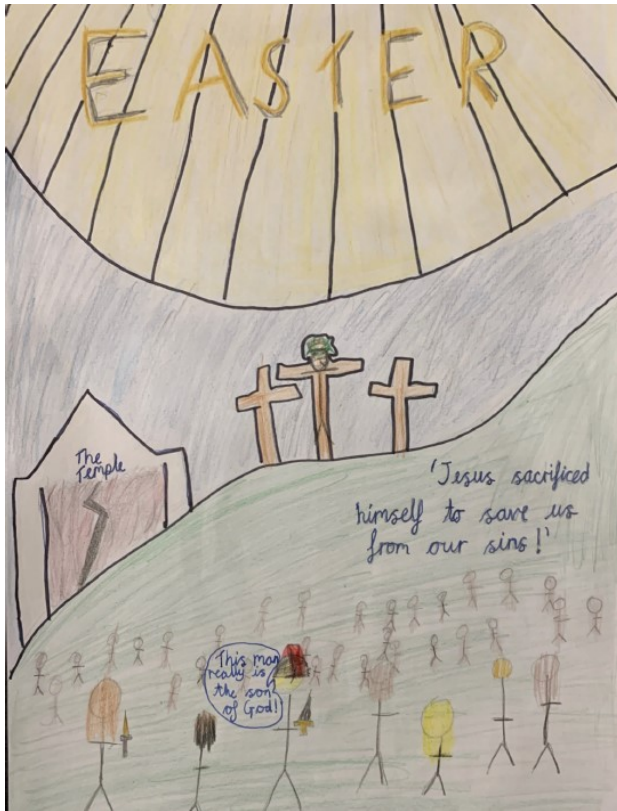


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Milton Abbot and
Sydenham Damerel**



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Dear Friends,

The Easter story is one which we are all familiar with. But before we can celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday, we must all pass through the cross of Good Friday. This past year has felt like a cross we have all had to bear, but we are an Easter people and we know that there will be joy and celebration when all of this passes.

We have only to watch the TV or see adverts on the internet, to see that modern-day culture encourages us all to miss Good Friday. The adverts tell us that we can have the perfect body, without the need for exercise or a good diet. Or how we can make a fortune, without any risk or having to spend years in education. Modern culture encourages us all to look for short cuts. Yet deep down we all know that unless we are willing to endure the struggle and the sacrifice, the final reward is rarely as it had been advertised.

Our Christian life is no different. During Lent, we are encouraged to 'take up our cross daily, and follow him'. This act of taking up our cross is at the heart of what Lent should be about. This should not be an act of sackcloth and ashes, but rather a celebration. A celebratory act of joyful self-abandonment and laying aside of all that keeps us from being the people God made us to be, people who like him love freely and unconditionally. Such self-abandonment is not easy because we have become secure and comfortable in what we know. To lay aside all we know can be a frightening and uncomfortable prospect. When we are afraid and uncertain we need to remind ourselves that behind the suffering of the cross, there is the risen Christ.

During Lent, I hope that we have all thought about what we might lay aside so that we can become the people we were made to be. We might have asked ourselves what the suffering of the last year has revealed to us about the society in which we live. Or about what we might need to do differently in the coming years? I wonder what cross we are being

called to bear, so that we can not only truly celebrate Easter, but also live something more of the life that Christ promises to all who follow him.

So after what seems like an eternity, passing through our own Good Friday, we will have our Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday the 4th of April, we will be returning to regular worship in church, when there will be a service at Lamerton and Marystowe. Sadly though, we are still unable to sing in church, so our usual 'Songs of Praise' services will change to ones of Evening Prayer.

During the lockdowns, we have made great use of social media and I hope that this continues in the future. We plan to put news of events on all of our platforms, to reach as many people as possible.

Facebook @southtamar.church
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I wish you all a most Blessed Easter,
 Fr. Andy



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.

