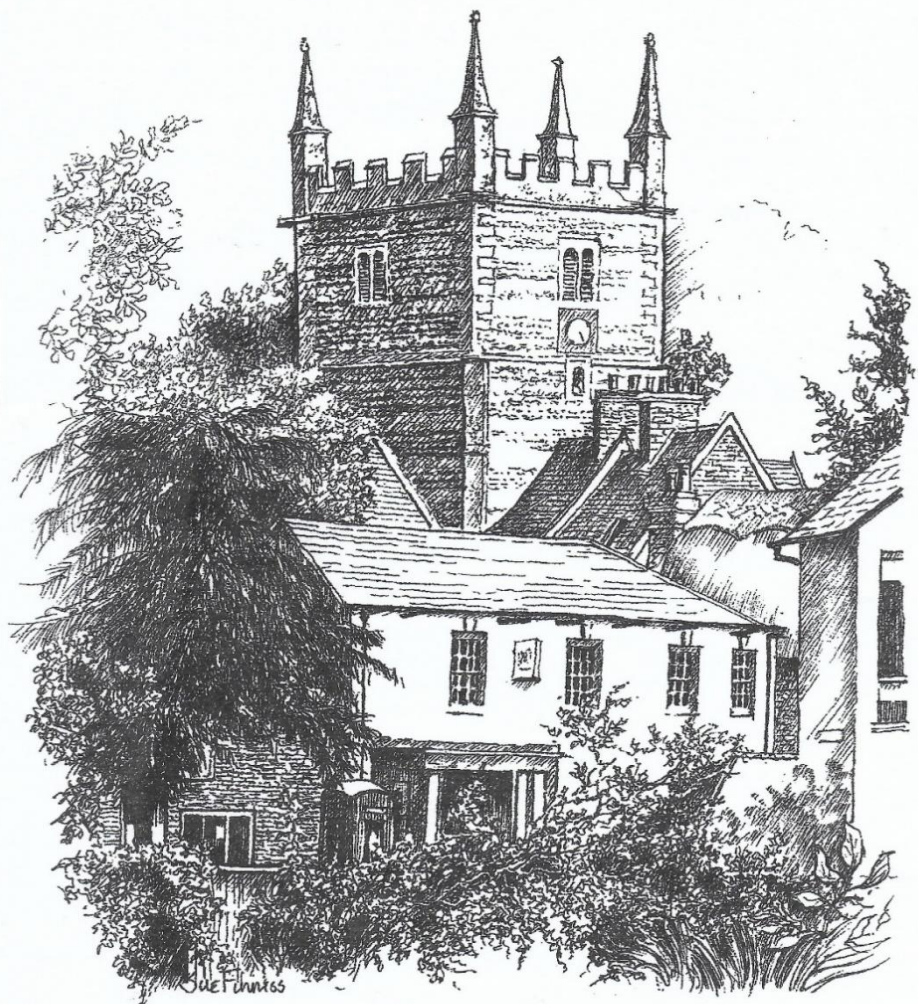


Downton

March 2022

Parish News



St. Laurence Church

St Laurence Church Downton

Enquiries for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, or requests for pastoral visits, should be made to

Priest in Charge, Rev David Bacon

Tel. 01794 390256 Email: davidbramrec@aol.com

Churchwarden: Mr Ken Parsons 01725 512738

Parish administrator: Mrs Jo Parsons 01725 512738

Director of Music: Mrs Elaine Hicks-Arnold 01722 710341

Sunday School: Dr Janet McGee 01725 513869

Church Flowers: Mrs A Gates 01725 514674
& Mrs G White 01725 476024

Church website: www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk



www.facebook.com/stlaurencedownton

At present St Laurence Church is not open on a daily basis, but we hope to resume this at some time in the future. Currently the church is open on Wednesdays from 11.00 am – 12 noon for those who wish to reflect and pray in peaceful surroundings.



"St Laurence Church explores & builds the Kingdom of God through prayer, learning together & serving the local community"

St Laurence is part of the Forest and Avon Team of Churches, together with St Birinus, Morgans Vale; St Mary, Redlynch; St Andrew, Landford; St Peter, Bramshaw; St Peter, Plaitford.

Downton Parish News is published 10 times a year, and is also currently online. Information for contributors and advertisers is at the back of the magazine, together with details of home delivery.

