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Looking forward to the Minster Fair and the Folk Festival

The hectic weekend of the Folk Festival and Minster Fair is close as this magazine goes to press. We look forward to many friendly conversations with visitors, and the opportunity to raise money for the Minster and other charities. More help is always needed in preparing, setting up and packing away the Minster stalls on Saturday, so please contact the Working Group if there is any help you can offer.

The Forest Garden will be open, with junk modelling and other play for children. And – if you have any energy left – the Minster is hosting two Festival performances on Saturday evening. On Sunday, the service on the Green at

10am is always popular with Festivalgoers, and will be held inside the Minster if the weather is bad, so do come and take part! Finally, a reminder that the Minster car park is completely closed on Saturday, including for anyone with a green permit. Enjoy the weekend!

Working Group: Bruce Jensen, De Ashton, Jackie Leever, Rosalind Jensen, Martin Smith (verger).



Twenty Open Gardens in Aid of Wimborne in Bloom, Sunday 30th June

For the second Wimborne in Bloom Open Gardens Day, twenty gardens in and around Wimborne will be open on Sunday 30th June from 11.00am to 5.00pm.

Pay £7.50 at the first garden you visit, start at any garden and go round in any order you wish.

Teas are available at some of the gardens, and full details are on the Wimborne in Bloom website: www.wimborneinbloom.org.uk

Wimborne in Bloom is once again grateful to Christopher Batten for his support of the event. The AGM of Wimborne in Bloom will take place on Monday 3rd June at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. A report will be given on the activities of 2023, the annual accounts presented, and future discussed. If you enjoy the town's public flower displays, and the extra tidying and care WiB volunteers give our streets, come along and find out how you can help! All are welcome.



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Services at the Minster

Sundays

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) <i>with prayer for healing on the 4th Sunday of the month</i>
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)
Evening Prayer	5.00pm 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

In May

12th	Baptism of Camilla Ada Fox and Eloise Terri Fox
19th	Baptism of Amelia Saunders
4th	Wedding of Sam Farmer and Kirstie Coppin
11th	Wedding of Sam Radclyffe and Lauren Friend
18th	Wedding of Corby Moore and Lydia Maidman
3rd	Funeral of Alex Hodges
16th	Burial of ashes of Mildred Ruth Westwedge
30th	Memorial service for Mary Garrard aged 89 years

Dates for your diary - June

Sunday 2nd, Climate Sunday

12.30pm	Bring and Share lunch (Church House)
Monday 3rd 5pm	Minster Governors' meeting

Tuesday 4th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 5th	1.00 – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	4.00pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 6th	9.30 – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	1.30 – 3.30pm	Holy Dusters
	5pm	80th Anniversary of D-Day Service (Minster), followed by peal of bells, from 6pm
Saturday 8th	10am – 4pm	Minster Fair
	4.30pm & 7.30pm	Festival performances in the Minster
Sunday 9th	10.00am	Ecumenical Service on the Green (No 9.30 or 11.15 services; no Evensong)
Tuesday 11th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
	7pm	Deanery Synod meeting (Church House)
Wednesday 12th	1.00 – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	4.00pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 13th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	1.30 – 3.30pm	Holy Dusters
	1.30pm	Short drama about D-Day (Minster Green)
Friday 14th	10.30 – 12 noon	Forest Garden for homeschooling families
	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Sunday 16th		
Monday 17th	3pm (tbc)	Memorial service for Sheila Soper
Tuesday 18th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 19th	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	4.00pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)

Thursday 20th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	1.30 – 3.30pm	Holy Dusters
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union meeting (Church House)
	7.15pm	PCC meeting (Minster)
Friday 21st	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 22nd	7.30pm	Broadstone Community Band Concert
Sunday 23rd		
Tuesday 25th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
	12 noon	Music Box: Canford School
Wednesday 26th	12 noon	Music Box: St Michael's Middle School
	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	4.00pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 27th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	12 noon	Music Box: St John's First School
	1.30 – 3.30pm	Holy Dusters
Friday 28th	10am	Canford School Leavers' Service
	10.30 – 12 noon	Forest Garden for homeschooling families
	12 noon	Music Box: Merley First School
	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 29th	7pm	Wimborne Choral Society Concert

Sunday 30th, Apostles Peter and Paul

Coming soon...