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pray



grow



serve with joy

BIBLE READINGS (Year B)

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

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 4th April <i>Easter Day (White)</i>	Isaiah 25: 6 - 9	Acts 10: 34 - 43	John 20: 1 - 18
Sunday 11th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Acts 4: 32 - 35	1 John 1: 1.1 - 2.2	John 20: 19 - 31
Sunday 18th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Acts 3: 12 - 19	1 John 3: 1 - 7	Luke 24: 36b - 48
Sunday 25th April <i>4th Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Acts 4: 5 - 12	1 John 3: 16 - 24	John 10: 11 - 18
Sunday 2nd May <i>5th Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Acts 8: 26 - 40	1 John 4: 7 - 21	John 15: 1 - 8
Sunday 9th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Acts 10: 44 - 48	1 John 5: 1 - 6	John 15: 9 - 17

BIBLE READINGS (Year B) continued

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 16th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Acts 1: 15 - 17 & 21 - 26	1 John 5: 9 - 13	John 17: 6 - 19
Sunday 23rd May <i>Day of Pentecost (Red)</i>	Acts 2: 1 - 21	Romans 8: 22 - 27	John 15: 26 - 27 & 16: 4b - 15
Sunday 30th March <i>Trinity Sunday (White)</i>	Isaiah 6: 1 - 8	Romans 8: 12 - 17	John 3: 1 - 17

BCP – Book of Common Prayer CW – Common Worship (Modern)

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'***.

The Pastoral Care Team within our Benefice

At this particularly challenging time, 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.

If you would like to see a pastoral care visitor or discuss this in more detail please contact

Rev Andy Atkins: 01822 870298
email: vicar@southtamar.church

St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

As we move into better times (we hope) St. Mary's will become the centre of our small parish again. Popular coffee mornings will return each month to accommodate the whole community (churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike). Our book group will return as soon as possible and those books we have read during lockdown can be discussed and swapped over a glass of wine by a warm fire.

We have used the porch of St. Mary's as a stopping-off communal space for people to collect litter picking equipment, swap plants and produce and books. This will continue over the coming months.

The *Spick and Span Sydenham* litter clearing campaign (which benefitted from equipment so kindly donated by Tidy Tavy, West Devon Borough Council and now Red Bull) has been incredibly well supported by the village and the results are heart-warming.

The Sydenham Damerel Covid Chums have continued to inform, consult, and keep the village community alive with interests, concerns, and friendship. The internet has proved to be the key to keeping in touch with e-mail, noticeboards, on-line shopping and not forgetting the wonderful zoom.

The village quiz, which was organised brilliantly by John Hearn, proved an enormous success with an incredibly lucky 13 teams entered. Obviously, I am not competitive (ha! ha!) and it is the taking part that is important (ha! ha!) but if you want to enjoy a thoroughly entertaining couple of hours then keep Saturday March 27th open. Only a couple of places left now.

Let us get back carefully to normal as soon as we can. Good luck to everyone and keep safe.



Right: just one short walk's worth of litter!

Margaret (incidentally we came second in the quiz and were pipped in the last round!!)

St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

As one who had the first dose of vaccine at the beginning of February, I am now counting down the weeks until I get my second dose – hopefully early in May. I know many of you will have had your first dose by now and many more will get theirs very soon; that tiny light at the end of the tunnel is getting just a little closer.

Despite lockdown, our efforts to raise the second stage payment for the Milton Abbot Bell Restoration Project continue. We are most grateful to all of the Atkins family for making the long **walk to Loughborough** on their treadmill – they have already raised a terrific amount of money and if you would still like to donate the Just Giving link is www.justgiving.com/campaign/248toloughborough .

As you may have heard, we are putting together a **cookbook**; proceeds from the sale of this will go towards the Bell Fund, but most importantly, **we need your recipes!** These need to be your own recipes rather than from a cookbook (for copyright reasons). Please get these to Pat Lovell by email, “snailmail”, carrier pigeon or any other method you care to use, as soon as possible.

Not content with trekking to Loughborough, Sarah Atkins is also running an **Easter Draw** which you may have heard about – prizes include lots of chocolate! The draw will take place by Zoom on Easter Eve – Saturday 3rd April. Tickets cost £1 each and details can be found on our Facebook page.

Pat Lovell has set up an **online shop** which is accessible through the Milton Abbot page on the South Tamar Mission Community website. There you will find lots of Pat's handicrafts, which will be added to from time to time, so do please keep checking it. Also just added are oil paintings by Katie Cox (daughter of Ann and John Spurr); Katie is also taking commissions for oil paintings of your home or landscape at great prices. Again, all proceeds will go towards the Bell Project.

Finally, and by no means least, **Sue McClaughry (Bell Captain at Calstock Church) and Simon Adams from Taylor's Bell Foundry** have very kindly agreed to do an **online evening by Zoom on Thursday, 15th April at 7.00pm**. Sue will be talking about how Calstock restored and rehung their bells recently and Simon will explain more about our own project. Tickets cost £5 and you will find booking details on the Milton Abbot Bells Project page in this issue of Parish News.

