

Parish News

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



South Tamar
Mission Community

**June &
July 2019
Price: £1**

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Diary Dates

Event	June dates	July dates
<i>Coffee Mornings</i>		
Milton Abbot Coffee morning: Village Hall 10.30 - 12	1	6
Lamerton coffee morning: Community Centre 10.30 - 12	8, 22	6, 20
Sydenham coffee morning at the Church 10:30 - 12	8	13
<i>Bingo</i>		
Milton Abbot, Village Hall, 7.30pm	10	8
Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm	11, 25	9, 23
<i>Church events (Services are on pages 43 and 44)</i>		
Taizé Service, Sydenham Church 7:00pm		23
Messy Church, Lamerton Church 3:30pm - 5:30pm	7	5
South Tamar Mission Day (page 21)	15	
Marystowe Church Flower Festival 10am - 5pm (pg 26)	22 & 23	
Afternoon Tea at Bowled Over courtesy of Sue Champion 2pm - 5pm (page 26)		21
<i>Fund raising and other events</i>		
Lamerton Parish Hall Duck Race & Village Fete (page 33) First Duck Race 2pm	9	
Stowford Open Gardens & Classic Cars (page 28)	16	
Park House Open Gardens (page 26)	30	
Coombe Trenchard Garden Festival (page 27)	1 & 2	
Magazine Deadline for August & September 2019 Edition		19

***June and July church services are on the back cover
Bible Readings are on pages 8 and 9***

The Two Old Testament Books of Ezra & Nehemiah

by Ian Silcox



These 2 books complement each other in that they cover a period from about 538BC to 428BC when the Jews returned to their homeland from which they were exiled to Babylon some 70 years earlier. The return was not a single event; the first stage is recorded in Ezra chapters 1 and 2, the second in chapters 3 to 6 and the final stage is detailed in Nehemiah. The return was made possible by an edict of King Cyrus of Persia proclaiming at the end of the 2nd book of Chronicles *'The Lord, the God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed me to build a temple for Him in Jerusalem in Judah. Anyone of His people among you – may the Lord God, be with him and let them go up'* see also Chapter 1 of Ezra verses 2-4.

These people, the descendants of those originally exiled, are listed in detail in Chapter 2 of Ezra. In spite of opposition of the families of those who did not go to Babylon a start was made rebuilding the temple, the destroyed temple of Solomon, under the guidance of Zerubbabel, the grandson of King Jehoiachin, rededicated and a Passover celebrated - see Ezra 6: 13-22. The second party returns now with Ezra; a priest descended from Aaron and a scholar in the law - see chapters 7 and 8. Ezra as a priest and scholar was the leader in restoring the Jews religious life, worship and restoring their unique role of God's chosen people.

Nehemiah, also a returned exile, was appointed by Cyrus as governor of the province Judea and was a man of action who inspired the rebuilding of the Jerusalem city walls despite opposition; which overlapped the work of Ezra and both with their different roles were instrumental in restoring not only temple worship and practices but making Jerusalem secure from attack

So, what can we learn from them today? I would say that through prayer and God inspired leaders both religious and in our civil life our Christian heritage and values can be not only renewed, but be an example to society at large.

Ian Silcox



at St Peter's Church,
Lamerton

Crafts • Games • Stories • Drink
A Meal • Fun • Family Time

This is a free event, but donations are welcome

Fri 7th June
Fri 5th July

3:30pm - 5:30pm for all the family

Children must be accompanied by an adult

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Taizé Sydenham Damerel Church

Please do come and join us for our Taizé services at Sydenham Damerel Church. The service will start at 7:00 pm and will last for around 45 minutes.

Taizé worship is a service consisting of Bible readings, prayer, meditative singing and periods of silence. To learn more about Taizé and to listen to some of the music please visit

<http://www.southtamar.church/taize/>

Future Dates:

There will be no Taizé service in June

Tuesday 23rd July

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the past week I have had the privilege of conducting a Wedding and Baptism, as well as an all-age service. As the parent of a toddler myself, I know how difficult it can be to bring a small child to church, let alone to try and keep them entertained during a sermon! I found the following on the *Facebook* page for Grimsby Minster and I print it here to give some encouragement to all of you who bring young people to church.

