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I was on a ‘Rural Residential’ course this week with rural vicars from across Dorset. These occasions are always interesting in a number of ways and this time the Bishop of Sherborne in her opening address reminded us that we (the Church) should be a ‘non-anxious presence’ in our communities.

There does seem plenty to worry about these days both nationally and globally. Then take into account our personal issues about health, relationships, money etc. and it does seem that there are a multitude of reasons to be anxious.

Corrie Ten Boom, writer and survivor of a concentration camp, said, “Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength”. Wise words, and yet we still worry.

There is a passage in St Matthew’s gospel (Chapter 6, 25–end) where Jesus tells us not to worry about our life, what we will eat or what we will drink, or about our body, or what we will wear. And he asks, “Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?” Wise words, yet we still worry.

Perhaps the problem with us so-called intelligent beings is that we think too much. We are too self-reliant. We just don’t trust in God enough. In the book of Isaiah its says, ‘You (God) keep in perfect peace him whose mind is stayed on you because he trusts in you.’ (Isaiah 26.3). In other words, although the things that worry us are still there, God will give peace to those who trust in Him. If we turn to him in our anxiousness God will give us the peace not to worry.

There has been more than one song that includes the lyrics, ‘What’s the use of worrying?’ (answers on a postcard!) but it’s a fair question and we know that all the worrying in the world will not only fail to make things better but will very probably make them worse. Many things may prey on our minds, troubling us by day and disturbing our sleep at night. So does God have an answer? Yes...and no. He is not some celestial bodyguard, protecting us from danger and misfortune. Jesus doesn’t tell us not to worry because there’s nothing to worry about, but because our hope lies in the love of God. God doesn't promise immunity from the things that go wrong in life but whatever life may bring, he’s in it with us, able to strengthen, comfort, bless, enrich – bringing joy even in sorrow, hope in despair and light in darkness. Next time you’re worried then, remember this: though much can touch the body, it will never harm the soul.

Yours in Christ
Jean, Team Vicar
The Parishes of The Winterbournes & Compton Valence

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The Parish of the Winterbournes

There is a single Parochial Church Council for Martinstown, Steepleton and Abbas but each parish church retains its own local church committee.

**Churchwardens** - Dick Corbett-Winder (889410), Ellie Sturrock (07980 089470), Joy Parsons (889611), Roddy Kilpatrick (889238)

**PCC Hon. Secretary** - Alison Crawford (889377)

**PCC Hon. Treasurer** - Bruce Robertson

The Parish of Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Compton Valence

**Churchwarden & Treasurer** - Jeremy Russell (01308 482227)

**Churchwarden & Secretary** - Peter Steel (01308 482782)

Dorchester and The Winterbournes Team Website: [www.dorchesteranglican.info](http://www.dorchesteranglican.info)

Any of the above can be approached in the first instance for Baptism, Marriage, Home Communion or just a visit and they would welcome being told when anybody has been bereaved or is ill. They have answerphones for you to leave a message.

If you want us to remember anything or anyone in the public prayer of the Church, we would be glad to do this as long as permission of the person involved is assured.

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**Sunday 22nd March at 5pm**

St Martin’s Church, Martinstown

A quiet, informal service centred on worship, prayer and the bible. We will begin with light refreshments, followed by music led worship at 5.15.

*All welcome*...

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**Welcome for Coffee**

If worshipping is not your thing, why don’t you join us for coffee at 11am, after our service at Winterbourne Abbas church - every 1st and 3rd Sunday. Looking forward to meeting you.

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**Weymouth Food Bank**

Thank you all so much for your continuous and very generous support. It is only with help like this that we can help so many folk in need. During 2019 we helped 2,239 adults and 1,533 children, a total of 3,772. This adds up to 33,948 meals! Our numbers show that we have helped 23.2% more than 2018. Also, 114 Christmas hampers were distributed. So a huge thank you to all.
**Lent Lunches**

As in previous years, during Lent, we shall be offering frugal lunches of homemade soup and rolls with a cup of tea or coffee. The cost will be a minimum of £4 and proceeds will go to the Weymouth Food Bank, the need for which is continuing to grow. The lunches will be served in the Martinstown Village Hall at 12.30 pm on Fridays 20th and 27th March. All are welcome and we should love to see some new faces. There is no need to book, unless you are coming with a large party (in which case please telephone 889910).

In 2019 over £500 was raised for local charities, but we were able to offer two more dates than is possible this year. If we can achieve larger attendances we may still be able to get somewhere near last year’s figure.

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**Vigil for Refugees and Peace in the Middle East.**

Many refugees come from communities destroyed by war as well as places of famine and oppression. Their journey is perilous and they often get a very mixed reception on arrival to their chosen country.