Wedding Fair takes place in the Minster on Saturday 6th July
Monday lunchtime free recitals beginning on Monday 1st July

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

Prayer cycle for June

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Museum of East Dorset, | 15 Church Mission Society |
| 2 Walford Mill and Model Town | 16 The Anglican Community in all |
| 3 Our vergers, John and Martin | its diversity |
| 4 Lay Worship Leaders | 17 Twinning Associations |
| 5 Prayer groups | 18 Prison chaplains |
| 6 The Mission to Seafarers | 19 Local farmers |
| 7 Archdeacon Anthony | 20 Allenbourn School |
| 8 Wimborne Civic Society and | 21 PCC Treasurers and |
| Wimborne in Bloom | Safeguarding representatives |
| 9 Local businesses, the Chamber | 22 Two By Two 23 The Minster |
| of Trade, the BID | bellringers |
| 10 FairTrade | 24 God's Acre Group |
| 11 GPs, nurses, carers, | 25 Pramcare |
| physiotherapists | 26 Dioceses of Yambio and Nzara |
| 12 Our retired clergy | in South Sudan |
| 13 The Minster Choir, children | 27 Vision Wimborne |
| and adults | 28 The financial sector |
| 14 The flower arrangers and | 29 Climate change |
| silver polishers | 30 Local Hospices |
| 15 The Friends of Wimborne | |
| Minster | |

*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.*

A Date for Your Diary: St. Wolfrida's Spring Clean, Saturday 22nd June, 9am – 12 noon



After the annual spring clean and clear up of the inside and outside of St. Wolfrida's Horton, in April, the next clear up will be mid-summer, an outside tidy up only. All help will be very much appreciated. Refreshments and food will be supplied. Please come along with gardening gloves, strimmers (safety glasses) and any other gardening items which may prove useful in cutting, clearing and tidying grass, ivy and bracken. Thank you for your support!

Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting: Summary Report

On April 25th, clergy and members of the congregation met in the Minster for our annual meeting.

a) It started with the Vestry Meeting, which is open to anyone in the parish, and is solely to elect the Churchwardens. Bruce Jensen was elected for one further year, and Andrew J. Patrick was elected to replace Peter Cook, who has retired after 6 years.

b) The APCM that follows is only for those on the Electoral Roll of the Minster. The minutes of the last meeting, in 2023, were approved by a majority, though several of those present hadn't been able to access the Minutes on the Minster website, and so abstained. There are 329 on the Electoral Roll this year, as against 335 last year.

c) PCC Members were elected for the year 2024-5: there were three vacancies and Peter Cook and Angela Mullens were elected. One vacancy remains. Members of the PCC are elected for 3 years at a time.

d) The list of sidesman was read and approved by those present. Two new sidesmen have been added, Angela Mullens (for the 9.30 service) and Gilly Snaith (for the 11.15 service). The sidesmen welcome everyone, hand out any service booklets, and tidy up afterwards, as well as being there to help throughout.

e) The annual accounts had been published electronically, by being posted on the Minster website; this conforms to legal requirements, but several of those present hadn't seen them. Treasurer Richard Knott explained the highlights briefly, particularly generous legacies and the grant of £30,000 from the Aldhelm

Trust (see the summary of the first meeting of the new PCC, below).

f) The Churchwardens are responsible for checking the inventory of the Minster (called the Terrier), and Bruce Jensen used the AV screens to show some additions over the past year. The wooden pulpit originally from the Minster, and most recently at Holt Parish Church, is now back in the Minster on display in St George's Chapel. Other items from Holt are being looked after at the Minster pending distribution to the village churches as needed. The Chained Library, which has a separate inventory, has received some valuable books in the past year [as recorded in this magazine].

