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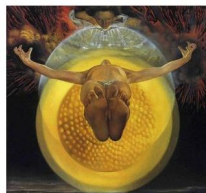
The Benefice of Spire Hill



Purse Caundle - Stalbridge  
Stock Gaylard - Stourton Caundle

### 6 May The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
- 9.30am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
- 11.00am Purse Caundle – Holy Communion
- 11.00am King's Stag – Morning Worship
- 6.30pm Stalbridge – Evening Prayer



### 10 May Ascension Day

- 10.00am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
- 7.00pm Stalbridge – Holy Communion



### 13 May The Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 9.30am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
- 11.00am Stourton Caundle – Holy Communion
- 6.30pm Stalbridge – Evening Prayer



### 17 May Thursday

- 6.00pm Stalbridge – Healing Prayers within Holy Communion

### 20 May Day of Pentecost

- 8.00am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
- 9.30am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
- 11.00am King's Stag – Holy Communion
- 6.30pm Stalbridge – Evening Prayer



### 27 May Trinity Sunday

- 10.15am Sturminster Newton's The Exchange – Pilgrims' Praise
- 4.00pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 4pm  
at the Hub, Stalbridge

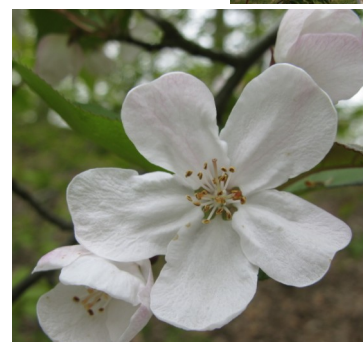


## Spire Hill Church and Community Magazine

Purse Caundle, Stalbridge, Stock Gaylard  
Stourton Caundle

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Copy for June's Church and Community News

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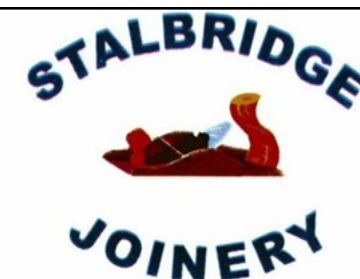
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## A REFLECTION FOR MAY

Are you one of those who keeps everything or one of those who throws out the BVM on Friday having read it from cover to cover? Are your cupboards neat and well-ordered or does it take Herculean strength to force the doors together to contain years of stuff you haven't looked at since the last time you moved house?

At this time of year as the evenings draw out, the swallows return and the trees are coming into leaf again it seems a good time to take stock of life and more particularly all that clutter.

Many people move house at this time which is another good reason for a good old 'turn out'; but what is clutter to one person holds precious memories for another – who decides which is which and what do we do with it when we don't have a use for it anymore?

In the USA many towns have two designated weekends (one in spring and one in the autumn) and called 'Clear up, clean up, fix up' weekends. On these days people clear up untidy areas around the town, clean up their houses and garages and fix up fences etc and there is a sort of amnesty for the sort of rubbish which can't normally be collected by the bin lorry. It can be put out at the side of the road and it will be collected in the next week free of charge! This does seem to stop fly-tipping which has been very much in the news locally over the last few months.

I'm sure local councillors and politicians will come up with lots of reasons why this idea wouldn't work for us but maybe it might be worth looking into. Even if the rubbish collection of oversized items isn't practical there is no reason why we shouldn't look around us and try to take more pride in our surroundings. General litter is unsightly and unhealthy and doesn't give a good impression to visitors to our area. How long does it take to pick up a bit of paper and put it in a bin? We are so lucky in our town to have people who spend so much time trying to keep it looking beautiful but do we tell them how grateful we are – probably not!

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*Judy Waite*



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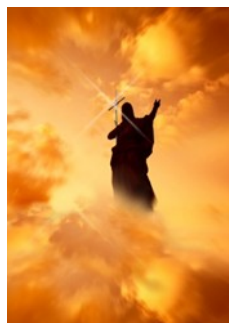
### Dudley

Women can do a much better Black Country accent than men. That's because the female of the species is more Dudley than the male.

Don't give up on yourself. Even Moses was once a basket case.

