

TEAM NOTICES

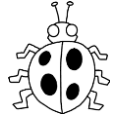
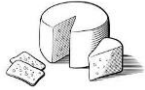
PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER & BEETLE DRIVE

(Collection in aid of CHRISTIAN AID)

In St. Mary's Church

Thursday 13th June at 7.00 pm

Please sign up in advance on the forms available in church



St Mary's: 15th June, 7.30pm – Dorset County Orchestra. Summer Concert. Early bird tickets £15 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/dorset-county-orchestra or Tilly Whims, 3-4 The Square, Swanage (cash only). On the door £17 cash or card. Under 18's free.

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong next Sunday, 16th June at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Timothy Brown, formerly of Clare College, Cambridge. *Come and Sing* event is open to all singers. Arrival at St Mary's is for a 4.00pm rehearsal start. Cups of tea are provided between the rehearsal end and the service start at 6.30pm. All Welcome. Music provided. Just come and sing!

20th June, 6.30pm – The Opera Dudes. *A Little Bit of Opera and a Whole Lot of Fun!*
Tickets £10 from Parish Office or on the door.

Studland: 23rd June, 3.00pm – Canzonetta – a popular Dorset-based singing group, will be performing at St Nicholas Church. In true Studland style, tea and cake will be served. It is not necessary to buy tickets in advance, but all donations will be used for the Church Organ Fund.

Friday Fun Club – meets on Friday evenings 6.30-8pm, during term time, in the Rectory Classroom for 10-13 yr olds to enjoy food, games and chat. Led by Berno Vierbergen, our youth minister and supported by volunteers from St Mary's congregation.

Purbeck Deanery Synod Eucharist. On Wednesday 19th June, there will be a Deanery Synod Eucharist service at St Nicholas Church, Studland at 7.30pm. Bishop Karen will be presiding with Rev Dr Ian Bird, deaconing. Please do come along to this special occasion and join us to enjoy refreshments after the service in the Church Hall.

Down on the Farm with the Studland Community Coffee Morning – Thursday 13th June from 10am at the Manor Farm Tea Rooms. Everyone is welcome: come and meet old friends – and make some new ones ... You will all receive a warm, countryside welcome.

Studland Men's Breakfast ---- see you after the Summer ...The Breakfasts have clearly been successful – and have provided an opportunity for men to eat and talk together. It has had other benefits too: wherever possible, food is bought locally, both to ensure a high quality of food and to support business in the village. Any food left over- such as unopened boxes of cereals which are well within the sell-by date - have been donated to the Swanage Food Bank. The Breakfasts are free – but donations have been generous and have enabled a gift to be sent, on behalf of the group, to support Christian Aid. Over the summer months, Tony Edmonds and Pete Hawksworth will be reviewing all aspects of the Breakfast to see what could be improved for the next sessions, starting after the Summer Holidays are over.

REFLECTION

***“What can be seen is temporary,
but what cannot be seen is eternal.”***
(2 Corinthians 4.18)

“But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, ‘No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.’” (1 Sam 8.19,20)

Today, some of us will hear part of the story of Samuel: the little boy who heard the Lord in the night calling out to him. He was to become one of the great spiritual leaders of Israel...but he wasn't always listened to in his time.

After the uncertain rule of the so-called 'Judges', the people were restless, and they thought they knew not only what they wanted, but also what would be good for them. They thought they wanted a king: one who would fight all their battles for them and bring peace and prosperity to his people. All they wanted was a quiet life...with few questions asked! Does this sound familiar?

Of course, it was to all end in tears. King Saul was effectively chosen by lot...and he succumbed to the paranoia and jealousy of those around him who questioned his authority. His successor, David – renowned as he was to be for some of his achievements - showed himself to be all too human all too often. His son, Solomon has traditionally been called 'wise'; but the political outcome of his reign was a restlessness that led to open revolt on his death. All parties had forgotten their fundamental need of God's perspective on the human condition: their own...and that of their people.

Jesus' first 'beatitude' (the Sermon on the Mount) is sometimes translated as being: ***“Blessed are those who know their need of God.”*** Herein lies a tried and tested path in the pursuit of a Godly wisdom...even - dare I say – in the simple matter of choosing *our* leaders!

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