g) The Annual Report, which is available online, is compiled from detailed reports by 43 different groups active at the Minster, and gives a good idea of the impressive range of activities that are part of the life of the Minster. The PCC Secretary, Beatrice Dopita, was thanked for compiling this.

h) Peter Cook was thanked for his service as Churchwarden, and presented with two gifts. He thanked all who had assisted him during his term.

i) The Rector, in his report, spoke about two issues. The plan to build a new Rectory is still progressing, although there had been some difficulties. As a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral, the Rector has been involved in exploring ways of using green energy to heat the cathedral and had just taken part in a research visit to Bath Abbey to look at their new heating system. His report with recommendations for The Minster has been sent to the Fabric Committee,

but he also noted that the Bath Abbey project had taken 20 years to be realised!

Wimborne Minster PCC Members 2024-25

Clergy:

Rev. Canon Andrew J W Rowland
Rev. Heather Waldsax (ex-officio)

Churchwardens:

Mr. Bruce Jensen
Mr. Andrew Patrick

Deanery Synod Members (all elected for three years from 2023):

Mrs. De Ashton Mrs. Minna Harvey
Mrs. Anne King Mrs. Sarah Steele

PCC Members (elected for three years, with date elected):

Mr. Peter Cook (2024), Deputy Churchwarden & Churchwarden Emeritus
Mr. Richard Knott (2020), Honorary Treasurer & Deputy Churchwarden
Mrs. Jane Davidson (2023), Safeguarding Officer
Mr David Allen (2023)
Mr Dennis Child (2023)
Mrs Heather Davey (2021)
Mrs. Alison Francis (2020)
Mr Andrew Kelley (2022)
Ms Angela Mullens (2024)
Mr John Waldsax (2023)

PCC Secretary Vacant

Electoral Roll Officer Ruth Marshall, Parish Secretary

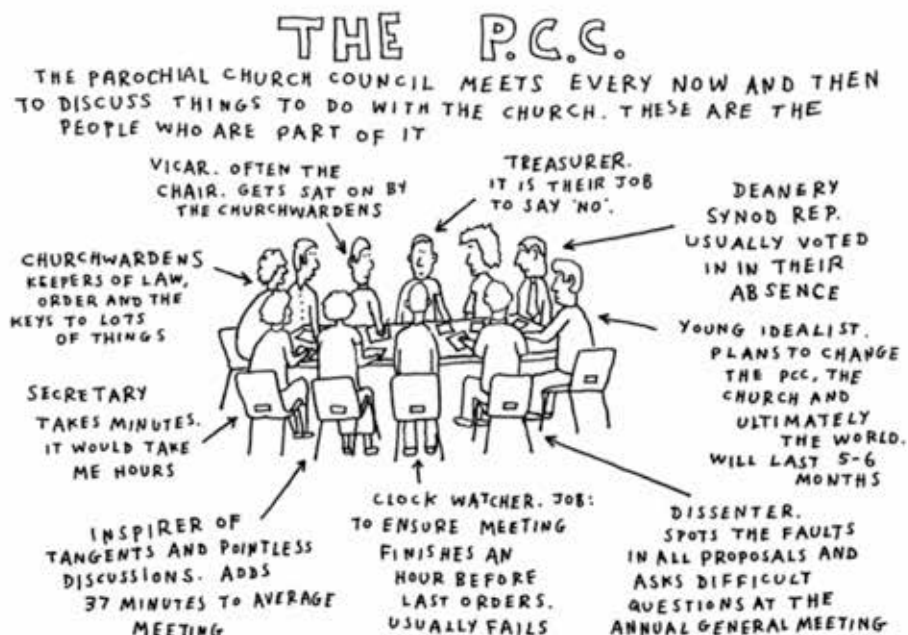
What does the PCC do?

