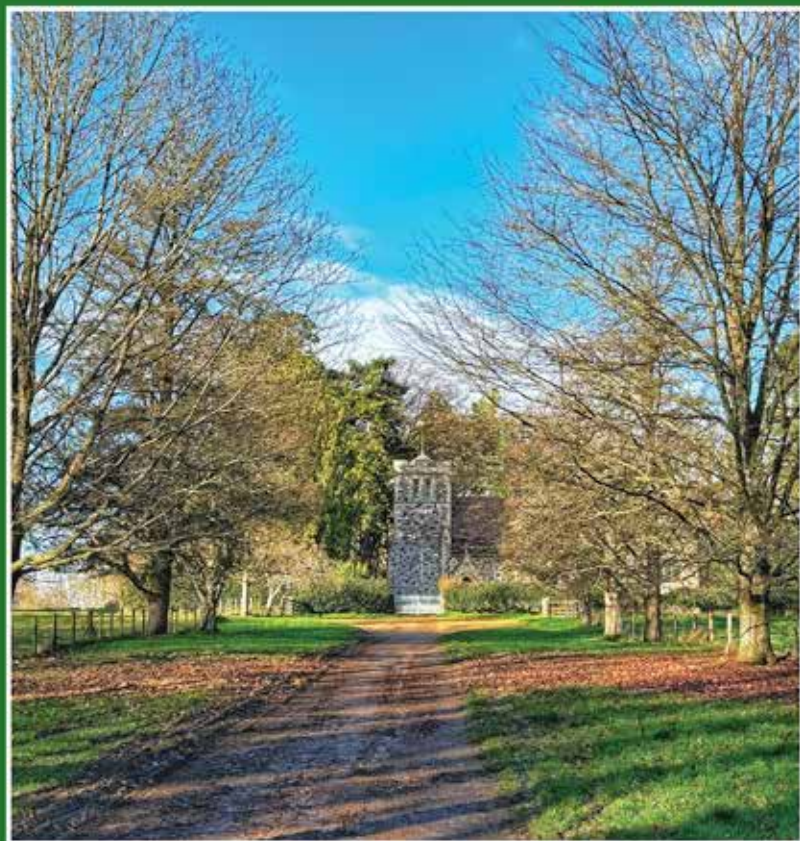




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A reminder: Coffee and Cake at St Bartholomew's

This new event takes place on the second Monday of each month at St Bartholomew's church in Shapwick, 9.30am - 12.00pm. The next date is January 13th. A very warm welcome awaits everyone who enjoys coffee, cake and a chat.

Holocaust Memorial Day, January 27th, Remember - and Take Action - for a Better Future.

The Holocaust Memorial service at the Minster this year is on **Sunday 19th January at 3pm** and all are welcome.

You can find out more at

<https://hmd.org.uk> where there are

resources and links to promote discussion and awareness of genocide, including that in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Later in the year, a service in the Minster will also mark the genocide of Roma by the Nazis in the Second World War. The HMD website includes suggestions for action against Holocaust denial and distortion, and against growing levels of racism in our society.

Curious about the Christian Faith ?

Thinking about Confirmation?

Enjoy pizza ?

Those aged 10-18 are invited to meet at the Minster on Tuesdays during term time between 6-7pm from the 21st January 2025

Discussion, Food and Confirmation preparation

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Services at the Minster

Sundays

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) with prayer for healing on the 4th Sunday of the month
11.15 am	Minster Praise with Communion on the last Sunday of the month
6.30 pm	Choral Evensong

Weekdays

Holy Communion	11.00am, Wednesday (in the Minster)
Morning Prayer	8.30 am, Monday to Saturday (on Zoom)

Services at St Margaret's Chapel

11.00 am 3rd Thursday Holy Communion (Common Worship)

We continue to stream the 9.30 am services at the Minster. Look for the 'Wimborne Minster official' Youtube channel for live and recorded services.