“There you are at church. Your baby or toddler is restless. Perhaps even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up, and before a watching audience, you make the march out of the church. All the while you’re a little embarrassed, maybe a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, “There’s no point in coming to church. I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my kid.

“I want you - mothers and/or fathers - to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She’s been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because to hear that brings back precious memories. Seeing young parents and their small children brighten her day; she may have just received bad news about her health but seeing the vitality of young ones removes - if but for a moment - her fears.

“The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He’s always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of goodness. But he sees you - a young family - in church every week. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the Church isn’t doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to church.

“Bring your children to church! If we don’t hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who’s half-asleep, keep on doing what you’re doing. You are an encouragement, and you’re starting off your children’s lives as you should.”

Author unknown

With Every Blessing,
Fr. Andy Atkins



**Our beloved bells at Milton Abbot Church are
in need of urgent restoration**

**Could you be the person who will lead a team
of eager and dedicated people?**

**If you would like more information, please
contact Rev'd Andy on 01822 870298 for an
informal chat.**

BIBLE READINGS (Year C)

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

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 2nd June <i>7th Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Acts 16.16 - 34	Revelation 22.12-14, 16- 17 & 20-21	John 17.20-26
Sunday 9th June <i>Pentecost (Red)</i>	Acts 2.1 - 21	Romans 8.14 - 17	John 14.8 - 17 [25-27]
Sunday 16th June <i>Trinity Sunday (White)</i>	Proverbs 8.1 - 4, 22 - 31	Romans 5.1 - 5	John 16.12 - 15
Sunday 23rd June <i>First Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Isaiah 65.1 - 9	Galatians 3.23 - 29	Luke 8.26 - 39
Sunday 30th June <i>Second Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	1 Kings 19.15 - 16, 19 - 21	Galatians 5.1,13-25	Luke 9.51 - 62
Sunday 7th July <i>Third Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Isaiah 66.10 - 14	Galatians 6.[1-6]7-16	Luke 10.1 - 11, 16 - 20

BIBLE READINGS (Year C) continued			
DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 14th July <i>Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Deuteronomy 30.9 - 14	Colossians 1.1 - 14	Luke 10.25 - 37
Sunday 21st July <i>Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Genesis 18.1 - 10a	Colossians 1.15 - 28	Luke 10.38 - 42
Sunday 28th July <i>Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8- 10	1 Corinthians 12.12 - 31a	Luke 4.14 - 21

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)'*).



South Tamar Mission Community

There are several ways to keep up to date with events, or to get in touch with the Vicar and Churchwardens

Our website: <http://www.southtamar.church>

Our Facebook page: @southtamarmission

e-mail: vicar@southtamar.church

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St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

We had a good churchyard clear-up day on Saturday 13th April, which resulted in several trailer-loads of ivy, bramble and other assorted unwanted growth being disposed of and graves being tidied in preparation for Easter and the spring mowing season. Thank you to everyone who came to help on what was a very cold morning, and particularly to James Teague for disposing of the results for us.

Andy led us in a lovely Easter Vigil service when our Paschal Candles were blessed; we were pleased to welcome others who joined us from the rest of the Benefice and it was a beautiful way to start our Easter celebrations.

We have just held the first of our new Songs of Praise services, which was enjoyed by all who attended; I am glad to report that we were all in (fairly) good voice, despite hay fever! I can promise something a little stronger will be on offer on the refreshment table after next month's service!

Following an inspection of our tower by West Access, it has been confirmed that work needs to be done to stabilise the parapet and two of the pinnacles before we can look to replacing the bell frame.

Some dates for your diary:

Sunday 21st July: Sue Champion is kindly organising a Cream Tea at her house, Bowled Over in Milton Abbot – for further information please see the advert in this magazine.

Friday 11th October: Lamerton Handbell Ringers will very kindly be giving a concert in Milton Abbot Church in aid of our Bell Fund.

Saturday 23rd November: We will once again be holding a Christmas Crafts Day in aid of our funds.

Liz Padmore

St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

Easter at St. Mary's was a joy and enhanced by the fabulous weather. The church was resplendent with flowers exquisitely arranged by ladies from the parish (this is by the way, a fully inclusive task and men are more than welcome to contribute their artistic touch). To add a little *je ne sais quoi* Ellie and Hettie contributed some spectacular origami stars which beautifully enhanced the pulpit. Hettie also distributed chocolate treats to the congregation during the service but I think she and her sister Bea may have eaten quite a few themselves!

