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Christian Aid Autumn Lunches

Following the successful Christian Aid lunches in Lent, the Wimborne group is putting on an additional two autumn lunches, on **Tuesday, 8th and Tuesday, 22nd October at Wimborne Methodist Church, upstairs, beginning at 12.30pm**

(please don't arrive before 12.20pm).

As we celebrate both Harvest and Creationtide this autumn, these lunches will reflect the theme of **Food and Farming**, critical issues here in Dorset and across the world.

As always, the lunch is a simple one, bread butter/spread, cheese (or alternative), fruit and tea/coffee, but we will use as much as we can that has been grown or processed locally. On October 22nd the meal will be sourced from local gardens, allotments and small holdings.

Our invited speakers have expertise in **Food** (October 8th) and **Farming** (October 22nd) and will have a bit longer to speak than at the the Lent lunches.



We want to reflect on Harvest and express our thankfulness for the gifts of creation as well as enjoying one another's company. We suggest a donation of a few pounds to cover the costs of food, premises and a small gift for each speaker. Of course, additional donations towards Christian Aid's work will be warmly received, but the chief purpose is friendship centred around local food. We look forward to welcoming you – and please tell your friends about these lunches.

- Mike Lunt (tel. 01202 889487)

On Saturday 12th October the Minster will turn from green (Planet Wimborne Green Festival) to pink, as the building is lit up for two evenings in support of breast cancer awareness month. Through October other Dorset buildings will be lit up in pink, including the Priory at Christchurch, Corfe Castle, Sherborne Abbey, and the ferris wheel at Bournemouth Pier. This has been organised by a team of 45 breast cancer survivors based in Hengistbury Head, called Pink Champagne Breast Cancer Survivors Dragon Boat Team.



Donating to the Minster

If you would like to support the work of the Minster, you can scan this QR code, which will take you to our giving portal. You can also make donations in the Minster, using the Gift Aid envelopes or as a contactless payment on the terminal by the porch door. Thank you.



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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)*

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 enjoy

In September

14th Wedding of Nathan Chapman and Emma Potter

20th Wedding blessing of Leslie Rosario and Oliver Harrison

28th Wedding of Michael Eddie and Claire Cuerden

19th Funeral of Colin Feltham aged 82 years

Dates for your diary - October

Wednesday 2nd

1pm – 1.30pm

Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)

4pm

Prayer Circle (Church House)

Thursday 3rd

9.30am - 11am

Two By Two Toddler Group

(Church House upstairs)

Friday 4th

1pm – 3pm

Afternoon Teas (Minster)

12 noon – 1pm

Lunch and Chat (Church House)

1.45pm

QE School Welcome Service

Sunday 6th	12.30am	Bring and Share lunch (Church House)
Tuesday 8th	10.30am-12 noon	Forest Garden for Toddlers
Wednesday 9th	12.45pm	DAHW Tour of Chained Library
	1pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	2.30pm	Franciscan Group meeting (St Margaret's Chapel)
	4pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 10th	9.30am - 11am	Two By Two Toddler Group (Church House upstairs)
	1pm – 3pm	Afternoon Teas (Minster)
	7pm	Annual Cuthburga Lecture (Minster), given by Revd. Canon Charles Stewart, Vicar of Christchurch Priory.
Friday 11th	10.30am-12 noon	Forest Garden for Homeschooling families
	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
	6pm	Annual Cuthburga Lecture (Minster)
Saturday 12th	10am – 3pm	Forest Garden open as part of the Green Festival
	10am – 3pm	Planet Wimborne Green Festival (Minster Green)
Sunday 13th		
Tuesday 15th	10.30am-12 noon	Forest Garden for Toddlers
Wednesday 16th	1pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	4pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 17th	9.30am - 11am	Two By Two Toddler Group (Church House upstairs)
	1pm – 3pm	Afternoon Teas (Minster)
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union meeting (Church House)

Friday 18th	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 19th	10.30am – 12.30pm	Messy Church (Minster)
	7pm	Dorchester Choral Society concert