From Rev Veronica Batchelor,
Team Priest in the Forest and Avon Team



Learning to Spin, Learning to Love

This week I had the opportunity to try drop spinning which, if you didn't know, is a way of spinning fleece into yarn. I had a great teacher, Liz and although she made it look easy getting my hands to work with the spindle, fleece and yarn in a competent way was still quite a challenge! Thankfully Liz was patient and encouraging and assured me it becomes easier with practice!

As in learning any new skill or when having to change the way we do something, with practice it becomes easier. I can remember when I first started going to church it was quite a challenge just to attend. I had no idea whether I was meant to be standing or sitting and when everyone spoke in unison, I sometimes had no idea what they were saying! These days being the vicar that happens less but I'd never say never!

Acquiring new skills or changing our habits can be difficult and what we consider to be normal, to others can seem bizarre.

In many ways Jesus' message challenged his disciples, the religious leaders and the governing authorities to act in ways that were considered to be beyond 'the norm'. We can still be challenged by God's word today especially if it requires us to change our ways or to broaden our view, much like learning a new skill. Yet, with a willingness to learn, the gift of the Holy Spirit and encouraging each other we can turn those challenges into opportunities to grow and adapt.

Learning to spin will clearly take much more practice, encouragement and a patient teacher! As we encourage each other in love and faith may we be committed learners willing to adapt and grow as God calls us to think and move in ways that are new and unfamiliar. Thankfully, God's patience goes beyond 'the norm' too!

Veronica x

ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

6th March 10.30am	1st Sunday of Lent Holy Communion Gospel	Luke 4: 1-13
13th March 10.30am	2nd Sunday of Lent Holy Communion Gospel	Luke 13:31- end
20th March 10.30am	3rd Sunday of Lent Holy Communion Gospel	Luke 13:1-9
27th March 10.30am	4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday Morning Worship Gospel	Luke 2:33-35

You no longer have to reserve a seat or 'sign in' for services but we ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on arrival. Wearing a mask throughout the service is **advised**. Communion will still be by wafer only. Hymns will be sung behind masks.

We ask people to respect those who still wish to distance, but if you would like to sit with another member of the congregation, and they are willing, this will be fine.

Recorded services within the Forest and Avon Team are available each week from St. Mary Redlynch and St. Andrew Landford. Salisbury Cathedral also offer recorded services.

The Church will continue to open each Wednesday from 11am until 12 noon for private prayer. A member of the Church will be present at all times as a steward and again we encourage you to sanitise your hands and wear a mask on arrival.

Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

Services for March:

Wednesday 2nd at 10.45am Woodfalls Methodist. Cafe Style Ashing Service including Holy Communion led by Rev Veronica Batchelor. Followed by lunch.

Sunday 6th at 10.00am St Mary's. Holy Communion

Sunday 13th at 10.00am St Birinus. Prayer and Praise

Wednesday 16th at 10.45am Wednesday 16th March 10.45am

Woodfalls Methodist. Cafe Style Worship - Vintage adventure led by Rev Cecil King. Exploring Lent through the bible, singing, prayer and creative activities.

Sunday 20th at 10.00am Woodfalls Methodist. Holy Communion

Sunday 27th at 10.00am St Mary's. All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday

All enquiries to: Graham Tanner, telephone 01725 512648;

email atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com

Online Services at: www.salisburymethodist.org.uk



Downton Baptist Church

South Lane, Downton, SP5 3NA

Current Services: Sunday Mornings at 10.30am:

Services are being held indoors.

The Service will be live streamed.

Online Services are on the Downton Baptist Church website.

Ministers: Rev Philip Rhoades and Rev Katy Ulliyatt

More details of all events from Rev Philip Rhoades:

Telephone: 07468 491143. Email: rhoades470@btinternet.com

Church Office: 01725 512971 or **Email:** office@downtonbaptist.org

Website: www.downtonbaptist.org



Downton's Mobile Post Office - Every Friday Morning

Moot Lane near to Recreation Ground: 9.00 am - 10.00 am

The Bull car park: 10.05 am till 11.05 am

Roman Catholic Services

Church of the Good Shepherd
Barford Lane, Downton, SP5 3QA

The Catholic chapel is now available for private prayer.

At 6.30 pm on Tuesdays the congregation hold a
Service of the Word by Zoom.

There is a Mass in the chapel on the third Thursday of the month.

The next Mass will be on 17th March 2022

The chapel will also host the Downton Churches Together
Ash Wednesday service

If you would like to join the Zoom services
please contact John Elliott on 07980 921558.