## ASCENSION DAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY

There are two services of Holy Communion on this festival day. At 10am in Stalbridge Parish Church, it is a said service with coffee and tea afterwards. At 7pm, the evening communion will include hymns to celebrate the final resurrection appearance of our Lord. Luke concludes his gospel with Jesus giving a last blessing and the commission to his disciples (and us) that they are to go into every nation as witnesses to his suffering, his death, and his resurrection.



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## Diary Dates for May 2018

Some of the events in and of the Benefice of Spire Hill.

The rector's usual day off duty is Wednesday.

### 1 Philip and James, Apostles

5 4.00pm Marriage of Daniel Burnard and Sophia Bishop at Stalbridge Church

### 6 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8 7.30pm Blackmore Vale Deanery Synod meets

### 10 Ascension Day

9.10am Stalbridge School attends worship at the parish church

10.00am Holy Communion at Stalbridge Church

11.00am Ministers of Spire Hill benefice meet

7.00pm Holy Communion at Stalbridge Church

12 9.00am Rector meets with ministers of Hazelbury Benefice

10.30am Coffee Morning at King's Stag Memorial Chapel

### 13 The Seventh Sunday of Easter

14 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet for prayer, breakfast and fellowship

7.30pm Rector meets with churchwardens of Hazelbury Benefice

15 10.00am Rector visiting in Stourton Caundle

7.30pm Rector meets with churchwardens of Spire Hill Benefice

17 11.00am Rector visiting in King's Stag

6.00pm Healing Prayers within Holy Communion at Stalbridge Church

### 20-27 2018 Pilgrimage Companions on the Road

#### 20 Day of Pentecost

21 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet for prayer, breakfast and fellowship

9.00am Rector with Year 6 of Stalbridge Primary School (residential till Friday)

22 12.00pm Clergy of the Blackmore Vale Deanery meet

24 9.10am Stalbridge School attends worship at the parish church

#### 27 Trinity Sunday

10.15am Pilgrims' Praise at the Exchange, Sturminster Newton

4.00pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 4pm at the Hub, Stalbridge

#### 31 Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)

10.00am Holy Communion at Stalbridge Church



## Stalbridge Congregational Church

Affiliated to the Congregational Federation

### May 2018

**Sunday Morning Worship: 10.00 am**

worship is a mixture of traditional and modern in a non-liturgical style

**May 6<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Church - food fun fellowship faith from 10 am**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Communion**

**Coffee Mornings - Wednesdays from 10 until 11.30am**

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12.30 – 2.30 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Read Rhyme and Storytime Thursdays 10.30- 11.30**

Parents, carers and their children – all welcome

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Film Night – The Shack**

**May 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Week**

**Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> Messy Church 3.30 – 5.30 pm**

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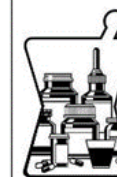
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The whole church meets on the first Sunday each month at 10 am for Breakfast. This is followed by worship and



Stalbridge Congregational



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On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, from 10.30am, there is a coffee morning with a variety of stalls in the Memorial Chapel. Your support will be much appreciated as the local community starts to raise funds to preserve the Church of St Barnabas for future generations. The roof is in urgent need of repair and restoration. There will be special events and services over 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018, celebrating our patronal festival – more details to follow.



On 20<sup>th</sup> May, the Day of Pentecost, at 11am in the Memorial Chapel, there is a service of Holy Communion with hymns. From John 15, the writer tells us that Jesus will send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to testify on his behalf, and guided by the Spirit the disciples will continue the testimony to the world. The Spirit will glorify Jesus and instruct the disciples about what is still to come.



## The Methodist Church

During May the services to be held in the Chapel are a Worship Service on the 13<sup>th</sup> May and a Holy Communion Service on 27<sup>th</sup> May. Both services start at 6.00pm. The Communion service is to be part of the Chapel Anniversary celebrations and these will continue on 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.00pm. The Coffee Morning this month is on 15<sup>th</sup> at its usual time of 10.00-11.30am. Drop in, have a chat and a moderating mocha as well as helping to raise some monies for some good causes.



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President Wendy Bailey welcomed members and visitors to the April WI meeting, Jerusalem was sung.

