

Corscombe

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St Mary's Corscombe – January Services

2 nd January	10:30	Team Service at Halstock
9 th January	17:00	Evening Prayer (BCP)
16 th January	11:00	Holy Communion
23 rd January (Village)	11:00	All Age Worship (Hall)
30 th January	11:00	Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you at any of the above services.

Major General Tim Cross addresses the troops of Melbury

“Winning hearts and minds” is key to being a good leader in the Army according to Major General Tim Cross, who headed the UK forces in Iraq. He also told the Melbury Men’s Breakfast of his reliance on models of good leadership in the Bible – citing Joshua as somebody who showed discernment and courage in leadership. Each of us is “dealt cards” at birth – these programme our Nature. But Nurture is how we play the cards and that means that we all have a lot of choice in what we do with our lives and how we relate to others. In describing how soldiers relate to each other – he used the terms “Duty”, “Integrity”, “Honour” and “Commitment”. “True Friendship” in the Army is knowing a colleague by name and missing them when they are not there. But he observes that these values are often missing from British Life and in many ways – we in Britain have “lost the plot”.

There are many criticisms of Christianity in modern times but our culture is based on Judaeo-

Christian values. These faiths have survived for thousands of years and we need to recognise their formative role in our society. Tim became a Christian when he was 30 years old and gave several examples of how that important decision has influenced his life subsequently. He had to make a decision on whether to focus only on commanding his troops in Bosnia or should he also get them to help the thousands of refugees from the civil war. He felt that it was right to organise his troops in humanitarian activities as well as their “traditional soldier” role. He challenged us all by describing a visit to the London Eye where he told his grandchild what politicians did for the country as he looked to Westminster and what finance people did for the country as he looked towards the city. His grandchild asked him, as he looked towards St Paul’s, what does the Church do for the country? What would we say?

'Big Breakfast'

The Corscombe First Responders will be holding their highly successful 'Big Breakfast' on the following Saturdays between 9-11am 2011:
5th February
5th March
Come along and enjoy a fine cooked breakfast of local produce.
Look forward to seeing you.
The Responders.

Corscombe & District Players present

The Wizard of Oz

The Panto

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to
Corscombe Village Hall

Thursday 20th – Saturday 22nd January
@7.30

Saturday matinee @ 2.30
Box Office 891494, 891691,
& Halstock Shop

Adults £5 Children £3

£25 for 12 sessions (12 for the price of 10!)

Mondays 2:30 to 3:30 in the village hall.

All enquiries and cheques payable to Jean Mosser 891096

(If any one would like to join our group please contact me as we now have a vacancy)

Tuesday Club

Over forty of us tucked into a splendid Christmas lunch at Haselbury Mill; a lovely way to end our year, and all managed to get there despite the weather.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year and, as usual, we start 2011 with our AGM & quiz. This will be on 4th January, 2.30pm at the village hall, when the program for the New Year will be available. Heather

Corscombe Quiz Nights are back by popular demand

Come along for another year of brain teasing questions.

7:30pm start on Saturdays:

8th January 2011

12th February 2011

12th March 2011

Entrance £2 per person

Baked potato and filling - £2 per person

You can enter a team of up to six, or just turn up and be put in a team on the night.

There will be prizes for the highest score each month and an overall prize for the season.

You can book in advance by contacting Sarah on 891481 or Rosemary 891415.

Corscombe 120 Club

The winners for December are:

1 st	£30	Ian Tolin
2 nd	£6	Edna Leonard
3 rd	£4	Mrs Platt
4 th	£2	Mrs Scannell

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If we cannot find you we cannot help you

Keep Fit Spring Term 2011

The Spring Term will start on January 10th and will run for 12 sessions until the 4th of April. (No session on Monday the 21st February)

How easy is it to find your house? Would a person called to help you in an emergency waste time trying to find you?

Time is critical for some medical emergencies. Every second counts. You can help by making sure your house is easy to find during the day and at night.

Don't wait until it is too late. Make sure your house name or number is clearly visible from the road. Help us to help you.

Corscombe & Halstock Community First Responders

Coffee Morning

This month's coffee morning will be on January 12th at 10:30am at Highridge House, Pine Close, by kind invitation of Chris & Lesley Chapman. All Corscombe residents welcome (as long as they take their shoes off first, as Lesley has just had a new carpet).

Joyce Axworthy

Those of you who have lived here for some time will remember Alan & Joyce who lived in Woodfold View, kind & thoughtful neighbours always ready to help. They moved to Plymouth to be nearer relatives when Joyce developed Alzheimer's. For some years she has been in a care home as the disease took its' dreadful toll. In Alan's own words though her peaceful passing was a merciful release he is still having to come to terms with final loss & we send our sympathy.
Edna Leonard

The Pudding Club

Come and enjoy an
EXTRAVAGANZA
of Puddings!