St Osmund's Church TV system
can be accessed at: <https://salisburycatholics.org/church-tv>



World Day of Prayer a women-led global, ecumenical movement

**Service on March 4th at 2.00 pm
in St Mary's Church, Redlynch**

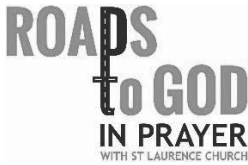


*Join other Christians around the world in praying for our country.
Do come and join us, and stay for a cup of tea and cake afterwards.
People from Downton are very welcome!*

The service is prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is entitled 'I know the plans I have for you'.

Further details from Rosemary Hawkins: 01725 510267





In our cycle of prayer for all living and working in our community, during **March** we will be offering prayers for:

Moot Gardens, Avondyke, Cranbury Close,
Forest Edge and Charlotte Close.

In the present situation we are unable to deliver our usual prayer cards.

Requests for particular prayers can be made:

by telephoning Reverend Ron Hart on 01725 514772 or if unavailable
please contact Mrs Jo Parsons 01725 512738 or
emailing info@stlaurencedownton.co.uk

Any such requests will be kept confidential.

You can request prayers at any time – not just when
your road is on the monthly list.

For more information, please see our Roads to God page on our website:
www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk

Roads to God Prayer Group

The next Roads to God Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 16th
March 2022 at 10.30am in St. Laurence Church and will be led by
Rev Ron Hart. We will pray for both the particular roads in our
prayer cycle together with the whole village.



Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 27th March
at 10.30 am St Laurence Church

Morning worship

All are welcome to join us

Prayer Diary for March

- 1 All visitors to our Churches
- 2 Our Witness to the Faith
- 3 All who rely on food aid
- 4 Those at work worried about social distancing
- 5 Our Bishops and Church Leaders
- 6 Our Churchwarden
- 7 Those made redundant or unable to find work
- 8 Politicians and their advisors
- 9 Growing through God's Word
- 10 All key workers
- 11 Medical staff: in hospitals, GPs, Care homes, research laboratories
- 12 Those in Residential & Nursing Homes
- 13 Charities struggling to continue their work and fundraising
- 14 Our village Schools
- 15 All who assist with our services
- 16 Young People in the Church
- 17 School Governors
- 18 Peace in the World
- 19 Our links to churches in South Sudan
- 20 Churches Together in Downton
- 21 Those who produce our Parish magazine
- 22 All ministers in the village
- 23 Our Forest & Avon Team
- 24 New residents in our village
- 25 All who attend Good Companions
- 26 Our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)
- 27 Mothering Sunday - All mothers
- 28 Those at University and College
- 29 Those getting married this year
- 30 All who minister to the sick
- 31 Local traders



Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers. In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns.

If you have any suggestions for inclusion in this diary, please have a word with our parish administrator, Mrs Jo Parsons (01725 512738).

The Parish of St Laurence, Downton

Church Electoral Roll

**The Church Electoral Roll is being updated between
27th February and 20th March 2022**

**If you are already on the Church Electoral Roll and your details have
not changed, you need take no action.**

- If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be included, please complete an application form.
- If you are currently on the Roll but your name, address or telephone number has changed, or
- If a member of your family is on the Roll but their name, address or telephone number has changed, you should notify the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

Church Electoral Roll application forms are available from:

Linda Ricketts, Church Electoral Roll Officer

2 The Sidings, Downton, SP5 3QZ. Tel: 01725 513162

Application forms must be returned and amendments notified by Sunday, 20th March 2022. The new Electoral Roll will be presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday, 10th April, when those whose names are listed will be eligible to vote.

Being on the Church Electoral Roll is a way of saying that you are a member of a church. To be eligible you should be baptised and aged 16 or over, a member of the Church of England (or a Church in communion with the Church of England) and resident in the Parish. If you are not resident in the Parish you will need to have attended the church regularly for six months prior to enrolment.

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Lent 2022

**There will be a joint Ash Wednesday Service
for all the Downton churches on 2nd March at 7.00 pm
at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Barford Lane.**

All are welcome.

The Forest and Avon Team Plans for Lent 2022

It is not possible to hold large Lent Study groups this year but to give us a chance to “take time out” the Rev David Bacon will be producing a talk/sermon to watch on Youtube as set out below. David writes:

‘The season of Lent (40 days + Sundays before Easter) is a time when Christians are encouraged to take stock of our lives. Traditionally, people would “give something up”; but many today choose to “take something up” such as setting more time aside for reading, prayer or study.