The annual Stroll through the Bluebells of Portington, so kindly organised by Ian and Maryan Dingle, was an enormous success raising a considerable sum for St. Mary's. I marvel at the stunning beauty of the Portington garden, lake and wood (with millions of fine English bluebells and many other interesting and varied plants, trees and shrubs – my grandchildren found wild orchids) but mostly I am in awe of the prodigious work rate and contribution of Ian and Maryan every year. Our heartfelt bravo and thanks, we look forward to the next. Sincere thanks also to those who donated cakes and supported teas on the lawn.

Our book club remains buoyant and this month's theme is 'Food'. We take a *laissez-faire* attitude to the link between the theme and a chosen book, in fact the links are occasionally tenuous and sometimes a little contrived. When we did 'By the Fireside' last year Peter tried rather unconvincingly to advocate a link with "A Place of greater Safety" by Hilary Mantel (piece)! The book group meets on the third Tuesday of every month so in June this will be the 18th. We meet at Churchtown Court (opposite the church) at 7.00 pm. All are welcome and you get the chance to inspire and be inspired by a wide range of very interesting books.

After over a year of hard work, Sally has now relinquished her coffee morning duties. We are so grateful for all her efforts and her bright sunny disposition across the water boiler and the lemon drizzle! We are also grateful to Susan, Liz and John who have volunteered to step unto the coffee serving breach. Come and join us on the second Saturday of every month at 10:30 and we can put the world to rights (or at least Sydenham Damerel, Townlake, Horsebridge, Scrubtor and Lane End!)

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St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

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We are looking forward to a wedding in St. Mary's at the end of June. The church always rises to such occasions and we anticipate a day that will provide enduring wonderful memories for the happy couple.

Our new bell ropes arrive at the end of June, so please stay tuned for our blessing and reception to inaugurate the new ropes and thank all those who gave so generously to enable us to make the purchase.

Now it is back to the vegetable garden and my bad back...

Margaret Hurdwell

St. Mary's Church, Marystowe

St Mary the Virgin

Marystowe Church

invites you to a summer

FLOWER FESTIVAL

entitled

'An English Country Garden'

Saturday, 22nd June and Sunday, 23rd June
10am - 5pm

Please come along to see the floral displays and enjoy a cream tea with friends and neighbours.

EVERYONE is invited to exhibit their flowers. Any size arrangement, whatever you'd like to do, from a tea cup to a large pedestal.

If you would like to take part, please contact
 Deborah Asbridge on 01822 860378

St. Peter's Church, Lamerton



We are extremely sorry to have had to cancel our proposed Rogation Sunday service due to many factors outside of our control. Hopefully better luck next year. The service on that day will be a Service of Morning Praise at 9.30am on 26th May.

Our Grand Quiz organised by Angie raised £272 for church funds. The winners with only one mistake were Richard and Linda Dawson, many thanks to all who entered.

St. Peter's will be providing the Cream Teas at the Duck Race on 9th June, please come and join in with the fun.

The Reredos behind the Alter has now been completely renovated thanks to Jonnie, the building and Jon the artist. If you remember all the pieces which had split from it due to the dampness of the wall, I think you will find it very difficult to find those areas now. It is well worth a visit to see the transformation.

Thanks to Fr. Andy for leading a very successful Lent Course this year and to David and Carole for hosting it.

All our Easter Services were very well attended and we thank you all for being with us at this very special time of year. We hope you appreciated the illuminated cross on the church tower and many thanks to the 'boys' who put it up for us.

Lamerton Women's Institute

Meetings are at Lamerton Sports and Community Centre, 2.00pm

4 June	Jo Hunter demonstrating Button making
2 July	Michael Watkins giving a Silk demonstration
10 August	Produce Show
	(see advert on Page 19 for more details)

New members are very welcome

All Saints, Dunterton

Do join us for the forthcoming events:

Sunday 2 June: 10.00am Matins with poetry readings. Members of the congregation are invited to read a poem of their choice. We look forward to hearing your offerings fitted in at appropriate stages of the service.

Looking ahead:

Sunday 18 August: 11.00am Holy Communion by the Book of Common Prayer. This will be our 'Plant Swap' day. Bring a plant and take one away. Bring and share lunchtime refreshments. If weather permits trips up the tower will be available.

