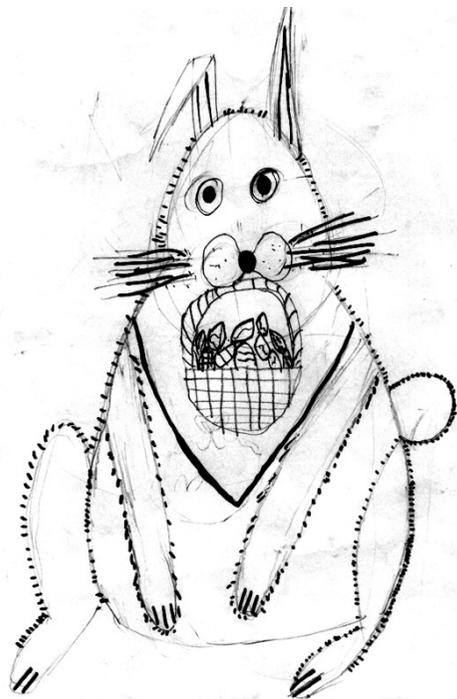


Parish News

For the Benefice of
**Chillaton, Coryton,
Dunterton, Lamerton,
Marystowe,
Milton Abbot and
Sydenham Damerel**



Easter Bunny,
by Daisy Andrews, aged 11

**Easter flowers, bees
and me, by Isabelle
Boyle, aged 5**

**Easter
Greetings
Christ
is
Risen!**



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April + May 2017

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April 2017

- 1 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 1 LAMERTON COFFEE MORNING, Lamerton Community Centre, 10.30 - 12.00
- 2 DUNTERTON HC SERVICE AND BEE TALK, Dunterton church, 10.00am
- 4 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm
- 5 LENT COURSE, Greenhill Bungalow, Lamerton, 7.30 - 9.30pm
- 8 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
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May 2017

- 2 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm
- 5 MESSY CHURCH, St Peter's church, Lamerton, 3.30 - 5.30pm
- 6 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 8 MILTON ABBOT BINGO, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 DEADLINE for June/July Edition of magazine**
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Please note early deadline for June/July Edition - Tuesday 9th May!

*April and May church services are on the back cover;
Bible Readings are on page 8 and 9
For services in the Lifton Benefice, see page 24*

An introduction to the book of Revelation



Some 10 years ago, on a holiday in the Aegean Greek Island of Samos, Mary and I made a day trip by ferry to the island of Patmos. John, considered to be the author of the book of Revelation, was exiled to Patmos (see 1.9) Although a low lying, barren and rather treeless island we found it a spiritual place, especially the cave where traditionally it is accepted that John received his vision of Christ and an angel. It is also the site of a Christian Orthodox church. During Roman times the island was a penal colony with the prisoners working in the extensive quarries.

In the prologue to the book the writer names himself as John, (thought to be John the apostle, brother of James and son of Zebedee) to whom a vision came of *'one like a Son of man'* 1.13, and instructing him to *'write on a scroll what you see'* 1.11.

Hence John wrote the book of Revelation, the final book of the bible. It is a difficult book to understand and comment on, so I have relied initially to a large extent on introductions in three different bibles viz: the Jerusalem Bible, the New International version and the Good News Bible and also the Lion Encyclopedia of the Bible.

The Jerusalem bible basically describes Revelation as a distinct apocalyptic literary form very popular in some Jewish circles at the beginning of the Christian era – 'apocalyptic' from the Greek meaning uncovering. The framework of a vision of hidden supernatural events in a language in which the vision is richly symbolic and rather allusive giving rise to different interpretations.

The N.I.V. introduces the book as messages to the seven churches in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey), followed by visions of the end of history and the final judgement.

The Good News bible states the writer's main concern is to give readers hope and encouragement, urging them to remain faithful during times of suffering and persecution - particularly at the then time of increasing Roman official hostility. There is a central theme that through Christ, God will finally and totally defeat all his enemies, including Satan, and reward his faithful people with the blessing of new heaven and a new earth, when this victory is complete. See the final chapters 21 and 22.