This year’s Lent Series offers an opportunity to do just that and the theme is, “**The Gentle Invitations of Jesus**”. So often, we think that practicing our faith is about “doing more things”, but this series will encourage us to take time out and to be a bit more gentle with ourselves.

- Invitation to Lent (2nd March – Ash Wednesday)
- Invitation to Respond (6th March)
- Invitation to Abide (13th March)
- Invitation to Celebrate (20th March)
- Invitation to Sabbath (27th March)
- Invitation to Receive (3rd April)
- Invitation to Humility (10th April)

The Lent Series can be accessed in a number of different ways. Every week, a Video Introduction and Discussion Questions will be made available. Please send me your email address if you’d like to receive them. (A written version will be available for those without access to technology).

It’s up to you what you do with this material. You can use it in your existing Connect Group or Prayer Partnership. You could invite others to join you in a small (home) group or you can meet face-to-face or on Zoom. You could even use it on your own. It’s completely up to you.

Please contact me by email if you’d like to join in - Have a good Lent!’

David

Rev David Bacon (Team Vicar) – davidbramrec@aol.com



The Parish Council meeting was held at the Downton Memorial Centre on Monday 14th February 2022. Four members of the public were present at each meeting.

Unitary Cllr Richard Clewer:

Cllr Clewer reported that:

- The process to implement the Public Space Protection Order for Downton and Redlynch was ongoing.
- Wiltshire Council would be considering its budget for 2022/23 on 15th February. Parking charges were likely to be increased by 10 percent.
- There was likely to be a bin strike at the end of February due to a pay dispute between Hills Group and its waste staff.

Amenities: Various works to replace road name plates, install a new waste bin in Wick Lane and revise the cemetery fees for 2022 were approved. The Council also approved the use of the Greens and the Memorial Gardens for the Cuckoo Fair to be held on 30th April 2022.

Exhibition & Consultation on Play Area Refurbishment: The Council approved a letter to be sent to residents and the holding of a consultation event to be held on 4th and 5th March at the Downton Memorial Centre to seek views on the refurbishment of the play areas in the Memorial Gardens and Moot Lane which will take place over the next 2 years.

Vacancies: There are currently 7 vacancies for councillors on the Parish Council. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk.

The next meeting is on Monday 14th March 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Downton Memorial Centre, The Borough, Downton.

Bev Cornish

Clerk to Downton Parish Council, West View, Slab Lane, Downton, SP5 3PS Tel 01725 513874

Email: clerk@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Seedy Sunday is back!

**After 3 years we are pleased to announce
that Seedy Sunday is happening on Sunday 20th March
in the Downton Memorial Hall, from 2.00 – 4.00 pm.**

The heart of the event as usual is the seed and plant swap. Either bring your spare seeds (commercial or ones you've collected) and plants, and swap for others or 'buy' for a donation. Seasonal veg seedlings will be available.

In addition More Veg, who sell seeds in small quantities, will be present.

Plus

- Lover Repair Café – you can bring small items for repair to be collected from the café at Redlynch village hall on Wed/Fri mornings
- Garden Tool Re-sharpening service
- Recycling table (bring unwanted garden related products but no small plastic pots please!). Find a bargain!
- Clarify what can now be recycled in the area including at the Coop
- Info on 'Downton against single use plastic' campaign
- Free garden starter kits for children
- Chickens, bird 'flu permitting
- Willow weaving and other gifts
- Local green areas such as Moot, Millennium Green and Allotments

To be confirmed

- Bicycle repair
- Learn about the 'no dig' method for growing vegetables
- Bean sticks

And of course, stay and have a cup of tea/coffee and a **home made cake**

**See posters, local social media or www.downtongreengroup.org.uk
for up-to-date details.**

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Easter Monday 18th April

Easter Egg Hunt in Downton Moot

Further details next month



The Downton Society - Moviola

Many thanks to all those who supported Moviola in February – a great film which was much enjoyed by everyone. Just to reiterate that entry to the films will be on a first come, first served basis at the door of the Memorial Hall on the night, as Moviola are no longer providing paper tickets. We will merely keep a tally of the number of people attending on the night for audit purposes. As we normally cater for about 50 people and to date we have only had around 30 attending, this should not be a problem. Tickets will not be available at the Borough Cafe in advance.

Films for the next two months:

Saturday 19th March “Stillwater”. With more than a nod to the Meredith Kercher affair, *Stillwater* follows Bill Baker (Matt Damon), an American oil-rig roughneck from Oklahoma who travels to Marseille to visit his estranged daughter (Abigail Breslin), in prison for a murder she claims she did not commit. Confronted with language barriers, cultural differences, and a complicated legal system, Bill builds a new life for himself in France as he makes it his personal mission to exonerate his daughter.