Here is an excerpt from the guide produced by the Diocese of Exeter <https://exeter.anglican.org> :

The PCC is a team made up of members of clergy and lay members of the church. Together they are responsible for the overall wellbeing, practical as well as spiritual, of their church, the church members, and the church buildings... Some responsibilities are devolved to the Rector and Churchwardens, but... members of the PCC have the right to be consulted, to know what is proposed, and to have the opportunity to express an opinion on it.

Someone interested in becoming a member of the PCC will be: a committed member of the congregation, interested in and involved with the life of the church and the wider community, willing to learn and to share ideas, experience and gifts, caring, and able to listen to another's point of view.

In the next few issues of this magazine, we will have some brief interviews with members of the PCC and diocesan synod.



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Report on the PCC Meeting, Thursday May 16th

Who would have thought that a PCC meeting could cover such a range of emotions?

Our first thoughts were about Sheila and the huge contribution she has made to the life of the Minster (and so many other areas). We will miss her. After formally acknowledging Beatrice's resignation and thanking her for five years as PCC Secretary, the Treasurer reported on our continuing good financial health. Two major donors have helped make this possible, but the generosity of our congregation and easier ways to donate electronically have made significant contributions.



Levity entered the meeting when Churchwarden Bruce showed us what was clogging up the Minster's gutters: a large shoe and a small garden of mud and plants! The grass and earth has now been transferred to the

Forest Garden but the shoe remains homeless. He also told us about the myriad building works he manages, including the repair of holes in our ancient glass windows and the restoration of wall plaques. Who knew that the latter involved trying to trace descendants through 19th century Australian newspapers? Churchwarden Andrew was less positive, as the plans to re-order the Minster face innumerable obstacles; but he remains determined to enact our vision. Unless Dorset allow us to extend our vestry – hardly an architectural gem – we can't progress, so please pray that common sense will prevail.

There was better news about our staff. Our new curate, Marianne Mangham (see photo right), will be arriving in June, and Rev. Sharon Boyle, previously the curate in the Wimborne Villages, has joined our ministry team while continuing her work as Salisbury Hospital chaplain. In addition, a grant from the Aldhelm Mission Trust, together with a recent legacy, has allowed us to extend our Family Worker Claire's contract by a further three years. Lastly, but importantly, we discussed

communication at the Minster, which has sometimes stumbled recently. There needed to be some changes to our website, to make it easier to navigate. However, only a percentage of people use it as their favoured means of obtaining information. We probably need to activate our dormant Instagram account and discuss other means of communicating on social media; but, as recent events have shown, we need to recognise that a number of people prefer to stick with more traditional methods. We will therefore revert to pinning up minutes



and simplified financial statements in the Minster itself (as well as on the website).

- Richard Knott,
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Marking Climate Sunday on June 2nd



Our Climate is changing

In March 2024 the United Nations reported that 2023 was the hottest year on record – and proclaimed afresh a 'red alert' for earth. In February 2024, during the hottest February in recorded history, coastal West Africa suffered an exceptional wave of heat and humidity which led, in some places, to Heat Index values in the 'extreme danger' range of up to 60°C. March 2024 was the 10th month that set records as the warmest ever. Extreme heat has been creating health hazards and hardship in West Africa and Asia. Climate-intensified extreme rains have flooded the United Arab Emirates. Heat and drought are causing a mass die-off of vegetation in Western Australia and overheated seas are bleaching corals globally. It is generally accepted that these high temperatures are being caused by increasing greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere, caused mainly by burning coal and gas.

Reasons for Taking Action - what does the Bible say? The Earth is the Lord's

Psalms 24:1-2 states: *"The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters."* Many have highlighted that when we fail to see the world as God's creation, we'll be more inclined to abuse it. While the Bible doesn't call out the dangers of human-induced climate change, it does call on Christians to honour God's

creation. **Therefore human-induced climate change and the loss of biodiversity should not be merely a material concern but a moral one. Following Jesus Christ's command to love our neighbours**

In Matthew 22:39, Jesus Christ commands us to love our neighbour and we do this by responding to their needs. We're to care and provide for them as we would ourselves. The effects of climate change can be devastating for people and it impacts the poor and vulnerable disproportionately. They often don't have the financial buffer to deal with crop failures or physical damages to their homes. They are less likely to have the funds to adapt to the changing climate or mitigate some of its effects. They are more likely to be displaced and feel the impact of conflicts the most.

