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# The Queen's long life of service and loyalty

**Whenever I listen to Handel's setting of Zadok the Priest, based on a reading from the first Book of Kings, shivers run up and down my spine.**

It's a thrilling and stirring piece of music played during coronation ceremonies: "Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon King; and all the people rejoiced and said God save the King! Long live the King! May the King live for ever. Amen. Alleluia!"

What must Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary have felt in February 1952 when, while in Kenya during a Commonwealth tour, she learned of the death of her father and succeeded to the throne?

Certainly grief, maybe a sense of inevitability, or a feeling of inadequacy at the demands to be made of her. And loneliness. But her dedication to the people of the nation – pledged when she was just 26 – has remained constant throughout the 70 years of her reign.

And what must she have felt at the splendid coronation ceremony on 2 June 1953? She was commissioned, in God's name, to "do justice, stop the growth of iniquity, protect the Holy Church of God, help and defend widows and orphans, restore the things that are gone to decay, maintain the things that are restored, punish and reform what is amiss and confirm what is in good order." She must have been overwhelmed by the promises she had to make.

Whatever we may feel about the relevance of the monarchy today, or consider if, or not, we are a Christian nation, we have been blessed with a ruler who has always stood by her commitment to her people and her role as Defender of the Faith.

In June 1953, on a very small black and white television

screen, I watched the coronation – and I still have, priced 2/6, the "approved souvenir programme" containing details of the processions, the coronation ceremony and the lengthy order of service – a marathon!

Our celebrations on that day included bunting,

feasting, mock 'coronations' on the back of carnival lorries – and a day off school. I doubt if we thought very much about the momentous vows being made by Queen Elizabeth.

But this month, as we rejoice and toast the Queen's long reign, perhaps it's a good time to reflect on what she has taught us; loyalty, perseverance, humility, patience, tolerance, humour and concern for others. Her life has included times of joy and sorrow, but underpinned by her strong faith in God, who created the Universe in love and made every human being in his image.

Jonathan Sacks, the former Chief Rabbi, who died in 2020, wrote: "Without faith in God, the Universe slowly becomes meaningless. Life ceases to have an objective purpose. Human life is no longer sacred, nor are our promises, duties and responsibilities." Queen Elizabeth understands this. We give thanks for her long life and example, very aware that perhaps we are nearing the end of an era and the monarchy as we have always known it. God save the Queen! May the Queen live for ever!

*The Revd Ann Ayling*



*We have been blessed with a ruler who has stood by her commitment to her people and her role as Defender of the Faith*

## Our town's celebrations will be fit for a Queen

**Even the most fervent republican would have to admit that our Queen has led a life of exemplary service and commitment to duty.**

In these uncertain, ever-changing times, when it can feel as if the ground is shifting under our feet politically and economically, it's good to have the constancy of a monarch who has reigned longer than any other in British history – and that's something to celebrate.

This magazine's long lead time means we can't bring you details of all the Jubilee events taking place in Bridport – some are still being planned as we go to press – but we hope we've given you a flavour of how the town and its churches are marking the occasion. And if nostalgia's your thing, there are some lovely memories inside of the early days of the Queen's reign. Happy June!



**Olivia Daly**  
Editor

## Platinum Praise & Picnic to mark the Jubilee

**After a two year-break because of Covid-19, Churches Together in Bridport and District are resuming their open-air services on Harbour Green at West Bay.**

The first of these services will be on Sunday 5 June at 4pm (in St John's if wet) and will be a service of thanksgiving for Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are thrilled to have the Wessex Military Band providing music for the occasion.

The service will be followed by a 'bring and share' picnic on the green. Please bring something to sit on, something to drink from, and something to share. Let's make this a great occasion for thanksgiving and celebration.

If you can help with stewarding, please email me: [philpringer@aol.com](mailto:philpringer@aol.com).  
*The Revd Philip Ringer*  
Chairman, CTiBD



Just a taste of what's going on around Bridport over the long Jubilee weekend (2-5 June). Check [www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk](http://www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk) for updates.

**Thursday 2 June**

**Symondsburys Estate Garden Party, 11am-4pm**

Live music, children's entertainment, creative workshops, fete games, competitions and delicious homemade food.

**Proclamation by the mayor and town crier, 2pm**

Bucky Doo Square

**Hog roast with music, beacon & bonfire, from 7pm**

Cooper's Field, Allington Hill. Veggie option available.

Please bring a torch as paths are uneven. The beacon will be lit at 9.45pm.

**Jubilee Beacon on Coneygar Hill, 9.45pm**

With Bridport's town crier, a bugler and choir

**Friday 3 June**

**Civic service at St Mary's Church, South St, 11am**

The mayor of Bridport will attend

**Saturday 4 June**

**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party, 2-5pm**

Gore Cross Recreation Area, Bradpole. Light refreshments available, plus children's activities, music and a tree dedication. Bring your own picnic, chairs, blankets, etc.

**Sunday 5 June**

**Jubilee picnic lunch, 2-4pm**

Mountfield Lawn. Live music from local bands. Cake stall. Bring your own picnic and rugs. Free, but donations towards the upkeep of the Millennium Green appreciated.

# Salisbury architects appointed to lead St Swithun's project

**St Ann's Gate Architects of Salisbury have been chosen from a strong field to spearhead the repair and renewal project at St Swithun's Church.**

St Ann's Gate is a renowned practice with particular expertise in church and architectural conservation work. Their recent projects include a major redevelopment at Gloucester Cathedral and ground-breaking redesigns at St Thomas's Salisbury and St Paul's Winchester. They were chosen from four firms invited to give detailed presentations to the steering group leading the million-pound project, and the parochial church council of the Bridport Team Ministry has approved the appointment.

Director Antony Feltham-King (pictured) will lead the practice's involvement in the St Swithun's work. He says: "This is an iconic building and we are delighted to be able to work with the church team to create a building that will respect the past while helping to achieve the future that the church has in mind."



**Antony Feltham-King, a director of St Ann's Gate Architects**

The project will reorder the Allington church in time for its 200th birthday in 2027. The aim is to make the building more flexible and accessible so it can serve the congregation, the whole parish of Bridport and the wider community.

The steering group, chaired by St Swithun's treasurer Philip Sturrock, is now ready to move to the next phase of this work. Philip says: "We are very pleased to have appointed St Ann's Gate and we are confident that Antony and his team will create a building that will fit the church and the community for the next 100 years. We have big ambitions and we need to consult widely about the ways to realise them. We'll also need to raise the resources to finance our ambitions. It's an exciting prospect!"

## Ringling out for Ukraine

**The bells of St Mary's Church in South Street are now sounding out every week to support the people of Ukraine.**

"There is a special ringing of the heaviest bell, the tenor, which is traditionally used for remembrance services and funerals, but now to express our sadness at the horrors being inflicted on the Ukrainian people," says Bob Hardwick, Tower Captain, St Mary's bell ringers. "The bell is rung very slowly to ring out the mood of sadness, suffering and support. We will keep tolling for the suffering of the Ukrainian people until this dreadful war is ended."

The tenor bell is being sounded twice a week for five minutes, both before service ringing on Sunday, at 10.25am, and at 8.45pm on Thursdays, after ringing practice.



