are waited for refurbishment of the box. The final design of local information map to be installed in it has been agreed.

- Tim Yeandle reported that the results of the funding bid by Dorset Council for the building of the new footpath around the junction of Swanage Road and Currendon Hill are keenly awaited. He also commented on the positive news of the NT's upgrade work on the Northern boundary path and the action by Katie Black (DC Rights of way Ranger) who is working hard to find a solution to the churned-up and very wet condition of the surface of bridleway SE22/23 at the point where it passes Studland riding stables.
- Lyn Hool commented on the success of the Studland Community Speed Watch Group. The Group's session was on the 27<sup>th</sup> February and they recorded 7 speeders out of 183 cars – a reduction on the number seen on previous sessions. The session on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March coincides with National Road Safety Day when CSW groups around Dorset have support from Police Operations.

Also, on the subject of safety in the village, the Council intends to consult all residents on a proposal to apply, under a Dorset Council scheme, to create a 20mph zone in the village. The Council has also agreed to look into the replacement of the unreliable and obsolete streetlights around the village. Two have already been replaced with modern high efficiency / low-cost LED units. The plan is now to replace the rest.

An update was received on the planning for the community event to mark the anniversary of D-Day. A fish & chip van has now been secured to come along on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June to offer meals for those attending the evening dance in the Village Hall, as well as other local residents.

Meanwhile the WI have organised a number of 'bunting workshops' to take place in the coming months. They aim to make over 600 flags and the finished bunting will be kept for posterity and any future village events. The next workshop will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in the Committee Room in the Village Hall.

Dates for future meetings were noted: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## Saint Days for April

### 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Hugh of Grenoble, the Saint who fought corruption



Murky crimes committed by various church leaders, local shops in trouble, roads needing repair, and hospitals in a sorry state.... wanting to retire, but the law said no... it seems that Hugh of Grenoble was dealing with 21<sup>st</sup> century problems in the 11<sup>th</sup> century.

Born at Chateauneuf in 1052 as the son of a knight, Hugh attended the cathedral school of Valence and became a canon. He was talented and learned, good looking – and yet bashful. Sounds a bit like a shy public-school boy. Certainly, Hugh's parents' contacts and his privileged schooling

earned him a good job early on – as secretary to the Bishop of Die, who was also a papal legate. In 1080 Hugh was taken along to the Synod of Avignon, where the deplorable state of the diocese of Grenoble was reviewed. It was afflicted with widespread simony and usury, and clerical promiscuity was rampant.

Hugh was outraged at what he heard – and was soon in a position to do something about it. He was made Bishop of Grenoble by Pope Gregory VII and went on to fight the excesses and sins of the clergy with notable success. He became virtual co-founder of the Carthusian order. The common people soon came to love him, for as well as reforming their churches and restoring their cathedral, he built a bridge, a marketplace and three hospitals for them.

In later years Hugh wanted to retire, but like many people today, was not able to do so: in his case the Pope would not let him. During the last few weeks of his life Hugh went back to basics: he seemed to forget everything but the Lord's Prayer and the Psalms. He was greatly loved, and so canonised only two years after his death in 1134.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> April - St George, our Patron Saint who isn't English

The English have a patron saint who isn't English, about whom next to nothing is known for sure, and who, just possibly, may not have existed at all. But that didn't stop St George being patriotically invoked in many battles, notably at Agincourt and in the Crusades, and of course it is his cross that adorns the flags of English football fans to this day.

It's most likely that St George was a soldier, a Christian who was martyred for his faith somewhere in Palestine, possibly at Lydda, in the early fourth century. At some point in the early centuries of the Church he became associated with wider military concerns, being regarded as the patron saint of the Byzantine armies. There is no doubt that St George was held as an example of the 'godly soldier', one who served Christ as bravely and truly as he served his king and country.



The idea of the 'Christian soldier' was, of course, much loved by the Victorian hymn-writers - 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' The soldier needs discipline. The heart of his commitment is to obedience. The battle cannot be avoided nor the enemy appeased. He marches and fights alongside others, and he is loyal to his comrades. In the end, if the battle is won, he receives the garlands of victory, the final reward of those who overcome evil.