The Lion Encyclopedia states that the book of Revelation is unique in the New Testament with its message of the final victory of Jesus over all the forces that oppose God, conveyed in a series of 7 groups of visions.

In the next Parish News I will attempt to comment selectively on the actual text of Revelation.

Ian Silcox Reader

**christian
aid**

Christian Aid Week 14 - 20 May

Christian Aid is an agency of the churches in Britain and Ireland, with Archbishop Rowan Williams as chair of the Board of Trustees. It works globally for

profound change - so that all can live free from poverty. Christian Aid works with 700 local overseas organisations, distributing emergency aid as necessary; it also trains people to deal with the effects of climate change and prepares them for the threat of natural disasters - as well as working on HIV, training and education, health, sanitation and peace and reconciliation.

For the year 2015/16 its total income was £107 million, 8% more than last year and expenditure of £104 million of which 15% was spent on fund raising and only 1% on governance. Its main sources of income other than from institutional bodies etc. is fund raising during Christian Aid week amounting last year to £11.3 million, and from emergency appeals of £12 million.

This year Christian Aid Week is from 14 - 20 May. This is the 60th anniversary of Christian Aid week when in 1957 the then director Janet Lacey started the week to raise funds to encourage public awareness. She collected £26,000 for overseas development work.

Christian Aid envelopes will be available in all the benefice churches for donations. Please either pass them to me, send them direct to Christian Aid, Freepost, PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT, or take to the Tavistock Parish Church Centre, Plymouth Road Tavistock.

On Sunday 14th May Tavistock Area Christians Together (TACT) will be holding an evening service for Christian Aid. Venue to be advised.

Thank you

Ian Silcox



Services at Camplehaye Residential Home

Join us at Camplehaye for:

EASTER PRAISE

Friday 21st April 2.15pm

He is Risen, He is Risen indeed Alleluia !!

and...

Friday 26th May 2.15pm

Holy Communion

Visitors most welcome

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To my Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

These are the words of greeting we shall say as we gather together in our churches on Easter Day. Easter is the celebration which is at the heart of our Christian faith. A stone rolled away, an empty tomb and Jesus appearing to his friends. He is risen indeed!

On Easter Day we see the signs of new life, from the warmth of the sun, spring flowers bursting with colour, new buds on the trees and new growth all around us. We look forward to the longer summer days and to something new in our lives. It's the same rhythm we first hear within Christian baptism, as we turn to Christ and follow him anew! Through Baptism and then Confirmation, God offers us all an opportunity to move forward in our faith and share in holy communion.

God calls each of us into a closer relationship with Him in many different ways, how may God be calling you? We have reflected on our callings in our Lent group this year through the film "The Kings Speech". The Easter message offers us all hope, even at the most difficult of times and in the darkest of places, for the stone has been rolled away giving light to the darkened cave.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is as relevant for us today and every day as we connect with the message of Easter. Resurrection is not simply something of the past, it's something for us in the present. For the miracle of the resurrection is to be found in our daily lives and routines, even amidst our toils and sadness. The miracle of the Resurrection takes place deep within each and every one of us, as we are stirred into new life and enter a deeper and richer relationship with God and others. It is a time when we can learn to let go of the things holding us back and we can find a new dimension to living. The strangest thing is that it's not until after these things happen in us, that we realise we too have been raised up to a new life.

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate

Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen

Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing

Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty

Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,

the first of the sleepers,

Glory and power are his forever and ever

St. Hippolytus of Rome (AD 190-236)

May you all have a Blessed Easter,
Fr Andy



Don't forget!

The Passion Play

Bedford Square, Tavistock
on
Good Friday, 14th April at 11am.

Do come and support this special event and join in
with the crowd scenes.
All welcome



For more information and to join in, contact Annie Jefferies 01822 614178

Lent Course

Rev Andy is delivering a Lent course consisting of 5 sessions, held at Greenhill Bungalow, Lamerton.