2 Course Dinner
followed by as many puddings
as can tempt you!

Saturday 26 March 2011
Corscombe Village Hall

Booking Essential with group bookings
available
Further details to follow

Fete Wash Up Meeting

We are planning to have a wash up meeting for Fete 2010 and planning for 2011 Fete. The venue will be either the Fox Inn or the committee room in the Village Hall. This will be on Wednesday 27th January. Please ring Tony 891321 or Paula 891494 for decision on venue, nearer the time. We need as many helpers as possible for the Fete, so all those that can make it please come to the meeting, weather permitting.
Paula D. and Tony Frost

Corscombe's Fresh Ideas The Big Society

The results of the first stage - questionnaires and pretty yellow post-its - are in
Come on Friday 28th January
at 7.30pm to the Village Hall
to see all the results and then
most importantly
take this to the next stage –
A Plan For Action
Refreshments of course!
Further details: Freda Hennessy 891448

STICKLAND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

- Are you interested in children's education and wellbeing?
- Would you like to participate in and contribute to your local community?
- Do you care about children achieving their God-given potential?
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Governors and you could easily fit the bill. No particular skills are needed, though any professional or technical experience would be a bonus. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Parochial Church Council/PCC.

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Rainfall

The rainfall for November was 128mm

Snowfall

A big Thank You to all who helped keep traffic moving here in Corscombe on 2nd December. Our steep inclines were free from snow by late morning. It shows what self-help can achieve!

Birthdays

We wish the happiest of birthday's to:
Brinsley Coleberd who will be 11 on the 5th

Remember

South West Coaches Bus Times

This picks up at Lindisfarne, High Street at approximately 10.35/40am (ish), then stopping at The Barton, Pine Close and Church Farm (if people are waiting there), returning from Tesco's Yeovil at 1.45pm and the Borough Memorial at 1.50pm. The bus runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Subscription

Your annual subscription to the Chimes magazine is now due. Please put £4.20 into the brown envelope enclosed in the this edition and hand it to the person who delivers your copy, John Perris at "Gatcombe" or myself at 3 Yew Tree Farm.

Village Editor: Diana Brooks
"Tullycoora"
Tel: 01935 891753

Church Flowers

2nd Alison Smith
9th Alison Smith
16th K Singleton
23rd J Douglas

Side Altar

J Douglas

20th J Douglas

Church Cleaning

Pamela Williams

Thanks from Halstock church

Many thanks to you all for supporting Halstock Church throughout 2010, for all the time you have spent cleaning, flower arranging, helping with coffee mornings and events, the Harvest Lunch etc. Thanks also to all of you who have given time to help with the Children's activities, the Christmas Party, etc.; to all those who have played in the Music Group and Handchimes group, the bellringers and to all who have kept the Church and Churchyard looking so good. Special thanks to the lockers-up, the readers, sidesmen and sacristans for their work, thanks also to those who have supported the Church in other ways, directly and indirectly and for all the kind donations that we have received through the year.

... and thanks to anyone else we have forgotten of course.

If you read this in time you are most welcome to join us for a New Year Melbury Team service at Halstock Church on January 2nd at 10.30am or at any of the other services throughout the month.

Chimes Subscription Envelopes

Please pass the brown "Chimes" envelope with the annual subscription of £4.20 to your Chimes distributor. In the case of Halstock, envelopes may also be returned to Churchwardens Gill Lynch (3 Hollis Way) or Andrew Ellis (Lilac Cottage, opposite the Bakery) or to PCC Treasurer Rosemary Bawn (3 Hollis Close). Any cheques should be made payable to "Halstock PCC". Many thanks.

St Mary's Church, Halstock

Our Christmas Bazaar was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to stage such a good event. The Melbury Team Choir entertained us all with their lovely singing, under the direction of Graham. and the hand chimes were played with great skill. How lucky we are to have such talented people in our

midst. The stalls were filled with goodies to buy or win, there was plenty of hot food to eat, and much fun was had by all. We are especially grateful to Mr & Mrs Mike Lemmey, Donald Sharp and Halstock Bakery for their generous donation of prizes and mince pies. The magnificent sum of £705.13 was raised for church funds, for which we are very grateful.

**Friends of St Mary's Church Halstock
100+ Club**

Monthly Prizes: 1st £100: 2nd £40: 3rd £20: 4th £5

Membership costs £4 per month per number

If you would like to become a Member please contact Liz on 01935 891898

December Draw

1 st	59	Mrs S Pope
2 nd	28	Mrs H MacNab
3 rd	31	Mr D Wright
4 th	49	Mr & Mrs J Pople

Next Draw

Wednesday 12th January 2011
*In the Community Room
(after Mid Week Holy Communion)*

Mid Week Holy Communion: will be celebrated as usual in the Community Room, behind the Shop, on **Wednesday, 12th January at 11 a.m.** with an opportunity to stay and chat afterwards over a cup of tea/coffee. If you would like to come but getting there is a problem please call Liz or Tony on 891898. Or if you or someone you know is housebound and would like to take Communion at home please let us know in advance and every effort will be made to arrange this.