What is the Minster Doing?

We have an Ecochurch Silver Award, so there is much that we have done in the past. What more can we do?

- In 2020 the Church of England General Synod set a target to become 'net zero' by 2030 and there is advice and assistance to help churches. We are being encouraged to measure and reduce our emissions from energy (gas, oil and electricity), to switch to renewable electricity and to consider future options for heating.
- Possibilities for the Minster include

improving insulation, tailoring heating to activity, moving to truly renewable tariffs and exploring different ways of heating. There is then the possibility of paying to offset any remaining emissions.

- It will be difficult to make a large reduction in emissions without major, costly changes and even then there will be a limit to what can be achieved. However, the Minster to continuing efforts to become 'net zero' by 2030.
- And we can pray.

What can I do?

We can each try to reduce our own greenhouse gas emissions, which are likely to come mainly from heating but also from lighting, food, travel, home appliances and general lifestyle.

We could individually aim to make at least 3 changes during the remainder of 2024 with guidance from the following:

Climate Stewards:

<https://www.climatestewards.org/offset>

Giki Zero:

<https://zero.giki.earth/>

and look at our wider influence on the planet using:

CreationCare

<https://creationcare.org.uk/resources>

- Minster Environmental Group

Thought provoking art at Salisbury Cathedral



This summer's exhibition, Our Earth, focuses on the domestic impact of climate change asking us to consider how our day to day lives may be impacted and how that will be felt differently across the world. The exhibition brings together both inside and outside beginning with a major interactive outdoor commission by artist, Hilary Jack, which thinks about the homes that have been moved

due to coastal erosion (see photo), and a large-scale banner and animation work by Dryden Goodwin reflecting on the importance of having clean air to breathe. Inside the cathedral itself, artworks include powerful paintings by artist, filmmaker and gay rights activist Derek Jarman exploring the joy found in the garden, and a multi-panel work by Ethiopian artist Elias Sime, who thinks about the connection between the earth and the digital world.

<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk>



House Groups Meeting

From the Emmaus House Group: *We have been working through a study course from USPG looking at the radical nature of the gospel (The Prophetic Voice of the Church), with a special focus on the church in India. In the section on climate change we read this 'green' version of Jesus' parable.*

The politicians, industrialists and religious leaders gathered around to hear the Lord. And Jesus said to them, "Suppose there were 100 ponds in a village used for cultivation.

Due to bad planning, one of the ponds was used as a dump. All kinds of waste and plastic were thrown into this pond, which quickly became dirty and smelly and a breeding ground for mosquitoes. But because the remaining 99 ponds met all the villagers' needs for fresh water and fish, the people decided they could live without the pond that had become an eyesore.

One day an environmentalist visited the town, and when he saw the pond he was shocked and called together all the local politicians to discuss what to do.

Though all 99 other ponds required ongoing maintenance, the environmentalist and the politicians gathered all the villagers to help revive the dead pond. They worked together joyfully and cleaned up the pond.

Then the rains came. Fish flourished in the revived pond. Birds came and sang their songs. And the land around the pond became green and thrived – so the whole village rejoiced."

Then the Lord said, "I tell you, in the same way, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over this one pond saved than in having the other 99 useful ponds."

This is taken from a book called Green Parables, by Charlie Shanthakumar, published by the Church of South India. What strikes you most in this re-written



version? In our meeting we discussed the way neglect of a single pond was damaging the whole community; how a local group works together (rather than the lone shepherd of the original); the way the revived pond thrives positively.

