

# Parish News

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## Questions in Faith

Sooner or later every Christian is approached by someone who asks a question they cannot really answer. This can be embarrassing and can undermine both their own faith and the faith of the questioner – if they have one! In this series I throw up questions and suggest answers designed to appeal to people of faith and no faith at all. Some examples:

- Do we have to hate our family to become disciples of Jesus? (See below)
- Do you believe in Angels? Where is the evidence?
- Why did Jesus sometimes refer to peoples' sins while healing them?
- Did Jesus's miracles really happen? How did they work? Why were they necessary? Do they happen today?
- Why do bad things happen to good people?
- Why does God allow innocent children to die?
- What is the point of the devil? Has God lost control?

First Question – a particularly disturbing one! ***"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be My disciple"*** Luke 14:26(NIV)

This is a profoundly worrying command for most Christians. Firstly, this may be an issue of translation of *Luke's* record of this event. The Greek word **Hate** (misei) can be translated 'hate or detest' - but also 'love less' or 'esteem less'. The translation are divided. Personally, I prefer the '**New Life**' Bible one which reads: *"You cannot be my disciple, unless you love me more than you love your father and mother, your wife and children, and your brothers and sisters."*

Secondly, Luke never met Jesus. Matthew however actually lived with Lord for the great part of his ministry. Therefore, Matthew's version may be more accurate – and useful.

***"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."*** Matthew 10:37 (NIV)

For my part I feel that we must love God more than all the absorbing complexities of 21st Century family life – but not hate them. This is still a demanding teaching but possible – and is in fact a pillar of our faith (Matthew 22:36-39). Personally, I am with Matthew on this one. He was there. Do send your questions to richard@2day.ws

**Richard Seawright**

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Dear Friends,

In normal times, within the August edition of our magazine, I would usually be talking about where some of us might be taking our summer holidays. Whether that be a 'staycation' at home, or maybe even a trip abroad. Hopefully, many of you who normally take their holiday in the school break, will still be able to have some sort of time away. Sadly, many people will miss their usual holiday plans this year due to the Pandemic, but I hope most will be able to get away at some point or take a break from their normal pressures of daily life.

Taking a break is so important for us all. Once when life had been particularly hectic for the disciples, Jesus urged them to join him in getting away from it all. He knew they needed space and a chance for rest and relaxation and more importantly, he understood the value of taking that time.

Taking a break gives us all an opportunity to refocus, to set aside the constant cares of this world. That is one of the reasons why we have a Communion service on a Wednesday. It enables the worshipper to bring God into the refocusing of their week. A chance to gain a greater perspective, an eternal perspective and one that has been gathered in community and not on one's own.

Whatever you do, or wherever you may be this Summer; I will pray that you may all find some rest.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Andy



# Leading Prayers of Intercession

Dear friends,

Several of you have asked if I would run a training session to enable you lead the Prayers of Intercession within a Church service.

This is such a wonderful Ministry to be part and I would dearly love there to be 2 or 3 people from each church taking part in this training. Leading prayers in your own worshipping community is hugely rewarding, both for the individual and for those attending worship.

If you would like to take part in the training, or you would like to explore this further, please do call or email me. *(Taking part in the training does not commit you to leading the prayers of intercession)*

The session will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00 pm in the Priests room at Lamerton.

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Fr. Andy

## BIBLE READINGS (Year B)

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

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 1st August <i>9th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Exodus 16: 2 - 4 & 9 - 15	Ephesians 4: 1 - 16	John 6: 24 - 35
Sunday 8th August <i>10th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	1 Kings 19: 4 - 8	Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2	John 6: 35, 41 - 51
Sunday 15th August <i>11th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Proverbs 9: 1 - 6	Ephesians 5: 15 - 20	John 6: 51 - 58
Sunday 22nd August <i>12th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Joshua 24: 1 - 2a & 14 - 18	Ephesians 6: 10 - 20	John 6: 56 - 69
Sunday 29th August <i>13th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Deuteronomy 4: 1 - 2 & 6 - 9	James 1: 17 - 27	Mark 7: 1 - 8, 14, 15 & 21 - 23
Sunday 5th Sept. <i>14th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Isaiah 35: 4 - 7a	James 2: 1 - 17	Mark 7: 24 - 37

