

**THE BENEFICE MAGAZINE
DURWESTON & BRYANSTON,
PIMPERNE, STOURPAINE.
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Ready for Easter?

Officially in the church calendar Christmas ends on 2nd February - Candlemass. This ancient festival celebrates Mary and Joseph taking baby Jesus at 40 days old to present him to God in the Temple in Jerusalem.

Most of us have forgotten Christmas by Twelfth night let alone 40 days after Christmas day. We want to get our Christmas decorations down, tidy up our lives and get on with the New Year.

However as you see on some car stickers: *Jesus is not just for Christmas but for Life!*

Lent, which this year starts on Ash Wednesday 13th February, gives time for us to prepare for Easter. I think I enjoy Easter more than Christmas: the build up throughout Lent; then Holy Week itself starting Palm Sunday right through to Easter Day. And I love the variety of the different services.

Above all at Easter we see the culmination of what the angels were talking about at Christmas. *Unto to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.*

Every blessing for a joyous Easter

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BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES

Pimperne

Stourpaine

Durweston

February

Sun 3 rd The Second Sunday before Lent	9.15am Holy Communion	8am H C (Said BCP)	11am Family Service
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Wed 6 th			11am H C (Said BCP)
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Sun 10 th The Sunday Next before Lent	9.15am Holy Communion	11am Children's Service	8am HC BCP St Martin 6pm Sung Evensong
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Ash Wednesday 13th (Services include imposition of ashes)
7.30pm HC (Said BCP) 11am HC (Said BCP)

Sun 17 th The First Sunday of Lent	9.15am Holy Communion	6pm Sung Evensong	11am Holy Communion
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Sun 24 th The Second Sunday of Lent	9.15am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Sunday Club 6pm Sung Evensong (BCP)
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March

Sun 3 rd The Third Sunday of Lent	9.15am Holy Communion	8am H C (Said BCP)	11am Family Service
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Wed 6 th			11am H C (Said BCP)
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Sun 10 th The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	9.15am Holy Communion	11am Children's Service	8am HC BCP St Martin 6pm Sung Evensong (BCP)
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Wed 13 th		11am H C (Said BCP)	
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Sun 17 th The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	9.15am Holy Communion	6pm Sung Evensong (BCP)	11am Holy Communion
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Sun 24 th Palm Sunday (with Processions)	9.15am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	6pm Sung Evensong (BCP)
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See inside for full details of services for Holy Week and Easter

Sun 31 st Easter Day (BST begins)	9.15am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
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NEXT EDITION OF MAGAZINE Items for inclusion in the December/January edition should be passed to your parish representative by **6th March 2013.**

Pimperne - Mrs Jenny Ashwell (459393)

Stourpaine - Mrs Vanessa De Morgan (456002)

Durweston & Bryanston – Miss Margaret Handy (453632)

BENEFICE NEWS

Annual Church Meetings

St Peter, Pimperne 7.30pm Tuesday 23rd April 2013

St Nicholas, Durweston 7.30pm Tuesday 16th April 2013

Holy Trinity, Stourpaine 7.30pm Thursday 18th April 2013

Holy Week and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday

7pm Holy Communion St Nicholas, Durweston followed at 8pm by The Watch: one hour of prayer with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday

10am Hot Cross Bun Children's Service St Nicholas, Durweston

10am Hot Cross Bun Children's Service St Peter, Pimperne

10am Hot Cross Bun Children's Service Holy Trinity, Stourpaine

2pm An Hour at the Cross. A devotional service at all three churches

Saturday Easter Eve

7pm Easter Bonfire Service at Holy Trinity, Stourpaine

Easter Day

9.15am Holy Communion St Peter, Pimperne

11am Holy Communion St Nicholas, Durweston

11am Holy Communion Holy Trinity, Stourpaine

ADVERTISING IN THE BENEFICE MAGAZINE

If you would like to place an advertisement in one of our forthcoming editions, please contact Jenny on 459393 for further information

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the church:

Ella Julianne Boulton and Hettie-May McGahran-Hart

Baptised Sunday 25th November 2012 at St Peter, Pimperne

Alfons James Gulbins baptised Sunday 6th January 2013 at St Peter, Pimperne

Deaths

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families of:

Helena Lowe formerly of Pimperne died 21st December 2012 aged 21.