One of the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission challenges us to safeguard Creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth. What five (or three, or ten!) Commandments would you write for the environment? Send your suggestions to the Magazine editors and they may appear in our July issue.

(Photo: Rajmachi Pond, India)

House Groups Meeting

A great example of circularity, extending the lifecycle of equipment, supporting the community and cutting waste – the Tech Amnesty held by the charity **DONATE IT** and the Minster Environment Group (MEG). Eighty-six laptops, tablets and phones were donated, i.e. about a quarter of a ton of tech that had been stuck in people's drawers/lofts! Nine refurbished tablets and phones from previous collections were brought for Wimborne Food Bank and Wimborne Food Community Supply to give to their customers to keep in touch. Your donations help people in digital poverty, and help the food banks do their vital work.

Pictured: Mike Lunt (MEG) Sara Worth (Wimborne Food bank) Simon Barfoot (DonateIT), Jeremy Legg (Wimborne Community Food Supply, Alison Francis and Linda Bunting (both MEG)



The home-schooled children coming to the **Forest Garden** on Fridays have been handling and digging in locally-produced compost (particularly rich in eggshells!). A clump of soil that had built up on the Minster roof was brought down and also went into the mix: a neat example of recycling resources. This was all applied to the vegetable beds, where several potatoes had already sprouted. The remaining space has now been filled by the children with runner bean plants, as well as tiny lettuces and strawberry plants. The beans and lettuce came from Verger John Hughes' allotment and are very fine specimens.

We are all looking forward to seeing what grows best!



House Groups Meeting

Representatives of all the House Groups associated with the Minster, and those who wanted to know more about House Groups, or wanted to join one, attended a meeting at Church House on 4th May. Everyone was welcomed, and coffee and cake were served. Thank you very much to everyone who made cakes and helped. The framework for the morning was to get feedback from the five existing House Groups about what they had been studying and would like to study, and what they got out of belonging to their Group, and to get input on how they would like to see the groups evolving.

Study books used by the various House Groups were put out for people to look at, and Groups are encouraged to share these resources. We had a really good exchange of ideas – more like a mini-conference. People felt that House Groups gave them a sense of belonging, and that their House Group was a source of great support and companionship on the journey towards a greater understanding of the Gospels and our relationship with God. House Group members said that their group made no pre-conditions or judgements when inviting others to join, and that each individual's life experience and knowledge was different, enabling them to share and learn from one another. Members of Groups found it helpful to keep in touch via such methods as What's App, which help them pray for

and with one another. Most Groups meet fortnightly in one another's homes – which limited numbers to around 8 or 9 people.

We felt it would be very helpful to have a co-ordinator for the House Groups – a role that Revd. Derek Butler will be taking on. He will looking at the best way to encourage those from the Minister's various congregations who want to join



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a House Group, and how these might be structured in the future, and have a plan ready to put into place in September. An organised, welcoming pastoral structure to House Groups would make them more accessible to newcomers and help us build a stronger fellowship, and help our discipleship.

Anyone wanting to know more, or who would like to start or join a house group should contact Derek Butler on derek-assistpriest@wimborneminster.org.uk.

Note: there is a bookcase with collected resources for House Groups, but also a range of books for personal reading, which everyone is welcome to borrow. It is in Trinity Chapel next to the door to the vestry.

Take a Break



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Edmund Campion and Evelyn Waugh

I have greatly admired the writing of Evelyn Waugh from an early age. His novels, based largely on his own experience and full of satire, including *Decline and Fall*, *A Handful of Dust*, and *Brideshead Revisited*, have gained him a reputation as one of the leading prose stylists of the English language in the twentieth century.