The first two sessions have been very enjoyable and thought provoking - asking questions such as 'what is the difference between dreams, ambitions and a calling?' Discussion has touched upon fear, social embarrassment, playing a supporting role and the need for encouragement from a faithful partner. The snippets of film taken from 'The King's Speech' are good examples of a calling gradually unfolding.

Thanks to David for use of his theatre and projectionist skills.
The last session is on Wednesday 5 April, 7.30 - 9.30pm

Do come along!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Milton Abbot and Dunterton will be holding their Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Village Hall Reading Room on
Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Lamerton Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Priest's Room, Lamerton
Tuesday 4th April at 7.30pm
All parishioners are welcome to attend

BIBLE READINGS (Year A)

Please use the readings published in the Parish Magazine and your own bibles.

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 2nd April <i>5th Sunday of Lent (purple)</i>	Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14	Romans 8: 6 - 11	John 11: 1-45
Sunday 9th April <i>Palm Sunday (red)</i>	Isaiah 50:4 - 9a	Philippians 2:5 - 11	Matthew 21: 1 - 11
Thursday 14th April <i>Maundy Thursday (white)</i>	Exodus 12: 1-4 (5 - 10) 11 - 14	1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 26	John 13: 1 - 17 31b - 35
Friday 14th April <i>Good Friday (red)</i>	Lamentations 5:15 - end	Psalms 130, 143	John 19:38 - 42
Saturday 15th April <i>Easter Vigil (white)</i>	Job 14:1 - 14	1 Peter 4:1 - 8	Matthew 27:57 - 66
Sunday 16th April <i>Easter Day (white)</i>	Jeremiah 31: 1 - 6	Acts 10:34 - 43	John 20:1 - 18

The readings are ended with ***'This is the Word of the Lord'*** (used during services of HC) or, during other services ***'Here ends the lesson (or 1st reading or 2nd reading)'***.
The response is ***'Thanks be to God'***.

BIBLE READINGS (Year A) continued

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 23rd April <i>Easter 2</i> <i>(white)</i>	Acts 2:14a, 22 - 32	1 Peter 1:3 - 9	John 20:19 - 31
Sunday 30th April <i>Easter 3</i> <i>(white)</i>	Acts 2:14a, 36 - 41	1 Peter 1:17 - 23	Luke 24:13 - 35
Sunday 7th May <i>Easter 4</i> <i>(white)</i>	Acts 2:42 - 47	1 Peter 2:19 - 25	John 10:1 - 10
Sunday 14th May <i>Easter 5</i> <i>(white)</i>	Acts 7:55 - 60	1 Peter 2:2 - 10	John 14:1 - 14
Sunday 21st May <i>Easter 6</i> <i>(white)</i>	Acts 17:22 - 31	1 Peter 3:13 - 22	John 14:15 - 21
Thursday 25th May <i>Ascension Day</i> <i>(gold)</i>	Acts 1:1 - 11	Ephesians 1:15 - 23 (Acts 1:1 - 11)	Luke 24:44 - 53
Sunday 28th May <i>Easter 7</i> <i>(white)</i>	Acts 1:6 - 14	1 Peter 4:12 - 14, 5:6 - 11	John 17:1 - 11



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

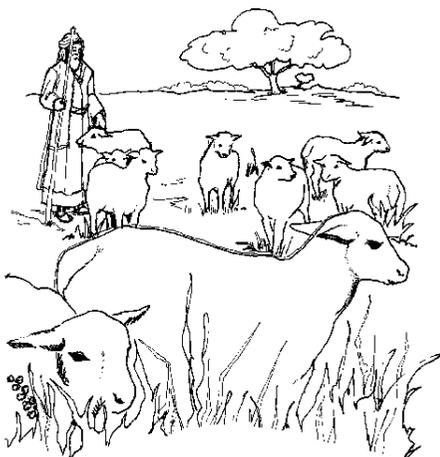
The Shepherd's Voice

How many of you have a dog? If you have a dog, you probably spend a lot of time with your dog. You play with your dog and perhaps you throw a ball or a stick for it to chase and bring back to you. You love your dog, feed it, and take care of it and you become very close. When you have to go to school, your dog can get pretty lonely being alone all day with no one to play with. If you are like most kids, when you get home from school, one of the first things you do is go out to the garden and call your dog. As soon as your dog hears your voice, it comes running.