Sunday 20th, Commemoration of Benefactors

	9.30am	Preacher: the Dean of Salisbury Cathedral
Tuesday 22nd	10.30am-12 noon	Forest Garden for Toddlers
Wednesday 23rd	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	4.00pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 24th	9.30am - 11am	Two By Two Toddler Group (Church House upstairs)
	1pm – 3pm	Afternoon Teas (Minster)
Friday 25th	10.30am-12 noon	Forest Garden for Homeschooling families
	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 26th	9.30am – 12.30pm	Marriage preparation course (Church House)
	10.30am – 1pm	Chorister Taster Day (Minster)

Sunday 27th

	3pm	Animal Blessing Service
Wednesday 30th	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	4.00pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 31st	9.30am - 11am	Two By Two Toddler Group (Church House upstairs)
	10am – 12 noon	Shrek Party (Minster)
	1pm – 3pm	Afternoon Teas (Minster)

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The **Shrek party** on Thursday 31st October 10am -12 noon includes-crafts , activities including Pin the Tail on Donkey and decorating a gingerbread figure, Lego play, a baby area , and hot dogs , Non-scary fancy dress welcome,. Suggested donation £5 per family; please book if possible by emailing claire@wimborneminster.org.uk



14th October- 2nd November, **Hedgehog Hunt** in the Minster. Find the hedgehogs and receive a small prize. claire@wimborneminster.org.uk

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

Prayer cycle for October

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

*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.*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it

In September and early October, we are encouraged to give particular focus to environmental issues. Time for Creation links in naturally with the time when we celebrate harvest thanksgivings.

God, creator of the universe,

Fill us with your love for creation, for the natural world around us, for the earth from which we come and to which we will return.

Awake in us energy to work for your world; let us never fall into complacency, ignorance, or being overwhelmed by the task before us. Help us to restore, remake, renew.

Amen

Twists in Our Tale



October is one of the great months where we see nature displaying a major change. Often, particularly with our trees, it is a glorious event and thankfully predictable. In a

recent BBC series called 'Sherwood' (yes, set in Nottingham), the plot demonstrated a well-crafted 'twist' at the end of the penultimate episode of the first series. 'Twist' here meaning 'an unexpected development of events'. And in political life we also see the impact of the unexpected as well. When Prime Minister Harold Macmillan (1957-63) was asked what was most likely to knock governments off course, he replied: 'Events, dear boy, events'.

And in life how do we react to such events – especially the unpredictable



ones? In June two USA astronauts headed to the International Space Station in the new Boeing Starliner capsule. The trip was meant to last 8

days but due to technical malfunctions in the capsule they will not now return home until February. I wondered how they really reacted to the news? Professionally they said all the right things but I wonder if humanly speaking they still had to work through the disappointment

and major impact this event had on their lives. The way we choose to view such moments is so important. One member of the Minster resists the language of things being issues or problems but encourages us to view everything as opportunities. And to do that does change our mindset. Paul takes this further in *Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)*

"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."

Being anxious is a natural human reaction to change. Whether we are facing a positive or negative life event, we're being encouraged to work through 'every situation' with God's help - and by doing so, inviting 'the peace of God' to transcend or surpass our understanding. And so, to guard our heart and minds – in other words not just to cope but really know the peace of God as we work it through. Taking the opportunity to connect with the One who worked through the biggest life changing event the universe will ever see. Jesus, who said,

"My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27 (NKJV).

One more thing to celebrate this October.

- Rev Derek Butler

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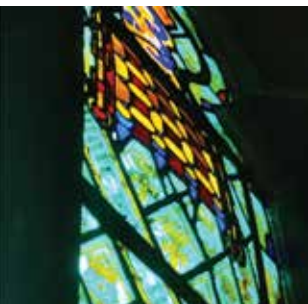
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Report from PCC meeting on Wednesday 18th September



Why is that discussion is often at its most animated over the less important items, such as whether we need a category 'Worshipper' on our car park permits? Speaking of cars, many will have noticed that there are now two disabled parking bays, which are being correctly used; but please can everyone use the rest of the car park only when involved in Minster activities. The treasurer reported that our finances remain healthy, particularly as we have just learned that our Parish Share is to be reduced next year, as our benefice now has only one priest with a stipend. We welcomed back CW Bruce from across The Pond; we had missed his slideshows. This time his photos included one of the bulging glass panels in a window in Trinity Chapel (the 19th-century Beaufort window by Willement), but



our architect has advised us to sit back and wait, as windows often move. Let us hope his optimism is justified. CW Andrew proposed a