Saturday 23rd April “French Dispatch” (*this is in place of “The Courier” which has been withdrawn by the film distributor!*). From the director of *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, and sharing its idiosyncratic visual and narrative style, *The French Dispatch* is a portmanteau film. It brings to life a collection of stories from the final issue of a fictional American magazine published in Ennui-Sur-Blasé, a fictional 20th-century French city. Starring a host of Anderson regulars - Adrien Brody, Tilda Swinton, Léa Seydoux, Bill Murray, Saoirse Ronan – it’s an eccentric delight.

**The Memorial Hall doors will open as usual at 7.00 pm
for a performance start time of 7.30 pm.**

We hope that you will be able to support this community benefit and see some films that are not necessarily available on the small screen at present. We are looking forward to seeing you once again.

Further information from Sue and Lawrence Burr on: 07825 745246

Goldies Sing-Along Social Group at Downton Memorial Hall

Are you looking for a fun daytime social group? Why not join the NEW Goldies Sing&Smile session, upstairs at Downton Memorial Hall?

Goldies takes place on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 10.00 am, led by Carole Still. The next session is on 23rd March. Walk down the side of the Hall, and enter through the door on the left.

At Goldies we chat and laugh with friends, whilst singing along to the hits of the 50's onwards, with artists such as Sir Cliff Richard, Tom Jones, Elvis, Dusty Springfield, Petula Clark and many more. Goldies is not a choir, you don't have to be able to sing to join, just love music and socialising. Goldies Sing&Smile sessions are open to everyone, but particularly aim to reduce isolation with older adults. We ask for a £2 donation to attend.

Goldies holds twice-weekly sessions under the www.goldieslive.com banner. Why not join in online if you cannot get to the Memorial Hall?

For further information go to the website: www.golden-oldies.org.uk
Or ring Carole Still on 01725 337880



Save the date – Friday 6th May

Organ Recital by John Challenger

The long running saga of the renovation of the church organ is slowly coming to an end. Much of the internal workings of the instrument have been cleaned and reinstalled. Most of the pipework will be put back in the next month. We expect to have a useable organ in time for Easter and for the full work to be completed shortly after that.

On Friday 6th May we will have a celebratory recital by John Challenger, the Assistant Director of Music of Salisbury Cathedral. Further information about the programme and tickets will be available in the April Magazine.

Rainfall for January



Another dry month, with only 1.24 inches, which means we are having a very dry winter. There have been just over 5 inches in the last three months, the least rainfall for that period in my 29 years in Wiltshire.

M.C.

Downton Link

More than a Transport Service

Downton Link was founded in 1996 and has been transporting local people to Hospitals, GP Surgeries, Dentists, Hairdressers, shops etc. for 25+ years.



However, we are more than a transport service.

For anyone in need of someone to talk to we provide a friendly befriending service. A number of our volunteers are willing to arrange to meet up for an hour or two for a friendly chat over a coffee. If this appeals to you please ring the number below.

We are also always looking for new volunteers to become drivers, befrienders or co-ordinators. In particular we are looking for co-ordinators at the moment. As a coordinator you would be based at home and will be responsible for taking calls from clients and allocating the job to a driver. If you are interested in giving a few hours to a worthwhile and rewarding service please ring:-

01725 513807 or email INFO@DOWNTONLINK.ORG.UK

You can choose when to make yourself available.



Community Café in the Memorial Hall

To fill the hole left by the Country Market, this new regular event has been launched at Downton Memorial Hall on the last Friday of each month, from 10.00 am - 12 noon. There is tea, coffee and homemade cake plus the opportunity to chat to old friends and make new ones. There is a book share and, as the year goes on, it is hoped that people will bring and share excess garden or allotment produce and flowers. Everyone is welcome – pop in for a few minutes or stay all morning.

The first café at the end of January was a great success with both the hall and kitchen area being packed with happy visitors. There is no charge, but if you wish you may leave a donation towards costs.

If you know anyone who would like to come but needs a lift please contact stephaniejalland1@gmail.com.

Make a
difference in your
community

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Could you volunteer as a Link Co-ordinator?

Co-ordinators should be outgoing and friendly, have a warm telephone manner, be good listeners and communicators. They will also need to be well-organised. A Link Scheme Volunteer Co-ordinator will typically operate from home, receiving requests from clients or other services. A telephone with voicemail and in some schemes, a laptop will be provided.