Liz Padmore

St. Mary's Church, Marystowe

We are so excited to be able to hold our 9.30 service on Easter Sunday. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again.



Barbara Dawe is organising the cleaning of the Church and decorating with flowers. If you are able to help us then it would be really appreciated, please do call Barbara (see inside front cover for phone number).

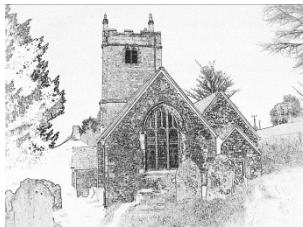
Although the Church has been closed for worship we have still been delivering books and jigsaws. Our catalogue of books has now grown to over 1,000 and 90 jigsaws. We have (socially distanced) put bookshelves in the bell tower making storage a lot easier. The deliveries of books and puzzles will continue after lockdown but in addition once we can open the Church it will be a lovely space to browse books and share a coffee. The book and puzzle lists are on Marystowe's page on the South Tamar Mission community website.

Unfortunately it has not been possible to reuse the curtains over the door in the bell tower, we have been donated fabric and a new curtain pole, and if anyone can help with making the curtains we would be very grateful for assistance.

To raise funds for the bookshelves we are holding an Easter hamper raffle and virtual Easter egg hunt. The raffle tickets are £1 each and can be bought from Barbara, Joy (01822 860630) or any member of the PCC.

The virtual Easter egg hunt is a series of 12 clues (a mixture of general knowledge, local knowledge and cryptic) based in the benefice, each entry will be £3.50 (or 2 for £5) and the closing date for entries will be midday on Saturday 3 April to allow time for the Easter Bunny to deliver eggs to all successful entrants in time for Easter Sunday. Please contact Joy for an entry pack.

Joy McSmythurs



St. Andrew's, Coryton

BACK TO NORMAL?

It is hard to believe that it has now been a year since normal life was totally disrupted by the Covid19 pandemic. Although it has not been easy, we here in Coryton have come through relatively unscathed. We are very fortunate to live in such a wonderful part of the world; that has certainly helped.

One way in which we have been able to keep together as a community is through the Coryton WhatsApp group which was set up early in the first lockdown and has proven to be a useful way of communicating. As a worshipping community at St Andrew's we have been kept informed by our vicar Andy's regular emails. We have also benefitted from twice weekly online services. But sadly, since the first lockdown, we have only been able to have three services in church.



That is all about to change. Andy has just announced that as of April, church services in the benefice will begin again, in a Covid-safe way. The first services will be on Easter Sunday in Marystowe at 9.30am and in Lamerton at 11am. Services in Coryton will start again with Evensong at 6.30pm on April 11th and Holy Communion at 11.15am on April 25th. The full rota of services is published elsewhere in the Parish News.

It will be great to be able to see each other in church again!

Josie Whitfield

Lucky Lamerton Lottery

A big thank you to all who are taking part in this year's lottery

Winning number for February 2021 draw - 96

Winning number for March 2021 draw - 9

All proceeds go towards St Peter's church, Lamerton





A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

The Good Shepherd

Do you have a pet? There are many animals that make good pets. The most popular are cats and dogs, but birds and fish are also quite popular. Some children like hamsters or Guinea pigs for a pet. If you live in the country and have a lot of room, you might even own a large animal such as a horse.

If you choose to have a pet, it is a big responsibility. You must be willing to take care of it. You have to feed it and make sure it has plenty of water. You must keep it clean and take it to the vet when it is sick. You have to make sure your pet is kept in a safe place and, if it wanders off and gets lost, you must go and look for it and bring it back home.

As we think about having a pet and taking care of it, we are reminded about something that Jesus said about himself. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd." A shepherd is a person who takes care of sheep. Sheep can't take care of themselves. They need someone to watch over them and care for them. They need someone to protect them from harm. Jesus said he knows his sheep and his sheep know him. He said that he was even willing to lay down his life for his sheep. Jesus must really love his sheep!



As you might have guessed, Jesus wasn't really talking about sheep. He was talking about you and me. We are his "sheep." He loves us, he takes care of us; he makes sure that we have everything that we need. He was even willing to give his life so that you and I could live with him forever in heaven.

There is no doubt about it. Jesus really loves his sheep!