Gorgeous Birthday posies were handed out, the minutes from the last meeting were available to read. Several members had been to 'The Octagon' to see 'Top Hat' which they thoroughly enjoyed, a fabulous show.

A spring walk around 'Mintern Gardens' has been arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> May, also a coach trip to Seaton on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, which will give us a chance to walk a 'Labyrinth' (if it's still in a good condition) after our appetites were wetted a few months ago by Nicky Fidgen.

Mike Spencer came to our rescue at very short notice when we were let down on our expected talk about Owls, June Harman must have worked her charm or magic to access Mike so quickly.

Mike gave a slide show on the Galapagos Islands which he visited about ten years ago, after a trip on a small cruise ship with a maximum capacity of 96 people, the last part of the journey was in an inflatable boat carrying 16 people, landing without getting wet feet was quite impossible.

There are huge variety of unusual and some rare animals and birds on the Islands, Tortoise, Lava Lizards, Sea Lions, Pacific Sea Green Turtle, Sea Lions, Flamingo, Hermit Crabs, Sally Lightfoot Crab, Land Iguanas, Marine Iguanas, Penguins, Albatross, Frigate Bird, Mocking Birds, Darwin's Finch, Yellow Warbler, Masked Booby, Painted Locust, Carpenter Bees, Prickly Pear and two varieties of Cacti. I expect I've left some out. Mike said when you get there you will probably be looking for some where to sit down but the benches have already been filled, by two seals usually, having a snooze (or siesta). I'm sure someone had moved the sign which would have said 'Do not disturb' they looked so content.

Although we were disappointed at not seeing the Owls this was a very interesting, informative and amusing talk with some beautiful photography.

Our AGM followed the refreshment break when Sally Robinson reported on

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INSPIRING WOMEN

our various activities and Wendy Bailey thanked the Committee and members for all their help through the year.

Brenda Else gave the results of the points competition for members who had gained the highest points throughout the year in the various competitions, June Harman won a silver vase for highest in 'The Flower of the Month', also shining through winning the Silver tray for highest in the 'Competition of the Month'. Well done June, congratulations even if you do have to keep the 'Silvo' tin handy.

The 'Flower of this Month' was also won by June with a beautiful Magnolia, second Karen Robinson, third Wendy Bailey and the Competition for 'An Owl Related Item' was first June's Owl pin cushion, second me (hoorah), with Marie McGladdery, Brenda Else and Judith Newport all tying for third.

Next month's meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May will be a talk on 'The Archaeology of Dorset' by Steve Wallis, Senior County Archaeologist, new members and guests welcome.

Elizabeth Wareham

### Say yes

We accompanied our son and his fiancée when they met with the priest to sign some pre-wedding ceremony papers. While filling out the form, our son read aloud a few questions. When he got to the last one, which read 'Are you entering this marriage at your own will?' he looked over at his fiancée. 'Put down "yes,"' she said.



*...I wonder if I could have a quick word with the flower arrangers at the end of this service...?*

### Prayers for Healing

On 17<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm at Stalbridge Parish Church, there is a said service of Holy Communion (about 30 minutes) that will include the laying on of hands and anointing for God's healing. You may come for your own healing or on behalf of someone you hold dear. Your petition for healing is between you and our Creator God.



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 Coffee Group .....Ann Turnbull.....01963 364622  
 Garden Society.....Anne Brown.....01963 362670  
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### DAYS OFF

Being a priest is not a normal job,  
 certainly not one where regular  
 office hours apply. To try and  
 keep a grasp of reality the Rector  
 normally takes a day away from  
 parish duties on a Wednesday,

### Weekday Worship at Stalbridge Parish Church

Monday to Friday  
 8am Morning Prayer and 5pm Evening Prayer  
 Thursday at 10am Holy Communion



## PURSE CAUNDLE NEWS



On 6<sup>th</sup> May, at 11am, Holy Communion is celebrated in St Peter's Church. We hear how Jesus commanded his followers to love one another and promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them. In our service today, as we relax in God's love, let us determine to express



that love to everyone we meet.

## STOURTON CAUNDLE NEWS

At 11am on 13<sup>th</sup> May in St Peter's Church, we celebrate Holy Communion. The writer of John's Gospel records that before his arrest, Jesus prays for his disciples that they may be one as he is one with the Father. He asks that they may be protected from the evil one and sanctified in the truth.