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# June church services

## Sunday

8am **St Mary's Bridport** BCP Communion  
 9.30am **St Swithun's Allington** Eucharist  
**Holy Trinity Bradpole**  
 Communion (*second & fourth*)  
 Informal Morning Praise (*third*)  
 11am **St Mary's Bridport**  
 Communion (*second & fourth*)  
 Morning Praise (*third*)  
**Holy Trinity Bothenhampton**  
 Morning Praise (*second*)  
 Communion (*third*); Matins (*fourth*)  
**St Mary's Walditch**  
 Communion (*fourth only*)  
**St John's West Bay**  
 Morning Praise (*second & fourth*)  
 Communion (*third*)

## Monday

10am **St John's West Bay** Morning Prayer

## Tuesday

2.30pm **Holy Trinity Bradpole**  
 Communion (*first Tuesday only*)

## Wednesday

2.30pm **St Mary's Bridport**  
 Communion (*first only*)

## Thursday

10am **St Swithun's Allington**  
 Eucharist  
**St Mary's Walditch**  
 Morning Prayer

## Saturday

6pm **St Swithun's Allington**  
 Contemplative Church (*first & third*)  
**St John's West Bay** Service of  
 wholeness and healing (*fourth only*)

On **Friday 3 June** there will be a civic service at 11am at St Mary's Bridport for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.  
 On **Saturday 4 June** at 6.30pm there will be a Songs of Praise service at Holy Trinity Bradpole.  
 On **Sunday 5 June** (*first Sunday*) there will be a Pentecost team service at 11am at Holy Trinity Bothenhampton, followed by a bring-and-share lunch.  
*The rota is subject to change so please check locally.*



# Jubilee memories video to be shown at civic service

**Parishioners from St Mary's Bridport have been sharing their memories of the Queen's accession and coronation for a video to be shown at the Jubilee civic service at the church on 3 June.**

The project was the idea of churchwarden Lesley Hill, put into action by the Revd Pete Stone, Team Vicar, and museum curator Francis Grew, who lives part time in Bridport.

"We put a note in the pew news and some people came forward," says Francis. "We've filmed some of them talking about their memories of the time, and others have written them down for us. Some have even brought in memorabilia marking the arrival of the new Queen."

Pictured above are a coronation pop-up book and cup and saucer, which belong to Diana Wright.

**Congratulations to the Revd Deb Smith, Team Rector, who was installed into Salisbury Cathedral's College of Canons on 3 May. She is one of five new canons in the diocese this year, appointments that reflect a strong commitment to community, inclusion and vocation. Deb – who will now be titled 'Revd Canon' – is pictured below (centre) with the Right Revd Karen Gorham, Acting Bishop of Salisbury, and the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury.**



Finbarr Webster

## Part-time vacancy

The Bridport Team Ministry is looking for a temporary part-time administrator to work in its busy parish office for 12 months. This is a paid position.



The right person will be an efficient administrator with good communication and IT skills. Initially this will be for one day per week, with the opportunity to expand the role for someone with the right skills, and the focus of activity could be tailored to that person. Experience or knowledge of church admin is not essential and training will be given.

For further details, contact Sue Pollock on 07903 558568.

# How often have you really looked at a tree?

**This spring we emerged from the dreaded Covid restrictions just as the trees were waking up from winter. At Bridport Primary School, the blossom of a magnificent ornamental apple has been a bright light pouring along St Katherine's Drive, with another in St Mary's churchyard in South Street.**

If you are an artist, have you tried to capture that brilliant green of unfurling beech leaves around our hills, or explored the valleys and downs where woodland beech and oak, ash and hedgerow hawthorn are all stretching their green fingers to the light? Be quick, because by the time you read this there will be a deeper shade, the haze of bluebells giving way to anemones, campions and dark ferns.

Unlike their urban cousins, woodland trees form real communities. Studies have shown how they communicate, often by sound or underground fungi, warning of insect attack or drought. Free from the curse of street lights, they droop at night to rest and provide home and food for myriad invertebrates and plants.

They also link us to the past. At least 1700 years old, the great yew at Compton Dundon church in Somerset is one of the oldest in England, while the 320-year-old sycamore in Tolpiddle marks the spot where labourers met in 1833 to protest about their wages, leading them to become martyrs. Further back, the 'world tree' or 'tree of life' appears in ancient cultures from Egyptian, Buddhist and Druid to Christian, Islamic and Viking.

But our trees are in trouble. Reduced to small copses, blighted by disease such as the chalara ash tree fungus, their central role in the health of our world and in our psyche has been steadily eroded. Woodlands across the country were once managed on a cycle of cutting and regrowth,



**A stunning ornamental apple tree in full blossom in Bridport**

perpetuating the life of the woodland for centuries. Now if the forests are managed at all they are more likely to be clear-felled and re-planted with conifers, which have limited value for wildlife.

But Bridport has taken real and positive action. Young seedlings have been offered free to households, and over 600 saplings have been planted at Dibden View, St Catherine's School, Bridport Community Orchard, Coneygar Hill and other places. Perhaps these are the woodland communities of the future – as much a part of our lives as their own.

As June blooms and insects buzz in the drowsy heat, take shelter beneath your local tree or woodland. Many of them were here long before you or me and can remain so for our children to cherish – but only if we respect and care for them.  
*Alan Bowley*

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**BRIDPORT CLIMATE RESPONSE (BCR) continues to progress. This non-profit project, started in January 2022, aims to raise awareness of climate change and involvement in practical steps everyone can take in response to it. BCR will have a stall at the Bridport Food Festival on 18 June (see opposite) where you can drop in to find out more. The new website is due to launch this month, too. BCR is offering free workshops (one to two hours) for local voluntary groups to help people explore practical responses to climate change. If you're interested, email Alan Heeks at [alanheeks@gmail.com](mailto:alanheeks@gmail.com).**

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# Bridport Food & Drink Festival returns to Asker Meadows

**The Bridport Food & Drink Festival 2022 is being held at Asker Meadows again after a two-year break.**

It kicks off at 6pm on Friday 17 June with the opening of the Bridport Round Table's beer festival, where over 80 beers and ciders will be available. There will also be a Pimm's bar, a good selection of street food and live music.

On Saturday 18 June the field is transformed into a real family celebration of the best local food and drink, mainly from producers and suppliers within 25 miles of Bridport. Cookery demonstrations are always a festival favourite, and this year chefs including Mark Hix, Gill Meller, Pam Corbin, Sally Fishcamp and Chris Chatfield (head chef at the Station Kitchen, West Bay) will be showing off their skills. Other attractions include a children's and teens' marquee, cocktail making from Dark Bear, live music, and a festival tearoom offering Dorset Tea with homemade cakes and scones.

The event is part of the Bridport Festival Fortnight (12 to 24 June) which is packed with activities such as tours and tastings, farm walks, special menus/dishes and pop-ups, masterclasses, a food and drink quiz, food matching, wine tasting and lots more. The full calendar of events is online.

## Love Food, Hate Waste

The theme of this year's festival is 'Reducing Food Waste', and local initiative Love Food Hate Waste will have a tent where visitors can find out how saving food from the bin is good for our pockets and for the planet.

As well as using up hard-earned cash, food waste contributes to climate change and wastes the precious resources such as water and fuel that go into producing and transporting it. About 70% of food wasted is in domestic kitchens – and it's easy to make a big difference, as the Love Food Hate Waste displays and demonstrations will show.

The Waste Resources Action Partnership estimates that an average family with two children bins 244kg of food, or 580 meals, each year, costing £730. Most of this could have been eaten. Every day UK homes throw away approximately:

- 4.4 million whole potatoes
- 20 million slices of bread – that's a million loaves
- 920,000 whole bananas
- 1.2 million whole tomatoes
- 720,000 whole oranges
- 800,000 whole apples
- 2.7 million whole carrots
- 970,000 whole onions
- 86,000 whole lettuces



**Left: donated food waiting to be given out at Bridport's Food Glut Stall**



**Above: the festival is always a popular Bridport event**

Most of the 6.6 million tonnes of household food waste thrown away every year could have been eaten. It's enough to feed the entire UK population 3 meals a day for 11 weeks.