What do you think would happen if a stranger opened your gate and called your dog? Do you think your dog would come running to a stranger? No way! It might even bark or growl at the stranger. A dog knows his master's voice and will only do what his master tells him to do.

The Bible tells us that Jesus said the same thing is true with sheep and their shepherd. He said that the shepherd will go ahead of the sheep and the sheep will follow him because they know his voice. Jesus goes on to say that sheep will never follow a stranger because they don't recognize his voice; in fact, Jesus says they will run from a stranger!

Jesus wants us to understand that he is the shepherd and we are his sheep. If Jesus is our master, we will know his voice and will do what he wants us to do. Sometimes, other people will try to get us to do something we should not do. If Jesus is our master, we won't listen to their voice. Sometimes, the devil tries to get us to do something that we should not do. If Jesus is our master, we won't listen to the devil's voice.



The shepherd always wants what is best for his sheep. He leads them into green pastures where they have plenty to eat. He leads them to water so that they have plenty to drink. He leads them to the shelter where they will be safe from the storm. Jesus wants what is best for us. He said that he came so that we could have life and have it abundantly. We will, if we listen to his voice and follow him.

Father, we thank you for Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who came that we might have life, and have it abundantly. Help us to listen to his voice and to follow him. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

The Shepherd and His Sheep
Connect the dots to complete the picture.



When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. John 10:4

St. Peter's Lamerton



Many thanks to Annie and Mike for recounting their adventures in the Holy Land. It must have been an extraordinary experience for the whole group so ably led by Rev Andy Barton. With their slides and stories we were able to live a little of their journey.

We have a number of dates for your diary of our fund raising events throughout the year all of which we hope you will enjoy.



The first is when we will be providing Cream Teas at the annual Duck Race. This will be held on Bill and Jean's field on the **11th June** starting with the Fun Run at 1 o'clock.



On **30th June** Sally and Nicky are hosting Pimms at Court Farmhouse.

We will be having an evening BBQ at Theale on **14th July** when you will be able to try your hand at driving a number of vintage tractors.

On **August 20th** we again invite you to Theale for a repeat of the very popular Songs of Praise with a Bring and Share supper.

The fifth Tractor Day and Country Fair will be on **17th September** by kind permission of Roger and Erica on their fields.



A Quiz Night with a difference organised by Dave G will be held in the Village Hall on **20th October** - just right when the nights are drawing in.

We are hoping to join Ian and Sarah at Collacombe Barton for another Advent Carols - date still to be arranged.

Early in the New Year we will be having a Lamerton History evening at the Village Hall with Ann and later for a winter's evening a Curry Supper.

We do hope that you will be able to join us for some if not all of these events. More details will be in future editions of the Parish News.



An Evening for Julie Gale



Milton Abbot Players are organising a supper show to celebrate the memory of Julie Gale. All proceeds will go towards the Milton Abbot Village Hall door fund. There will be a delicious meal followed by an entertaining show. We are all looking forward to an evening of shared memories, fun and lots of laughter.

Saturday 8th April, 7.30pm
Milton Abbot Village Hall

Tickets £10 to include food and entertainment
 (bring your own drinks)
 80 tickets only are available -
 so book early to avoid disappointment

To book, call 01822 612451

Folk Music Duo - Cosgrove and Banks

Join us at

Lamerton Village Hall

Saturday 6th May 2017



Cosgrave & Banks are an incredibly talented folk duo playing a wide range of folk music from Britain, Europe and beyond.

Doors open at 7.30 for an 8pm start

Tickets £10 to include bread, cheese and nibbles.
 Licensed bar open.