new lanyard policy (which was approved) and then told us of the continuing frustration with planners as we try to put toilets in the Minster. It now seems sensible to pause (temporarily) our plans for the vestry and look at placing the toilets within Trinity Chapel ('pod the loo'). Some

of us enjoyed crawling around the chapel floor looking at the remains of old Victorian pipes with the

architect; but those antics mean that he seems confident that we can provide suitable facilities that are visually pleasing and will not seem out of place in the Minster. Following an earlier visit from Canon Tom Clammer, who gave us useful advice on our plans (being in a wheelchair himself, he is particularly knowledgeable on disabled access), our Grand Plan has been split into several manageable chunks. This will enable us to do several parts of the project (such as the entrance ramp, servery and toilets) much more quickly. Apart from filling us in on his own protracted saga with planners over the new rectory, the Rector mentioned the possibility of a Minster Festival in 2025. By chance, the 700th anniversary of St Cuthberga's death, the Flower Festival and a major concert are already planned to take place next autumn, which might allow us to arrange something rather special around those events. Given that St Cuthberga's brother, King Ine, died within a few months of her, we can look forward to a feast of Cuth-burgers and glasses of (w)Ine next year.

- Richard Knott

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Anne King

Among other occupations, I taught in Further and Higher Education, ran a printing business, with my husband, represented the Federation of Small Businesses on several Government and SW Regional bodies, and gave talks for FSB to many different organisations. We worked with schools across the country, and ran projects to help children develop self-confidence and employability skills. For most of my married life we lived on a forest track in the Forest of Dean, where our son was born and grew up. Wonderful place for wildlife; but not so good for socialising!

I moved to Wimborne after my husband died in 2015 as my son and his family live in Poole. I go to the Minster Praise service, and occasionally to Evensong. Since moving here, I have become involved with Young Enterprise, the MARS Trust and the Children's Society.

Jane Davidson

I have lived with my family in Wimborne Minster since 1993. When my 3 children were at home, we worshipped at St. John's, Wimborne. I have worshipped at Wimborne Minster for over 20 years.

On retiring from full time work with the NHS, I became the Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR). This involves initiating security checks for all volunteers and ensuring that safeguarding training is completed. I also aim to ensure that PCC members understand the full responsibility of their leadership and trustee roles.

I attend the 9.30 and 11.15 services. I have been part of the Zoom Morning Prayer group since Covid. I co-lead the "Refresh" Wednesday daytime Home Group. However, with 6 grandchildren and elderly parents in the Lake District, my availability can be a bit erratic. I am happy to be contacted on 07962718724 and will do my best to help with any enquiries or help with safeguarding issues.

The Minster's Deanery Synod representatives in the present PCC are: De Ashton, Sarah Steele, Minna Harvey, and Anne King.

What does the Deanery Synod do?

Representatives of each parish in the Wimborne Deanery meet once a quarter to discuss issues of shared interest. Over the past year, the Deanery Synod has focused on the Diocesan Making Jesus Known initiative, and ways we can learn, learn from one another and work together. Focus has also been on changes to the Parish Share, to make it fairer, and to ensure that it brings sufficient income to fund salaries and activities. Emphasis was also placed on involving younger Christians in the ongoing work of the Church and promoting the Gospel, to be more representative and ensure succession for the various lay roles.

Meetings are held across the Deanery, but in the winter, Zoom is used which has worked very well.

RIDE+STRIDE for Churches

Raising funds for Dorset Historic Churches Trust

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have raised over £500, only part of it online.



A welcomer's perspective

Early in the morning of Saturday 14th September I walked up past Wimborne Hospital to St Margaret and St Anthony's Chapel to make preparations for the annual Ride + Stride event. It was a bright and sunny day, but thankfully several degrees cooler than last year, when participants had to contend with scorching heat and record temperatures.

Once the chairs had been re-arranged and some light refreshments laid out, I was ready and eager to welcome the walkers and riders who would be visiting the chapel during the day. First to arrive was a family of three cyclists, who stopped for a quick drink, snack and chat before they were on their way again.