## FOURTH SUNDAY @ THE HUB



On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May, there is an opportunity to gather at 4.00pm for a cup of tea, some conversation and

most importantly not forgetting some cake generously donated by our group of brilliant bakers. There will be a chance to explore and reflect on the wonder and mystery of the Holy Trinity.



## STALBRIDGE GARDEN SOCIETY

### April Meeting

Chairman Tony Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting, gave out the notices and introduced this month's speaker who was David Moon.

Geoff Jeans informed us of Brian Spiller's progress and how the family hope to have him home soon, which is good news.



David Moon's talk was on "The National Garden Scheme". He told us about the NGS and how it was formed in 1927, Edward Lutchens and Gertrude Jekel's gardens were some of the first to open their garden under the scheme. Now over 4,000 gardens open to raise money for charities in the country. Over £50 million pounds have been raised, 3 million since 2016.

Many gardens are open throughout the year, from tiny courtyards, to three acres. Hestercombe, Great Dixter, the Garden on Holy Island, Heale House Gardens and Knoll Gardens are amongst the many that open, some are allotments. A popular garden is Mary Berry's. She is always there to show the public around as well as being a famous cook, and she is also a fantastic gardener. Her next door neighbour is Pauline Quirke who also opens her garden under the scheme.

David showed us many slides, of lovely gardens around the country, one of which being, Horatio's. This was a garden set up in memory of a young lad who worked at the Salisbury Spinal care unit, with many fantastic ideas he was beginning to implement. Whilst on an expedition to Greenland the group camp was attacked by a polar bear. His friends were badly hurt and Horatio sadly lost his life. His family, then set about fund raising to complete the garden he had started at the spinal unit, which is much admired and well used, by patients and public. There are plans for additional Horatio's Gardens at other hospital recovery units. One in Glasgow, designed by James Alexander Sinclair, one at Stoke Mandeville designed by Joe Swift, and one in Oswestry designed by Bunny Guinness. A sad but inspiring story.

This talk was fantastic, inspiring and rewarding with a beautiful visual display.

David finished with a little talk about his home town of Frome, where he is involved with the Frome in Bloom competition, Jenson Button the Formula One racing driver also has a helping hand.

*Michelle Howell*

*Apologies for not printing the results of the Spring Show this month due to space constraints. I'll try and publish them next month. Ed.*

21 Sign(Luke23:38)(6)

22 'After that,Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)

23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)

25 Has(anag.)(3)

28 'This is the account of Shem,Ham and Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)

29 'I will...make them drunk,so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)

30 Paul said of him,'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

### Down

2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)

3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)

4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)

5 Slip (anag.) (4)

6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)

7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)

8 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)

12 Acquire(2Timothy2:10)(6)

14 Container cover(Numbers19:15)(3)

15 'He...became obedient to death,even death on——!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)

19 Refrain(1Peter2:11)(7)

20 'She began to—his feet with her tears'(Luke7:38)(3)

24 One who worships Brahma,Vishnu or Shiva(5)

25 'Give to everyone who—you'(Luke6:30)(4)

26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills;where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)

27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

### National Doughnut Week 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May

Eat some doughnuts – and help raise money to help desperately ill children through the Children's Trust.