St George's Day presents a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to distance the message of his life from the militarism and triumphalism that can easily attach itself to anything connected to soldiers and fighting. The opportunity is to celebrate the ideal of the 'Christian soldier' - one who submits to discipline, sets out to obey God truly, does not avoid the inevitable battle with all that is unjust, wrong and hateful in our world, and marches alongside others fighting the same noble cause.

Discipline, obedience, courage, fellowship and loyalty - they're not the most popular virtues today, but that doesn't mean that they don't deserve our admiration.

### **St George and Hiccup and the dragon**

Have you seen the film *How to Train your Dragon*? It's set in a Viking village under attack from dragons, who steal livestock and burn down houses. Hiccup, the village Chief's son, invents a machine to capture dragons. However, when he catches one of the most dangerous dragons, he cannot kill it, when he sees that the dragon is just as frightened as he is. Through this friendship, the people and dragons eventually learn to live in harmony.



This month we celebrate St George, the patron saint of England. He is famous for slaying a dragon, a tradition which became popular in the Middle Ages. Whether he killed an actual dragon is open to question! However, we do know that the original George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23 April 303 AD.

The contrast is clear: St George slayed the evil dragon, while Hiccup refused to kill one. However, they also have something important in common. Both acted according to their conscience, defying the popular understanding of those around them and not worrying about the personal cost to themselves. St George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus before a pagan emperor, while Hiccup risked rejection by his father and village because of his compassion.

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in daily life, whatever the personal cost. However, we also need to be ready to look our enemies in the eye and meet their hostility with love and compassion. This is why we also remember this month that Jesus died and rose again, so that we might have God's power to do this in our lives.

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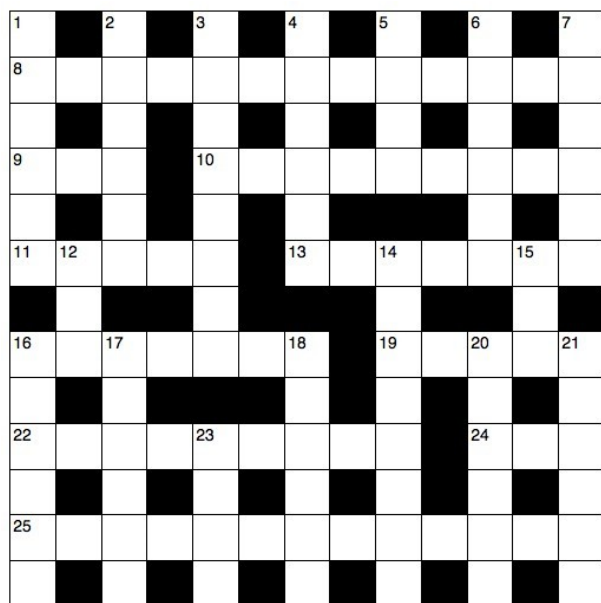
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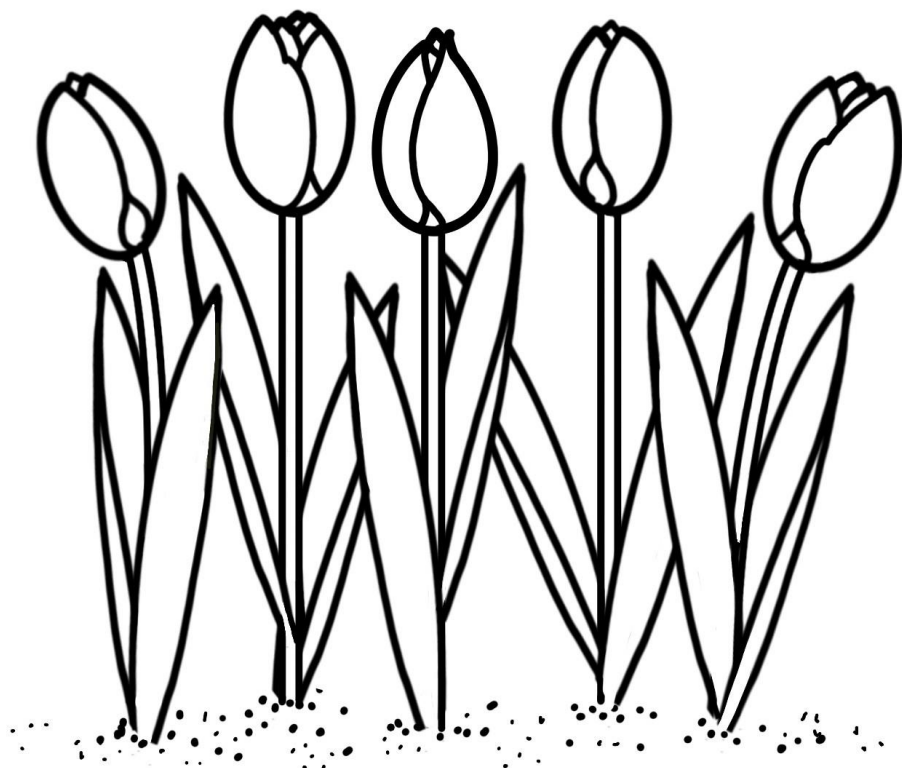
8. 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the —' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
9. 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
10. Comes between Galatians and Philipians (9)
11. 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
13. Muslim holy month (7)
16. Ten ears (anag.) (7)
19. Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
22. How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)