Further details from 01822 612961 or 01822 615464
[www.http://cosgraveandbanks.com/](http://cosgraveandbanks.com/)

Thy Kingdom Come - Growing in Prayer together

'Thy Kingdom Come' 2017 has just been launched by Archbishop Justin and we are being encouraged as Christians, from across our traditions and denominations to come together specific focus of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. Visit www.thykingdomcome.global



THY KINGDOM COME

Bishop Robert has filmed a special message for our Diocese: <http://exeter.anglican.org/bishop-robert-thy-kingdom-come>

This year, prayer boxes will go out to every church in the county, to collect peoples' prayers. They will be brought back to a big event at Pentecost in Exeter Cathedral at 6.30pm with Bishop Sarah, to which everybody is invited.

Growing in prayer is the first priority of the new diocesan vision and we are praying for more people to know God's love for them. In his video message on the diocesan website, where he encourages communities to get involved, Bishop Robert

said: "This is a special time dedicated to renewing the life of prayer in our churches. As I am going around the Diocese, one of the priorities I am talking about is the importance of us growing in prayer and so I am asking people to come together and pray together in creative and imaginative ways for their communities."

How can you get involved? Churches and other buildings will open for prayer every day and we are hoping people will get together in creative ways to pray. This could be a 24/7 prayer event, a pilgrimage, a retreat or any number of ways.



United Benefice Lent Course

FINDING A VOICE

A Lent course based on
THE KING'S SPEECH

HILARY BRAND



Lent is traditionally a time of renewal; when Christians spend time in prayer, reflection and study, in preparation for Easter.

Easter is the greatest of all Christian celebrations.

We will meet at Greenhill Bungalow in Lamerton, for relaxed and informal discussions, including refreshments. The only cost to you will be £5 for the course booklet.

We will meet on Wednesday evenings between 7:30pm – 9:30pm.

If you have not seen, or would like to see the film again, I have a copy which can be borrowed prior to the 8th March.

Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March & 5th April

Please do come along, even if you can only make 1 or 2 evenings, we would love to see you!

If you would like to book a place on this year's Lent course or you have any queries please call Rev. Andy Atkins **tel:** 01822 870298 or e-mail: revandymitonabbot@gmail.com



at St Peter's Church, Lamerton

Crafts · Games · Stories · Drink

A Meal · Fun · Family Time

This is a free event but donations are welcome

Friday 5th May 2017

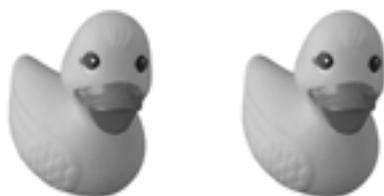
3:30pm - 5:30pm

for all the family

Our theme will be "Respect"

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Contact Rev. Andy on: 01822 870298



LAMERTON DUCK RACE

**VILLAGE FETE and
JUNIOR FUN RUN**

(1.0 mile, 12 years and under only)

**To be held at Broady Field
Sunday June 11th 1:15pm
BBQ, Games, stalls and teas**

**For information ring 01822
612961/615464**





ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MARYSTOWE

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US?

If you are able to spare an hour or so to help with general maintenance in Marystowe churchyard, we would be extremely grateful. This can be done at any time, so please just give one of us a call. Anything from raking the gravel paths or pulling the ivy out of the yew trees, to gathering up a few fallen twigs or simply, clearing some moss from the grave-stones would be a great help.

Contact:

Churchwardens - Barbara Dawe on 01566 784797

or Deborah Asbridge on 01822 860378

All Saints' church, Dunterton

Holy Communion Service

Sunday 2nd April

10.00am

Join us for Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer), followed by a talk on

Bees and Honey, by Brian Dalton

All Welcome!

Thanks....

May I say a big Thank You to the people who stayed behind after the service on the 19th Feb at 'All Saints Church, Dunterton to listen to my talk on Essential Oils? It was lovely to meet you and I hope you enjoyed it too. Incidentally the talk on 2nd April is by Brian Dalton on Beekeeping, which I am certain will be really entertaining.

Miriell Damerell-O'Connor.