Additionally, when food goes to landfill and rots, it produces methane—a greenhouse gas even more potent than carbon dioxide. If everyone in the UK stopped wasting food at home for just one day, it would have the same impact on greenhouse gases as planting half a million trees.

"With ever-increasing food prices – especially of staple goods – plus inflation and the squeeze on household budgets, as well as likely shortages due to climate change and the war in Ukraine, we all need to look at ways we can make a difference," says Candida Blaker of Bridport Food Matters, the group behind the Bridport Food & Drink Festival and Love Food Hate Waste. "The good news is that there is much we can do, and it's not difficult."

Festival events on this theme will include a competition to make dishes from the foods that are most usually wasted, to be judged by chefs including Gill Meller and Daphne Lambert (Green Cuisine Trust). The chefs will also be given a 'community fridge challenge' to decide what they would make from the surplus food they find in the festival fridge. Other demonstrations will include low-energy cooking – using an equivalent of an insulated 'haybox' which, once up to heat, cooks food slowly without using more fuel – and ways of making food last longer such as making preserves.

The Food Glut Stall will also be at the festival. This initiative is open to all and has saved tonnes of food from going to waste, redistributing donations from local allotment holders as well as restaurants and supermarkets. Glut volunteers will share tips on ways to reduce food waste at home, ranging from best use of a fridge and/or freezer, suggestions on how to preserve foods, and recipes for pestos, chutneys and soups.

*The beer festival runs 6–11pm Friday (free entry) and 11am–11pm Saturday. The food festival runs 9.30am–5pm Saturday. Adult tickets for Saturday are £5 on the gate or £3.50 in advance from the Tourist Information Centre or online. Entry is free all day for children under 17 years and after 4pm for everyone. [www.bridportfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.bridportfoodfestival.co.uk)*

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▶ Sat 4 Jun	MET Hamlet LIVE
▶ Thu 9 Jun	Mi Flamenco - Echoes
▶ Sat 11 Jun	Ballet Central
▶ Fri 17 Jun	Classic Concert: Tim Horton
▶ Fri 17 Jun	Jazz in the Theatre: Tango Calor
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Beethoven: Egmont Overture  
 Richard Strauss: Concerto for French Horn No. 1  
 Haydn: Drumroll Symphony No. 103

Tickets £10 from the Bridport Music Centre, The Book Shop and on the door. Student admission free.  
 Refreshments available after the concert.  
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# New furniture workshops will teach practical skills & enhance wellbeing

**Two young experts in building with wood are launching a series of free workshops in Bridport to teach furniture making skills in a supportive environment.**

Georgina Bowman completed her master's degree in architecture earlier this year at Hooke Park, the Architectural Association's woodland campus near Beaminster. She took the college's 'Design & Make' course, which explores architectural design at the point of production. Her friend Jack Cardno is a research fellow at Hooke Park's Wood Lab, which educates architects in the sustainable use of wood in their projects, using the latest design and fabrication technologies alongside traditional material knowledge.

"Creating with wood can be uplifting and empowering – it's a form of self-

**Pictured: Georgina Bowman and Jack Cardno**



care," says Georgina. "As a society we need to stop consuming in a meaningless way, and learning to make useful things can increase a person's wellbeing as well as giving them real practical skills. We want to engage with the community and share these benefits with other people."

Georgina and Jack have secured funding from Dorset Community Energy's Community Fund, which supports projects that aim to reduce carbon emissions and/or address fuel poverty. This money will cover material, admin and transport for the first three workshops, and the pair plan to apply for more funding from other sources for future events.

The free workshops will be held at Bridport Community Shed and the first is planned for late June, although details are still to be confirmed. This first two-day event, which will take place over a weekend, will be for single mothers; future workshops will be aimed at different groups in the community. The organisers hope that each workshop will include a field trip to the woods to spend time with a forester.

Georgina is originally from Chicago and has an undergraduate degree in architecture from a California university. She has been studying at Hooke Park since 2020 and lives in Bridport.

She has also worked with Bridport Area Community Housing and the connected Raise the Roof initiative to find ways to increase sustainability in building practices for new homes. This work includes designing prefabricated building blocks made from local materials such as hemp, clay and timber,

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**free furniture making workshop!**

which allow houses to be put up quickly and often self-finished by householders.

Georgina has been inspired, too, by her involvement with Common Ground, a Dorset charity that aims to reconnect people with nature and inspire communities to embrace responsibility for their local environment. "It's all about our connection to the land," she says. "The land has a cultural meaning for people, a shared commonality. We hope our Bridport workshops will also help people feel connected with the land, and the materials it provides, in their own way."

*For more details, or if you're interested in attending a workshop, email [localmattersworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:localmattersworkshops@gmail.com)*



A concert by WEST DORSET COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA and LOCAL VOCALS COMMUNITY CHOIR

Wednesday 29 June at 7.30pm

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, WEST BAY

Free admission with a retiring collection

Refreshments and a raffle

# Looking back: the young Queen

**Regular Bridge contributor Robin Stapleton recalls a very special day early in the Queen's reign, when she reviewed the naval fleet at Spithead, near Robin's home in Hampshire.**

**On Monday 15 June 1953, as part of the coronation celebrations, HM Queen Elizabeth reviewed the fleet.**

It was a spectacular sight to see and as it will now never be repeated on the same scale, to witness it was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The Coronation Review comprised over 300 ships, ranging in size from the largest warships down to the smallest. As well as the Royal Navy, eighteen foreign and six Commonwealth navies were represented. There were also liners and merchant ships and other civilian vessels. My memory is of a cloudy day with good visibility and a light breeze.

The ships were laid out in several parallel lines from a position approximately in line with Southsea Castle extending down the Solent past Lee-on-Solent for seven miles. At the time I was a member of Southsea Rowing Club and over the preceding weekend we had done our own mini review, going out in our coxed fours and getting right up close to some of the ships, which was very special. Luckily the weather was fine and the sea calm. I don't recall any obvious security and suspect to get that close nowadays would not be allowed. How times have changed!

At the head of the review was HMS Vanguard, the newest but last battleship to be built for the Royal Navy. Checking with the programme, I see there were seven aircraft carriers, led by HMS Eagle, plus one each from the Royal Australian and Canadian navies. Then there were numerous cruisers, frigates, destroyers, submarines and their depot ships right down in size to minesweepers and other miscellaneous craft. The USA was represented by their flagship, Baltimore, a heavy cruiser, and the USSR by the Sverdlov, a cruiser, which I believe was their most modern warship.

HMS Surprise, a frigate, serving as the Royal Yacht with the Queen embarked, departed from the South Railway Jetty in Portsmouth Harbour, led out by Trinity House Vessel Patricia, entering the review lines at 1530hrs. As HMS Surprise approached the review area, a 21-gun royal salute was fired. A procession of several naval and passenger ships followed with admiralty, government and local guests on board, and also proceeded through the lines, though deviating in part from the route taken by HMS Surprise.