Before we begin the 20mins silence we read out the identities of ten people who have died on their journey during 2017 (we have finished 2019/18). Please help us honour these often nameless people.

6pm on 4th February 2020. Jo Lacy-Smith 889476.

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**Taizé Worship**

**Sunday, 15th March - 6 pm • St Michael’s Church, Winterbourne Steepleton**

Come and experience this beautiful, reflective service in this very special place. **All Welcome**
Sponsored Walk in of St. Mary’s Community Project

On the 21st March we have planned a 15 mile sponsored walk in aid of funds for the St. Mary’s Community Project- creating a space and the rear of Winterbourne Abbas church, with fully accessible toilet, servery, effective heating and wi-fi- for the community to use.

At this stage it is difficult to raise large sums of money as we are still applying to the Church of England for permission to change the inside of the church. And yet we need money to continue preparing for application; architect’s fees etc.

So She Caddy and myself are going to walk 15 miles from Abbas to Thomas Hardy’s monument and beyond.

We would like you to sponsor us, sponsor forms will be in the Martinstown village shop and in St. Mary’s church. Please do drop in and put your name and contact details on the list so we known where to collect your very generous sponsorship. Many Thanks Jo Lacy-Smith. 889476.

Mothering Sunday

Sunday, 22nd March 2020 - 11 am
at St Martin’s Church, Martinstown

You are invited to join us for a special family service to celebrate Mothering Sunday

Everyone Welcome!

Posies for mums and coffee and cake after the service

Find us on Facebook

Did you know that the 3 churches in the Winterbournes Parish are now on Facebook? You can ‘like’ and ‘follow’ for news and photos from St Michael’s, St Mary’s and St Martin’s.
FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB 2020 DATES:
All are very welcome to our monthly Community lunches in the Village Hall which are mostly held on the first Friday of the month. Dates are:

- Friday 6th March, Friday 3rd April (Lent Lunch menu)
- Friday 1st May, Friday 5th June, Friday 3rd July, No lunch in August
- Friday 4th September, Friday 2nd October, Friday 6th November
- Friday 4th December

To book, please telephone Ced on 889438.

We are always pleased to hear from people who’d like to be involved in any way, from cooking to laying tables.

Please contact Jan on 889738 if you’d like to be involved - we do enjoy ourselves as well as work!

FUN WITH FLOWERS

Would you like to join us?

We have planned some informal evenings in the Village Hall to be creative, share ideas and learn new flower arranging skills. Beginners and those with experience are all welcome.

We are meeting between 6 and 7.30pm on 12th March and 23rd April to start with.

Cost is £5 to include refreshments and basic materials.

For more information about what you need to bring please contact:
Dawn Gepheart on 07748547708 or dawngepheart@gmail.com
Frances Clifford on 07780441043 or frances_clifford@hotmail.com

Baby and Toddler Group thank you!

The Baby and Toddler group, held on Mondays at the Village Hall, has recently been generously donated a wonderful sum of money from the Martinstown Waste Watch group.

The sum of £430 was donated just before Christmas and we will now be able to spend the money on some fantastic new play equipment for the children.

The photo shows the children using the new chairs we have been able to buy because there are so many new members!

As I personally live in Martinstown, I feel hugely proud to be part of the wonderful community that looks out for all the people who live here. What a special place to reside.

Many thanks and best wishes
Claire Benson – Baby and Toddler group leader.
## Regular Group Meetings

### MONDAY
- **Baby & Toddler Group**
  - Time: 10.00am – 12noon
  - Contact: Claire Benson – Tel: 07859 849094

- **Beavers, Cubs & Scouts**
  - Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm
  - Contact: Sue Gower – Tel: 01305 889388

- **Valley Club**
  - Time: 7.30pm – 10.00pm
  - Contact: Pat Willets – Tel: 01305 568458
  - (3rd Monday in month)

### TUESDAY
- **Botanical Art Group**
  - Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm
  - Contact: Pat Allen – Tel: 01308 862063
  - (term times only)

- **Dance Group**
  - Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm
  - Contact: Ann Matthews – Tel: 01305 889248

- **Badminton**
  - Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm
  - Contact: Trevor Elliot – Tel: 01305 267897

### WEDNESDAY
- **Chair-based Exercise**
  - Time: 11.15am – 12.30pm
  - Contact: Suzanne Fellows-Joyce – Tel: 01308 281882

- **W.I.**
  - Time: 6.45pm – 9.00pm
  - Contact: Rosie Duke – Tel: 01305 889555
  - (2nd Wednesday in month)