24. 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
25. Debar from receiving Communion (13)

### DOWN:

1. My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
2. Festival of the resurrection (6)
3. 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
4. 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
5. Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
6. 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
7. 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
12. Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
14. Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
15. Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
16. I, uncle (anag.) (6)
17. 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
18. 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
20. Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
21. 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
23. Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Colouring in – for the children and the adults...



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**300 years ago**, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1724 that Immanuel Kant, the German philosopher was born. One of the leading philosophers during the Age of Enlightenment.

**200 years ago**, on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1824 that Lord Byron died. One of the greatest British poets and a leading figure in the Romantic movement, he died of sepsis while fighting for Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire. Aged 36.

**100 years ago**, on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1924 that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios (MGM) was founded when Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures and Louis B Mayer Pictures merged.

**Also 100 years ago**, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1924 that the British Empire Exhibition opened in Wembley, London.

**90 years ago**, on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1934 that British inventor Percy Shaw patented the Cat's Eye reflective road stud. He set up a company to manufacture them in 1935 and in 1937 he was awarded a government contract to mass produce them for national use.

**75 years ago**, on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1949 that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was founded.

**70 years ago**, on 7th April 1954 that in a news conference about Communism in Indochina, US President Dwight D Eisenhower explained his 'domino theory'. He said that if one country in a region came under the influence of Communism, then the countries surrounding it would follow. He and later presidential administrations have always believed this.

**65 years ago**, on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1959 that Frank Lloyd Wright, American architect and writer, died. Regarded as 'the greatest American architect of all time.'

**60 years ago**, on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1964 that twelve men convicted of carrying out the Great Train Robbery in England in August of 1963 were jailed for a total of 307 years. They were given some of the longest sentences in British criminal history.

**50 years ago**, on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1974 that the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song Waterloo. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.

**30 years ago**, on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1994 that the first post-apartheid multiracial elections were held in South Africa, with 18 million blacks eligible to vote for the first time. Nelson Mandela was elected president, and took office on 10th May.

**20 years ago**, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004 that Google launched its free email service, Gmail.

**10 years ago**, on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 that the Boko Haram Islamic terrorist group kidnapped 276 female students from the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok, Nigeria. Some of the girls escaped, some were rescued, or have been reported dead. But over 100 are still missing, fate unknown.

## Studland Picture Gallery...

**Speedwatch:** March 20<sup>th</sup> was National Speed awareness day so the team were joined by our Police Community Support Officer and the traffic police:



### Animals in the hope of spring:



*Above: (Deer at Knoll House Hotel, Tracey Jowers) (Vole/Slowworms, Clayton Meadow)*



*Above: (Rainbow at Old Harry, Becky Grace-Stares)*

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