*To place an advert in the magazine contact
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ST CONSTANTINE, MILTON ABBOT

On Saturday 25th February Andy and his family very kindly ran a Horse Racing Evening in the Village Hall to raise funds towards the resurfacing of the path in our churchyard, with a view to making it rather more wheelchair-friendly and kinder to the shoes of the ladies in our congregation. The evening was enjoyed by all (not least the winning syndicate of the Owners' Stakes!) and raised a grand total of £268. We are most grateful to Andy and his family for giving up their time to organise such a fun event for us.

Still on the fund-raising front, we are now looking forward to Wednesday 10th May when Hotel Endsleigh is once again very kindly opening their gardens for another Open Day in aid of our funds. The cost will be £5 to include coffee and biscuits. We will have a raffle and quality craft stalls and the Head of Garden/Estate at Buckland Abbey will be answering Gardeners' Questions. If you would like to have lunch at the Hotel please book on 01822 870000.

MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE HALL NEW TREASURER WANTED

Our Treasurer will be retiring at the Annual General Meeting in May and we urgently need to find a replacement. The task involves attending a Management Committee meeting each month and looking after our finances in conjunction with the rest of the Committee.

We also need a new Vice Chairman and are eager to add further members to the Committee.

If you would like to keep this valuable village asset going why not ring David on 01822 87043?

MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 54th Annual General Meeting will take place on
Tuesday, 16th May 2017 starting at 7:30 pm
in the Village Hall

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL

All are welcome



Hotel Endsleigh Gardens Open Day
Milton Abbot
Wednesday 10 May

11am – 4.00pm

In aid of Milton Abbot Church



Adults: £5.00 Children: free

to include tea/coffee & biscuits

Come and see this wonderful example of Humphry Repton's work and help raise much needed funds for the maintenance of Milton Abbot Church. Also Gardener's Questions with Head of Garden/Estate from Buckland Abbey, Quality craft stalls and super raffle prizes.

Pre-booked lunches available – telephone 01822 870000

Hotel Endsleigh, Milton Abbot, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 0PQ

Nature Notes by Bluebell - April - May 2017



"Hope is the thing with feathers,
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops - at all."

Emily Dickinson

The first of the migrants to return, the little chiffchaff, "the feathered metronome", is back, and Bluebell has heard and seen it singing its simple two note song, on a high twig of a willow tree. It marks the very start of Spring amid the bitter winds of March.



But Hope and Faith, (the gifts of the Spirit, with Love, the greatest of these three, 1 Cor 13. 13.) will soon be rewarded with the wonderful mornings of Dawn Chorus and bud burst, as the birds return and sing and breed. Already they are in fine colour and breeding plumage, and Bluebell has found a blackbird's nest in the big pink camellia tree. The greater Spotted Woodpeckers have a new nest hole, and five jackdaws are gathering and dropping sticks and sheep's wool round the eyes. It will take them some time and much effort and mess to make their nests.

"...daffodils,
That come before the swallow dares, and take
The winds of March with beauty: violets dim,
But sweeter than the lids of Juno's eyes
Or Cytherea's breath; pale prime-roses,
That die unmarried, ere they can behold
Bright Phoebus in his strength, - "*The Winter's Tale, IV. iii.*
Shakespeare's incomparable lines summon up early Spring.



Daffodils, birdsong and lambs, shining, swaggering cock pheasants in bright feathers, the valley of the Tamar in spring! - The Tamar valley used to send thousands of bunches of daffodils to the markets in London but the daffodils were dug up from the fields and flung into the hedges by landgirls when the government ordered the flower fields of the Tamar Valley to be requisitioned to grow food during the last war. Many of the bulbs continued to flourish even in hedge-rows, to delight us today.

There are now many different species of daffodils, flowering early or late, and the Tamar Valley Double White, a sweet scented sport of the "Whitsun Lily" Pheasant's Eye was the pride of the valley.



"Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?.....
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?.....
Little Lamb, God bless thee!" *William Blake*



GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG

Well, winter is fighting to stay, kicking up a fuss. I can never understand why it doesn't just give up and joyfully board one of those lovely cruise ships and sail down to the southern hemisphere. Once there it can antagonise autumn and run amok. Meanwhile, spring in the garden is like a baby. It wants attention.

It grows fast. You may think it's asleep and you can get on with other jobs? A bit of love now will avoid delinquency later. Strike when the sun's hot!

*'Plastics are made by fools like me
But only God can make a tree'*



Well, that's not the original because in 1913 there were no plastics. Now it seems – according to a report quoted on the BBC – an estimated five trillion plastic pieces weighing more than 250,000 tonnes are afloat at sea. We all need to do our bit to manage this. Gardeners are great consumers of plastics. Pots, grow bags, compost bags, trays, fleece, polythene, etc. Much of it one-trip, single-use, non-recyclable. We gardeners need to do our bit. And don't be tempted to burn it. Plastics can only be burnt safely at high temperatures – incinerated – or very toxic stuff is released.

If you love your tomatoes, plant some basil seeds now. And, more than one sort, maybe. And, some chillies. Yum!

Got some pots or bare earth you're not sure what to do with? Don't fancy a trip to the garden centre to buy bedding plants (in plastic trays!). Why not plant some annual flower seeds? If you remember the last Olympics, you might recall the 'meadows' of wild flowers? If you can, look at Pictorialmeadows.co.uk or, if you only want small quantities of seed, there are a lot of options – Chiltern Seeds, Unwins, Suttons, Thomson & Morgan – to name a few. Many do some version of 'meadow' or 'wild flower' seeds. Chuck 'em on the soil, zizz it up a bit, water, keep the slugs and snails off, forget it for a few weeks and then be amazed at the results.

Well, the original was by an American poet, Joyce Kilmer, written in February 1913 and much parodied ever since. Called "Trees" it goes:



*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.....etc
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*



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Lamerton Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Status update

The Draft Plan is moving forward at a good crisp rate at the moment and we have reached version 10 with the input from our Planning Consultant, Stuart Todd and an overview from Strategic Planners for WDBC.

Although no date can be finalised just yet, we believe that a Public hearing at which all residents of the village and Parish as a whole will be invited to review and ask questions etc. could be as early as April / May 2017. Considering we didn't begin work on it until March 2016, we are comfortable with progress.

Our second phase of grant money expires at the end of March after which we need to apply for a third grant which, we hope, will see us through to completion. The latest version (10) could be on our website (www.lamertonparish.co.uk) by the time you read this and the Steering Group would love to know that you are logging in to see the fruits of our labours. If you cannot access the website, then please feel free to call me directly.

We continue to be represented at the alternate Saturday coffee mornings, so please come along for answers and updates.

'Call for sites' - We are seeking additional development sites so, if you own some land (or know someone who does) which might support some new houses, we will actively consider it's potential.

As you may well be one of the many who gave us your collective authority to create a Plan back in January 2016, we will welcome any input you might be able to offer.

Please call me at 01822 618512 if you have any questions. Either I, or a member of the Plan Steering Group, will be happy to go through it with you.

John Edgar

Co-ordinator, Lamerton Parish Neighbourhood Plan



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2nd Lent 5	10.00am "Together at Ten" at LEWTRENCHARD CHURCH Inc: A Dramatised Reading of The Passion Gospel	
9th Palm Sunday	Lifton - Holy Communion Thrushelton - Holy Communion Broadwood - Morning Prayer	Lewtrenchard - Holy Communion Stowford - Holy Communion
13th Maundy Thurs	7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper and Watch of Prayer at Stowford Church
14th Good Friday	10.30am 2.00pm	Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Liffordown Methodist Church after Walk of Witness from Strawberry Fields (Gather at Strawberry Fields at 10.00am) Devotional Hour at Thrushelton Church
15th Easter Eve	8.00pm	Service of "New Fire" and 1st Communion of Easter at Lewtrenchard Church
16th Easter Day	8.00am Stowford HC	9.45am Lifton HC 9.45am Thrushelton HC
		11.15am Kelly HC 11.15am Broadwood HC
23rd. Easter 2	11.00am "Everyone at Eleven" THRUSHELTON CHURCH Communion for the Benefice on St.George's Day, giving thanks for the Bells followed by Bring & Share Lunch at The Victory Hall	
30th. Easter 3	10.00am "Together at Ten" at STOWFORD CHURCH Communion for the whole Benefice	