## BIBLE READINGS (Year B) continued

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 12th Sept. <i>15th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a	James 3: 1 - 12	Mark 8: 27 - 38
Sunday 19th Sept. <i>16th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Jeremiah 11: 18 - 20	James 3: 13 - 4: 3 & 7-8a	Mark 9: 30 - 37
Sunday 26th Sept. <i>17th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Numbers 11: 4 - 6, 10 - 16 & 24 - 29	James 5: 13 - 20	Mark 9: 38 - 50

**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

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# St. Mary's Church, Marystowe



As I write we are still waiting for confirmation about lifting the lockdown restrictions. Being back to the two services a month is lovely but singing and having the Church open all the time is long awaited.

We have plans for a Cream Tea, Book Shop coffee mornings and wine evenings, we can't wait to be sociable again.

We have a wonderful group of people who help to keep the Church and Church yard looking lovely, but like everyone we do have an ongoing list of chores. We are planning a series of working days with the first on 24<sup>th</sup> July, we will supply drinks, a snack lunch and a beer at the end of the day!

If you can help – even for a short time - please can you let us know, including what you are happy to do and (importantly) if you want lunch and a beer and the end of the day, so we can organize the catering.

Finally, a polite request please on behalf of the gardeners who keep the grass mown and the outside so beautiful: - the compost heap is for compostable material only, please can you take any non-compostable rubbish home with you if you have been visiting a grave. It is unfair to expect our volunteers to sift through the compost heap picking out rubbish.

Thank you.

***Joy McSmythurs***



# Devon Historic Churches Day

Saturday 11th September 2021\*

\*Or a date to suit you

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Kingsteignton Parish Church

## The Devon Historic Churches Trust is dedicated to saving our churches

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Enjoy community Friendship with Cream Teas & Coffee Mornings



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## St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

Will we, or won't we come out of lockdown? Who knows, but at the time of writing this article we are looking optimistically towards the future. Not being allowed to sing in St. Mary's has had a (perhaps not) surprising reaction from our small congregation. They haven't come!!



Hopefully as time moves on and we comfort ourselves with the fact that Covid is being managed and that hospitalisations and fatalities remain relatively low, people will feel more confident about returning to our services. We shall see. The stalwarts of our village, churchgoers or not, thankfully continue to support St. Mary's time and time again and, in return, St. Mary's provides a reassuring and welcoming beacon to our neighbourhood.

Our community spirit remains strong and coffee mornings and talks over fences (gossip) and even parties are returning, thank goodness. Thanks to Howard and Viv, our two newest residents, some of us danced outside until the early hours (in the warm rain) last Friday. It was a wonderfully joyous occasion and really helped clear our minds of our anxieties.



Our friend the jackdaws have been busy recently and we have removed bags of twigs which completely blocked the top of the tower of St. Mary's. Interestingly all we found in all that enormous pile of nesting material was a single broken jackdaw egg.



***Margaret Hurdwell***

## St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

As I write this, I can tell you that all six of our bells came down safely last week. The interior of the church had been shrouded in polythene at the end of the previous week and the first bell came down on the Tuesday afternoon, to be followed by the other five the next morning; thankfully the team completed that part of the operation with the same number of fingers and toes they had started with. We were expecting to wave the bells off on their journey to Loughborough the following Tuesday but we hit a snag with the haulage late the night before; we were hoping to be able to bid the bells a temporary farewell shortly thereafter.

Huge thanks must go to Steve Westerman from Taylor's, to Andy, Michael, David, Charles and to Jon from Chagford for all their hard work through that first week; to Anthony Hart from Taylor's, and to Andy, David, Bill, John, Charles and to Jon for the second and third weeks; and also to Denise for help with the catering operation and the loan of pallet lifters, and to Pat for help in shrouding the interior of the building with polythene – not once but twice – and continuing to keep us in order financially!

Thank you to those of you who took advantage of our "open" day on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July to come and see the bells and who supported us with donations and purchases of Pat's lovely goodies, proceeds from which and the collection from the evening service that day amounted to some £560 – very many thanks to all of you.