The ships were dressed overall and

the sailors lined the decks giving three cheers in the traditional navy way as the Surprise passed. Some of the larger ships had bands playing. HMS Surprise went right down one line and returned to the head of the fleet by another, where she dropped anchor near HMS Vanguard. This was scheduled to take about an hour and three quarters. Shortly afterwards there was a flypast by the Fleet Air Arm, led by helicopters followed by a single Vampire jet and then about 300 Royal Navy and Commonwealth naval aircraft of many different types.



# Queen Elizabeth reviews the fleet

After dark the fleet was lit up, making a really impressive sight, and the day culminated with the lights being switched off for a fireworks display and again finally at midnight. So ended an unforgettable day. I viewed this part from Portsdown Hill, perhaps not quite as good as being on Southsea sea front but compensated by a panoramic view and good visibility.

There have been other reviews since. However, other than the review in 2005 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Trafalgar, which had 300 ships from 30 navies, no review since 1953 has compared in scale, nor is likely to at any time in the future.

*There is a plan of all the ships involved in the Coronation Review online at [www.battleshipmsvanguard.homestead.com/files/anchorage.jpg](http://www.battleshipmsvanguard.homestead.com/files/anchorage.jpg)*



**Above: Some of the photos that Robin took at the Coronation Review with his Box Brownie camera. Left: the official souvenir programme of the event**

## Memories of another special day

***Two weeks earlier, Robin Stapleton had been in London for the coronation itself, as he writes...***

**In 1953 I was a horticultural student in Kent but I went to stay with a family friend in London.**

My friend and his wife were to have a vantage point at the Army & Navy Club and I hoped to find a perch outside. In the evening we walked round the route and saw people preparing to camp out, but I decided I wouldn't have to do this, which was a relief as it was quite cold.

In the morning I was up early but could not reach my planned position and set myself up on the corner of Piccadilly and St James's Street at about 6.30am. This proved an excellent vantage point and the wait passed very quickly as there was plenty going on. Four peers went by in their coach and horses and others in cars going to Westminster Abbey. Soldiers and bands soon arrived to line the route. The Royal Artillery were stationed opposite me and there was a

band nearby to keep us entertained.

The procession arrived at about 2.20pm, led by the band of the Gloucestershire Regiment, an unexpected excitement for me as I had done my National Service in the 'Glorious Glosters'. Army regiments, Navy and RAF contingents marched past, often with a band and all smartly turned out. In my area the Royal Marines got the biggest cheer. All the prime ministers waved except Dr Malan (South Africa) and I heard later that he was booed near where my friends were. Winston Churchill waved his hat to us – the first and only time I saw him in person – and I had a good view of everything including the Queen. It came on to rain but this did not deter our enthusiasm, and the Queen of Tonga became quite a hit when she came by with her carriage still open to the rain, waving and with a beaming smile.

Although I was on my own, the crowd was very friendly and there was lots of excitement, cheering and clapping as the procession passed by. I thought the



Royal Family all looked very graceful.

In the evening we went to watch the fireworks from Westminster Bridge, which we thought 'not very special', then went to look at the lights, getting to bed at about 2am. A long day, but I wouldn't have missed it for anything. The next day I went out to take some photographs, (which I no longer seem to have) and saw the Queen going out on a drive.

All in all it was quite a month, never to be repeated.

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### Why Coffee & Cake?

In a town known for its large number of coffee shops, with their enticing offerings of cake, why has St Mary's Church restarted its once-a-month Saturday Coffee & Cake? I suggest that there are three main reasons why we are NOT doing this:

1. To make money for our cash-strapped church funds (although every penny given is most welcome)
2. To make better coffee and tastier cakes than anyone else in Bridport on a Saturday. (Our cakes may be good, but we cannot claim superiority!)
3. To entice people to join the church. We want to share our beautiful, historic building with the community without any expectation that people who come along will become church members.

So what's the thinking behind Coffee & Cake, apart from the three points above? For centuries, the Christian church has been at the forefront of what we now call the 'hospitality industry'. In the past this has taken the form of providing a welcome, accommodation and food for travellers – as still seen, for example, on pilgrim routes such as the Camino de Santiago. The accounts of Jesus' life that we read in the New Testament say as much about his experience of sharing meals with others as about attending the synagogue, and these shared meals are often the scene of significant encounters and teaching.

We at St Mary's are not on a pilgrim route (unless you count Morrisons or Waitrose as a modern-day shrine!). We are open to the idea of our coffee mornings being interesting and perhaps important encounters as we welcome people and chat with them. So, in our small way, on a busy market



Saturday we are offering passersby a welcome, a chance to chat, to rest weary legs, to enjoy and appreciate the building, and to enjoy excellent coffee and delicious cakes in a place that has been welcoming all comers for 800 years.

Do come and join us between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Saturdays 18 June, 23 July, 13 August, 24 September and 22 October. You'll be very welcome!

*Peter Wright*

### June services at St Mary's Bridport (all welcome):

<b>Wednesday 1</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday 3</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Queen's Platinum Jubilee Civic Service</b>
<b>Sunday 5</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Team service at Holy Trinity Bothenhampton</b>
<b>Sunday 12</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Morning Praise</b>
<b>Sunday 19</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 26</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

*Covid-19 has made a huge impact in so many ways and many of our regular donors have not been able to support the church as they once did. If you can make a donation, whatever you can give, you will be helping us to maintain our beautiful church and its ministry in the heart of Bridport.*



## HOLY TRINITY Bothenhampton

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### From the parish editor

June is a month of long, light days – hopefully warm – and a time for being outdoors. We are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and residents are encouraged to decorate their front doors and windows to provide a cheerful atmosphere. Groups are being invited to

dress a church window in a regal theme before the coffee morning on Saturday 4 June (10am to 12 noon) which will also have a Jubilee flavour.

In the evening on 4 June there is a barbeque in the John Holt play area from 5pm. This is an opportunity to meet up with friends, dress in red, white and blue, and celebrate the occasion. If you have not already done so, you can buy your ticket in advance from Pennie (458006) or Heather (423220) for £2.50 or £10 for a family. This will buy a burger, and there will also be a bar.

Sunday 5 June is Pentecost Sunday and Holy Trinity is holding a service for the whole Bridport Team at 11am, followed by a picnic lunch in the church garden marquee. All ages welcome.

From Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June there will be a display of the history of Bothenhampton in the Old Church, which will remain open until 7pm each day.

The Treasure Hunt on Easter Saturday was a great success and enjoyed by 24 children and their families, who

## HOLY TRINITY Bothenhampton continued...

walked around the village searching for clues and were then rewarded with an Easter egg at the end.

Good news! Many people have missed our monthly films over the past two years, but now they are coming back. The first film evening is on Saturday 25 June showing the new version of West Side Story at 7.30pm in the village hall. Ring Nick on 07876 780091 for enquiries or tickets in advance. Tickets are £5 and will also be available on the door.

The Big Breakfast advertised for 21 May unfortunately had to be cancelled owing to a lack of helpers to cook and serve. The village hall committee hopes to be able to offer a breakfast later in the year.

There will be a fete this summer on Saturday 16 July in the church garden, 2.30pm to 5pm. A table-top sale will be included, and tables will be £10 for individuals or a charity (see right for details).

We are still in need of two distributors for The Bridge in Pasture Way and North Hill Way. If you can help please contact Barbara Ffooks 423122.

Our church's patronal festival falls on 12 June, Trinity Sunday, and we will be celebrating at the Morning Praise service at 11am. This day is also Music Sunday, and Holy Trinity choir will be singing an anthem during the service to acknowledge the day. Many churches no longer have a choir, and singers at Holy Trinity are few in number but are keen to continue – in fact, we'd love to enlarge our choir. If you'd like to join us, talk to Sue Smith, our director of music (456955) and join us on a Thursday afternoon at 2.15pm for an hour.