Waugh's school days were spent at Lancing College, and from there he gained a place at Oxford, before becoming a school master. At the age of thirty-six and anxious to play his part in the war, Waugh was commissioned into the Royal Marines, which formed the background to his trilogy *Sword of Honour*. Those he met are vividly described, and often recognized themselves duly satirized, generally to their dismay. Evelyn Waugh was not a natural soldier and was often guilty of snobbish behaviour and a nasty temper. His military

record described him as "courageous, unmilitary insubordinate, and unemployable as a soldier." His commanders enjoyed his wit and literary works but later recognized that Evelyn's proposed transfer to the Royal Horse Guards would be no loss to the Marines. Waugh, however, sought an active role with the Commandos on hazardous service. Lord Lovat advised him he would need to attend the Commando's Achnacarry Training Centre in Scotland as a precondition. Waugh realized he would not pass such test; firstly the centre was described as "fearsome" and highly selective, and secondly, he had previously been reprimanded by the new Commandant for waving his riding crop at him instead of saluting. Evelyn Waugh is probably best remembered for *Decline and Fall*, which he completed in rooms at the Barley Mow inn, Colehill in 1928, when aged twenty-five. The novel, based on

Waugh's experience as a young teacher, is said to comically reflect a futile society full of grotesque characters, and to have reshaped the literary world through its content, and satirical prose. Evelyn Gardner (known to their friends as 'She-Evelyn'), who later became Waugh's wife, together with her friend Pansy, were lodging in an old Georgian house with a lovely garden looking onto the river. Pansy, whose own partner Henry Lamb, the painter, rented a property in nearby Poole, described the Georgian house as East Borough House, thought to have been demolished to make way for Allenbourn School. Pansy described the Barley Mow as a lovely old pub and that Evelyn was staying there in the interest of "economy and propriety." All thought a little country air would do them good, highlighting the green open spaces. She-Evelyn and Evelyn were married in London in May 1928. Within a year, following She-



Evelyn's adultery, the parties separated. Waugh declared, "the trouble about the world today is that there's not enough religion in it." He converted to Catholicism in 1930, and thereafter took a strong traditionalist stance, deeply opposed to all attempts to reform the church, particularly the removal of the Latin mass in favour of a vernacular mass. Evelyn became friendly with Martin D'Arcy, a Roman Catholic priest, and philosopher, described as "perhaps England's foremost Catholic intellectual." D'Arcy spent much of his working life at the Jesuit house Campion Hall, Oxford. At the time Evelyn devoted his energies to writing a biography of Edmund Campion (1540-1581), a sixteenth century English Jesuit Martyr, and

courting his second wife Laura. The biography gave him a far deeper understanding of his adopted faith and certainly raised his stock amongst Catholic circles. In April 1936 came news that Waugh had won Britain's most prestigious literary award for the biography, and many hailed him as the outstanding writer of his generation. The Minster Chained Library has a book catalogued with Vincent of Lérins as author. Following a great deal of work by the Librarians, for which I am exceedingly grateful, this book of modest appearance was located. Published in 1613, it contains both Vincent of Lerin's early theological writing (434) and Campion's *Decem Rationes* and *Brag* (1582). By 1632 the book had been distributed in almost every European country. We are given substantial insight into Orthodox Christian teaching of the fifth century and schisms of the sixteenth century. Campion's canonization in 1970 was a day of celebration at Christ's Hospital, his alma mater, and reminded us all of the huge sacrifices made

by the English Jesuit Martyrs and others in the name of Christianity. Evelyn Waugh died on April 10th 1966, aged sixty-two. His daughter wrote, "Don't be too upset about Papa. You know how he longed to die and dying as he did on Easter Sunday, when all the liturgy is about death and resurrection, after a latin mass and holy communion, would be exactly what he wanted. I am sure he had prayed for death at mass. I am very, very happy for him."

- John Stevenson

Editor's note:

Both of Campion's works were written when he was sent to England to preach as part of the Jesuit mission launched in 1580. In his *Challenge to the Privy Council*, also known as *Campion's Brag*, he explains that his mission is not political or treasonous, but rather to teach Christian truth, and the *Decem Rationes* lays out arguments against the validity of the Anglican Church. The best known work of Vincent of Lérins (d. circa 445) seeks to provide a general rule to distinguish Catholic truth from heresy, and so we can see why these works were bound and published together in 1613.