The next stage of the current works is to repair and/or replace the floors in the bell chamber and the clock chamber and to remove the rest of the oak frame, part of which has already been brought down. Thanks to a very kind offer from the Tavy Turners & Carvers Club who have offered to make items for us from the timber, we hope to have some lovely things for you to purchase in time for Christmas! In the meantime, Pat is continuing to put more of her handicrafts on sale in our on-line shop, so please keep "dropping in" occasionally for new things for you to buy.

Although Covid restrictions are beginning to ease, we have decided it would be unwise to make any long-term plans for fundraising events but we hope we may be able to arrange something at fairly short notice between now and Christmas – so please do keep your eyes and ears peeled for further news!

***Liz Padmore***

## St. Peter's Church, Lamerton



What a strange world. We can have 50,000 football fans shouting and cheering together but twenty of us, two metres apart, cannot sing hymns in church! Well hopefully we will soon be free again - but we thought that 22nd June would be freedom day.

We now have a photo of Annie proudly wearing her Companion of St Boniface medal which was awarded to her at Exeter Cathedral. Well done Annie you certainly deserve it. Mike probably deserves a medal too for all that he does for the finances of the Deanery - a real labour of love! We hope you both have a well earned rest in Italy.



The wall hanging made by The Lady Sewers under Rosalind's guidance is now hanging in the Priest's Room and brings the church Altar into the window. Soon we will be able to gather again here after services for coffee and chat.

It was very good to have our bell ringers back ringing again. Their ringing tells the village that we are open and welcomes those who come to service.

Linda will be leading our Ladies at the Great Duck Race on the 4th September bringing you delicious cream teas. Do come along.

We will be having our Harvest Service on the 3rd October and Remembrance Sunday is the 14th November.

Thank you Andy for keeping us all together during these last eighteen months.

## ***Lucky Lamerton Lottery***



Debbie and Julie are very pleased to announce that the lottery had 101 entrant numbers and is going ahead for this year, from July 2021 until June 2022

***A BIG THANK YOU***  
***to all participants for your generosity and support***

Winning number for June 2021 draw = 3  
 Winning number for NEW July 2021 draw = 83

### **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.

**15th August**

**VJ Day and Princess Anne's Birthday**

**Others**

**3rd September**

**Merchant Navy Day**

**9th September**

**National 999 Day**

**15th September**

**Battle of Britain**

**17th September**

**Operation Market Garden**

**19th September**

**International Pirate 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](mailto:parishnewsmag@gmail.com) and it will be passed on to the Chief Bunting Tossler

### **LAMERTON PCC**

St Peter's with St Mary's next Parochial Church Meeting is on 14 September 2021 at 7pm - Priests Room / Church to be confirmed.  
 All welcome.

## Lamerton Bellringers Report

Since our virtual AGM in January which saw Sue Dawe, Geoff Hill, William Dawe and Kathy Hayes re-elected as captain, vice-captain, hon. secretary and hon treasurer respectively, the bells have remained relatively silent until recently when service and practice ringing were allowed to resume.

We were allowed to ring for the Easter service and to honour the memory of HRH Prince Philip. Thanks must go to Geoff Hill who, despite ill health, has been ringing the chimes before services.

Practices have started in July but ringers are short on the ground due to illness, so anyone who has learned to ring to any standard is most welcome as are new recruits.

No annual outing or competition is planned for 2021 but our usual events will start again next year. Please call Tavistock 612202 if you would like to start ringing for our two services each month or need any tower related information.

**William Dawe**



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### WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD OR VULNERABLE ADULT?



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OF ENGLAND  
IN DEVON

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**

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pray

  
grow

  
serve with joy

## Ellacombe Chimes Bicentenary

The Chiming system was designed by Revd. Henry Thomas Ellacombe, who took up his post at St Mary's Church in Britton near Bristol in 1817. The design was such that each of the bells within a tower would have an iron hammer fixed to the wooden frame beside it. A small rope from that hammer would feed down the inside of the tower and collect in one space enabling one person to chime all 6 bells at once. That practice is known as 'Chiming'

Revd. Ellacombe created the Chimes as an alternative to having to use local ringers. The chimes were installed at his local church in 1821 and many churches worldwide subsequently adopted his invention. The Bicentenary Celebrations were held on Saturday 26th June and involved countless churches and towers worldwide that have an installed and working chime device.