Dear Jesus, we are thankful to you for being our Good Shepherd. Thank you for loving us and taking care of us. Most of all, we thank you for laying down your life for us so that we can have everlasting life in heaven with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 10:11-18



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Do you need help during this difficult time?

If you are feeling lonely or worried about your work and home situation there are people who can help locally.

- Our **pastoral care** team can speak to you over the 'phone to provide comfort and support. If you would like a call, contact Rev'd Andy on 870298
- www.tavistock.foodbank.org.uk is open on Fridays at the United Reform Church, Tavistock. You will need a referral to obtain a food voucher. Call 0808 2082 138 to find out about this -
- or call **Citizens Advice** advice line for confidential help on foodbank referrals and any other matters e.g. debt, employment, housing, benefits, relationship issues, which may be worrying you 03444 111 444
- **Financial worries?** Visit Citizens Advice, 'Entitled to' or 'Turn2us' websites for an anonymous benefits check. You may also be eligible to apply for a grant to cover essential costs during the pandemic.
- For child and vulnerable adult **safeguarding** or domestic abuse issues you can contact any of the benefice safeguarders:

Milton Abbot + Dunterton	David Denton	870431
Marystowe	Anita Townsend,	860123
Coryton	Bruce Markham-David	
Lamerton +Sydenham Damerel	Julie Hibbert	618221

Rev'd Andy is also available to listen to your concerns: 870298

The benefice safeguarding policy is on the website www.southtamar.church and more information can be found on the diocese website <https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/>

A Story on the Theme of Friendship

Fiona Famous

Fiona Famous was a very popular girl at school. She was clever and fun, and got on well with everyone. It was no accident that Fiona was so popular. From an early age she had made an effort to be kind and friendly to everyone. She invited the whole class to her birthday party, and from time to time she would give presents to everybody. She was such a busy girl, with so many friends, that she hardly got a chance to spend time with individual friends. However, she felt very lucky; no other girl had so many friends at school and in the neighbourhood.



But everything changed on National Friendship Day. On that day, at school, everyone was having a great time, drawing, painting, giving gifts. That day in class everyone had to make three presents to give to their three best friends. Fiona enjoyed the task of choosing three from amongst all the dozens of her friends.

However, when all the presents had been made and shared out among classmates, Fiona was the only one who had not received a present! She felt terrible, and spent hours crying. How could it be possible? So much effort to make so many friends, and in the end no one saw her as their best friend? Everyone came and tried to console her for a while. But each one only stayed for a short time before leaving.

This was exactly what Fiona had done so many times to others.

She realized that she was a good companion and acquaintance, but she had not been a true friend to anyone. She had tried not to argue with anyone, she had tried to pay attention to everyone, but now she had found out that that was not enough to create true friendship.

When she got home that night, she created quite a puddle with her tears, and Fiona asked her mother where she could find true friends.

"Fiona, my dear," answered her mother, "you cannot buy friends with a smile or a few good words. If you really want true friends, you will have to give them real time and affection. For a true friend you must always be available, in good times and bad".

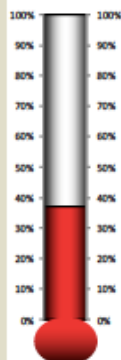
Hearing this, Fiona decided to change her ways so that she could finally have some true friends.



MILTON ABBOT BELL RESTORATION PROJECT

Money Received **37%**
to 15th March

PROJECT TARGET £95,000



Benefice Cookbook

Please get your family favourites in to Pat Lovell or to the Vicarage as soon as possible. They need to be original and not from a cookbook for copyright reasons.

The start of 2021 has been a busy time for our small bell project committee filling in grant applications and thinking of new ways to raise money in these difficult times. We need to find another £10,000 then we will be halfway, and the bells will be brought down, and work started.

We have our online shop which is currently selling crafts made and donated by Pat. Here is the link <https://milton-abbot-church-pcc.sumup.link>.

There are a lot more different items planned to be added, including gifts made from the old bell frame. Just added are paintings by Katie Cox (daughter of Ann and John Spurr). She is also taking commissions for paintings of your home/landscape at great prices. Visit the shop to buy and for full details. ALL PROCEEDS TO THE PROJECT



Join us for an online evening with Sue McClaughry, Bell Captain at Calstock Church with Simon Adams from Taylor's Bell Foundry of Loughborough

THURSDAY 15TH APRIL 7PM ON ZOOM

Tickets £5.00 pre-bookable via this link

<https://bit.ly/3rDFaYN>

Hear how Calstock managed to restore and rehang their bells, and what is involved with our bell project and why we really need your support to achieve it.