- **Beginners Dance**
  - Time: 8.00pm – 10.00pm
  - Contact: Ann Matthews – Tel: 01305 889248

### THURSDAY
- **Art Group**
  - Time: 10.00pm – 1.00pm
  - Contact: Teresa Blades – Tel: 01305 889947

- **Dance Group**
  - Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm
  - Contact: Ann Matthews – Tel: 01305 889248

### FRIDAY
- **Keep Fit Class**
  - Time: 10.15am – 11.30am
  - Contact: Suzanne Fellows-Joyce – Tel: 01308 281882

- **Bingo**
  - Time: 7.00pm – 9.30pm
  - Contact: Ann Matthews – Tel: 01305 889248
  - (Every other Friday)

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For BOOKING information, contact: **Ann Matthews – Tel: 889248 or email: ronann.matthews@btinternet.com**
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At our last meeting, on Monday 20th January, we started the evening with a delicious fish & chip supper supplied and delivered by Case & Brewer. Many thanks to Eileen for organising this supper. We then enjoyed a presentation by Robin Cook on “My Life & Times at Harrods Part 2”.

Robin, who was promoted to Chief Buyer at Harrods, used to frequent the 8474 coffee bar opposite Harrods, where he met many famous people including Sylvia Sims, Dave Prowse and Lance Percival. During Robin’s time at Harrods, security and shoplifting caused problems. In the mid 60’s a robbery took place and all the fur coats in the store were stolen, with access being gained via the scaffolding surrounding the building. Consequently, two people had to stay in the building 24 hours a day. A very heavy Lalique crystal horse’s head and a piano were shoplifted also! Robin left Harrods in 1972 and moved to Charmouth, Dorset to run three businesses for a friend. Other retail jobs for Robin included Beales in Bournemouth and working for Bill Tapper in Wimborne where he expanded the business to occupy four premises covering home furnishings, upholstery, a workshop and removals. Robin spent 32 years in Wimborne and thoroughly enjoyed working in retail.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 16th March when we will have our AGM at 7.40pm followed by a presentation at 8.00pm by Councillor David Taylor on “Hidden Dorchester” (highlighting the tunnels under the town centre). Non-members are very welcome to attend for £3 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Membership fees of £8 per person will be due on this evening.

Pat Willetts – Tel. 568458

I often think how true it is that my shop isn’t just for your shopping needs and the Post Office.

I rent a space for a local wool lady, showcase local craft items, hold monthly clay workshops and have started a new coffee corner endeavour. Along with this I hope to maybe encourage a few mini clubs to meet here too; any ideas appreciated.

Best Wishes Karen Barrett

Tel: 01305 889547 • Email: martinstownvillagestore@gmail.com
At our meeting in February we discussed the proposed Resolutions for the National Federation Annual Meeting in June. Out of the five important issues considered, two emerged as clear favourites: A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration and the ending of modern slavery.

We looked back at the archives and some of our longstanding members recalled their early days in Martinstown when meetings were much more formal and ladies wore hats!

We were very sad to hear of the deaths of two former members this year – Di Bailward and Ann Singleton and also Terry Hearing (who considered himself an honorary member!) and was always willing to step in as a speaker. Many of us recall his brilliant demonstration of how to dress a crab. We send our sincere condolences and very best wishes to Margaret.

It was good to welcome two new members this month. We meet at 7 pm in the Village Hall. The speaker on Wednesday 11 March will be Dawn Lawrence whose talk is entitled “Two Steps Behind” – Endangered Species.

Angela Barrett – Secretary

The Winterborne Community Trust

(formerly the Blanchard Trust)

is your local charity which provides grants for essential household items and other living costs for people/families living in this community and in need of support.

This charity, established in 1804, was originally set up to provide pensions.

Thankfully its remit can be much broader now. All applications will be considered in complete confidentiality.

For more information or to request support either personally or on behalf of someone else please contact:

Jan Griffiths, Secretary on 01305 889738 • j.griffiths127@btinternet
or Frances Clifford on 07780 441043 • frances_clifford@hotmail.com

A list of all the other trustees can be found on the village website.

The Annual Meeting
for The Winterborne Community Trust

will be held on Friday 13th March at 7pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.
The MILEATERS out and about...
Mileaters enjoy The Sun

A rare sunny day welcomed a record 26 Mileaters, and 4 canine friends, for a local walk taking in a selection of Dorchester’s historical sites.