Minster Praise offers all-age informal worship every Sunday from 11.15 until noon, and includes Kids in the Crypt for children.
 Come as you are, relax, and enjoy

In December

5th Burial of ashes of Beryl Sexton

Dates for your diary - January

Wednesday 1st	1pm – 1.30pm 4pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt) Prayer Circle (Church House)
Friday 3rd	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Sunday 5th	12.30pm	Bring and Share Lunch (Church House)
Tuesday 7th	10.30am-12 noon	Forest Garden for Toddlers
Wednesday 8th	1pm – 1.30pm 4pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt) Prayer Circle (Church House)

Praying for the Minster and the Northern Villages, Wimborne and the world

Prayer cycle for January

1 Our Rector	18 The police, PCSOs, the Probation Service
2 Those in training for ministry	19 The Sudan Medical Link
3 The OASIS group; the widowed	20 Ambulance services, paramedics and firefighters
4 The Lunch and Chat team	21 Churchwardens
5 The Society of St Francis at Hilfield	22 Young people in the Wimborne area
6 Wimborne Deanery; the Rural Dean	23 PCC members
7 Wimborne Town Council	24 The Chained Library: custodians, volunteers
8 Dorset County Council	25 The MARS Trust
9 Christian Aid	26 Diocesan links with Evreux and Latvia
10 Victoria Hospital; Streets Meadow	27 The Citizens' Advice Bureau
11 Our Associate Clergy	28 New housing developments
12 Parish Office staff	29 Wimborne Dementia Action Alliance
13 The Mothers' Union	30 Wimborne First School
14 Housegroups: prayer and study	31 A cause dear to your heart, not listed elsewhere
15 The Bible Society	
16 Staff of the Diocesan offices	
17 East Dorset Heritage Trust	

Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers. In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns.

When the three wise men came to find Jesus, at the end of a long journey, probably from Persia, King Herod was keen to find out from them who and where this new 'king' was. After they had seen Jesus (who was probably about 2 years old by then) they were warned by an angel in their sleep to avoid Jerusalem and Herod. So they returned home by another way.



This delightful depiction of the angel's warning (in the Cathedral of St. Lazare, Autun, France) dates from 1125.

As traditions later grew up around Jesus' birth, the wise men acquired names and the rank of kings. One of their number also came to be depicted as black, which was already a tradition at the time of Bede (d.735).

Journeying On



At the beginning of each new year, we celebrate the arrival of the Magi, to see the baby Jesus - Epiphany on 6 January. As the Magi set out on their journey in the Middle East to find the Messiah, they were uncertain about where they were going. The poem The Journey of the Magi by T.S. Eliot, written in 1927, portrays the journey as an arduous and challenging one, conveying the emotional and physical hardships they went through. This poem was written at a time when there was considerable upheaval and change happening in society, after the First World War. We are journeying into another year in a world that is troubled and changing. Things are happening that are beyond our control. We may feel a sense of uncertainty. However, the good news is that the Magi found the baby, God born as a human being, bringing hope into our world. Jesus came into the world for each and every one of us. Hope is an essential ingredient for our lives, along with compassion, kindness and peace. That God is the same, today, yesterday and forever (Hebrews 13:8) is very reassuring. We can trust in him in all the 'changing scenes of life'. King George VI used a poem, written

in 1908 by Minnie Louise Haskins, a Methodist missionary and a retired LSE academic, in his famous 1939 Christmas message which still rings true in the upheavals of our world:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

At the start of this New Year, I invite you to take time to reflect on the past year, whatever it has brought, success, fulfilment, joy, or if you have faced uncertainty, struggles or grief. Then look forward seeking God's guidance for the coming year and asking for God's blessings. If this is something new for you, then seek out those in your local churches who can tell you more.

As St Paul wrote to the church in Philippi,

'The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

(Philippians 4:4-7) [NIVUK]
May God be with you on your journey through 2025

Revd Heather Waldsax

A message from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Leaving small electrical devices on charge overnight has been the cause of multiple house fires in recent years, so Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to 'Unplug to Unwind'.

Only large appliances such as fridges are designed to be left switched on all the time, so ensuring that everything else is unplugged before you go to bed is a simple routine that could protect your home from fire.