To donate online via: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/mabells> or Text MABELLS to 70085 to donate £5 or MABELLS 10 to 70085 to donate £10.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US.

OPEN THE BOOK

It was a year ago when I last wrote about Open the Book. It is great to be able to have some news to share again!

Open the Book is a national Charity with **over 11,000 volunteer storytellers sharing Bible Stories with over 2,000 Primary Schools**. It provides a programme to follow which begins with a chronological series of stories from Creation through to Ascension. Thereafter the stories are grouped together around themes giving the opportunity for more insight and discussion whilst still providing the simpler story telling pleasure to the younger children.

The storytelling happened in the schools until last March; with the help of Open the Book training and Q and A, together with the IT skills of Reverend Andy (Lamerton) and Father Philip (Lewtrenchard) we are now doing live Zoom sessions and are still able to include the children in the stories. Using Zoom has been a learning curve that may well have peaked when the wine server at the Wedding in Canaan (on one screen) passed a glass of water to the Wedding Guest (another screen), who appeared to reach out and take it and then lifted a glass of red wine! It is, of course, a closely guarded secret as to whether the guest had blackcurrant juice or claret, but it was lunchtime!

In a different slant on story telling, the Palm Sunday story is being covered in the form of a newflash with a roving reporter speaking with the crowds in Jerusalem (the classes in school).

If you are interested in helping with Open the Book please contact me.

Joy McSmythurs
01822 860 630

GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



I'm writing this while listening to Gardeners' Question Time. The daffodils are out, the sky is blue - although it won't be tomorrow - but, spring *is* here! The days are longer and the soil is warming. I hope you're looking forward to a successful summer in *your* garden. My tomato seeds are growing nicely and some other seeds have been planted; beetroot, chillies, salad leaves, courgettes, parsley, etc. The sweet peas sown a few weeks ago are coming on. I'll soon be sowing some other flower seeds - nicotianas, pot marigolds.

A member of the audience is asking about a preparation to spray on apple trees to stop the fruit falling? An interesting chemical solution is proposed. Another question is about red spider mites; again to be given the chemical treatment. A solution to a slug problem is a non-chemical device sold at some inflated cost - a block of wood and a mallet! There's a 'fair sprinkling of women in the audience' apparently and one of them asks about the uses of soot (although everyone is pronouncing it 'suit' when I'd pronounce it 'sutt'). The chairman says how it's 'typical of a woman to ask one question but want three answers'. Can it be used as a fertiliser, an insecticide and as a feed? 'Is it worth saving the 'suit', she asks? You see she collects it when doing the spring cleaning; 'You men don't know what that is!. Spring Cleaning!' That aside, it's all terribly well-spoken, posh even. Well, it was the first, recorded on 9th April 1947. If you would like to listen it's on the BBC [Archive](#) website, just search for Gardeners' Question Time there. You'll find the very first one from 1947 and 622 others. You'll also find lots of Gardeners' World episodes.

Don't forget to feed your roses. Now is the time. And, take care when out in the garden with tools and machinery; don't go and hurt either yourself or any wildlife. Watch out when strimming for example. Don't hit a frog, or a nesting hedgehog. Remember they both like slugs. Very useful if you can't afford that wooden block and a mallet.

NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL



“ ‘After sharp showers,’ said Peace, “the sun shines
brightest;
No weather is warmer than after watery clouds;
Nor any love dearer, or more loving friends,
Than after war and woe, when Love and Peace are
masters.”

from The Vision of Piers Plowman, by William Langland

Grey light, grey trees give way to lambs and daffodils, shafts of sunlight on a little clump of primroses. Spring bounds in, the air is rinsed with light, and birds begin to sing. Our wonderful dawn chorus starts. In Bluebell’s garden the tawny owl is still hunting when the first robins and blackbirds welcome the new day.

Bird song is an exclusively learned behaviour, and this is very rare. Humans do vocal learning, so do dolphins, whales, elephants and bats, and over 6,000 species of birds. These include perching birds (Passeriformes), hummingbirds and parrots. Song-birds are Passeriformes, and their songs possess the greatest diversity of vocal learning behaviour anywhere in the natural world.