Stephen Richardson of Old Bakery Close, Pimperne died 3rd January 2013 aged 53

BENEFICE WEATHER

RAINFALL - November/December 2012 MEASURED AT LAZERTON FARM

2012	Over the last 50 Years		
	Highest	Lowest	Average
5.85in (148.6mm)	9.64 in(245 mm) 2002	1.02 in(25.4 mm) 2004	4.02in(102.2 mm)

First of all, many apologies for the typo which showed the monthly total for October as “3.05in”; it should have been “6.05” – the mm total of 153.5 was correct. One or two sharp eyed readers spotted the error!

Back to November, yet another well above average month for rain 75% of which fell in a stormy period between 19th and 26th of the month. Our experience was nothing like that of counties to our west and in north Wales which experienced some ferocious flooding. Nevertheless, with a generally saturated ground all round, the Stour flood plain lived up to its description locally. By the end of the month this year’s autumn leaf fall had finished. Lime tree leaves were particularly yellow just before falling this year; beech leaves were consistently a very fine chestnut brown.

December	Highest	Lowest	Average
6.47in (164.3mm)	8.92 in(226.6 mm) 1979	0.85 in(21.5 mm) 1988	4.29in(109.0mm)

Yet another above average wet month which kept local flood plains extremely soggy and reinforced the quagmires at critical points on footpaths. The springs in the water meadows have at last been adding to the general sogginess as well.

Annual Summary. Whereas the year has given us some memorable extremes – 3 monthly totals (April, June and July) which were higher than ever measured before and a six month period of April to September inclusive in which the total rain measured was 5.5 inches greater than the equivalent period in any other year – the total for the year (48.87in or 1242mm) is only the third highest total as measured at Lazerton Farm in the last 50 years. The total was exceeded in 2000 with 49.72in and in 1974 with 51.07in. One is reminded here that conditions in one area are quite likely to be different from a neighbouring area; Devon and Cornwall will agree on this point. The Environment Agency reports in the newspapers which say that for England it was the highest annual total, for Wales the third highest, for Scotland the 17th but for Northern Ireland it was only the fortieth highest illustrate the point. Either way we are in no immediate danger of having a hosepipe ban. The drought conditions that were reported at the beginning of the year were precipitated by two dry winters and a couple of dryish summers – for us 1 Oct 11 to 31 Mar 12 produced only 11.8 inches and in the previous winter only 16.9 inches fell against an average for the period of 21.9 inches. Even so, the driest winter period recorded has been that of 1975/76 with 9.5 inches.

So, have we made up any water deficit in the soil? Yes we have. Are the aquifers replenished fully? Possibly. Will we be able to make use of any surplus surface water? Probably not. Who has benefited the most from the year? My guess would be the slug population!

CONTACTS IN THE BENEFICE

Incumbent:	Reverend Stephen Coulter The Vicarage, Stourpaine. (480580)
Assistant Curate	Reverend Adrian Brook (268738)
Licensed Lay Minister (LLM)	Mr Martin Richley (450595) Gwernerne, Pimperne
Lay Pastoral Assistants:	Mrs Jacqui Torrance 7 Liddington Crescent, Blandford (480713) Mrs Sue Atkinson Rose House, South Holme, Stourpaine (455778) Beth Buchan 5 Williams Way, Blandford Forum, (450771). Anne Allan 1 Manor Farm Close, Pimperne. (456553)

DURWESTON & BRYANSTON NEWS

DURWESTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Durweston Choral Society's spring concert is to be held on Saturday 16th March in St Nicholas Church, Durweston at 7.30 pm. The programme consists of Vivaldi's 'Gloria' and Mozart's Requiem. Tickets will be available from mid February from **Set Fair 4 Trade (22 Salisbury Street, Blandford, 01258 453555)** or by phoning **Lizzie Patterson 01258 830216**, **Maggie Peers 01258 472253** or **Jennie Rake 01258 451186**.

DURWESTON HALL NEWS

FILM SHOWS.

Friday 1st February ANNA KARENINA

Friday 22nd February SKYFALL.