Saturday 31 August 10.30–12.00: Coffee Morning in aid of church funds in Milton Abbot Village Hall. Abundant bargains and raffle prizes.

Sunday 27 October. 11.00am–1.00am Tamar River Walk

Gerald Napier



South Tamar
Mission Community

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD
OR VULNERABLE ADULT?



Please speak to your Benefice Safeguarding Representative if you have any concerns for the well-being of a child or adult, or about the behaviour of someone towards a child or adult.

Your Benefice Safeguarding Representative is:

Julie Hibbert

Contact: **01822 618221;**

Email: safeguarding@southtamar.church

Or contact: **Rev Andy Atkins: 01822 870298;**

Email: vicar@southtamar.church

If you cannot reach your Benefice Safeguarding Representative, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team: Charlie Pitman, Safeguarding Adviser 01392 345909, Email: charles.pitman@exeter.anglican.org



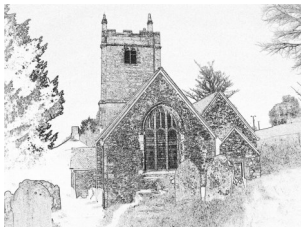
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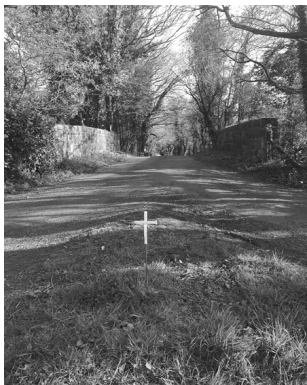


St. Andrew's, Coryton

WALK IN WITNESS 2019

On a bright and sunny Good Friday morning, a group of walkers, most accompanied by their dogs, met at St Andrew's to begin the Walk In Witness commemorating the 14 Stations of the Cross.

After a hymn, a welcome address and the reading for the first station we set off for Marystowe. At various places along the way we stopped, listened to a reading and placed a bamboo cross to mark each station. As I write this nearly four weeks later, many of the crosses are still in place.



When we arrived in the church of St Mary's in Marystowe, there were readings for the final three stations interspersed with a hymn and Taizé music.

The walk, organised and designed by Richard Searight, proved to be the best in years, very moving and appropriate to the occasion. And the glorious weather was a bonus!

The final stop of the day was in the Schoolroom where we were treated to refreshments including, of course, hot cross buns generously provided by the team of volunteers at Marystowe.



Josie Whitfield



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

The Transformer

Do you know what a Transformer toy is? What a silly question, of course you do! The original Transformers gave kids the power to change a toy from a robot into something like a car, a boat, or an airplane. These toys have become so popular that they have been featured in comic books, TV shows, and even full-length movies.



These Transformers are only toys without any real powers but it may come as a surprise to some of you that there is a real Transformer who can totally change your life. That Transformer is Jesus! If you place your faith and trust in Jesus, he will transform your life into something that you never imagined. This story from the Bible gives an example of the transforming power of Jesus.

Many years ago, there was a man whose name was Saul. He was an enemy of the Church and he did many terrible things to the followers of Jesus. He was even part of a group that stoned a man named Stephen because he was preaching about Jesus.

One day, Saul was traveling to the city of Damascus to hunt for Christians so that he could have them thrown into prison. On the way to Damascus, a bright light appeared and Saul heard the voice of Jesus saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Saul answered, "Who are you, Lord?"

Jesus replied, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. I have appeared to appoint you as my servant and to be a witness for me."

After that meeting with Jesus, Saul's life was transformed. In fact, he even got a new name. From that day on, he became known as Paul and instead of trying to destroy the Church, he went from town to town preaching and teaching in the name of Jesus.

People were amazed at the change that took place in Paul's life. Wherever he went, people said of him, "The man who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."

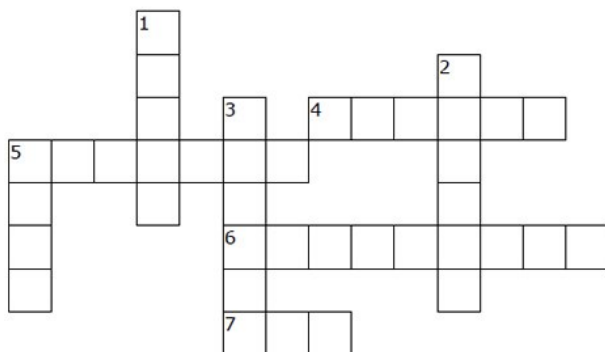
That is what the transforming power of Jesus can do. Wouldn't you like to let Jesus change your life?