Barbara Ffooks

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### Bradpole Village Hall

On 4 August 1975, at a general meeting of the members of the Forster Institute, the institute was dissolved and the village hall created, to be held in trust and conveyed to the Official Custodian for Charities for use as a village hall. A trust deed was set up in 1977 by two local solicitors, supplementing an indenture dated 20 May 1890 that conveyed the land and buildings of the Forster Institute from Alexander Broadley to a group of trustees.

Following the near demise of the trustee board a couple of years ago, new trustees were appointed. Since then, despite Covid-19, these trustees have been operating the use of the hall and making sure that it is in good condition. However, they found that the 1977 trust deed was unworkable because it imposed membership on various local bodies, which could not be enforced. The trustees decided that it would be better to change the constitution of the charity such that it became

### June services at Holy Trinity Bothenhampton:

<b>Sunday 5</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Pentecost Team Communion followed by lunch in the church garden</b>
<b>Sunday 12</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday Morning Praise followed by coffee</b>
<b>Sunday 19</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 26</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Matins</b>



## Summer Fete

**Saturday 16 July, 2.30–5pm**  
**Holy Trinity Bothenhampton**

Cream teas • Tombola • Games  
Cake stall • Books • Plants

*This is your invitation to book space for a table  
space for private selling or for your charity*

£10 per table  
To book please phone Heather 423220




a modern body called a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), roughly comparable to a limited company, which would be easier to manage and would protect the trustees from personal liability for their actions except in extreme circumstances.

To effect that change, a very detailed application was made to the Charity Commissioners, who gave formal approval on 22 April 2022. As part of the change, the trustees decided to alter the name of the charity while retaining the historical connection, so it is now Bradpole Forster Village Hall.

To provide continuity, first charity trustees for the CIO have been appointed for varying periods of office, from the trustees of the previous charity. They are Dawn

## HOLY TRINITY Bradpole continued...

Adwick, Jane Bryant, Jim Bryant, Sarah Kilcoyne and Colin McReavie. Further trustees will be appointed, and Douglas Baldwin, Peter Carnell and Martin Whiting, who were trustees before 22 April, will be invited.

Following advice from the Charity Commission to comply with the Charities Act 2011, the object of the CIO is now: *The provision and maintenance of a village hall for use of the inhabitants of Bradpole and the surrounding neighbourhood without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.*

The main hall is available for hire by local community groups and private hire, and is fully accessible with facilities for the disabled. The hall bookings secretary, Jane Bryant (01308 427493 / [oxeyedaisy101@gmail.com](mailto:oxeyedaisy101@gmail.com)) can answer booking enquiries and there is more information online at [www.bradpole.org.uk/the-forster-memorial-institute-bradpole-village-hall/](http://www.bradpole.org.uk/the-forster-memorial-institute-bradpole-village-hall/).

### Bradpole Parish Council

At their April meeting, councillors agreed to order six pieces of fitness equipment to be installed at the Gore Cross recreation ground. They also agreed to order replacement swings for the Pageants play area.

The clerk told the councillors that the hedge cutting at Pageants Field would now take place after the nesting season, and the replacement glass for the bus shelter at Lee Lane is still being progressed.

Residents are reminded that there are two 10-minute slots available at council meetings when they can ask the councillors questions or make known their views on local topics. Advance notice is not required.

Details are on the council's website: [www.bradpole.org.uk](http://www.bradpole.org.uk).







THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE TEA PARTY

A BRADPOLE COMMUNITY EVENT  
AT THE  
GORE CROSS RECREATIONAL AREA  
SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2p.m. ~ 5p.m.

- LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- MUSIC
- DEDICATION OF TREES PLANTED TO COMMEMORATE THE JUBILEE
- PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC, CHAIRS and/or BLANKETS/RUGS

Dogs on leads welcome  
Temporary loos on site

A FREE event brought to you by  
Bradpole's Community Groups

At 6.30pm in the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> June a "Songs of Praise" will be held at Holy Trinity, Bradpole.

[www.bradpole.org.uk](http://www.bradpole.org.uk)

### June services at Holy Trinity Bradpole:

<b>Saturday 4</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Songs of Praise</b>
<b>Sunday 5</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Pentecost team service at Holy Trinity Bothenhampton</b>
<b>Tuesday 7</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>'Tuesdays Together' Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 12</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 19</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Informal Morning Praise</b>
<b>Sunday 26</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

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*Our regular Walditch correspondent, Robin Stapleton, has written about his memories of the Coronation Fleet Review in Portsmouth in 1953. See pages 10–11 for this article and the photos that Robin took with his Box Brownie camera.*

### Walditch Garden Group

Join us for our monthly garden group meeting on Thursday 30 June. We meet at 10am in Walditch Village Hall on the last Thursday of the month for seasonal topics and garden

discussion throughout the year with tea/coffee and biscuits. We look forward to welcoming you.

### Garden tips for June:

Weed and deadhead; water new and young plants as needed; watch out for rose pests and suckers; prune spring-flowering shrubs; propagate climbers by layering method; keep perennials tidy by cutting back; liquid-feed lawns, trim edges; harvest mature vegetables, plant winter brassicas and protect from pests; plant out tender veg (such as tomatoes); peg down strawberry runners to make new plants; and sow hardy annuals outside to flower this year.

Jane Mowatt



### June services at St Mary's Walditch:

<b>Sunday 5</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Pentecost team service at Holy Trinity Bothenhampton</b>
<b>Sunday 26</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

**Also Morning Prayer every Thursday at 10am**

## ST JOHN'S West Bay

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### News from St John's

On Sunday 5 June at 4pm, Churches Together will hold a service on the green outside the church (inside if wet) to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. This will be followed by tea. Please bring your own chairs, drinks and food to share.

It is a joy to see christenings returning to St John's and on 4 June we will have our first wedding since before the first lockdown. Although the church has been open for a while now, and of course we have continued to have funerals, it is the joyous events of christenings and weddings that make so much difference.

Brit Valley Rotary will hold their monthly book sale throughout the summer outside St John's from 10.30am to 3.30pm, starting on Saturday 25 June.

The West Dorset Music Community Orchestra concert is being held on Wednesday 29 June at 7.30 pm.

### West Bay WI

The sale of the Easter knitted chickens went very well and raised £100 for club funds. The usual needlecraft will take place on Tuesday 7 June at 10 am and then on Wednesday 15 June at 2.30 pm there will be a talk by Janet Tolputt about the work of the Guide Dogs for the Blind. A meal to celebrate the Jubilee will take place in June – date and venue to be confirmed.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact their president, Alison Ridge, on 01308 897293.

### Round and about the Bay

Just when they thought things couldn't get any better, the Discovery Centre received an email saying that they have been selected to go forward to the finals of the Visit England Awards in Birmingham on 8 June in the Ethical, Responsible and Sustainable Tourism Category. This comes after winning gold in this category at the South West awards. Only three of the regional winners in each category from across England are selected to go through, so the Discovery Centre will win either bronze, silver or gold. They

**Below: The 50,000th visitors to the West Bay Discovery Centre with centre manager Liz Bryant (right)**



**Above: this milk vending machine is the latest addition to the Station Kitchen's facilities**

are one of four Dorset finalists in the awards as a whole.

In May the centre welcomed its 50,000th visitors (see photo) who shared their memories of living close to the harbour in West Bay in the 1970s, including during the storm of 1974, which is featured among the centre's exhibits.