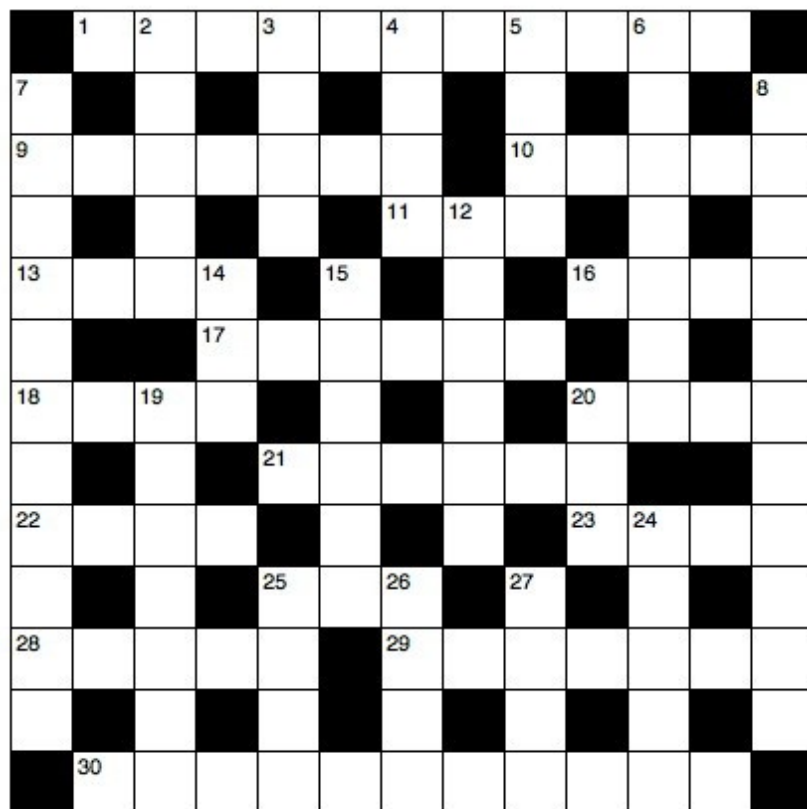
That is the aim of National Doughnut Week, and this year you will find about 600 participating bakeries, cafes and shops, all over the country. There you can choose from all sorts of doughnuts with various toppings and fillings.

Through the support of these bakeries, cafes and shops, National Doughnut Week has raised more than £755,000 in the past 23 years for children's charities. And it is hoped that at least £30,000 will be raised to make this the best year ever.

The Children's Trust is a national charity working with children who have multiple disabilities and complex health needs.



# May's Crossword



## Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)  
 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)  
 10 'Each man—a sword to his side'(Exodus32:27)(5)  
 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)  
 13 Stagger(Isaiah 28:7)(4)  
 16 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)  
 17 Stir up or provoke(Acts13:50)(6)  
 18 Burden(Luke11:46)(4)  
 20 'As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)

20



2018  
Pilgrimage



## 'Companions on the Road'

Please join in any part of this programme. **However you travel, you are welcome to share worship and food.** Footpaths include some stiles and fields, so good footwear is recommended. We are sorry that dogs cannot be allowed on walks. Lifts available if required.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost

Services in home parish churches with a Pilgrim prayer

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May

10 am Morning prayer at St Thomas a Beckett, Lydlinch  
 11 am Walk to Stalbridge.  
 12.30 pm Lunch at 'The Hub', Stalbridge  
 2.00 pm Walk to St Gregory, Marnhull, evening prayer at St Gregory's

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Rest day

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

12.00 Holy Communion at Holy Rood, Shillingstone. Packed lunch at Shillingstone Church Centre.

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

10 am Morning prayer at St Paul, Hammoon  
 10.30 am Morning walk to St Nicholas, Child Okeford  
 12 noon Refreshments and worship.

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

6.15 pm Evening Walk from St Andrew, Okeford Fitzpaine to Okeford Beacon (1.2 miles, Moderate).  
 7.00 pm Open Air Evening Service at the Beacon. Refreshments.

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May

2.30 pm Circular walk at Hinton St Mary followed by a Cream Tea at the Cricket Pavilion.

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Trinity Sunday

10.15am Celebration of the 19 parishes in 'Pilgrims' Praise' at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton. Followed by refreshments and cake!

## THE COMMUNITY OFFICE @THE HUB

The Community Information Office is located in the Stalbridge Hub next to the Library in Station Road and is open during the following hours:

Mon	9.30-12 noon	Wed	9.30-12 noon
Fri	2-4.00pm	Sat	9.30-12 noon

Please note the new timings for Mondays from May onwards

Church surgeries are no longer held in the office, but messages can be passed to Canon William Ridding in confidence.

Bill Batty-Smith will be available on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May for enquiries pertaining to District Council matters.

The Book Fair on March 24<sup>th</sup> was a great success and many thanks are due to Sue Hart for masterminding it. It is hoped to hold another Book Fair later in the year. Future events include a tea and coffee afternoon on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, all welcome to pop in, have a cuppa and a chat. These afternoons will be held on the first Friday afternoon of the month.