To help reduce the risk of a fire in your home, take these simple steps:

- Make sure an electrical appliance has a British or European safety mark when you buy it. Only buy your electrical chargers from a reputable source.
- Never leave items on charge when you sleeping or when you are not at home.
- Don't overload sockets.
- Regularly check for frayed or worn cables and wires.
- Buy your electrical chargers from a reputable source.
- Register your appliances to receive notification of safety alerts or product recalls at www.registermyappliance.org.uk

More information about the Unplug To Unwind campaign can be found on the DWFRS website www.dwfire.org.uk/unplug-to-unwind/

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Events in the Minster in December



As I write, we haven't yet reached the always popular Shoppers' Carols, the Minster Carol Service, or the 'No-Rehearsal Nativity' Crib Service, where all children are invited to come dressed as a Nativity character. However, the Minster has already welcomed 8 schools for their Carol Services, as well as Wimborne First School for a Christingle service. We have hosted 5 big concerts and the Police Carol Service. This has called for a lot of organising and physical labour from the churchwardens and vergers, as well as other helpers. Two by Two has enjoyed an end of term service, the choristers had a pizza party in the Minster after their practice, complete with a Secret Santa, and the Christmas Wreath-making and Crafts, organised for December 8th by Claire, was extremely popular.



The candlelight Advent service was again well-attended and beautifully sung (photos by Anthony Oliver). Peter Cook, using his theatre experience, has been experimenting with coloured lighting at concerts this Advent. Did you see it? What did you think? Student volunteers from Canford, who have been coming regularly to do various jobs at the Minster, put up the Christmas tree, which was again generously sponsored by Hearnese and, as well as the sparkling lights, the tree was gradually decorated by children at Minster Praise and during the week. Claire set up another of her seasonal trails around the Minster, this time of knitted Christmas puddings, with little prizes for any child who found them all. Thank you to the keen knitters who made this possible!



The congregation at Minster Praise also celebrated Stir-up Sunday at the start of Advent, by mixing up Christmas cake ingredients. And if you have noticed toys spread around the Minster windowsills, it's not just an overflow from the children's corner; the flower arrangers have a plan to incorporate them into the Christmas arrangements! On Saturday 14th the Minster was a hive of activity. The Christmas Fair, with stalls selling all kinds of crafts, ran until 3pm, immediately followed by the Bournemouth and District Concert Band rehearsal, with their concert in the evening. Meanwhile, the Rector and Rev, Marianne were out welcoming the Save the Children parade. For the Christmas Fair, the crypt was transformed into Santa's grotto - and for the Christmas Eve Crib Service, it will become the stable! Refreshments were served, and the crafters who came were happy with their sales, and with the friendly atmosphere. The handcrafted goods on sale ranged from immaculately decorated coathangers to perfumes and silver jewellery. Some of the sellers on the 14th were already looking forward to the Wedding Fair in July, after the success of that event last year. Thank you again to the many people who helped set up and clear away, as well as providing refreshments and other support. After all the excitements through December, the last week or so before Christmas itself is a time of relative calm in the Minster, with the choir again leading us in the candlelit Carol Service.



Refreshing January

After all the rich foods of Christmas, why not try some simpler, delicious, but healthy dishes? Here are two suggestions!

Armenian Apricot Soup

(originally published in the Church Times)

60g red lentils
60g dried apricots
1 potato
1 litre vegetable stock
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp lemon juice
3 tbsp parsley

Put all the ingredients except the lemon juice and parsley into a large soup pot. Simmer for about half an hour. Just before you want to serve it, add the parsley and blend. Finally, add the lemon juice to taste.



Evesham Apple Pie

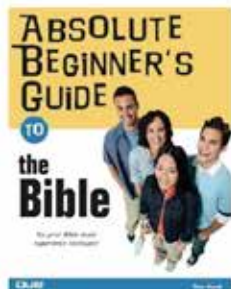
Shortcrust pastry (made with 250g flour)

1/4 tsp cinnamon
1kg Bramley cooking apples
2 tbsp marmalade
50-100g brown sugar

Line a pie dish with some of the pastry and leave to rest in the fridge. Peel, core and chop the apples, and stew to get a thick pulp. Off the heat, stir in the cinnamon and marmalade. Add a knob of butter if you want, and the sugar to taste. Fill the pie dish, put a pastry lid on, and bake until golden. Sprinkle the top with sugar and return to the oven briefly until the sugar forms a glaze. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream.