Heavenly Father, we want to feel the transforming power of Jesus in our life. In his name we pray. Amen.

The Transformer

"The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." Galatians 1:23 (NIV)

Based on Galatians 1:11-24



ACROSS

4. The entire group of people who follow the teachings of Jesus
5. To tear down or ruin completely
6. To treat badly, especially because of religion
7. A false statement deliberately presented as being true

DOWN

1. A firm belief in God
2. To deliver a sermon
3. The good news concerning Christ, the Kingdom of God, and salvation
5. Periods of 24 hours

GOSPEL
DAYS

CHURCH
DESTROY

FAITH
PREACH

PERSECUTE
LIE

The Pastoral Care Team within our Benefice

The pastoral care team is there for you - to offer time, company and a listening ear in times of loneliness, bereavement or health problems. We can also offer prayer and holy communion if you wish.

If you would like to see a pastoral care visitor please contact

Rev Andy Atkins: 01822 870298
email: revandymiltonabbot@gmail.com

LUCKY LAMERTON LOTTERY in aid of St. Peter's Lamerton

Winning number for April draw = 38

Winning number for May draw = 88

Full terms and conditions are on the Benefice website: www.southtamar.church

The Parish is registered with West Devon Council as a Small Society Lottery

For more information on how to sign up to the next 12 months of Lamerton Lottery please see the April / May 2019 parish news magazine



Coffee Mornings

St. Mary's Community Space – Sydenham Damerel

10:30 - Second Saturday of every month (except in June when it will be the first Saturday)

All Welcome

Lamerton Allotment Association

Plots are currently available at the allotment for residents of the Lamerton area. For information or to discuss further please contact Richard Dawson on 01822 612961 or email: richarddawson@rocketmail.com

Lamerton

Produce & Craft Show

with

Cream Teas, Raffle & Stalls

Saturday 10th August
Lamerton Village Hall

2.00pm - 4.30pm

Adults £1 Children free

Lamerton WI are proud to be supporting the
new sports equipment at the Village Hall

the**WI**

Schedules available at Carr's Garage
& the Village Hall

Mid-week Holy Communion



**Every Wednesday morning at 10 am
in the Priests room at Lamerton**

The service is a quiet,
reflective said service of Holy
Communion. The perfect
opportunity to re-charge your
spiritual batteries.



**With Tea, coffee and
cake afterwards.**

South Tamar Mission Community Vision Days

Our Next Steps?

'I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.'

Jeremiah 29.11

Come along and help us to shape our next steps in delivering our Vision to **'Grow in Prayer'**, **'Make new Disciples'** and to **'Serve the People of Devon with Joy'**. We will explore our *Identities*, our *Calling to serve* and the *Mission of our Churches*.

June 15th

Sept 21st

The days will be held at Lamerton Village Hall, starting at 10:00am and finishing at 3:00pm. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a packed lunch.

The three days are open to anyone who wants to shape the Mission and Ministry across our 6 churches, especially members of the PCC's and our congregations.



enough to share

GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



Possibly not the first time you've heard this, but Doug's hoping his car windscreen gets plastered in insects sometime this century or, better still, before 2050 or 2025. Years ago, travelling on holiday from the industrial power-house up North to the sunny South West my Dad always had to stop every few hours to clear the windscreen of dead insects. Perhaps the aerodynamics of cars has improved and perhaps insects have got wiser about hurtling lumps of metal, but I can't remember stopping to clean a windscreen in any recent decade? There has been a lot in the press about the decline of insects and the need to protect bees (and not just honey bees) to facilitate pollination of crops and also the greater natural wild world. Many young people are understandably concerned and we are all being urged to plant plants which help encourage insects to thrive. Many other activities too look to reduce our impact on our planet. So, if you want to help a bit, get sowing and drive a bit more slowly so they can get out of the way – especially on the moor?