Volunteer with your local Link Scheme:

Demand for our service is growing and we
urgently need new Link Co-ordinators to
support the service



**Volunteer
from home**

**If you could spare some time, or for more
information please contact us:**

**DOWNTON LINK –
01725 513807**

Hearing Aid Clinic at Downton Baptist Church Third Tuesday of the month

- Drop off hearing aids between 10.00 am and 12 noon for re-tubing.
- Batteries will only be issued with hearing aid repairs, not on their own. Continue to ring for batteries.
- Hearing aids must be placed in an envelope with a name and contact details.
- A member of the RNID team will collect the envelope from the client outside the church.
- Please wear a mask if possible.
- Clients can either wait in their car or return later to pick up their hearing aids. They will not be allowed to wait inside with the volunteers.
- In addition to the new distanced service RNID continues to support hearing aid wearers by phone, email and text.
- Hearing aids must be collected before 12.30pm
- This service is for Salisbury audiology hospital patients.
- Please bring battery issue card - most important.

Contact Gill Drayson: 01722 580014; 07570 670 643;

Gillian.Drayson@RNID.org.uk www.rnid.org.uk



The Queen's Jubilee

Downton is thinking of putting on a concert for the Queen's Jubilee on June 2nd – venue to be decided.

If anyone is interested in joining in, either performing or helping out in some other way, please contact Jane Seden on 01725 510122.

Kate Edgar is also involved in creating this special evening.

Lover Repair Cafe

This amazing year goes on!



Last month we welcomed Dave Cates & Dr Duncan Murray of the Stars Appeal, as they came to thank the Repair Cafe and its users for raising £10,500 towards helping the Staff at Salisbury NHS. They gave us a great presentation on how the money was wisely spent in the care & comfort of all.

NHS Covid Staff Project: Following our meeting with Dave & Duncan, we are acutely aware of the continued need and so we press on with Staff Support.

Bargain Basement: Our Mini Quality Seconds Shop is full of Goodies so come and have a look. The prices are ridiculously cheap as our idea is simply to find good homes for other people's surplus items. TV's, Table Lamps, Sound Bars, Radios, CD Players, Vacuum Cleaners, Hair driers, kitchen Chairs etc. – Most expensive item £5

Helping local Groups in need: Our aim is to ensure that if there is a local need or shortage, especially as a result of Covid, we want to help if we can, so keep us informed.

“WANTED” - a Clock-man – If you can or would like to be on our Team as a clock repairer we would really appreciate your help, as at the moment clocks are arriving for remedials quicker than we can repair them – PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

Finally: Remember, that you are always welcome to join us with a repair or a query or simply for a chat at any Wednesday or Friday Cafe morning. We phone you when your item is ready for collection and simply ask you to pay for material costs and make a donation to our Local Projects when you pick your item up.

Enquiries: Paul 01725 510753 or preferably write to us at loverrepaircafe@gmail.com

Downton Community Pre-school



We have had a great term at Downton Pre-school. We have done lots of baking, junk modelling, nature walks and role play! From small minds come large imaginations and some great learning opportunities. Children learn when they are engaged and having fun, so if we get told we are a princess or pirate for the day then that is what we shall be!

For us at Downton Pre-school it is extremely important to be led by our children's interests. 'Growing and Learning through play' is our ethos and is how we spend every day.

Are you looking for a pre-school this academic year or from September? Please give us a call on 01725 511178. We accept children from 2-4 years old and would love to hear from you.

The pre-school is situated in the Downton Memorial Centre, The Borough.



Good Companions

We had a lovely celebration of our 60th Birthday Anniversary recently with Kate Edgar and the Downton Community Choir. We were encouraged to sing along, which added to our enjoyment. Afterwards we enjoyed a refreshing cuppa and a lovely selection of cakes, thanks to Edna Pike.

Irene and Moira came on another occasion to speak to us about "Silver Salisbury" and to see if it would be possible to set up something similar in Downton. It opened the way for speaking about the activities we have in Downton and sharing of memories.

Phyl Fordhas arranged the following:

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| March | 1 st | Steve Oakes, RSPB. 'Birds in your garden' |
| | 8 th | A Quiz with Phyl |
| | 16 th | Games |
| | 22 nd | Salisbury Pluckers |

We meet in the Downton Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Regulars pay £1.50; visitors, who are always welcome, £2.00; cup of tea and biscuit included. Contact Julia Whitmarsh, 01725 510601, for details.