I am sure as you walk down to West Bay and pass the Station Kitchen you will notice that there have been some changes. Who could have imagined this when the station closed back in 1962? There are now two coaches beautifully decorated inside with a quirky feel about them, then there is outside seating and planting to enhance the old station building. The latest addition is a milk vending machine (see photo) and the restaurant owners have created some raised beds for growing their own vegetables. It is great what has been achieved there with a lot of hard work.

### Upcoming events

So it's all happening on Saturday 4 June when West Bay celebrates Pirates Day from 12 to 5pm. We are hoping to see lots of gaily coloured pirates walking around – so make sure you get your outfits ready! We hope that Clean Jurassic Coast and their popular mermaid will be around, too.

The Vintage Tractor Fair returns to the Melplash Field on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 June. This has always been a popular event so let's hope the weather is good. For the more energetic among you, Sunday 19 June is the date of the West Bay Triathlon: a swim in the flat sea followed by a scenic undulating bike course and then a testing run is all it takes! According to the information about the bike ride, for those taking part in the 'super sprint', the course is relatively flat – from past experience I have my doubts, but don't let me put anyone off!

*Sue Pollock*

### June services at St John's:

<b>Sunday 5</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Team service at Holy Trinity Bothenhampton</b>
<b>Sunday 12</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Morning Praise</b>
<b>Sunday 19</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Saturday 25</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Service of wholeness and healing</b>
<b>Sunday 26</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Morning Praise</b>

**Also Morning Prayer every Monday at 10am**

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### From the parish editor

For some people June holds the anticipation of Wimbledon and the season of tennis – a spectator sport that is often accompanied by and associated with strawberries. At the allotment strawberries have many companion plants that help the fruit, giving protection from predators or increasing the flavour. I did once sprinkle pine needles round about my strawberry plants, and can't report that the taste was that improved, but maybe the pine needles were not the right kind. Borage, on the other hand, is a companion pollinator and possibly improves the yield. Caraway attracts insects that defend the fruit from hungry pests, while lupins nitrogenate the soil. Spinach produces saponins and is also antifungal and antibacterial; its tap-like roots grow at a deeper level, and the leaves can shade the fruit a little. The pungency of the allium family discourages pests. The aroma of calendula, or common marigold, also repels insects that are harmful to the fruit.



From 16 May to 16 June it is National Smile Month. This is run by the Oral Health Foundation to raise awareness about gum and teeth maintenance. Brushing our teeth for two minutes morning and evening is a routine they hope to promote. There will be many smiles for the Queen's Jubilee. There is a new tube line in London called the Elizabeth line, whose train seats will be decked in purple 'moquette' – an upholstery fabric with thick pile – designed by our friendly and talented weaver Harriet Wallace-Jones of Wallace Sewell, based in the Marshwood Vale. Being a bit of a weaver in the past, I have chatted with Harriet about the origins of the loom, some models of which were basic prototypes for the beginnings of the computer. We have also bemoaned the fact that boys in school and outside it aren't



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**Above: A seat on the new Elizabeth line in London, showing the moquette designed by Dorset firm Wallace Sewell (photo taken during trial operations)**

encouraged to consider textiles and weaving as viable skills for employment and a career path. There have been several well-respected male weavers such as David Collingwood and John Hinchcliffe.

The Elizabeth line, formerly known as Crossrail, will stretch for more than 60 miles from Reading to Heathrow in the west, through central tunnels across to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east. As *The Bridge* went to press, Transport for London (TfL) had announced that the line would open on 24 May, subject to safety checks, so it should be running by the time you read this.

The purple colour – Pantone 265 – was chosen to distinguish the line from others, and TfL has said that the choice is a coincidence and nothing to do with the centuries-old regal associations. Anciently, purple was a rare colour and only available to the elite as creating it was a lengthy process using limited supplies of crushed molluscs (more precisely the Tyrian purple snail) from which the dye was extracted. Wallace Sewell's purple pinstripe fabric is a nod to the suits in the City of London, and ushers in a sense of speed while also referencing royal tones. Wallace Sewell have also designed other underground seat fabrics, including the Piccadilly line moquette, which features various London landmarks.

The other request from the royal household is to celebrate 70 years of the Queen's reign by planting trees. In years to come this planting to mark the Platinum Jubilee will in turn contribute to the declining wealth of ancient forests in Britain. Nurturing and treasuring our trees is being encouraged as a way of securing our future, and offering leafy hope.

St Swithun's is holding a pub quiz fundraiser on Sunday 12 June at 5pm (see ad on page 6). Geraldine from the Ropemakers' popular quiz will be the question mistress. Entry is £5 – please bring your own wine and refreshments.  
 Anna Sullock

### June services at St Swithun's:

**Eucharist is held every Sunday at 9.30am (except 5 June) and every Thursday at 10am.**

**On Sunday 5 June there is a team service at 11am at Holy Trinity Bothenhampton, followed by a bring-and-share picnic lunch.**

**Contemplative Church is held on the first and third Saturdays each month (5 and 19 June) at 6pm in St Swithun's Hall.**

## Community coffee mornings

**First Thursday every month  
 10.45–11.45am (after 10am Mass)  
 St Swithun's Church, Allington**

**Fresh coffee,  
 biscuits and cake**

**All welcome**

**Free parking**





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#### Spreading the word of Jesus

As I write, the sun is shining, birds are rushing to and fro feeding their youngsters, leaves are unfurling and it seems that spring has finally arrived after a wet, dreary winter. People are beginning to smile again as they are out and about, and life seems to be taking on a semblance of pre-pandemic normality.

But beneath the sunshine and the smiles and the feel of spring, there is still a darker reality lurking. Covid may be less deadly now for most, thanks to the brilliance of our scientists and the amazing work done to vaccinate all, but it's still around – and for some the effects, although not deadly, are long-lasting and debilitating, like ME or fibromyalgia. Unseen, unrecognised by many but life-changing for those who have it. Along with many others, our minister, the Revd John Yarrien, is suffering at the moment with Covid, which is why I am writing this piece.

The lasting effects of the pandemic are everywhere. Some people who isolated for so long are finding it very difficult to reintegrate with the society they knew; many have lost loved ones; others are having to wait months in pain for medical treatment or even to talk to their GP and get some reassurance. Life for many seems very different and difficult.

And there is the cost of living. At a recent committee meeting of Pathways to Care – the charity that embraces the Good Neighbours car scheme and Hopeful Hampers, Bridport's oldest food bank – we were talking about the shocking impact this is having on older people and young families alike, and how Hopeful Hampers can do more to help. There are countless local tales of mothers not eating so they can feed their children, and of pensioners who can't heat their homes so stay in bed. And some of those who come for food from Hopeful Hampers or the Garden Glut stall, which we support, can't cook or refrigerate the food as they can't pay for electricity. What more can we – all of us – do? Something has to change.

And of course, as well as all that, there is Ukraine. We have been the lucky generation in that most people alive now have never experienced war or were too young to remember anything about World War 2. It is so shocking that a peaceful European country has been invaded and



is being brutalised and it's causing a lot of heartache, fear and unease here and throughout much of the world.

So, were my first thoughts of spring

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arriving and life looking up misguided? Should we perhaps huddle down in the darkness and feel ashamed if we can face spring with a smile because we are at peace, well fed and reasonably secure? No – I don't think this is the way to go. We have this beautiful world, given us by God, and we should surely give thanks for it and enjoy his gifts. It doesn't mean we don't suffer the heartache of thinking about and praying for those who are suffering, but we cannot change the world – we can only do what we are able to.