We are fortunate in having a set of Ellacombe Chimes at Lamerton and these were played on that Special Day. The Tavistock Deanery has 23 churches with rings of bells of which 5 are fitted with Ellacombe Chimes. To make sure that all were played on that memorable day I arranged to visit the 5 of them and really enjoyed playing a selection of peals, hymns and folk tunes. The 5 churches are Buckland Monachorum, Mary Tavy, Stowford, Lifton and Lamerton. I was made more than welcome at all of them.



The fact that this mechanism was devised two hundred years ago to allow someone to ring bells alone has not been without it's merits during the last 18 months of lockdown. The pandemic has prevented bellringers from getting together and ringing as teams but our Ellacombe Chimes have ensured that bells have kept sounding out regardless.

**Geoff Hill**

# **Slideshow and quiz on France and Italy**

**Friday 15th October  
at 7pm;**

**Lamerton Village  
Hall  
fun, prizes, wine and  
nibbles**

ENTRY £5 per person, all proceeds to  
DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST  
CONTACT Annie and Mike Jefferies for tickets  
01822 614178



## A Story on the Theme of Truthfulness, Honesty and Fair Play

### The Boy Who Always Won

There was once a boy who liked nothing more in the world than to win. He loved winning at whatever it may be: football, cards, video games... everything. And because he couldn't stand losing, he had become an expert in all kinds of tricks and cheating. He could play tricks in practically every situation, without being noticed; even in video games or playing alone. He could win without ever being caught.

He won so many times that everyone saw him as the champion. It meant that almost no one wanted to play with him, he was just too far ahead of everyone. One person who did play with him was a poor boy, who was a bit younger. The champion really enjoyed himself at the poor boy's expense, always making the boy look ridiculous.



But the champion ended up getting bored with all this. He needed something more, so he decided to apply for the national video games championship, where he would find some competitors worthy of himself. At the championship he was keen to show his skills but, when he tried using all those tricks and cheats he knew from a thousand different games, well... none of them worked. The competition judges had prevented any of the tricks from working.

He felt terribly embarrassed: he was a good player, but without his cheats, he couldn't beat a single competitor. He was soon eliminated, and sat there, sad and pensive. Finally, they announced the name of the tournament champion. It was the poor boy from home. The one he had always beaten!

Our boy realised that the poor boy had been much cleverer than he had been. It hadn't mattered to the poor boy if he lost or was badly defeated, because what he was really doing was learning from each of his defeats. And from so much learning he had been transformed into a real master.

From then on, the boy who had loved winning gave up wanting to win all the time. He was quite happy to lose sometimes, because that was when he would learn how to win on the really important occasions.



## A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

### To Whom Shall We Go?

Although school holidays are shortly upon us, at the end of August it'll be back to school time! Does that make you happy, or are you sad? Are you excited? Nervous? Afraid? You needn't be ashamed if you are a little bit nervous or afraid. After all, you will be facing a lot of new things. You will have to make a lot of choices. When you get to your classroom, you will have to choose where you want to sit. Is it best to sit up front, at the back, or maybe somewhere in the middle? When it is time for lunch, you will have to choose what you want to eat in the cafeteria. Will you choose chicken nuggets or pizza?

Some choices you have to make are not very important, but others are very important. There will be rules in your classroom. You will have to choose whether or not you are going to follow the rules. That is very important! You will also be choosing who your friends will be. That is important, because if you choose the wrong kind of friends, you might find yourself in a lot of trouble. What if the teacher says something and you don't understand it? Will you pretend that you understand, or will you go to the teacher and ask for help? Those are some pretty important decisions you may be facing in the new school year.

The followers of Jesus faced some difficult decisions too. Sometimes, the teachings of Jesus were hard for them to understand. One day Jesus was teaching in the synagogue and he said to the people, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who feeds on me will live forever." When the people heard it, they said, "This is a hard teaching. How can anyone accept it?" Some of them quit following Jesus after that day.



Jesus knew that many people were grumbling and complaining, so he turned to the twelve whom he had chosen to be his disciples and said, "You don't want to leave too, do you?"

Peter answered him. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." The disciples had answered the call to follow Jesus. They were not about to turn back now.