Downton Horticultural Society

**Our March event will be an illustrated talk on
'The Art of Wildlife Photography' by Mike Read
in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 24th March 2022.**

Mike is an experienced and dedicated nature lover and throughout the evening will show us an array of images from around the county, the country, Europe and beyond. From gold finches in his garden, to coastal flowers, to bugs, butterflies and waders through to atmospheric misty mountain views. As usual there will be refreshments, a raffle and a sales table. If you have any gardening related items to donate to the table we would be very grateful.

On Saturday May 27th we will be holding our usual Plant and Table Top Sale and would welcome donations of plants to sell, so please bear this in mind if you have any extra plants that you will not need. Also, we will be looking for people to book table-tops nearer to the date.

Everybody is welcome to our events. We are grateful for donations from non-members who attend our evening talks, although we hope they will become members. Annual membership of the society is only £6; it enables us to book more expert speakers and contributes to the Memorial Hall hire and the insurance for our events.

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)



Table Top Sale Saturday 12th March 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Sell or Buy Presents for Mothering Sunday and Easter.
Spring clean your house and come along and sell your excess!
Or come and get a bargain.

Stalls to include Crafts for Mothering Sunday and Easter, Preserves,
Jewellery, Toys, Books, Bric a Brac, Cakes and Refreshments.

To book a table @ £10 please ring 01725 512648 or email:

atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com.

(obviously subject to any government COVID regulations, but we will have hand sanitiser, masks, and a socially distanced one way system.)

Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society



Having dealt with the business of our AGM at the start of our meeting we were then able to enjoy some fun and chatter with Marion Catt. We were firstly shown some “no foam” design ideas and then Marion challenged us with some fun quiz questions. It was an informal and very enjoyable evening, with the addition of some delicious home baked cake too.

On Monday 7th March we will meet at the usual time of 7.00 pm for refreshments and then enjoy a demonstration with Sue Swabey entitled “Summer’s Journey” starting at 7.30 pm. Why not come along and enjoy an evening of fun, friendship and flowers. Visitors are most welcome for a fee of £6 per visit or you can become a member for just £35 for the year.

We normally meet in Morgan’s Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall, on the first Monday of the month (excepting bank holidays). Our programme is displayed on the notice board in the hall if you would like more details or simply visit our Facebook page for information on [Facebook.com/groups/forestedgeflower](https://www.facebook.com/groups/forestedgeflower). We hope to see you soon.

Martina Coleman (Chairman) 01725 512556.



Downton Cuckoo Fair bags and tea towels

Attractively produced items, unique to Downton,
these make useful small gifts.

Cotton shopping bags	£3 each
Jute Shopping bags	£4 each
Tea towels	£2.50 each



Contact Edna Pike (01725 511332)

Redlynch & Local District History Society

‘Salisbury Hospitals’ by Lesley Self

Lesley is employed at Salisbury District Hospital by ArtCare to archive the historical records and around 100,000 images. There is no museum to visit but displays occur throughout the hospital in the lifts and on the walls; there is also a fascinating website, see www.salisburyhealthcarehistory.uk. which provides more detail on the information provided here.

The earliest known hospitals were a leper hospital at Old Sarum, St Nicolas near Harnham Bridge, and the Trinity Hospital in Trinity Street, besides various Alms Houses. The red brick Salisbury Infirmary dates from 1760's and still stands in Fisherton St with various additions. It originated in a £500 bequest to provide a Salisbury hospital; ongoing funding was provided by various benefactors giving sums ranging from about £4 Parish collections to hundreds of pounds from the local gentry. The hospital had its own brewery at a time when the drinking water supply was unreliable for medical safety. A surgeon, matron and a team of about 10 nurses and porters were in situ at all times, the number of inpatients being about 90 a year with a further 1,000 or so outpatients. Donations from a Parish gave free treatment to a member of that Parish.

Electricity arrived in 1903 and supplemented the oil lamps and large ceiling skylights for operations. The outbreak of World War 1 caused considerable disruption with male staff leaving and a dedicated soldiers' ward being set up. Advertisements were placed for the first female surgeons and many women joined nursing organisations as ambulance drivers and nurses. The charitable basis of the hospital was severely challenged and it was £5,000 in debt at the end of 1918.

By 1910 there was a further hospital at Old Sarum, the Isolation Hospital, which was still functioning until 1951; the reason for its being was the seriousness of scarlet fever, diphtheria etc in the absence of modern drugs. Indeed one member of the audience recalled herself and siblings being kept there.