Weekend rains, courtesy of Storm Ciara, had put paid to the original circuit encompassing Poundbury Hill Fort and the Roman Aqueduct, flooding the track to Wrackleford, so we resorted to Plan B. From the Sun Inn our route took us to the Roman Town House – the most complete example in the UK – and then to Hangman’s Cottage where some ghoulish discussions ensued on Thomas Hardy’s account of the Victorian “Hanging Fairs”.

Following the Mill Stream to Fordington’s former Loud’s Mill, we then squelched across the water meadows for a coffee break at Stinsford Church, with its memorials to Hardy and Cecil Day-Lewis.

Onwards to Grey’s Bridge, to the site of the former public swimming area in the River Frome, and across the Dorset Showground, we eventually arrived back at our start point, muddy but unbowed.

Having had our fill of culture for the day we repaired to the Sun Inn for some well-earned rest and rehydration.

Please come along to support our...

Winterbourne Valley PTFA hosted...
Easter Chocolate Bingo!
Fundraising for the children of our local school
on Saturday 28th March 2020
at Martinstown Village Hall
Eyes down at 5:00pm
The Winterbourne Singers are a group that meets fortnightly to sing music of many different kinds, both sacred and secular. If you’d like to try us out, please come along to one of our Friday evening sessions. We meet in St. Martin’s church from 7 to 8.15 p.m. Singers are invited to donate £1 each session towards church overheads, but music is provided. It probably helps if you can read music a little, but that’s certainly not essential.

Our rehearsal dates this month are 6th & 20th March

For any further information, please contact:
Peter Wilkinson – email: p_wilkinson@hotmail.com or Tel: 889077.
The Winter moves on to the roar of thunderous winds and relentless downpours. Something was required to raise spirits. Artsreach offered The Neil Maya Quartet for our entertainment in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st February and this appeared to fit the bill. The quartet are considered to be amongst the finest jazz musicians in the Southwest. They performed a fabulous programme of both modern and traditional jazz music to a rapturous audience who clapped their hands and tapped their feet throughout the evening.

By the time this edition of Valley and Valence appears on doorsteps, our next Artsreach production, Scratchworks Theatre’s, “WOMANS (like Romans but with a ‘W’)” will be a distant memory. This is a feast of comedy, clowning and original music. A company not to be missed so watch out for them. I’m sure they will reappear somewhere in Dorset in the future.

On the subject of drama, the latest Dorchester Community Play, “Spinning the Moon”, will be taking place at Thomas Hardye School Theatre from Monday 6th April to Saturday 18th April. Tickets are available from Dorchester Arts and the Tourist Information Centre. The reason there is a mention of the Dorchester Community Play in our magazine is due to the fact that there are six Winterbourne Valley residents taking part.

Finally, moving onto something more sombre. Since the beginning of the year four Valley residents, have passed away. All contributed in one way or another to benefit our community.

Di Bailward with her beautiful singing voice and her love of music had been a member of several choirs, had taken part in panto and been a stalwart member of the W.I.

Anne Singleton, cheerful in spite of crippling medical problems, had a beautiful garden which she was always willing to open for the biennial Open Gardens fundraiser. She too had been an active member of the W.I.

Jenny Fernie was a loyal member of the Brewers’ Arms team who, with her sunny disposition, touched the hearts of everyone she encountered. Of course her wonderful animal portraits will be treasured by everyone lucky enough to have one.

And finally – Terry Hearing, teacher, lecturer, historian, writer, magistrate and a fabulous cook. His gingered beef and his after lunch teas and coffees will be remembered by all who have attended the community lunch over the years.

All four had something very special to offer and all will be missed.

Fran’s BLOG for March 2020

Fran Taylor

Adult clay hand building workshops
Martinstown Village Store and Café

Thurs 26th March
Yarn bowls, starting with a basic bowl shape you will be able to carve into it and use sprigs to decorate.
£25 10.30 am to 12.30pm

Creative Clay for all

Thurs 23rd April
Vases, using slab building skills and exploring texture to create a small vase £20 or a large vase
£25, 10.30 am to 12.30pm

www.creativeclayforall.co.uk • Please email creativeclayforall@yahoo.co.uk
D-Day in 1944 is legendary in our history and culture: legendary indicating both its historical importance and that many “legends” – stories that are not entirely true – have grown up round it. It was not the end of World War II, but it began the final phase which lasted a further year.

Victory was not a foregone conclusion. The Allied invasion of German-occupied France was extremely risky, and luck played a part – but the popular assumption was that it would succeed, and of course it did.

What did we know? Very little at first. As I went to school on June 6th 1944 hundreds of planes were passing over, all distinguished by the three white stripes on the wing for easy identification. The news on the wireless was fragmentary, but followed closely. The old maps came out, and the newspapers widely read. At first progress was very slow. At the same time we were coping with the buzz-bombs.