Which is most beautiful, the song of the blackbird, nightingale, robin, wren, or skylark? Artists, poets and musicians have long loved songbirds and been inspired by the little feathered creatures. Mozart had his starling, Keats his nightingale and Beethoven based the famous “fate” motif of his fifth symphony upon the song of a Viennese yellowhammer (“a little bit of bread and no cheese”). Many birds sing with a local dialect.

Female robins, dunnocks and starlings and many tropical songbirds sing, though song used to be seen as an exclusively male trait, used for territorial defence, and wooing of a mate.

In the 1950s, following the declassification of technology originally used to identify warships in the Second World War, the use of spectrographs triggered a golden age of song research.

It was proved that there are two distinct phases in the song learning process: the initial “sensory phase”, when the young bird learns a template of its song, and the “sensorimotor phase” when it learns with high accuracy the song of its family, which then crystallizes, though some birds, canaries, and starlings, can add new material throughout their lives and are “open-ended” learners.

From an article by Jo Cooper, BTO News, Spring 2021

FARMING LIFE, BY HAYSEED

Out Standing In His Field



Spring is just around the corner - any livestock farmer has his (or her) hands full at that point. The beef cows are starting to calve and the main flock of ewes are in full swing lambing.

Although the official date for Spring to begin is the 15th of March, there is still much winter fodder to be fed. It will be a few weeks before we get a good grazing crop of grass, a must for any dairy herd. Ideally they need a fresh grazing area every day to maintain consistent milk production and whilst quotas have been removed a number of years, consistency to your milk buyer is a mainstay of a good milk contract and sound pricing.

It was once stated by The Devon Grassland Society - in one of their quarterly newsletters - that grass leys were one of the most demanding crops on the farm and one of the worst managed! A very bold statement but grassland management has to be of a high standard. The winter season gives the farm grass leys a good rest. Hayseed's livestock are still housed so that makes it possible.

Lime content and the pH readings have already been mentioned in the past - I can't talk about grassland unless I mention that good old Farm Yard Manure AGAIN! Providing it is well rotted it contains a number of essential trace elements for the grass roots. It also makes it easier to spread if it is well rotted too. Another important task requires giving the grass ley a good chainharrowing. This levels out the odd rough patch and aerates the grass "sward". It gives the grassland chance to "breathe" That is followed by rolling the grass, ideally a week or so later after some rain, this will encourage regrowth. The next job depends on the farming system - Artificial fertiliser in the form of Nitrogen, Phosphate and Potash (N.P.K) as it is known provides leaf and root growing elements. If the farm is organically registered then leaf and root trace elements are provided in a different way.

All of this leads us back to the fact that you can't "take out" without "putting something back" - A bit like life really.

'Til next time
Hayseed

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.

Many thanks go to the Bunting Tosser's Mate, Richard Dawson, whilst the Chief Bunting Tosser has been recovering from a broken leg.

21st April	Her Majesty's 95th Birthday
23rd April	St. George's Day
8th May	VE Day

If you do spot a flag and want more information about it and why it was flying then feel free to email parishnewsmag@gmail.com and it will be passed on to the Chief Bunting Tosser (and mate at present)



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HOW TO ENTER

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There is a charge of £5 per family/team.

ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED BY 18TH APRIL

All completed forms will be entered into our raffle for the chance to win an extravagant easter hamper!

Fun evenings with friends

Annie Jefferies and Joy McSmythurs came up with the idea of brightening Friday evenings as we faced 2021 in lockdown by having Zoom evenings together.

Annie organised and hosted a fabulous Valentine wine tasting and quiz which was thoroughly enjoyable and became increasingly convivial as the tasting moved through the bottles!

This was followed by two Pointless quiz evenings hosted by Joy and Andy McSmythurs which, on the face of it could have been calmer; however the interfamily rivalry and blame over incorrect answers proved us wrong! Fun and noise was had all round.

The latest evening was hosted by the Two Harrys (Labrador and Springer Spaniel) with four slide shows of their adventures in mystery locations. It was very funny with 'What happened next' pictures and it showed that our imaginations have not suffered through lockdown.

For each of the evenings there was a voluntary charity donation and we are delighted to report that we raised £305 for British Heart Foundation, £225 for Breast Cancer Now and £150 for Margaret Green Animal Rescue.

Thank you to everyone who joined in and watch this space – we may organise more, or would love to join anyone who wants to organise an evening.

