

HINTON ST MARY THE MOSAIC.



December 2014

Kilimanjaro climb

August 6th-11th 2014

I went to Tanzania to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa and the highest mountain you can trek up. It is 5,895m tall, which to put in perspective, Ben Nevis the tallest mountain in Britain is 1,344m and Hambledon hill is 192m so by comparison Kilimanjaro is more than 4.3 times higher than Ben Nevis and over 30 times higher than Hambledon respectively. It is something that I had wanted to do for a few years and this year I finally got around to doing it.

I decided that this would be a good chance to do a bit of charity fundraising, for which I decided to go for the Dorset and Somerset air ambulance as it is a local charity that in this area does make a difference. So I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported me and as a result I managed to raise £789.

The climb consisted of 4 ½ days up and 1 ½ down, so 6 days total. Days 1,2,3,4 and 6 were fine, there were a few long days of trekking but nothing too bad. However day 5, the day I was to make the summit, and then start the descent was the hardest thing I have ever done. To reach the summit we set off from the campsite at midnight and after a few hours my group had split into two with myself being in the lead group.

At some point around 4-5am I started to suffer quite from the effects of the altitude, which started with headaches to then feeling sick and dizzy. This carried on and by the point that I reached the crater rim I had further effects of the altitude affecting me. This included being extremely tired (all I wanted to do was lie down and sleep) confusion and generally being unresponsive to the point that even being able to talk was a real struggle. But then at 6.48am I finally made it to the summit of Kilimanjaro.

Unfortunately I wasn't able to stay long as the guide wanted me to get to a lower altitude as quickly as possible so I could recover from the altitude sickness. But by now I was struggling to walk so I literally got dragged down the scree slope by one of the guides and porters. Once down to a lower level I recovered enough to carry on to the last campsite and then finish the ascent the next day.

Once again a big thanks to everyone who was kind enough to donate!!

Chris Curtis

Dot Com, Voice of the Church and the Mosaic. (106 copies).

Due to a few health problems and lack of transportation, I am unable to continue as co-ordinator for the above magazines.

The village is looking for a new co-ordinator and 2 delivery person's who would be willing to spend 20 minutes a month distributing the above mentioned.

Duties of the co-ordinator.

1. Last Friday (sometimes Thursday) of each month collect the Dot Com's form Sturquest office in the exchange.
2. Last Thursday of the month collect the Voice of the Churches from St Mary's church, Sturminster.
3. Receive to your home the mosaic.
4. Merge all 3 together.
5. Divide into 5 or 6 packages and deliver to the distributors.

Duties of the distributors.

Deliver your copies to houses near you. These can range from 10 to 30 copies.

If you wish to offer your assistance please call me, Mary Mouch on 474651 or call round at 4 Old School Lane.

Village Christmas Party

Friday 19th December 7pm - 10pm

Tithe Barn

Sumptuous Christmas Hamper raffle and "Guess the number of sweets"

The White Horse.

Don't forget to book your Christmas lunches at the White Horse. There is a great menu which will appeal to everyone great value and fantastic quality. The pub will be open on Christmas day, for drinks only. Pop in and see Matthew or Becky for details.



I have had to buy a new printer and have several cartridges for the old one, which are unused. They are HP 300. If anyone can use them, they can have them for a contribution towards the Mosaic. Ruth Ash tel 472523

COFFEE MORNING FOR VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 10.30 - 12 NOON IN THE
VILLAGE HALL
RAFFLE DONATIONS WELCOMED

Curates Corner

Christmas should be a time of great joy and real celebration for everyone. But for some it is a struggle: they get into debt, feel pressurised or stressed, guilty or lonely. The focus on shopping and consuming means a huge amount of energy use and waste, damaging the earth at the very time when we are celebrating God's relationship with the earth through his birth on earth.

Is how we celebrate Christmas determined by prevailing traditional customs or by the expectations of others around us; or is our Christmas really about what we want it to be about?

Take Christmas cards as an example. When your first card drops through the door on the 1st December do you eagerly open it with joy and thanksgiving, murmuring a prayer for the sender, or do you scream at the thoughtless Miss-perfect for reminding you how hopelessly disorganised you are again this year and oh how you wish you were a hedgehog?

Ask yourself these questions:

- Do you give cards and presents just because people expect it?
- Do you make a choice about where all the money you spend is ultimately going?
- Do you consider the impact on God's world by what you buy?
- Do you consider the cards and presents to be part of the celebration?
- Do you give yourself time to stop and wonder at what it is all about?

This Christmas why not challenge yourself to:

- rediscover the values of these words from the Bible - 'he has lifted up the humble and filled the hungry with good things' .
 - remember the simplicity of the birth at Bethlehem, with the freedom, joy and peace that is offered in the coming of Jesus.
- resist the excesses of consumerism, and celebrate Christmas how you want to.

Rev'd Lydia

Services at St Peter's this Christmas time

Sunday 14th December

6pm Village Christmas Carol Service "Light for a Loved One"

Sunday 21st December

10am Holy Communion

Monday 22nd December

6.30pm Carol Singing round the village

(meet at the pub 6pm and finish at the pub too!)

Wednesday Christmas Eve

6pm Crib service

Thursday Christmas Day

10am Holy Communion

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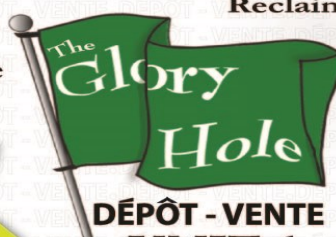
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