Sunday Club will be held on **Sunday, 23rd January at 10 a.m.** in the church. There will be activities, stories and songs and we will be joined again this month by Rev. David Harknett. If you haven't been before, come and see what we get up to – everyone (from anywhere in the Team) is welcome. Current ages range from 1-7 (ish), but if older children wish to join in, it would be great to have their help and input. For more information call Liz on 891898.

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We need your help!!

Do you live in or near Halstock? Could you spare some time to train as a Community First Responder?

We are hoping to set up a group in Halstock that will give emergency medical support direct to Halstock village.

An ambulance can take 30 or 40 minutes to arrive, so Responders are a vital support to the community.

Responders are trained and fully supported by the South West Ambulance Service. The time commitment is as much or as little as you decide, and it can change from week to week to suit your personal circumstances.

Why not ask for more details. We would be delighted to give you more information, without obligation, so you can decide if you would like to take part.

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Women’s Institute

The Speaker for the November Meeting had been Mr Brian Bates who had taken Members on an imaginary walk through 17th Century Dorchester. He had told how several fires in the town had devastated buildings. Much of his information had been gained from the diary of a Dorchester wool merchant.

Mr Bates had given an insight into the history of the town including the morality, crime and punishments of the time and had pointed out that the wealthy looked after the poor by building almshouses. The middle classes had rather missed out.

It had been a fascinating picture of Dorchester and Members had thoroughly enjoyed his talk.

Halstock had gone through to the second round of the Skittles competition and Members were looking forward to the Christmas Party and Dinner.

The January meeting would be on Monday January 24th at 7.30pm.

Village Hall Notices

The committee of the Village Hall would like to wish everybody a very happy and prosperous New Year. It has been very pleasing to see such good progress with the replacement of all the external woodwork at the Hall, the only areas left to do are the two porches and this we hope we will be able to do during this year.

It is very satisfying to see that the Hall continues to be used for so many varied and enjoyable events. I must just mention one of these events that I went to shortly before Christmas. That is the ‘Pot Luck’ Christmas meal. Where else could you get such a wonderful meal and at such a price? My thanks go out not only to the main organisers and cooks, Lucy Peach and Suzanne Edmonds but also to all the other people and there are far too many to name, that make such an event possible.

**Miracle Theatre
Artsreach
Presents**

Beauty & the Beast from Mars

Sunday 23rd January 7 30pm
Halstock Village Hall

Tickets Adults £8 U 18 £6 Family £24
Youth Club Members free

Contact Hazel Darnley 01935 83347

Well stocked Bar and
Selection of Homemade Cakes and Biscuits

When super star heartthrob Bobby Beauty finds himself hotly pursued by a gorgeous alien from Mars, he's sure his luck is in. Little does he know that he has actually been implanted with the secret rocket defence code she needs to secure her domination of planet Earth! As Bobby falls for the alien's charms, can his no. 1 fan, Nurse Bumper, a nobody from Neasden, save the human race? With original 1960s inspired tunes from a 4-piece band, live video animation, technical wizardry and huge laughs from Cornwall's 'foremost masters of comedy'. Beauty and the Beast from Mars promises to be great all-round family entertainment.

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Pentabus Theatre
'Tales of The Country'

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'Tales of the Country' tells the story of Brian Viner and his family as they move from a terraced house in London to a rambling grange in rural Herefordshire. It is a beguiling and often hilarious look at the pleasures and pitfalls that await a family from the city chasing a rural idyll. Five actors perform a story which features not only the whole Viner family, including 3 children, a dog and some chickens, but also a succession of colorful characters of all ages.

The Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Royal British Legion will be held on Tuesday 11th January 2011 at 7.30pm at the Rest and Welcome. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very happy and prosperous New Year and the Legion looks forward to your continued support at our future events. As in 2011 we will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the formation of the Legion, we hope to make this a very special year. One of our aims for the year is to increase our membership, so why not come along to our next meeting, you will be made most welcome.

Bridge Nights are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7.30pm in the Community Room. Enquiries 01935 891249

Halstock Sequence Dancing Classes

The Dancing classes will be continued in the New Year in the Village Hall on 1st Monday of each month as before starting at 8pm.

The Classes will now be run by Richard (Dick) and Heather Haines. If you need any further information you can contact them on 01935 426371.

A very Happy Birthday to Lily Price who will be one on 12th January. Have a lovely day.