When the school term finished, my friend Gordon Woolley suggested that we two should hitch-hike down to Weymouth to meet our former Scoutmaster stationed there in the Army. I was fourteen years old. I am amazed that my parents allowed it, but at the time there were many amazing things. All went well, and Weymouth beach was covered in landing craft, just back from the invasion. After a week sleeping in a barn with a horse, we hitch-hiked on to Plymouth to stay with Gordon’s aunt on the Hoe – and then back to the bombs in London.

In the Autumn of 1944 there was a new hazard to add to the Flying Bombs. Hitler began to send the V2s, which were different. They were huge rockets, which gave no warning of their arrival. A sudden huge bang, and that was it. If you heard it, you were probably alright, and if you didn’t your troubles were over: One night I was trying – and failing – to do my Physics homework. There was a sudden bang, and then the extraordinary ‘whoosh’ of the rocket arriving. Sound took time to travel. A V2 had hit our local railway station.

The last rockets came in March 1945. Just before that, at School Assembly one morning the Headmaster had made the solemn announcement that a girl in the fourth year had been killed by a V2 during the night. It was specially poignant that she was a very fine singer expected to go on to an operatic career.

By this time the Nazis were being squeezed from all sides. The Americans and British had crossed the Rhine, and were advancing north from Italy; the Russians had crossed the Oder on their way to Berlin. Hitler committed suicide at the end of April, and the Nazi forces surrendered. Hostilities ceased and Tuesday 8th May was declared to be VE Day – Victory in Europe. It was party-time and the inhabitants of our road turned out in force. For the children a long table of hoarded goodies, funny hats and lemonade. In the evening there was dancing in the street to a piano.

Three months later we were on holiday in Boscombe. I collected the Daily Express and stood amazed outside the shop. The Americans had dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima and the Japanese town had been obliterated. After the second bomb the Japanese surrendered and we had VJ day. This was rather an anti-climax – it was VE day which had counted.

How did the War affect me? It came at my most impressionable age, and I was surrounded by propaganda. The result was deep prejudice. My first visit to Germany was not until the 1980s, and I was surprised how much the people of Munich resembled the people of London.

Three years after VE day I followed my old friend Gordon Woolley into National Service with the Royal Marines, but there was no war.
Terry Hearing

My brother and I remember coming to live in Martinstown in the week England won the World Cup. That July summer of 1966, mum had driven down from London with the cats round the pedals of her green Austin Mini, and dad had started turning the garden from a building site into a lawn. It was the best move they ever made. In fact, it was the only move they ever made, because they have been here ever since.

Over the past 54 years mum and dad - Margaret and Terry, have become part of the fixtures and fittings of the village, choosing a house in the centre of the village where they could see all the comings and goings and wanting to be part of everything that was happening. They have certainly done that.

One of the first things Dad took on was to set up the Martinstown Cub Scout Pack, together with Ted and Zeta Burrows and Maureen Marchant. We have fond memories of our own time in the Cubs playing statues, cooking sausages at Hardy’s Monument and charging round the old shepherd’s hut in the valley.

Dad chaired the Garden and Craft Society for a while - as a non-gardener and definitely not a craft-maker he couldn’t be accused of taking sides! He was a member and then Chairman of the Winterbourne St Martin Parish Council (1989-1995), and Chairman of the Governing Body of the Winterbourne Valley School (1980-1986). In the early years he organised events such as inviting the retired Archbishop of Canterbury Michael Ramsey to take part in a discussion in the Village Hall. And more recently he was famous for his crab salad lunches for the community. And of course, readers of the Valley and Valence will be familiar with his monthly historical accounts of bygone Martinstown and the Parish, from the construction of Hardy’s Monument to the George III’s afternoon of sport and games at Maiden Castle, more recently compiled in the book he wrote with mum: ‘Along The Winterborne’.

For Roger and myself it was about being a family in the village with a dad who charged up and rolled down Maiden Castle, who jumped the Winterborne to see if it was a river not a stream, who built his boat, ‘The Maggie’, in Bert Mill’s barn, and who played cricket with us on the village green.

Those days are now history themselves, but we would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole village for the support you have given to mum and dad over the years and I am sure will continue to give mum.

Trevor and Roger Hearing
Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

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The next meeting of the Parish Council is on:

Weds 25 MARCH 2020
The Magna Housing Community Room,
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April 2020 – Annual Parish Meeting
date and time to be confirmed and held
at the Village Hall

FURTHER MEETINGS: 27 MAY 2020 (AGM)

Last Weds of the month at 7pm

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