Moments later, two larger groups arrived at the same time, one by bike, the other on foot. Both from local churches, the groups had visited the chapel in previous years and were interested to learn a little more about its history. Once they had eaten their cakes and biscuits, enjoyed a sociable time together and departed, the chapel was quiet again. The riders from Wimborne Minster arrived shortly after midday, near the end of their tour (see photo). During a break for lunch, I had time to pop down and say hello to the welcomers at the Minster, sitting outside in the sunshine.



For the rest of the afternoon, the visitors were mostly solo cyclists, some of whom had a large number of churches on their itinerary and had spent hours in the saddle. Even so, they took the time to admire the building or have a conversation before continuing their journey.

Packing away at the end of the day, I could reflect on the pleasure and satisfaction of welcoming people into our lovely place of worship, and give thanks for all those raising vital funds for DHCT to care for churches and chapels in Dorset and beyond.

- Sue - Welcomer at St Margaret's Chapel

Striding in the Tarrant Valley

Two walkers had an early outing, on Friday 13th, along the Tarrant Valley, starting at Spetisbury and ending at Tarrant Monkton for welcome refreshments, a walk which included 6 churches. It was quiet even on the roads, warm but with enough shade, and we found all churches except Spetisbury open. Some high points: the pyramid monument at Spetisbury to a former vicar (d.1840); Tarrant Keyneston's new toilet, and impressively tidy vestry; Tarrant Rushton's unique (to Dorset) acoustic pots; Tarrant Monkton's display in the bell-tower and a matched pair of handsome welcoming cats.

We also learned that All Saints, Tarrant

Monkton, will have to raise £35,000 to replace oak trusses (eaten by deathwatch beetle) and steel supports (corroded by damp) in the bell-tower, and I am certain that the Historic Churches Trust will be supporting this church, like many others.

– Rosalind Jensen

Photos (l. to r.): monument in Spetisbury churchyard, window in Tarrant Keyneston; 19th century sketch of the bell-tower in cross-section, Tarrant Monkton;



On their bikes

This year, due to injuries and other commitments, there were only two early cyclists, setting off on a whirlwind tour at 8am. Two others went out in the afternoon. Thank you to Dinah, the Rector (who is also a Trustee of Dorset Historic Churches Trust), and Richard and Tricia Knott for taking part.

Thank you also to the welcomers at the Minster and St Margaret's. And of

course a big thank you to everyone who has supported us in raising funds for historic churches!

We already have plans for how to include young families in the fundraising next year! You can find out more about what the Historic Churches Trust does at their website, <https://www.dhct.org.uk/m/index>



Harvest Celebrations

At St Margaret's the Harvest service included the hymns (130) *We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand...* and (137) *For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

In the Minster, the flower arrangers surpassed themselves, and there were baskets of homegrown produce for the Community Food Supply. A traditional harvest bread, in the shape of a wheat sheaf, was generously given by Reeves the bakers (High Street).



Colin Feltham, 2nd December 1942 – 2nd September 2024



The following information is mostly taken from the eulogy at Colin's funeral, kindly supplied by his brother Stephen. Colin was a faithful, active, generous and expert member of the Minster community, particularly as Churchwarden, on the PCC, and in matters concerning finance and fabric.

Colin knew the austerity of the Second World War and the years that followed. He grew up in a council house and did well at school. He fell in love, married, and raised a family; he was a churchwarden and he pursued his interests in music. Early on he supplemented the family income by getting his licence as a taxi driver in Bournemouth, where he was known as The Admiral to the other local cabbies. He was a valued employee at the Admiralty Materials Laboratory in Holton Heath where he was part of the team involved in developing materials and protocols that are even now still subject to the Official Secrets Act. During his time there he underwent training as a clearance diver (similar to a Royal Navy frogman), and as a civilian he had to keep up with servicemen who were trained for such arduous physical work. After voluntarily leaving AML, he joined a firm set up by a previous Forces colleague, Underwater Maintenance Ltd. He was responsible for the engineering and maintenance of equipment for underwater specialists working on ships hulls, super tankers and the like. He continued to work on submarines and became a world class expert in his specialist field.

He was called to travel to many countries where his expertise was needed and very much appreciated. He became responsible for quality assurance where his keen eye for detail and right ordering served his employers well and laid the groundwork for his later service in the committees that he was involved with. His spare time was spent in the pursuit of his operatic and classical music interests,

including the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and taking opportunities to visit opera houses while travelling for work. He loved camping and trailer tenting and in latter years had a caravan which he used extensively up until only recently. For several years Colin and Christine spent time each year on a Greek island, sometimes enjoying the Greek Orthodox Easter as well as the Anglican tradition of the Minster.