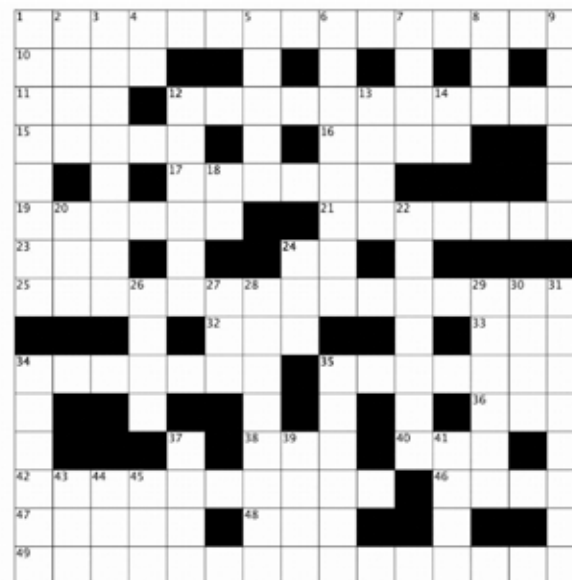
June Crossword set by Bruce Jensen

ACROSS

1. Puffed up like a gaudy bird (male) (5,2,1,7)
10. They're used to kiss with (4)
11. Consumed (3)
12. Pictures taken with a camera (11)
15. Little pies (or naughty ladies?) (5)
16. 'All in a __ work' (4)
17. 2nd biggest passenger plane manufacturer (6)
19. Stinging weed (6)
21. Shouted hooray (7)
23. Employ (3)
24. 'My pronouns are __/him' (2)
25. Crazy as a rabbit-like creature in the third month (3,2,1,5,4)
32. Put a match to (3)
33. The 11th month (abbr)
34. Tearfully sentimental (7)
35. A tidal wave (7)
36. A little bit, a smidge (3)
38. Down the snow slopes on planks (3)
40. The one after one (3)
42. Functioning at a too high capacity: 'He has an __ imagination' (10)
46. End-of-prayer affirmation (4)
47. Send money in payment (5)
48. Samuel ran to him when he heard God calling (3)
49. Doggedly determined as a horse/donkey hybrid (8,2,1,4)

DOWN

1. The Visa card level better than silver or gold (8)
2. Star Hayworth or Moreno (4)
3. Performed surgery (8)



4. You + Me = __ (2)
5. Wimborne's river (5)
6. Film bigwig (8)
7. Light, without substance (4)
8. It stands for Old Age Pensioner (3)
9. 'Sweet 16 & never been __' (6)
12. In the Bible it's the book before Proverbs (6)
13. Nasty cut (4)
14. ' __ Time Goes By' (the song Sam played again) (2)
18. 'that is' (Lat abbr.) (2)
20. It's short for European Space Agency (3)
22. What comes out of a (non-electric) car (7)
24. It goes on your head (3)
26. A nickname for Andrew (4)
27. The boxer they called The Greatest (3)
28. Clergyman (8)
29. ' __ that loses an electron is an ion' (2,4)
30. The capital city, to an Italian (4)
31. What the prosecutor needs to convict (8)
34. Engines (6)
35. What you need to know on Quiz Night (6)
37. A choirmaster's abbr. for Soprano Alto Tenor Bass (4)
39. Oven to fire your clay thumb pot (4)
41. Not too hot, but not tepid (4)
43. He'll fix your cat's ills (3)
44. Flightless Aussie bird (3)
45. A bone found in a cage (3)

Answers to May's crossword

HERE COMES THE SUN
A E O H E H E
NIMROD MARRIAGE
G I I K O I D N D
OWN BEDROOM GEE
VIDEOREW HAD
ERE WOMEN TEAR
RED SKY AT MORNING
U N ARE AIR
ATONCE T ACUTE
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