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‘Salisbury Hospitals’ by Lesley Self *(continued)*

The Great War meant a large increase in military training camps in the area which became notorious for sickness due to a mixing of troops from all over Great Britain and the Empire; these local patients were accommodated at Old Sarum. There was also a Red Cross Hospital at Harnham for military casualties, on the work house site.

During the late 19th C the Finch family established the Old Manor Hospital for the “criminally insane”, the definition of which included what we would now regard as wayward offspring and those who would now receive counselling. It became very popular with the wealthy and a tunnel discreetly ran from the railway station to the Hospital to avoid prying eyes. Musical evenings were held which many patients joined in with and gardening was another popular therapy. The Old Manor became the largest such Hospital in the Country and was one of the last to be incorporated into the NHS.

Odstock Hospital, also known as the US 5th General Hospital, was established in 1943 prior to the invasion of Europe and treated around 10,000 patients in WW2. Allegedly the first was a soldier who came off his bicycle on the way back from The Yew Tree whilst being towed by Jeep! Princess Elizabeth is believed to have visited Odstock in the course of her service as an ambulance driver. Post war, when in British hands, a pathologist there is believed to have made the first kidney dialysis machine.





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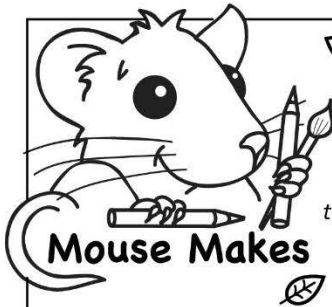
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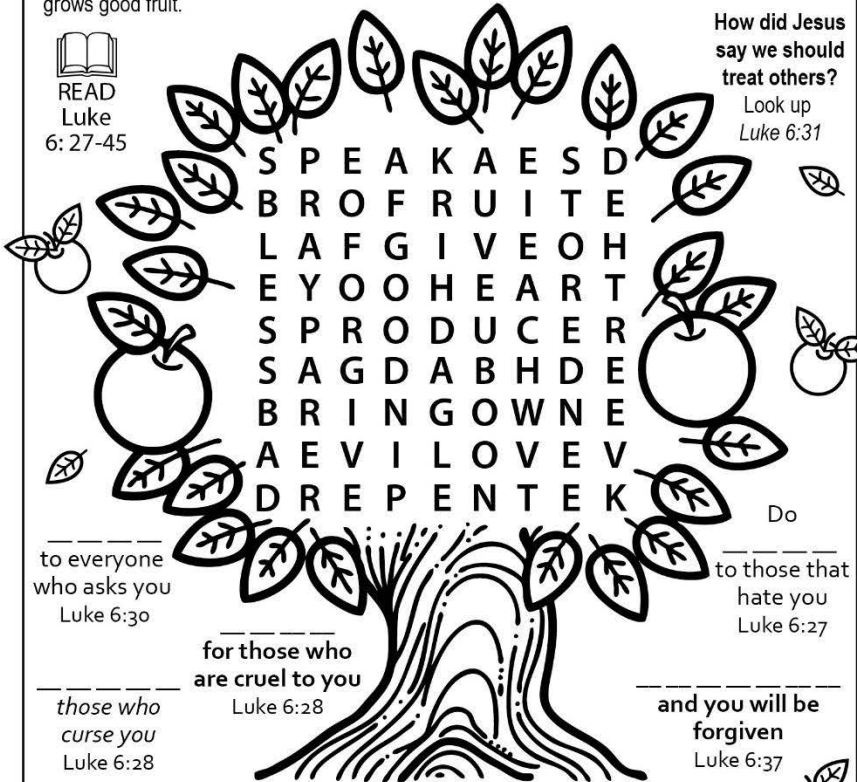
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6: 27-45

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Luke 6:31



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who asks you
Luke 6:30

for those who
are cruel to you
Luke 6:28

those who
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to those that
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Luke 6:27

and you will be
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Luke 6:37

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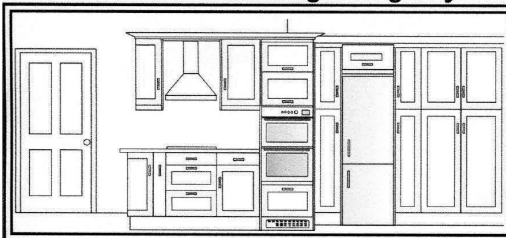
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