The open day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April, was also very successful and thanks are due to all those who came along and took part.

Details on how to contact Age UK, Age Concern, The Dorset Credit Union, CAB and First Point You are held in the office. The Mindful Café, supporting people with memory problems and their carers, will be open on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May (bank holiday) between 10am and 12noon. As well as refreshments and a happy chat with others, there is help with information and advice for individuals and their carers. SCARS, the cancer support group, will meet on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 2 – 4pm.

The Age Concern IT wizards give free advice and help with any laptop, computer or iPad problem you may have on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings.

Many organisations are now using the Hub so please look at the Stalbridge community website for information: [www.stalbridge.info](http://www.stalbridge.info). This excellent website will give you details of what's on in Stalbridge, its businesses, its clubs, the Town Council, the churches, the school and many other organisations.

If you would like to volunteer in the Community Office please talk to us on 01963 364177 or visit during our opening hours to find out more. We are in need of more volunteers.

The office is closed on Mon 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May for the bank holidays.



R\*N

*They had been promised a Celebrity  
Guest Preacher*

*Sooty lived in Childe Okeford. Not many people  
know that! Ed.*

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EASY PUZZLE

## Canterbury monks

My boyfriend was working as an attendant in Canterbury Cathedral when one afternoon he was approached by two American tourists. "Are you a monk?" one of the women asked eagerly.

"No," he replied, "I wear this robe as part of my job, but I'm not a member of any religious order."

"Then where are the monks?" asked the woman, looking around.

My boyfriend explained: 'Oh, there haven't been any monks here since 1415.'

Hearing this, the woman looked at her watch and announced to her friend, 'Betty, we missed the monks.'

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MEDIUM PUZZLE

## Eve and leaves

Adam bit the apple and, feeling great shame, covered himself with a fig leaf. Eve, too, felt shame and covered herself with a fig leaf. Then she went behind the bush to try on a maple leaf, a sycamore, and an oak.



## The Collect

O King enthroned on high,  
Comforter and Spirit of truth,  
you that are in all places and fill all things,  
the treasury of blessings and the giver of life,  
come and dwell with us,  
cleanse us from every stain  
and save our souls, O gracious one.

**Amen.**

*an Orthodox prayer*

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Conclusion

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts and minds.  
**Alleluia. Amen.**

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in this service, is copyright ©The Archbishops' Council 2005.*

## Prayer During the Day in May to celebrate the Holy Spirit

*Many people have evolved a daily Quiet Time, for reading Scripture and for praying. With this in mind, Prayer During the Day is offered as a framework for personal devotion; it follows a pattern which may be shared with others. In this way Christians can be united in their worship.*

*Be comfortable. A lighted candle or a cross in front of you may be helpful.*

## Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Gladden the soul of your servant,  
**for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

*Psalm 86.4*

## Praise

Blessed are you, Creator God,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters  
bringing light and life to your creation,  
pour out your Spirit on us today  
that we may walk as children of light  
and by your grace reveal your presence.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Word of God

<i>Sunday</i>	Psalm 104.26-32	<i>Thursday</i>	Psalm 84
<i>Monday</i>	Psalm 21.1-7	<i>Friday</i>	Psalm 93
<i>Tuesday</i>	Psalm 29	<i>Saturday</i>	Psalm 98
<i>Wednesday</i>	Psalm 46		

## Scripture Reading

*Read the Bible passage and notes from New Daylight (The Bible Reading Fellowship), or other notes, or one of passages below.*

### **Sunday** (John 7.37-39a)

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive.

### **Monday** (Isaiah 40.28-31)

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

### **Tuesday** (1 Corinthians 12.4-7)

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

### **Wednesday** (Joel 2.28,29)

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

### **Thursday** (Luke 11.9-13)

Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who

knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

### **Friday** (2 Corinthians 1.20-22)

In Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'. For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.

### **Saturday** (2 Corinthians 3.17,18)

The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

## Response

*A time of Silence for reflection, ending with*

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

## Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

*God's royal priesthood, that it may be empowered by the Spirit  
Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal  
All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom  
of the ascended Christ  
The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests  
All who are struggling with broken relationships*