Colin died just 5 days short of the 61st anniversary of his wedding with Christine. They met at Summerbee Secondary School where Colin was Head Boy and Christine had also been Head Girl, and married at 21. They raised two sons, Timothy and Mark, and he also leaves three grandchildren, Stephanie, George and Kieran, with their 'other halves': Rich, Tasha and Sasha and two great grandchildren Amelia and Archie. Hybrid families are commonplace in today's society and a few weeks ago Colin for Jane and Conner to be named specially along with Lucy and Isabella at this time. Colin's sense of humour was unique. His many puns were excruciating, while his shaggy dog stories were epic. For a short while after leaving school Colin played rugby in a major local league. He was a member of two amateur dramatic clubs, participated in the Christmas swim at Bournemouth Beach with the Spartans and, of course, he participated in the musical life of this town.

In Colin's last conversations with Minster friends, he continued to be concerned with the maintenance of the building, just as he had chaired the Fabric Committee so ably for many years.

TODAY'S ISSUES CONFRONTED BY YESTERDAY'S GIANTS

Monday evenings in November exploring how God steers our life journey

From her home in Suffolk, writer & story-teller Amy Scott-Robinson explores what happened when different Bible prophets were uncertain, burnt-out, angry & filled with joy.

Meet in Wimborne Minster for refreshments at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.
Input followed by space for reflection in a variety of ways.

Monday 4th

Monday 11th

Monday 18th

Monday 25th

Uncertain Moses

Burnt-out Elijah

Angry Jonah

Joyous Miriam

Everyone is welcome. Suggested £5 donation to cover costs

Programme

Across the Festival

Wimborne Shop Window Competition
Children's Illustrated Poetry Competition
(Entries displayed in Wimborne Library.)
Decombes Green Days: 12th & 19th October
Low Carbon Dorset Exhibition – Minster Church
WMCT School Drama Workshop



Saturday 12th October

Wimborne Green Festival Opening &
Wimborne Community Theatre – Minster Green: 10.30am
Minster Green Fair – Minster & Green: 10am–3pm
Apple Pressing – Minster Green: 10am–3pm
Green Transport Hub – The Square: 10am–3pm
Junk Modelling – Wimborne Library: 10am–1pm
Win on Waste – Methodist Church Hall: 10.30am–12 noon

Sunday 13th October

Bird Ringing and Moth Trapping – Deans Court: 9.30am
WMCT Creative Workshop – 10.30am–1pm
Wimborne War on Waste Litter Pick – Fair Ground: 11am–1pm
Wimborne Community Garden Bulb Planting: 2pm–4.30pm
Dr George McGavin – QE School: Doors open at 4pm

Monday 14th October

Bunting and Bag Group – Town Hall: 10.30am–12 noon
River Allen Landscape Recovery project talk
Methodist Church Hall: 7.30pm




**Planet Wimborne
GREEN
FESTIVAL**

'Next to Nature'
at
Wimborne Library
Saturday 19th October
2.30 - 4pm

**Green thoughts
from
Dorset poet Sarah Barr
and guests**




*A poetry reading presented
by Friends of Wimborne Library,
in support of The Green Festival
planetwimborne.org*

Wimborne Minster Composers Month

This autumn we are celebrating musicians who have an association with the Minster and who have written music for the choir. There is a strong tradition in Cathedrals and some Greater Churches, which extends back to the Reformation and the introduction of the Book of Common Prayer, whereby the resident organist wrote music to be sung at the services. The Minster is no exception to this tradition and during September/October we will be able to enjoy works by composers closely associated with this Minster Church.



We begin on 29th September at Choral Evensong with Responses specially written for the Lay Clerks of the Minster by Harrison Hackett, alias Matt Burt one of our Lay Clerks, whose group Quintus Imperfectus sometimes sings services for us at the Minster. Also, in this service we will hear a setting of the Canticles by Chris Dowie (Organist 1977-2005).