Read something to make you think



In Trinity Chapel in the Minster is a bookcase packed with interesting books and resources for you borrow and explore questions of faith more deeply. The top shelf has multiple copies of resources for housegroups. Books on the next two shelves range from guides to reading the Bible to books like *Too Busy Not to Pray*, by John Hybels. If you need a Bible, there are some different versions there too (not the blue ones that belong to the Minster, though!) – feel free to take one for yourself or to give to a friend.

Remembering Jacky Botterill, a writer of icons



Jacky Botterill, aged 75, of Caterstone, Chapel Lane, Wimborne, passed away in the early hours on Saturday 19th October after having been unwell since mid-September. Jacky was born on 1st July 1949 to Frank and Doris Wright in Swanage, Dorset. She leaves her two children Jon and Jo and her four grandchildren: Chloe, Sophie, Lauren and Erin. Jacky graduated from Bournemouth with diplomas in social work and technical art illustration, and started work as a painter at Poole Pottery.

After her early retirement from social work, she lived a religious, contemplative life. Jacky spent time living alongside different religious communities: the Poor Clares, Cistercians, Capuchins, Franciscans, and Benedictines as well as Carmelites. She was

trained as an iconographer by a Poor Clare Sister and was hallowed as an iconographer by an Orthodox priest. She lived in hermitages around the country and spent an extended retreat on the holy island of Ynys Enlli – meaning the Island of the Currents – or Bardsey Island off the Llŷn Peninsula of North West Wales.



Jacky lived a life of poverty and simplicity within the community, following an anchorite lifestyle of contemplation and prayer in Wimborne.

Some years ago, Jacky led a workshop on Writing Icons, at St Catherine's Church – a weekend of deep prayer, as well as instruction in the techniques of writing an icon. Jacky was loved by many in the Wimborne Christian community and the connection between the Minster and Saint Catherine's was celebrated in her art. Jacky wrote icons to deepen her personal prayerful life; there are two of her icons in St Catherine's RC Church, Wimborne – her last place of worship. She wrote icons



under the name Stella Maris, or Seren Y Môr in Welsh, which means 'Star of the Sea'. Jacky always loved the sea, having been born on the coast, and found it a great inspiration; a constant reminder of just how small and insignificant the human person is compared to the wild, wide ocean. The requiem mass for Jacky was celebrated on Friday 15th November at St Catherine's Church.



Chained Library Book of the month: Missale Romanum (Roman Missal)



The *Missale Romanum* was originally ordered by Pope Pius V in 1570 to be used throughout the Roman Catholic Church. It was the first *Missale Romanum* printed after the Council of Trent (held in three sessions, 1545-1563), which sought to clarify church teachings and to counter what it defined as Protestant heresies. The missal contains the texts, rules and music for the celebration of the Mass across the Church, eliminating different regional practices. Our copy of the *Missale Romanum* was printed in Antwerp in 1640 by Meurs; unfortunately, we don't know how it got in to the Library as it was one of quite a few books that

was bequeathed by that very well-known donor Anon. Printed in Latin, it is 32cm x 23cm and is listed in the 1725 audit of the Library as book 64. The pages in the photo show music for weekdays celebrating the Virgin Mary. It is likely that our edition was bound in the Low Countries because of the position of the clasps. Dutch and German have clasps that hinge on the back as opposed to English and French have clasps on the front cover that catch on the back. This is the book described by Bruce Jensen in August's issue of the magazine, with a manuscript fragment used as part of the binding.

We have two other books that have a close association with the *Missale Romanum: The History of the Council of Trent*, which was part of the original Roger Gillingham donation, translated by Sir Nathaniel Bent (under the pseudonym Paolo Sarpi) printed in London in 1676. It has 889 pages, it is 33cm x 22cm and listed in the 1725 audit as volume 86. This edition contains eight books including the acts of the Council and a record of many notable events that occurred during the 40 years of the Council's duration as well as a description of the practices of the papal court.