Let us, then, help those around us as much as we can, whether with food, smiles or just company – perhaps the most important thing. Let us hold Ukraine and all the spots in the world where people are being mistreated and killed in our thoughts and prayers and do whatever we feel we can and should do.

And let us remember above all that the God who created this miraculous world and everything in it is also in and with all of us. It is impossible, I think, for us to understand how such cruelty and unfairness can exist if God is in charge – but as we look up at the myriad of stars on a dark night we must surely feel that somehow He is here. May we all feel Him with us as we move forward into the uncertainties ahead. And perhaps, as King George VI so famously did, we can take the words of Minnie Louise Haskins and make them our own.

“And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: ‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.’ And he replied: ‘Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.’”

Sue Herman

Administrator at Bridport United Church  
(BUC services are overleaf)

**BRIDPORT UNITED CHURCH continued...**

**June services at Bridport United Church:**

- Sunday 5** 10.30am Peter Kershaw (HC)  
 4pm Soul Space with tea and cake  
 (see below)
- Sunday 12** 10.30am Revd John Yarrien
- Sunday 19** 10.30am Tony Boyden
- Sunday 26** 10.30am Chris Warren

**Regular events**

Community coffee mornings every Wednesday 10am to noon – all welcome. Stepping Stones preschool every morning.

- Mondays** 10am–noon Local Vocals (in the church)
- Tuesdays** 2pm Bridport Blind Club (first and third Tuesdays)
- 4.30pm Rainbows
- 5.30pm Brownies
- 7.30pm Bridport Big Band in church
- Wednesdays** 6pm Fitsteps
- 7.30pm Martial arts
- Thursdays** 5pm Slimming World
- Fridays** 6pm Martial arts

**Other events in June**

- Saturday 4** 9–11.30am Platinum Jubilee Big Breakfast
- Thursday 9** 7.30pm Celebration organ recital by David Illingworth
- Saturday 11** all day Musicathon (see panel on previous page)
- Thursday 16** 2–4.30pm Golden Oldies ‘GO Club’ tea. All welcome (note date change)
- Saturday 18** 10am–noon RNLI coffee morning
- Wednesday 22** 12.30pm Lunch Club (please book if possible: 422598)
- Saturday 25** 10am–noon Coffee morning



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**From Uploders Chapel**

In early May we had our first service taken by the Revd John Yarrien, who always gets us thinking! Then later in the month we had a Songs of Praise service. Now we are in June already – where do the weeks go?

As usual life has been very kind to us in this part of Dorset. Mostly the weather has been lovely, with spring at times seeming to hint at the summer to come. Lots of opportunities to see bluebells in bloom as well as loads of other wild flowers showing off. We certainly have plenty of things to be thankful for.

Our first service in June is a joint one with Lodgers Church, which once again is being held at Lodgers Church at 11am. We chapel folk will be hosting a joint cream tea as we didn't put on our usual joint meal after the joint service in December because of the Covid situation. It won't be after the joint service, however, as other Jubilee activities will be going on in the village then. It will be later in the month.

At CAKE in May we were encouraged to bring along our favourite poem to read to everyone. It was lovely hearing such a wide range of poetry, which conjured up both laughs and thoughtful moments.

As I mentioned last month, the chapel will be open on Thursday 2, Friday 3 and Saturday 4 June for cuppas and cake from 10am to 4.30pm, so you can take a break while looking round all the scarecrows (see advert above).

I think it almost goes without saying that June should be full of Jubilation!

Carol Hall

**June services at Uploders Chapel:**

- Sunday 5** 11am Joint service at Lodgers Church
- Sunday 19** 10.30am Revd John Yarrien (Holy Communion)

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### A noble service

The lovely month of June begins with a long bank holiday weekend in honour of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee. February 2022 marked the actual 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne and most of us have only known this monarch. In the long years of her reign so much

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has changed, from the very earliest days of one-channel television through space exploration and the huge explosion of social media and communication. At the time of her accession very few people had a telephone and a text was something you read in a book.

Yet through all these changes, our Queen has remained constant in her duty and service of the UK and the Commonwealth. It is far from easy being a leader in today's world where leadership is so often seen in terms of power. Yes, she enjoys many privileges that many of us only dream of, but she has always shown her leadership in terms of service. In this she has been upheld by her deep Christian faith and a sense that she has been called by God to a life of duty and service.

No one can lead well without being a servant. This is the model Jesus Christ lived, the One who came "to serve, not to be served". Privilege gives a corresponding duty. We talk about our "rights" but rights always bring corresponding duties. Great leaders are never in it for themselves but for the people they serve. When rights and duties are not molded together the result is anarchy.

This June we salute our Queen, our sovereign for 70 years, and we give thanks for the model of duty and service she has displayed throughout those many years.

We shall be offering special prayers for her, especially on Sunday 5 June at all our services. Happy Jubilee, ma'am!  
*Monsignor Keith Mitchell*

**Sunday Mass is at 10am** and is streamed online at [www.bridportcatholics.org.uk](http://www.bridportcatholics.org.uk) and Bridport Catholic Parish Facebook page. For updates about Sunday and weekday Mass, see our weekly newsletter on the website.

## Get involved: local clubs, groups and societies

*Please get in touch if you'd like your group to appear here. Entries are free but are limited to a few lines and are for non-profit community groups and clubs and their events (not ticketed events such as concerts). Unless otherwise stated, all phone numbers are Bridport (01308).*

**West Dorset Flower Club** meets at the WI Hall, North St, at 2.30pm on the second Monday of each month with demos and speakers. On Monday 13 June, Julia Harrison will present 'The magic box'. Phone 456339.

**Bridport Choral Society** rehearses on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at the United Church Hall. Contact Margaret Foster [margefoster1956@gmail.com](mailto:margefoster1956@gmail.com)

**Bridport Stroke Club** meets weekly Sept–Christmas and Feb–July at the Community Room, Vernon's Court. Contact the secretary, David Lawrence [dandhlawrence@gmail.com](mailto:dandhlawrence@gmail.com)

**Bridport Blind Club** is a social club for the visually impaired. It meets twice a month for tea, entertainment and chat. Part of Dorset Blind Association, which provides personal and technical help. Contact Ian Ibbotson 898484.

**Bridport & District Gardening Club** meets monthly at the WI Hall in North St, Bridport. On Thursday 16 June at 7.30pm, wildlife photographer and ecologist Colin Varndell will speak about 'The hedgehog predicament', including the reasons behind the hedgehog's decline and what we can do in our gardens to help. Open to non-members at £2. More information at [www.bridportgardeningclub.co.uk](http://www.bridportgardeningclub.co.uk)

**Bridport Scottish Dancers** meet every Wednesday evening at 7.15pm (7.30pm start) in Church House, South St, except first Wed each month which is at Salwayash village hall. First visit free, then £2 per session. Please bring the right money & your own refreshments. Contact Caroline 538141 / Malcolm 07790 323343 / [www.bridportscottishdancers.org.uk](http://www.bridportscottishdancers.org.uk)

**Bridport Youth Dance** offers classes in contemporary, specific boys classes, tap dance, street, urban and musical theatre. To enrol and for more details of BYD, Bridport Boys Dance and the BYD street dance crew, contact Nikki Northover [bridportyouthdance01@gmail.com](mailto:bridportyouthdance01@gmail.com) / 07765 971357 / [www.bridportyouthdance.org.uk](http://www.bridportyouthdance.org.uk)

**West Dorset Music Community Orchestra** meets on Wednesdays in term time 6.30–7.45pm at the Christian Fellowship Hall in East St car park. Contact 456297. [www.westdorsetmusic.org.uk](http://www.westdorsetmusic.org.uk)

**Bridport Health Walks** are free and take place every Wednesday, meeting outside Bridport United Church at 9.45am, and the first Thursday each month meeting at The Cowshed, Bridport Medical Centre, at 10.30am. The guided walks take 30–40 minutes on level ground. Refreshments available after the walk. No need to book, just turn up.