If you haven't got a gooseberry bush you're missing out. Mine are coming on fine and you don't see many in the shops. I've sown some Kohl Rabi – which I've never grown before – just as an experiment. Delicious eaten raw grated in salads, or in place of turnips, it says on the packet. Why not sow something new and exotic yourself? What the heck if it fails to excite later in the year, but it could be absolutely lovely. Somehow the plums seem to have survived the recent frosts, which is more than I can say for some of the Zinnias which I was too quick to 'acclimatise'. Fortunately, there's more seed in the packet. The courgettes are coming on and the beans and the cucumbers and the lettuce and kale. It's not too late if you're behind!



(LEFT) Red Campion and Sedum - would look lovely in colour!



(RIGHT) Epimedium foliage

NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL



*“Glory be to God for dappled things-
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches wings
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;” Gerard
Manley Hopkins – Pied Beauty*

Spring is unfurling into summer and the bluebells are beginning to fade, but they have been wonderful and many still lie in the shade of the woods, under the tender green of new beech leaves, and amongst the red campion, cow-parsley, and bursting green shuttlecock ferns in our deep Devon lanes. Also, in the woods and in some hedge banks, early purple orchids (*orchis mascula*) can be seen in breathtaking pools of deep purple among the dogs mercury and wild garlic.

“Half the world’s bluebells grow in Britain: they have played their part in our island story.” (John Lewis-Stempel). Their sap made the glue used for centuries to bind pages in books and feathers to arrow-shafts, and the starch for ruffs and lace.

There is good news on our beautiful native bluebells: genetic research is proving that they are far more fertile than the invasive Spanish bluebell and fears that our bluebells may be driven into extinction are almost certainly groundless. (Professor Pete Hollingworth, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, *Conservation Genetics, Times May 8th 2019*). The UK bluebell has flowers on one side of a curving stalk, the Spanish one is paler and sturdier, with flowers circling the stalk.

Hawthorn or May blossom is overwhelming the trees with creamy white blossom, all along the hedgerows. There are a lot of grey squirrels about. “Shadow tail” is destructive to trees and even nesting birds, but the tree-rat’s beautiful tail and lively athleticism and inquisitiveness give it charm.

Dartmoor hill ponies, semi-wild, have grazed Dartmoor for at least 4,000 years. Now modern agricultural policy is putting these unique animals at risk. As recently as the 1950’s 10,000 ponies roamed Dartmoor. Today, their numbers are down to about 1,000. The problem is a consequence of DEFRA subsidies intended to encourage grazing animals which help maintain the Moorland, but which favour cattle over ponies. A simple change in DEFRA’s subsidy policy could save them. That change needs to be made, and soon. (From *The Times May 18th 2019*).

A Story on the Theme of Friendship

The Ship of Respect

The Respectful Prince and the Dwarves



Once upon a time, the King's two Princes were playing in a forest, and, meeting one at a time, they came across four dwarves who asked them to be more careful.

The first dwarf had a headache and he asked them not to shout. The second dwarf was painting a landscape, and he asked the children to move away because they were blocking out the light. The third dwarf was doing a giant jigsaw puzzle in the middle of the road, and he asked the children not to tread on it. The fourth dwarf was watching a butterfly and he asked them not to frighten it away.

The Prince who respected others did as the dwarves asked, but the disrespectful Prince ignored the dwarves' pleas, and kept bothering them. In the evening, both boys had become separated and lost. They needed to get back to the palace quickly.

Each of the Princes separately came across the four dwarves again, and asked for their help. They refused to help the disrespectful Prince, but with the respectful Prince they did whatever they could to help, and took him along some secret tracks which led right to the palace.

The other Prince arrived home much later, and was punished for it. He now understood that it's much better to respect everyone if you want to have friends.



FARMING LIFE BY HAYSEED



The last time I wrote, I was concerned about how much forage we had and if it would last the rest of winter. I needn't have worried had I. We farmers were blessed with an early spring, with plenty of grass. I see lambs are putting on weight and my calves from spring born cows are all growing away well, 'specially with sunshine on their backs.

Dairy cows are milking well but in all fairness, there's nothing better than grass grown in May and June! We're also feeding some winter haylage that's left over to the cows to help keep milk quality up. I've been doing that since I first started working with cows more than 50 years ago but it's now referred to as "buffer feeding" and in some quarters as a new innovation.

As I write this in mid May, some of my neighbours have had their first cuts of silage and with two or more cuts this summer it was good for them to get this done. Hayseed's herbal lays are just a bit slower growing but I anticipate us harvesting haylage by the time you read this.