The second book is the *De Concilio Liber (Book about the Council)*. This is a treatise composed by Cardinal Reginald Pole, a former Dean of Wimborne Minster, in 1545, while he was presiding legate at the opening sessions of the Council of Trent. Of these two books more is to come.

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Book Review

Cloistered: My Years as a Nun
by Catherine Coldstream (Chatto and Windus, 2024)



enthusiastically, although she is surprised to learn very early on that recent converts to Catholicism are held in lower esteem than those who come from established Catholic families. However, deficiencies in relationships come to predominate even with a closed community supposedly devoted to the relationship to God. Some individuals need support, but this is not available to all. Pope Francis' attempts to confront the challenges facing the enclosed orders in the 21st century are well documented. Like much of his work, they are often frustrated by hierarchies and human nature. A little to my surprise I found this book to be un-putdownable. The author's control of language, evocation of place both behind and beyond the grille, plotting, sense of inner mystery and theology, and development of tension are all superb. I would thoroughly recommend it. Catherine may no longer be within a Carmelite order, but its ethics and values remain very much a part of her.

Beryl Balinas

Solution to December crossword

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When she was 24, Catherine Coldstream's beloved father died. A search for meaning led her to conversion to Roman Catholicism and, eventually, a decision to enter the enclosed order of Carmelite nuns at Akenside Priory, Northumberland. This particular branch of the order was founded by St Teresa of Avila in the sixteenth century. This book is the story of the twelve years she spent there. It is beautifully written, mostly - fittingly to a closed order - as a narrative, but occasionally, on the turn of significant events, dialogue is used. This very much reflects the almost total silence of the order. Catherine takes to her new life like a duck to water: its privations do not concern her at all. Indeed she embraces them

January Crossword set by Bruce Jensen

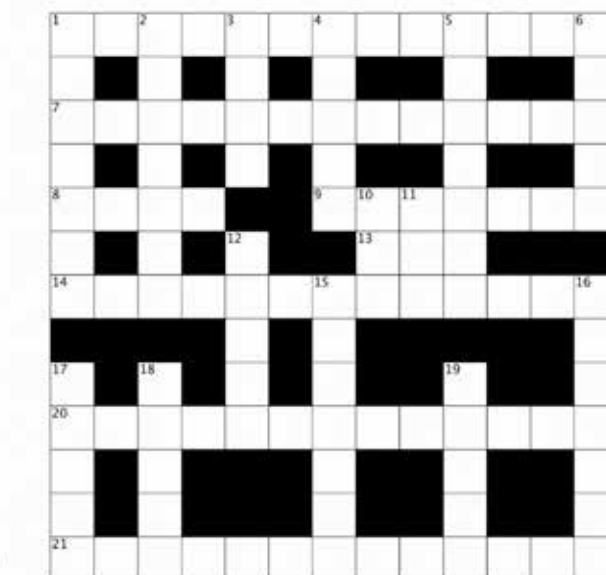


ACROSS

1. Picture No. 1 (4,9)
7. Creature native to the Galapagos (5,8)
8. Tardy (4)
9. Stretches or contorts: 'That story _ credulity' (7)
13. Rowing implement (3)
14. Picture No 2, Donald's miserly uncle (7,6)
20. 'That murderer is never getting out; he's serving 3 consecutive _.' (4,9)
21. Picture No. 3 (6,3,4)

DOWN

1. Keeps several balls in the air (7)
2. A section of a book (7)
3. 'A great musician, he never plays a wrong _' (4)
4. 'I know it's hard, but that's my _ to bear.' (5)
5. A big spotted cat (7)
6. Those things you must have (5)
10. A male cat (3)
11. Competitor to the AA (3)



12. The name of 18 kings of France (5)
15. Serious, sincere: 'The Importance of Being _' (7)
16. 'He pulled her close, _ her again and leaving her breathless.' (7)
17. _ Kent, Superman's alter-ego (5)
18. The opposite of before (5)
19. You give one to the milk to see if it's gone off (5)

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