Moving into October the Motet at Eucharist on 6th will be The Lord bless you and keep you by Sam Hanson (Acting Organist 2018-2019) which is dedicated to Revd Vanessa Herrick. At Evensong on the same day, we will hear responses by

Chris Dowie and a setting of the canticles* by George Combes (Organist 1744-56). The following week, 13th October, Choral Evensong will feature Responses by Sean Tucker (Organist 1997-



2018), and Canticles by Sam Hanson (from An Evening Cantata) which are dedicated to David Gostick, Sean Tucker and the Choir of the Minster together with a dedication to the choirs of Allenbourn and St Michael's Middle School. The anthem at that service will be Praise the Lord, O my soul by Barry Ferguson (Organist 1971-1977). Finally on 20th October the motet at the Eucharist will be Morning thoughts by Matthew Kelley, one of our current assistant organists.

**The Canticles at this service will be a setting of the two less common evening canticles: "Cantate Domino" (Psalm 98) and "Deus Misereatur" (Psalm 67).*

Illustrations: signature of George Combes on the manuscript copy of his Sanctus in A, in the Chained Library, and a sketch of the Minster organ before 1855s, both from the Ph.D. thesis of David Gostick on the Minster choir and organists of the 18th century.

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Wimborne Minster Flower Festival 2025

It has become customary over the years to hold a major Flower Festival in The Minster every five years and most of the recent ones have marked a significant event. There was the 300th anniversary of the Chained Library, the 500th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's School, and the 1300th anniversary of the original foundation of Wimborne Minster. The last one, which should have taken place in 2020, was to mark the 900th anniversary of the start of the Minster building as we know it today. Due to COVID this was postponed until 2022, but to return to the five-year pattern the next Festival will take place in 2025, from Friday 26th to Monday 29th September. If the date is not in your diaries please enter it now! The Festival will be entitled 'The Delights of Dorset' and it will also mark the 1300th anniversary of the death of St. Cuthburga which falls on Sunday 31st August 2025.

Everyone will know that a lot of work is required beforehand to prepare for such an event. It is also very costly, so fundraising has already started. The first event was the Tea and Cake Afternoon held in the garden of Anthony and Christine Oliver on a sunny afternoon in August. It raised the staggering amount of £549 towards the cost of the flowers to be used in the Festival. Christine expressed thanks to all who supported the occasion, all those who made the delicious cakes and biscuits, all who donated prizes for the raffle, all those who gave donations because they were unable

to attend and all the helpers which made the event run so smoothly.

Most flower arrangements have accessories but for Minster Festivals some of these need to be larger than life.

Working parties to create these will commence in January. Meanwhile, however, Christine and Anne Norman have made a start... there are already lots of sheep running around the dining room and Mary Anning is sitting there proudly, whilst Corfe Castle is already taking shape!

The next fundraising event is booked for Easter Saturday, a Coffee Morning in Church House on 19th April 2025. If anyone would like to organise a fundraising event do please let us know.

Flower Clubs across Dorset have already been approached to help and many are showing great interest. Jackie Wharfe and her team of Minster flower arrangers have already been approached as well as Carnival Flowers and all are willing to help.

So it is now all systems go, as it is less than a year before once again the Minster building is filled to overflowing with floral arrangements of all shapes and sizes.

- Christine Oliver





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Oasis Garden Party

On 5th September, Oasis Bereavement Support Group planned a Garden Party. Jane Ashworth, one of our leaders, offered to host it in her garden in Sandford. Various people offered to make scones and provide jam and cream. We booked a minibus to take us there.

You may remember 5th September this year. It poured with rain all day long!! However, Oasis is not defeated by heavy rain.

As planned, we met in the Minster car park and the "minibus" arrived. It was a large coach! There was no minibus available. Jane lives in a quiet cul de sac in Sandford. Again, we were not to be defeated! The driver was amazing! He helped us

on to this big coach and drove us to Jane's. How he reversed down her narrow cul de sac between parked cars, we will never know! Jane, and her helpers, Vicky and Maggie, were waiting for us with their umbrellas. What a treat met our eyes! They had laid out the cream tea in the kitchen and arranged chairs in the warm, dry conservatory and lounge. We were so comfortable and thoroughly spoiled. It was a great success and a good time was had by all, including the coach driver who joined us for the tea. He deserved it! Thank you to Jane, Vicky, Maggie and the coach driver. It could have been such a disappointing day, but it turned out to be just the opposite. We won't let heavy rain stop us from having fun!