Sat. 2nd March. Seven ages of man. (ARTSREACH)

Friday 15th March. GAMBIT.

Friday 12th April. LES MISERABLES..

All films etc start 7.30 pm , bar open 7.00

Sunday 17th March. DORSET GUITAR CONCERT
Including classical, jazz, etc,
Doors open 2.30 pm for 3.00 pm start.

YOUTH CLUB.

There will be NO meetings in February . March meetings will be announced in Durweston News.

CAMEO CLUB

12th February Nichola Daily. Neals Yard Remedies.

12th March. A.G.M. & Quiz.

Everyone welcome at meetings. £1.50 for non members.
Meetings start 7.30 pm in Hall.

PIMPERNE HAPPENINGS

NEWS FROM St. PETER'S

SAINT PETER'S CRIB SERVICE



IN THE RYLAND ROOM

We are holding a **LENT LUNCH**, (courtesy of Sue Murison and her team) on **MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY** at 12 o'clock in the Ryland Room.

The menu will consist of soup, cheese and bread.

To book your place please contact Sue on 456802

Donations will be in aid of St. Peter's

Pimperne Pebbles meet every Friday, in term time, at 10.30 a.m. Children don't forget to bring your mums! For info. please contact Jaqui on 480713

Pebbles on Sunday meets at 9.15a.m.

St PETER'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We wish to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for a very enjoyable Christmas Fayre which raised £750 for St. Peters and very special thank you to Velda for working so hard to organize the event.

CAROL SERVICES at St PETERS

Our Carol Services this year were very well attended and our two choirs, (The Benefice Choir and the Pimperne School Choir) were much enjoyed by the congregation.

The numbers attending our "Carols Round the Tree" have grown steadily over the last three years and this year the collection in aid of St. Peters raised £192

Richard Ashwell Church warden

St. PETER'S 100 CLUB WINNERS

December £100 Jenny Burden £50 Mary Newnham

St. Peter's Junior Ukulele Club

This is a recently formed club which meets in Pimperne School, after school hours, on Fridays. The children are taught by Reverend Coulter with support from our adult Ukulele Club.

Help!

I need a volunteer to deliver Benefice magazines, (once every two months), to Anvil Road, School Lane and Down Road. Is there someone out there who could help me?

Please phone 459393

PIMPERNE VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNINGS

Please note the Village Hall Coffee Mornings resume on Saturday 2nd February at 10am. If you wish to hire a table please contact Peggy on 452164. The charges now vary from £2.50 for a small table to £3 for a large table. Admission is 50p and this includes a cup of tea, coffee or a glass of squash and a biscuit. Please support our efforts to raise much needed funds for charity.

PIMPERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following the very supportive comments from children, parents and members of the church congregation after the Harvest Festival service held in St Peter's Church, the school were delighted to be asked to sing at the Pimperne Carol Service with the Benefice Choir in December. The children contributed to the service by playing "Away in a Manger" on the ukelele, which they have been learning with Reverend Stephen Coulter, and by singing "Come and Join the Celebration". They also joined the Benefice Choir in singing a Dorset carol arrangement to "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by night". The confident singing and playing was very much appreciated by all members of the congregation.

The Autumn term concluded with a Christmas School Carol Service on the final day of the term. This was very strongly supported by members of the school and local community resulting in no seats being left and therefore some parents having to stand! The Carol Service saw songs from the school Christmas productions being shared and the traditional staff song (Mary's Boy Child) was sung to all of the children and the adult congregation.

Both services were a terrific way to bring to a close a very busy term full of fun and learning. Reflecting on my first term at Pimperne Primary School, I remain very proud of the many positive opportunities which our children can take part in and be successful at. I am confident that 2013 will bring many more opportunities to be proud of and celebrate further Pimperne Primary School success stories within the local and wider community.

*Jerome De Silva
Head teacher*

STOURPAINE HAPPENINGS

CAROL SINGING

This year we ventured out on a very wet and windy night; before we were half way round the village our carol sheets and 16 singers were sodden.

We raised a total of £55 which went to the Mother and toddler group, via the Church account.

STOURPAINE GARDENING CLUB

PROGRAMME 2013

January 11 Willow Crafting, talk and demo. By Kim Creswell.