**Bridport & District Allotment Society** (BADAS) is open to all. Membership is £5/year and gives discount at several gardening suppliers. Contact 250260 / email [bridportallotmentsociety@gmail.com](mailto:bridportallotmentsociety@gmail.com). More details online at [www.bridportallotmentsociety.co.uk](http://www.bridportallotmentsociety.co.uk)



## Get involved: local clubs, groups and societies continued

**Bridport History Society's** next meeting is on Thursday 9 June, 2 for 2.30pm (finishes 4.30pm) at the United Church Hall, East Street. The topic is 'Americans in Bridport November 1943 to May 1944'. Visitors welcome £3pp. To attend via Zoom, please contact Jane Ferentzi-Sheppard on 01308 425710 or email [jferentzi@aol.com](mailto:jferentzi@aol.com). Membership is £10 individual / £15 couple. Membership secretary Celia Martin [celiamartin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:celiamartin@hotmail.co.uk)

**Bridport Shakespeare Company** theatre group meets every Thursday at 7pm at Bridport Community Shed. All ages welcome; no experience needed. The group is now preparing to perform *The Magdalen Whitewash* by Valerie Goodwin in July. Contact Valerie [tasterella@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tasterella@hotmail.co.uk)

**Bridport & District Model Railway Club** meets each Tuesday at Askerswell village hall 7–9pm. Members can run their railway stock on the club's 'test track' or operate a club layout. Refreshments available. Contact Geoff Trenholme, the club's chairman, on 281379.

**Colmer WI** meets on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, North Street. Visitors welcome to come for a no-obligation evening. Contact Gill Smith 301201.

**Golden Cap Association (West Dorset)**, in support of the National Trust, organises illustrated talks on the last Monday of the month (except summer) in the United Church Hall, East Street, at 2.30pm. Contact Mike Nicks 459855.

**Bridport Bridge Club** meets Wednesday evenings (duplicate bridge, good standard) and Friday afternoons (relaxed bridge, not 3rd Friday in the month) at St Swithun's Hall, plus Thursday evenings online. Beginners' lessons started in January. See [www.bridgewebs.com/bridport](http://www.bridgewebs.com/bridport) for updates or phone Roy Tarsnane 425298.

**The Arts Society (West Dorset)** meets at Bridport Town Hall on the third Thursday each month at 2.30pm. On 16 June they have 'Ambitious architecture: rethinking the meanings of Blenheim Palace' with James Legard (please note this is a change to the previously advertised talk). Membership £50 a year; visitors welcome at £7.50 per event. [www.taswestdorset.org.uk](http://www.taswestdorset.org.uk)

**Bridport Community Shed**, between Mountfield and Bedford Place, opens Mon, Wed & Thurs 10am–12 noon. On the first Tues of the month there is also an evening stitching session (please book in advance). Contact 07593 880428.

**Burton Bradstock Duplicate Bridge Group** meets at the village hall Tues 1.45–4.45pm. Contact Kathy 485626.

**Bridport & District RNLI** holds five or six events (incl. Seatown BBQ) each year to raise money. Volunteers always needed. Contact Sadie 07811 470127 or Annie 07790 713156.

**Bridport & District u3a** is for people in their 'third age'. No minimum age, but you must no longer be in full-time employment. Monthly meetings in Bridport United Church Hall with a guest speaker plus socialising over refreshments. Also more than 50 u3a groups meet regularly, covering a huge range of interests. Contact Vincent Sheppard 485763 / [chair@bridportu3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@bridportu3a.org.uk) / [www.bridportu3a.org.uk](http://www.bridportu3a.org.uk)

The **u3a Singers Group** meets on alternate Thursdays for 10.30am start at the WI Hall in North Street. Contact Heather 425219 / [www.bridportu3a.org.uk](http://www.bridportu3a.org.uk)

**Bridport Inner Wheel** meets monthly at Haddon House, West Bay, to enjoy friendship and listen to speakers as well as helping the community. Contact Sue Pollock 07903 558568 / [rognsuewbay@btinternet.com](mailto:rognsuewbay@btinternet.com)

**Disabled Carers & Friends** meet Thursdays 9am–noon at Vernon's Court Community Room, South Street. Contact [pete.bowditch@hotmail.com](mailto:pete.bowditch@hotmail.com) / 423620 / 421213 / 427819.

**Bridport Child Contact Centre** facilitates contact in a safe environment for non-resident parents following family breakdown. Volunteers always welcome. Phone 07792 075972. [www.bridportchildcontactcentre.org](http://www.bridportchildcontactcentre.org)

**Bridport Community Fridge** redistributes surplus food free or for a donation. Usually Tues and Sat 10am–noon at The Chapel in the Garden, East St. Also at St Swithun's Church with **Bridport Food Surplus Stall** on Thursdays 9.30–11.30am. See their Facebook page or email [events@bridportunitarians.co.uk](mailto:events@bridportunitarians.co.uk)

**Friday Dance Group**, just for women, meets every Friday 11.30am–12.30pm at St Mary's Church House Hall, South St. Come along and enjoy dancing as you like to a range of music. First session free. More details from Sue 425037.

**Harmony Drop-in** provides a safe, social space and peer support to aid the recovery journey of adults in the Bridport area who are living with mental health difficulties. Our group (Mondays 10am–1pm and 2–4pm, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am–1pm) offers activities and support, fostering wellbeing and increased self-esteem. Contact 07597 379290.

**Bridport ASCape** for young people 7–11 & 11–18, parents and carers affected by autism spectrum conditions (ASC) or social anxiety. Contact Karen Wright [wrightmail2@aol.com](mailto:wrightmail2@aol.com) or visit [www.bridportasd.wordpress.com](http://www.bridportasd.wordpress.com)

**Bridport Community Front Room** offers face-to-face support for people reaching a mental health crisis point or needing wellbeing support. Assembly Rooms, Gundry Lane. Thurs–Sun, 3.45–10.45pm. Appointments 07385 290804.

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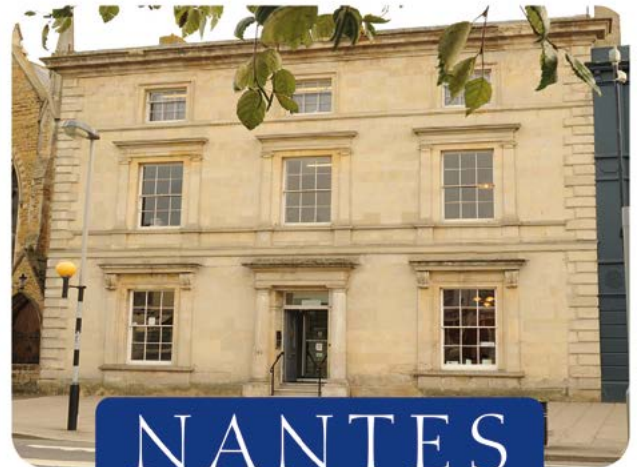
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