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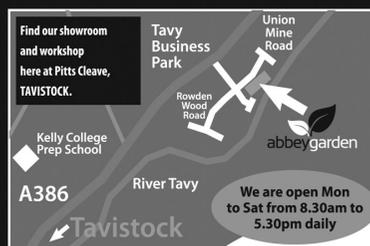
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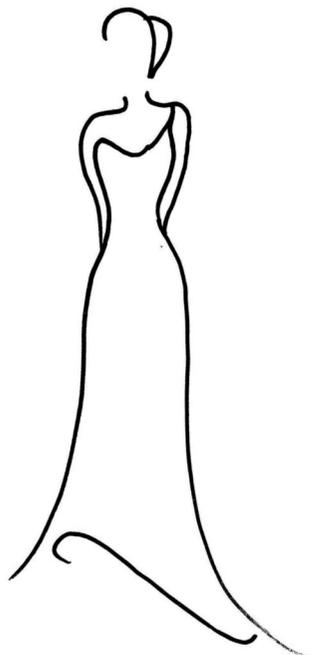
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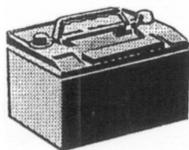
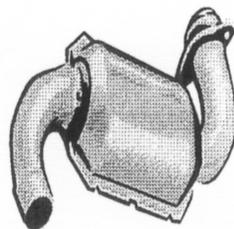
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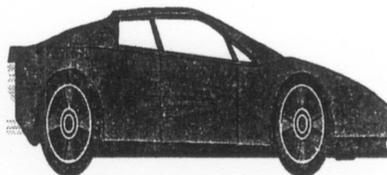
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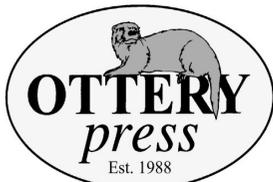
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April/May 2017

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Sunday 23rd April <i>Easter 2</i>		9.30am Family Service AA/MG/AJ		11.00am HC CW M&AS		11.15am HC CW PH
Sunday 30th April <i>Easter 3</i>	11.15am United Benefice Service , St Andrew's, Coryton AA/IS					
Sunday 7th May <i>Easter 4</i>		6.30pm Even- song AA/MJ			9.30am HC CW AA	
Sunday 14th May <i>Easter 5</i>	9.00am HC CW AA			11.00am HC CW AA/IS		11.15am Matins BCP PH
Sunday 21st May <i>Easter 6</i>		11.00am HC CW AA/R			9.30am Family Service Morning praise AA	
Sunday 28th May <i>Easter 7</i>	9.00am Matins BCP ID	9.30am Family Service MG/AJ		11.00am HC CW M&AS		11.15am HC by ext CW IS

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April 2017

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunterton	St Constantine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
Sunday 2nd April <i>Lent 5</i>		6.30pm Even- song IS/MJ	10.00am HC BCP AA		9.30am HC by ext CW IS	
Sunday 9th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.00am HC CW AA			11.00am HC by ext CW M&AS		11.15am Morning Prayer CW AA
Thurs 13th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.30pm United Benefice Service at St Peter's, Lamerton Holy Communion and stripping of the Sanctuary, followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose AA/IS					
Friday 14th April <i>Good Friday</i>	3.00pm United Benefice Service at St. Mary Magdalene, Sydenham Damerel Taize Service AA					
Saturday 15th April <i>Easter Eve</i>	7.30pm United Benefice Service at St Constantine's, Milton Abbot Holy Communion with Blessing of the Pascal Candles AA					
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