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Dorset Architectural Heritage Week

The Minster has actively participated in this recent annual event with fully booked tours of the interior of the Minster, the tower and the Chained Library. The bell ringers have been involved for many years and a visit to the west tower has always been very popular but this is the first time that the guides for the Minster and the Chained Library have provided separate tours. The various events have been a resounding success with extremely positive feedback from our visitors. It is hoped that next year a fuller programme can be offered for Dorset Architectural Heritage Week.

- Andrew Kelley

Chained Library

Regimen Animarum (1343) and the Art of the Scribe

Visitors to our Chained Library in Wimborne Minster often ask "What is your oldest book?" or "What's the oldest writing you have?" The oldest writing we have is 16 pages written on vellum, dated to the mid- 13th century, part of the Summa of Raymond de Penaforte, a Spanish Dominican who was an important figure in the early Spanish Inquisition.

Our oldest book is the *Regimen Animarum*, a rare example of a priest's manual, written in Latin, with some medieval/Old English phrases, by three unknown monks on 80 leaves of vellum (calf skin) and dated 1343. There are only two other recorded copies of the work, one in the Bodleian Library, Oxford (an abridged version) and the other in the British Library. It appears in the Chained Library 1725 index, and was given to the Minster in 1525 by Mr J Talbot. *Regimen Animarum* translates as The Guiding of Souls - it was designed



as a Priest's manual giving instructions on theological matters, advice on behaviour and on The Seven Sacraments. I like to think of it as one of the first "selfhelp" books ever written. It is in three parts: *Oculus Sacerdotis* (The Priest's Eye) by William of Pagula in 1320/1330, which is a compilation of Canon Law, the Magna Carta, Charter of the Forest and the writings of Raymond de Penaforte and St Anselm; *Cilium Oculi* (The Eyelash), anon. 1330/1340; and the *Speculum Curatorum* (A Mirror for Curates) by Randolph Higden of Chester in 1340.

The latter two are supplements to the *Oculus Sacerdotis*, with more on preaching, burials and excommunication. We don't know the names of the three scribes who penned this work, or from which monastery it originated, but we do know how they worked.

Every medieval book was made by hand. Specially trained monks, or scribes, cut sheets of parchment, made the ink, wrote the text, bound the pages, and created a protective cover. The 80 leaves of vellum of our *Regimen* equates to about 63 dried and stretched hides of

sheep, calves, or goats. (Parchment was less fine, made from thicker animal skin.)

The apprentices were also assigned the task of mixing the inks, using oakgalls that formed as hard balls around wasp larvae. Ink was called encaustum, from the Latin caustere (to bite), because the tannins derived from the oak-gall etched into the parchment. To make ink, you crushed the galls in rainwater or vinegar, thickened it with gum Arabic then added iron salts to colour the acid. Quills were also the apprentice's work, made using flight feathers discarded by birds during their annual moult; the quill barrel is cut to six or seven inches in length and mostly stripped. Feathers used for quill-pen making included those from the crow, eagle, owl, hawk, and turkey. Crow feathers were particularly useful for fine work, such as accounting books. Each bird could supply only about 10 to 12 good-quality quills. The fancy, fully plumed quill is mostly a Hollywood

invention and has little basis in reality. The apprentice would also prepare crushed chalk. When the scribe made a mistake (yes, they did - and often), the powder was poured onto the offending ink on the vellum to dry it out. Then it would be brushed off and any remaining stain would be erased by using the blunt side of the pen-knife to scrape off the stain. This quite often resulted in a depression in the vellum which is noticeable in certain light. The illustration here (from a manuscript in Durham Cathedral library) shows the scribe with his quill and pen-knife. However, some mistakes went unnoticed at the time. In the world-famous Book of Kells, the scribe copied out the story of Mary Magdalene



anointing Jesus' feet with oil twice over. Other scribes showed their frustration and mistakes with notes in the margins of manuscripts. Perhaps the ill-tempered medieval scribe who penned this colophon at the end of the text he was copying summed it up best: "Now I've written the whole thing, for Christ's sake, give me a drink." Or "Let me not be blamed for the script, for the ink is bad, and the vellum defective, and the day is dark."