"All the best hay's made on Midsummer's day".... There's another old farming quote for you to muse over. Midsummer, now celebrated on 21 June, was originally a feast day of St. John the Baptist and was celebrated on 24 June. Either way, with a pen name like mine I'll be hoping for a good summer with a successful crop being made on both days if I'm lucky.

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POLE POSITION

It may not have escaped your attention that the flag at the top of St. Peter's Church in Lamerton changes rather regularly. Some flags are flown for specific events, Saints days or occasions but in particular the Union Flag is flown on the following days in the coming months

2 June - Coronation Day
4 June - St. Petroc's Day
8 June - HM the Queen's Official Birthday
10 June - Duke of Edinburgh's Birthday
18 June - Battle of Waterloo
21 June - Duke of Cambridge's Birthday
29 June - St. Peter's Day & Armed Forces Day
1 July - Canada Day
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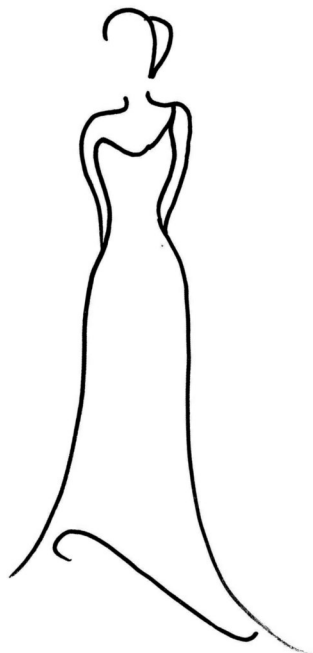
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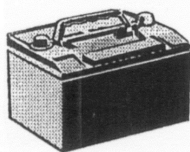
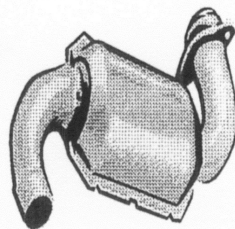
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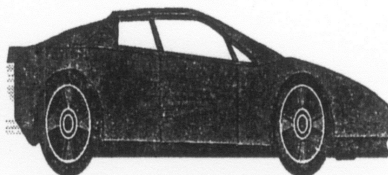
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October & Nov 2019	17 Sept 2019	October 2019 onwards
December 2019 & January 2020	15 Nov 2019	December 2019 onwards

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To enable me to include as much content as possible I would appreciate it if you could, when submitting adverts, content and event listings, send them through ideally in a word or editable format so that I can ensure the best fit within the magazine. If in doubt send them through in word and PDF.

In the main, events advertised in A6 landscape will be able to be placed on a half page. Adverts which are A5 portrait invariably either require a whole page or a quarter of a page which can be (for some) too small to read)...you're assistance and contributions are, as always, much appreciated.

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July 2019

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunterton	St Constan- tine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
Weds 3rd July	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 7th July <i>3rd Sunday after Trinity</i>		6:30pm Even- song			9:30am HC / CW	
Weds 10th July	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 14th July <i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10:30am HC / CW			6:30pm Songs of Praise		11:15am Matins
Weds 17th July	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 21st July <i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>		11:00am HC / CW			9:30am Family Service + Morning Praise	
Tues 23rd July	7:00pm - Taizé Service Sydenham Damerel					
Wed 24th July	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 28th July <i>6th Sunday after Trinity</i>	6:30pm Songs of Praise	9:30am Family Service		11:00am HC / CW		11:15am HC / CW
Weds 31st July	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					

CHURCH SERVICES

June 2019

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunterton	St Constan- tine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
Sunday 2nd June <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>		6:30pm Even- song	10:00am BCP Matins		9:30am HC / CW	
Weds 5th June	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 9th June <i>Pentecost</i>	10:30am HC / CW			6:30pm Songs of Praise		11:15am Matins
Weds 12th June	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 16th June <i>Trinity Sunday</i>		11:00am HC / CW			9:30am Family Service + Morning Praise	
Weds 19th June	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 23rd June <i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>	6:30pm Songs of Praise	9:30am Family Service	There will be no service at Milton Abbot as we will be attending Kate Leeves Confirmation at St. Eustachius Tavistock at 10:00am			11:15am HC / CW
Weds 26th June	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 30th June <i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>	6:30pm BCP Evensong St. Andrew's, Coryton					