February 08 AGM *followed by*, Call my Bluff by Sue and Larry Skeates.

March 08 Companion Planting by Barry Graham.

April 12 Plant Sale/Swap, Children's Sunflower Planting, Results from bulb growing.

April 26 Blandford Through the Ages by Sara Loch / Sylvia Hixon.

MEMBERSHIP IS NOW OPEN FOR 2013-14

Membership £5 per year, renewable 1st February running to 31st January
Membership closes 31st March each year with the exception of newcomers to the village.

Membership entitles bearer to free entry and refreshments at all meetings in the Village Hall plus reduced rates at some other functions.

Anyone interested in joining our club should contact either
Jean Chandler 452330 or Jan Palmer 453470.

Photographic categories for the Village Show

The committee decided that this year, to encourage more participants the categories for the photo graphic section of the show should be announced as soon as decided so here goes;

**A Stourpaine Season, Best animal Photo, the Weather, a Single Flower
and an Open Class for Members only.**

Christmas Shopping Event at Castle Gardens Sherborne

An evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

We started with tea & coffee in the Restaurant conservatory. Due to last year's poor turnout they moved us to smaller, cosier accommodation, and we were soon splitting the sides. So much so that they had to search for more chairs due to high numbers. We had a short talk by Malc, one of the Gold Team Speakers, who spoke of colour in the garden at winter.

He then went on to explain the differences between the fir trees used for Christmas Trees.

When this was finished, we enjoyed the Christmas display and shopped.

Maggie Stainer was there to meet us all, as she lives a few roads away and invited us back to her new home, for a drink and festive nibbles. This was very welcome and enjoyed by all who came!

Thank you Maggie & Frank.

Village News and a bit more.

You can now follow events on the Stourpaine website. Last time we had snow some couldn't get out of the village for days. The Parish Council set in motion the formation of a Snow Team, under the leadership of David Williams. He had a great response; the village is now divided into different areas, each with a leader. On the 19th of January we had our first call out. Mark Farwell had most of the side roads ploughed before 8-0am, quickly followed by the shovel brigade. Clearing access to houses and spreading our precious salt/grit. It

only takes a tablespoon per square metre, honest. The Parish now has to pay for the grit that we use, having already purchased the bins. A special thank you to Mark, David and the Team.

Whilst thanking people, my thanks to Lyle for his work as Flood Officer, we hope to have the report from the EA shortly. Thanks also to Derek and his team, we await the outcome of their survey for the Parish Plan up-date.

The Trailway into Blandford has been delayed over planning issues and the weather. However work has restarted, DCC Rangers have received funds from Sustrans and money ring-fenced by DT11 from the liveability Fund. A different type of surface is planned for this section, this will delay completion to the end of

March. It is planned to have an official opening in April, organised by the NDTG(see Website). The next stage will look at Sturminster to Stalbridge.

The Trailway Broadband Project moves forward. Dealing with the bid process through Government Departments is never easy, speed is not always a priority. However the good news is we are in the final phase of selection, we could have an answer in early February (visit North Dorset Broadband website). The

Company and its Board are registered, the investment plan is in place, you can invest (see website BND). Whatever happens, Stourpaine will get a better service, at some stage. If NDB/DT11 are successful, digging could start by early summer with fibre to your home following.

Scott Norman.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

DURWESTON

Durweston Sunday Club takes place at St. Nicholas on the fourth Sunday of every month from 9.30 – 10.15 a.m. The children bring their craft/puzzle to show at the Family Service on the first Sunday of the month.

PIMPERNE

Pimperne Pebbles Children's Group takes place on Friday mornings in the Ryland Room, during term time, 10.30 – 11.30 a.m. For more info. please phone Jaqui on 01258 480713

Pebbles on Sunday takes place in the Ryland Room at 9.15am. For info. please contact Jaqui on 01258 480713

St. Peter's After School Craft Club takes place in Pimperne School (after school hours) on Friday afternoons.

St. Peter's Junior Ukulele Club takes place in Pimperne School (after school hours) on Friday afternoons.

STOURPAINE

Babies and Toddlers – every Monday 10 – 11.30 a.m. takes place in the Village Hall during term time.

Children's Service – second Sunday of the month 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity