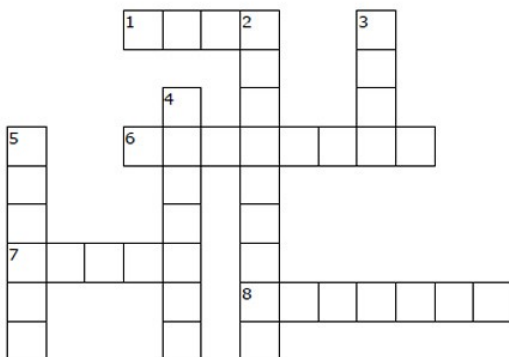
We all face the same decision those first disciples faced. Will we follow Jesus, or will we look for another to lead us? It may not always be easy to follow Jesus, but to whom can we go? Who else offers eternal life?

Father, we thank you for Jesus, the only one to whom we can go for the gift of eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.

## To Whom Shall We Go?

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:67-68 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 6:60-69



### ACROSS

1. Difficult to understand, accomplish, or finish
6. Sharing knowledge with others
7. To go away from; depart; abandon or forsake
8. Continuing forever

### DOWN

2. The original followers of Jesus
3. To reverse directions
4. To accept as true or real
5. To come after; to go behind someone

BELIEVE  
ETERNAL

HARD  
TURN

DISCIPLES  
LEAVE

TEACHING  
FOLLOW

## GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



I hope you're enjoying sunshine and blue skies by the time you read this. The past few days have seen some really torrential downpours which have knocked out some nice roses and many other summer blooms. But, the slugs love it and are happily munching their way through the veg patch. Luckily, there is a hedgehog visiting our garden and he/she is very welcome. The photograph from a video capture shows it having a rummage around in the middle of the night. We are hoping there might be some offspring to help out. I stopped putting slug pellets out some time ago and keep meaning to put out some beer traps instead. But it seems a shame to waste the beer - they're not having *my* Jail Ale! Perhaps I should plant a wall of euphorbias because they leave those untouched. They don't like the toxic juice in the stems and leaves. I've also found bits of wool collected off the moor and spread around the stems keeps the slugs away. Fortunately, the dahlias are now growing faster than the slugs can munch 'em. Enough of slugs; they've had too much press recently.

This is the first time I've grown sunflowers from seed and given the weather we've had, I'm impressed with the results. They do need somewhere in full sunshine and as much of it as possible. You can get some great varieties (American Giant was the one I chose). It's a good 7ft now but given a bucket of manure it would be much taller.

My garlic has got *White Rot*. Not very nice and it hasn't happened the last few years. Perhaps I planted them too close together, or perhaps all this dry/wet weather? Just shows you - you can't win every time!

Now is a good time to think about buying, or ordering, bulbs to plant out in autumn. Daffodils and tulips to make some colour and fragrance in spring?

Perhaps it's also a good time to take a critical look at your garden? What looks good? What is disappointing? Are things in the right place? Do you need more colour, more beds, less grass? A tree? A pond? One mistake we all make is buying something which looks good in the garden centre. We take it home and plant it out. Yes, it does look good, but we should have bought 10 of them not one! This is where growing from seed is so brilliant. The packet costs less than the one plant and you maybe get 20. Give ten away. You're winning! If you've got a greenhouse, growing from seed is easy but, if you haven't, you can still sow indoors; on a windowsill or somewhere light, in a little propagator. Biennials and perennials like Calendula and Oriental Poppy? They won't flower this year but they will next.

## FARMING LIFE, BY HAYSEED

### *Out Standing In His Field*



*Grass grows well here in West Devon - it streams with rain 6 days in 7!*

That's another old farming saying and I'm sorry I keep quoting them but they're often true and still very relevant!

A lot of grass silage has all been harvested and regrowth is very positive, in fact on the day of sending this to the Editor, Mrs Hayseed and I have observed a number of fields cut for the second time. One can be at the height of efficiency but the weather always has the final say - for those of you enjoying Clarkson's Farm at the moment it's been pleasing to see Jeremy realising the incredible contribution the weather makes to the success of a farming year - and the bottom line too!

The cows are milking well and the lambs fattening nicely. Many lambs are being sold at maturity but it is a tight margin since they must be at certain weights and at the perfect meat finishing level too. All the beef suckled calves have been through the weigh crush. 100 day weights are part of our recording intervals and the first batch have put on an extraordinary live weight gain (LWG). It works out on average to 1.6kgs a day. In old terms that is over 3lbs and all on grass and milk, oh and the odd dipper of calf cake too, keeps 'em quiet and friendly you see!

The corn crops are all looking well now, the rain saved them and the seed heads are quite full. So far it looks a good crop with plenty of straw. Dependent on the weather some should be harvested at the end of July, early August - that's the winter barley that was drilled last October time. The maize crops, grown for silage, were drilled in April time and largely were covered in "a thin plastic covering" to protect them from the frost. It also hastens the growth and in warm damp conditions it grows at a staggering rate. Let's hope that the protein cobs grow well to give a good harvest in the Autumn.

All the best for some lovely sunshine to come and plenty of work to do, never a dull moment is there.

'Til next time  
**Hayseed**



# 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](mailto:vicar@southtamar.church)

tel: 01822 870298



## Lamerton Primary School Christmas Fair


Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021

11am – 2pm

at Lamerton Community Centre

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## NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL



*'Morning has broken, Like the first morning, Blackbird  
has spoken Like the first bird.' .....*  
*Eleanor Farjeon 1931*

*'And for that minute a blackbird sang, Close by, and  
round him, mistier, Farther and farther, all the birds  
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.'*  
*from 'Adlestrop' by Edward Thomas. June 1914.*

The poem was written just before the outbreak of the First World War, in which Thomas was killed. The blackbird songs could have joined up in one immense chorus far beyond those counties, with millions singing at once, all over England, even all over Europe, suggests Mark Cocker in *Birds Britannica*.

The song of the blackbird is indeed loved and praised. It is a deliberate, loud and melodious warbling, distinguished from Song Thrush's by purer, fluty notes and lack of repetitive habit. When birds sing they form sounds in a fundamentally different way to the way we do, because of their very different anatomy. We use our lungs to pump air through our larynx and vocal chords, then use our lips and tongue to articulate.

Singing birds, when they sing or call, use an organ called a syrinx. This is like our larynx, but with one crucial difference. It is placed much lower down the windpipe than is our larynx, at the junction with the two lungs. This means the bird can mix two sources of sound, simultaneously producing two different songs at the same time. No wonder their songs are inimitable, and we can't easily hear all the melodies they make.

Bluebell loves to see the blackbird's distinctive habit of raising its tail on alighting, swaying on twig or roof, wall or lawn, and seeming to tip and catch its balance, fanning out its tail and drooping and flirting its wings. Hop, hop, hop, across the wet morning summer lawn – a worm! A beakfull for the blackbird fledglings!

There are many black birds here, jackdaws, crows, ravens, swifts (though they are really very dark chocolate brown). But only one blackbird. This because the old word, bird, or 'brid', which used to denote baby bird or nestling, has come to mean all small birds or songbirds. Adult birds were known as fowls, ('fugol'), now only the larger birds are fowls as in domestic chickens, 'wildfowl' and 'waterfowl'. (*Stephen Moss; Mrs Moreau's Warbler.*)



## Marystowe Books

We are still waiting for the lockdown to lift so we can invite everyone to visit our bookshop.

It will be lovely to welcome readers, and of course the honesty box will operate when the Church is open all the time and we will continue to offer deliveries.

All the books are listed on the Marystowe page at [www.southtamar.church](http://www.southtamar.church).

All proceeds from the sale of the books go to Marystowe Church and we ask for a minimum donation of 50p for paperbacks and £1 for hardbacks.

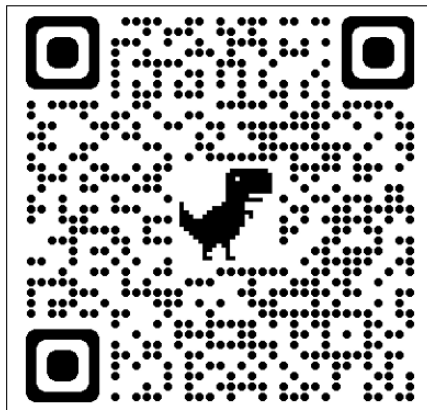
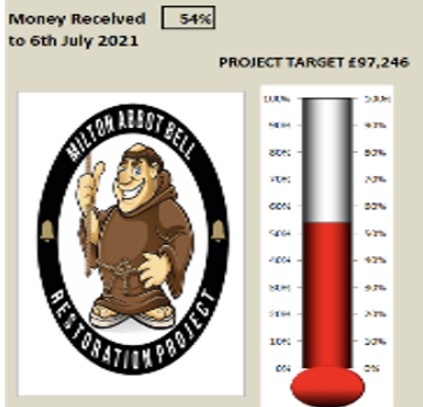
Doing the cataloguing of the books has led us to enjoying some books that otherwise we would not have considered - and we thought - lets share; so, we are going to start a monthly *Pot-Luck Read*. We will choose a book a month for you and deliver, have ready for collection or even post (postage to be charged). We will make sure that books are not midway through a series, so can be enjoyed as a single read, all will be paperback, not only fiction but will include biographies, travel stories, nature, humour and history. There will be an annual subscription of £10 for collection and delivery; for postage we will have to make an additional charge to cover the cost. It would be a great present or treat yourself!

To join the *Pot Luckers* please call Joy and let her know if you have any particular genre you do not want to read.

Please contact Joy (01822 860630) or Barbara (01566 784797)



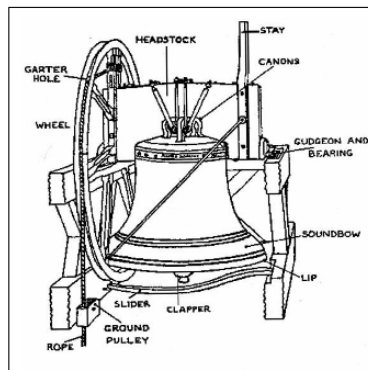
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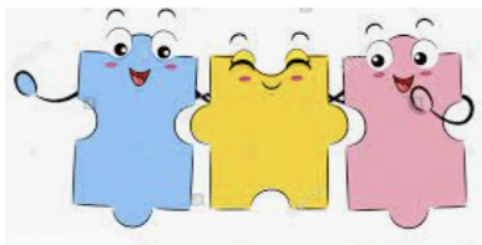
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## Marystowe Jigsaws

We have over 75 Jigsaws in our library.



If you enjoy Jigsaw puzzles, then please join our Jigsaw Library.

Membership of the Library is £5, this is £1 deposit and then 4 credits. The loan of a Jigsaw is 1 credit.

All the puzzles are, we understand, complete, if not we will refund your credit.

The puzzles, with pictures are all listed on the Marystowe page of [www.southtamar.church](http://www.southtamar.church).

All proceeds from the library are for Marystowe Church, we are happy to deliver and collect puzzles.

A sample of the puzzles we have:

- 1000 pieces – saucy seaside postcards
- 1000 pieces – photograph of Clovelly
- 1000 pieces – Turner’s Fighting Temeraire
- 1000 pieces – street map of Plymouth
- 500 pieces – Teddy Bears Wedding
- 500 pieces – cartoon of a village Gymkhana

Please contact Joy (01822 860630) or Barbara (01566 784797)



## Lamerton Sports and Community Centre

We have quite a bit of good news this time. At last we have planning permission for the MUGA. Our major sponsor has donated a substantial sum and we have a further amount to come from Devon County Council. We will keep you updated on progress.

The outside of the hall looks as good as new following the refurbishment by Rob Pearce - it's first facelift since being built.

We say a sad farewell to Clive and Richard who have resigned from the committee after many years of excellent service and much hard work for the hall. I'm sure they will be around for many years to give their advice and help whenever they are asked. Thanks boys.

We are very fortunate to welcome three new members to our committee. We are expecting that Penny Baker, Jackie Williams and Terry Neild will all bring fresh ideas and new vigour to our activities. Terry has already taken on the role of Events Co-ordinator so be prepared to be roped in by him.

The 22nd of June came and went and still no certain date for lifting the current Covid restrictions. It seems that they will be lifted in the very near future so we have set the 4th September for our Great Duck Race Day. All the old familiar things will be there along with, hopefully, some new ideas.

The Paxman Family are busy preparing for another brain teasing Quiz Night which we hope to have sometime October/November. The School will be having the Christmas Fayre this year and we will be having our usual Christmas Hamper Draw.

As soon as we have definite lifting of restrictions our Coffee Mornings will be back - Barbara and Shona are poised and ready for action. It will be great to be able to get together again.

## MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE HALL

The Hall is open again thankfully ready to take bookings. We have recently brought the lighting and heating up to date also bringing the 21st century inside with free Wi-Fi. We have brightened the place up over lockdown with many volunteers giving their time, friendship and jokes to keep us going. Our Booking Secretary is Mr M. Blatchford 01822 870319.

Previous groups have been starting up once again which includes the Art Group, Yoga & Friendship Club. Gold Zumba is hoping to start 22nd July and of course the Monthly Bingo session is coming back for Autumn. The Post Office has been operating the whole time for which the villagers were very grateful. The Hall Committee are pleased to back the Community Group that are making big contributions to village life and look forward to their Big Bash on the 17th July. Also wishing much luck to the Church's big fundraising efforts for the Bells. They have been so busy over lockdown.

The schedules for the Produce Show on 11th September are available from Carr's Garage, The Edgcumbe Arms, The Royal at Horsebridge and the Post Office on Tuesday mornings in the Hall. If you need any other info contact Sue Champion on 01822 870110.

Now more about Zumba Gold. This is a low impact class for any age, sex and ability and for those who may not be able to keep up high Impact or of an age that would like to exercise but with a lower impact on their bodies. This can also be in a chair. It has the party vibe so all can have a fun time helping mind, body and soul. Booking will be essential so look out for Gwennie's post on the Milton Abbot Hub for confirmation of date and time and contact details. See you there.

Your committee for the following year is Mr. Chris Burchell - Chairman, Mrs Chris Harrap - Treasurer, Mr Mike Blatchford - Booking Secretary. Our present Secretary is retiring, we wish him well for the future and our thanks. Obviously all dates depend on any further news from the Government!



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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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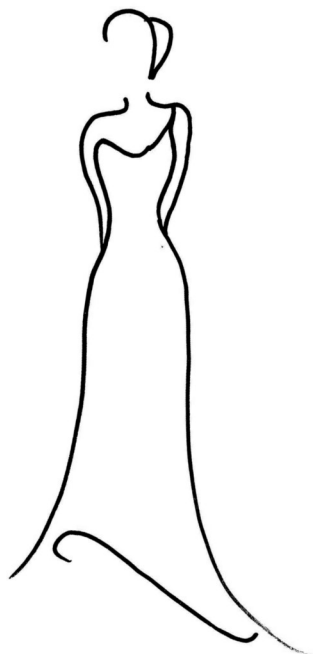
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## September 2021

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
<b>Weds. 1st Sept.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 5th Sept.</b> <i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>		<b>6:30pm BCP Evensong</b>			<b>9:30am HC / CW</b>	
<b>Weds. 8th Sept.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 12th Sept.</b> <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<b>10:30am HC / CW</b>			<b>6:30pm Songs of Praise</b>		<b>6:30pm BCP Evensong</b>
<b>Weds. 15th Sept.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 19th Sept.</b> <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>		<b>11:00am HC / CW</b>			<b>9:30am Family Service Morning Praise</b>	
<b>Weds. 22nd Sept.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 26th Sept.</b> <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<b>6:30pm Songs of Praise</b>			<b>11:00am HC / CW</b>		<b>11:15am HC / CW</b>
<b>Weds. 29th Sept.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					

# CHURCH SERVICES

## August 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
<b>Sunday 1st Aug.</b> <i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>United Benefice Service - Holy Communion</b> <b>Marystowe</b>					
<b>Weds. 4th Aug.</b>	<b>No Service</b>					
<b>Sunday 8th Aug.</b> <i>10th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<b>11:00am</b> <b>United Benefice Service - Morning Praise</b> <b>Lamerton</b>					
<b>Weds. 11th Aug.</b>	<b>No Service</b>					
<b>Sunday 15th Aug.</b> <i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<b>11:00am</b> <b>United Benefice Service - Holy Communion</b> <b>Milton Abbot</b>					
<b>Weds. 18th Aug.</b>	<b>No Service</b>					
<b>Sunday 22nd Aug.</b> <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<b>11:15am</b> <b>United Benefice Service - Holy Communion</b> <b>Coryton</b>					
<b>Weds. 25th Aug.</b>	<b>No Service</b>					
<b>Sunday. 29th Aug.</b> <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>United Benefice Service - Holy Communion</b> <b>Sydenham Damerel</b>					