- Mike Twomey

Chained Library Volunteer

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Living Well Magazine

You may have noticed Living Well magazine in the Minster porch or in any of the many outlets around the town. You may be asking “What is it?” and “Who is it for?”. The magazine started as a way of telling people about all the Dementia Friendly activities in and around Wimborne. It also contained articles and other information that would be helpful to people living with Dementia and their carers. It has now become a Community Magazine and contains articles dedicated to living well. The What’s On section is full of local groups, activities and

organisations that are Dementia Friendly, including many support groups for carers, and not just those caring for loved ones living with dementia.

The most recent edition contains articles about Dementia Action Week, The Home Library Service, Ferndown Seed to Larder Project, Wimborne Foodbank and the Community Food Supply. Previous editions have had articles about the allotments at Kingston Lacy and about Jolly Days at the Museum of East Dorset.



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The Living Well magazine has just got bigger and more and more outlets are asking for copies. Have you picked up your copy yet? There could be something in it that would interest you or that you would find helpful.

*- Sue Tipping, Chair of
Wimborne Dementia
Friendly Community*

The Future of Horton and Chalbury Churches - Update

This important project to eradicate deathwatch beetle and restore the damage done is slowly moving forward. Marcus Chantry (a Specialist Conservation Architect) is now fully involved, and has proposed a staged process towards the work required. Two companies have been

approached to look at the work involved, and their detailed reports will give an idea of first stage costs. The fund-raising team will then be activated, so watch out for opportunities to support the vital work on these very special village churches.



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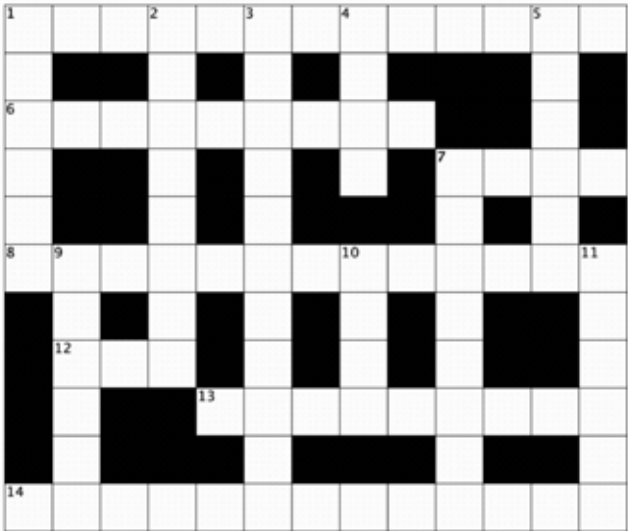
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October Crossword

set by Bruce Jensen

ACROSS

- 1. Phrase that starts a fairy tale (4,4,1,4)
- 6. Was aired on TV (9)
- 7. Citizen of these isles (abbr.) (4)
- 8. Classic answer to the question, 'But where on this map is the treasure?' (1,5,3,4)
- 12. Fast-food franchise formerly known as Kentucky Fried Chicken (3)
- 13. Probabilities: '___ rain are less than 50%' (7,2)
- 14. Line made famous by a possibly suicidal Hamlet (2,2,2,3,2,2)



DOWN

- 1. Be more clever than, like a cunning animal (6)
- 2. Type of vehicle, like Teslas, we're seeing more of on the streets of Wimborne (8)
- 3. A thinker like Socrates or Plato (11)
- 4. Require something essential (4)
- 5. That big country just south of the USA (6)
- 7. The room below the house: cellar (8)
- 9. '___ and mend': wartime slogan meaning repair and reuse old clothes. (4,2)
- 10. Gabriel's instrument (4)
- 11. 'Is she good? She can't sing for ___' (6)

Crossword chronicles

The first crossword puzzle appeared in a New York newspaper in December 1913, setting off crossword mania. In the 1920s "in Pittsburgh, the Reverend George McElveen coaxed people to join his Baptist congregation by presenting his sermons in the form of a crossword on a large blackboard beside the pulpit. The oversize puzzle would be set up prior to the service for those parishioners who were interested in trying their hand at solving it and thereby enjoying a preview of the topic of the day."

From What's Gnu? A History of the Crossword Puzzle, by Michelle Arnot (1982)



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