Annie and Harry
Joy and Harry

LAMERTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

You have no doubt admired this edition's front cover designed by a pupil from Lamerton Primary School. The school have recently updated their school prayer which was created by their ethos committee.

Almighty God,
Help us to learn, play and share together.
Help us to aim for our dreams.
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Please do call Joy if you would like to talk about the stock and have help with ideas for presents – but here are some thoughts:-

- *Autobiographies* – from Rio Ferdinand to the Military Wives
- *Cookery* – Vintage Mrs Beeton to up to date classics like Rick Stein
- *History* – Jambusters (the story of the WI and the war) to Imagined Corners (exploring the World's first Atlas)
- *Sport* – Anyone for tennis (the Telegraph book of Wimbledon) to 101 ways to win at Scrabble
- *Vintage* – Poetry collections and Classic novels to Peter Scott's beautifully illustrated book on birds

And don't forget to treat yourself – revisit Poldark? Get immersed in a Ruth Rendell? Or try a new author.

SAFETY NOTICE

Please note the books are kept in the Church (which is currently always locked) and, at present, are only handled by Joy and Andy McSmythurs and Barbara Dawe.

All books are quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours before being added to the stock.

Contact: Joy McSmythurs 01822 860630 or
joy.mcsmythurs@btinternet.com

VALENTINE'S DAY AT VENN

A Valentine surprise to Venn House included posies for each resident beautifully made by Josie Whitfield, and gift bags with diabetic chocolates, a large print Bible verse with the Lord's Prayer and red balloons all followed by a singing session through an open window, with the residents joining in and dancing with such old favourites as Doris Day, Frank Sinatra, Vic Damone and lots of others ... a happy hour was spent by residents and thanks to the staff who gamely assisted with the fun !



MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES - LAMERTON

Four florists from the village, Shona Dickinson, Sarah Young, Angie Minshull and Irene Hicks, surprised people with a beautiful hand held posy as a gift for Mothering Sunday . Over 100 posies were delivered to Camplehaye and Venn House residents, to the children at Lamerton Primary School to take home and to many of the residents including regular members of the church congregation. Thank you so much they were very much appreciated.



LAMERTON PCC APCM

St Peter's with St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting and meeting of Parishioners is set to be held on 4th of May 2021, probably by zoom - details to follow.

Parish News Deadlines

Issue covering the months of	Deadline for submissions	To advertise events taking place in
June and July 2021	15 May 2021	June 2021 onwards
<i>Due to the lead time on printing the magazine the deadline will be set at the 15th for forthcoming editions to enable it to reach you in good time.</i>		



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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)...your assistance and contributions are, as always, much appreciated.

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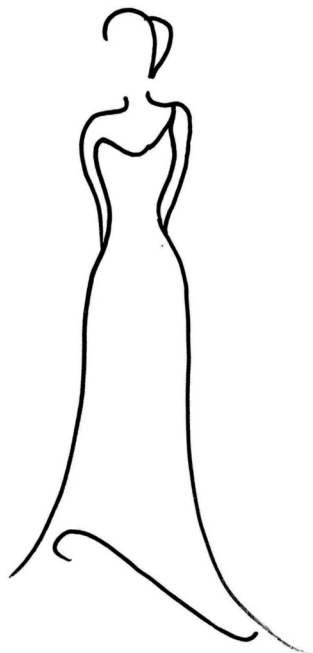
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May 2021

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 May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>		6:30pm BCP Evensong			9:30am HC / CW	
Weds. 5th May	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 9th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	10:30am HC / CW			6:30pm BCP Evensong		6:30pm BCP Evensong
Weds. 12th May	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 16th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>		11:00am HC / CW			9:30am Family Service Morning Praise	
Weds. 19th May	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 23rd May <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	6:30pm Evening Prayer			11:00am HC / CW		11:15am HC / CW
Weds. 26th May	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 30th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	11:00am United Benefice Service HC / CW St Constantine Milton Abbot					

CHURCH SERVICES

April 2021

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 4th April <i>Easter Day</i>		11:00am HC / CW			9:30am HC / CW	
Weds. 7th April	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 11th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	10:30am HC / CW			6:30pm BCP Evensong		6:30pm BCP Evensong
Weds. 14th April	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 18th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>		11:00am HC / CW			9:30am Family Service Morning Praise	
Weds. 21st April	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 25th April <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	6:30pm Evening Prayer			11:00am HC / CW		11:15am HC / CW
Weds. 28th April	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					