

# Parish News

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



*Druce's Crane's –bill*



**June & July  
2023  
Price: £1**

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## Diary Dates

Event	June 2023	July 2023
<b>Coffee Mornings</b>		
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12	10, 24	8, 22
Sydenham Damerel from 10.30am	3	1
Coffee and Company, Priest's Room, Lamerton 10 - 12	2, 16, 30	14, 28
<b>Bingo</b>		
Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm	13, 27	11, 25
<b>Church and other events</b>		
Car Boot Sale, Dunterton	25	
Royal tea Party, Wonwood Barton, 3pm		19
Marystowe Midsummer Madness		8
Step back in time, Bowled over, 2 - 4pm	<b>18</b>	
Taize service, Sydenham Damerel, 7pm	27	25
Lamerton Lottery deadline	16	
Deadline for next magazine edition		18

***Magazine deadline for August and September 2023 edition is mid-day, Tuesday 18th July***

*Thank you for your timely submissions - they are much appreciated.*

***June and July church services are on the back cover.  
Bible Readings are on pages 6 and 7***

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Dear Friends,

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who contributed so much to celebrate the King's Coronation so vibrantly across our churches. I hope you all enjoyed it, and I hope too that you found something spiritually moving in the words and symbolism of the Coronation itself.

This summer, we are thinking about words and symbolism in our own churches. Father Andy and I come from quite different church traditions, so we are taking this opportunity to utilise our differing skillsets to respond to requests from some of our churches to refresh the shape of their services, aided by our Licensed Lay Minister, Richard.

The first outworking of this will be seen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at Milton Abbot. Their afternoon service was dwindling, so the PCC and congregation engaged with us in reshaping this service to better meet the needs of the worshipping community. From Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June, this 'Sunday Praise' service will now be at 10am, with tea or coffee on arrival, and will be gathered on chairs at the front of the church as we meet together in fellowship to worship and open up the Word. Our sung worship will be a mixture of traditional and contemporary hymns and songs.

Coryton's PCC have asked for a fresh look to their 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday service, and are open to different expressions. We are therefore trialling three different styles of Communion service across the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in June, July and August – Contemporary, Celtic, and Central. It may play out that one of these is not a good fit for Coryton, but might be a style you would like to see introduced at your church, so we would like to encourage as many people as possible to come and experience these different service styles and see how they feel, and likewise the new service style at Milton Abbot.

As the sunnier summer days spark new life and growth in the fields and hedgerows around us, our prayer this summer is that we will see new spiritual life and growth in our mission community. Please do join us in this prayer and worship this summer.

With every blessing,  
 Rev'd Phill



# COFFEE & COMPANY



**Come and join us for a coffee, some cake, and  
chit chat or a board game.**

**Every other Friday, 10am-12pm, at the Priest  
Room (Chapel) by St Peter's Church,  
Lamerton.**

**Everyone welcome!**

After the success of the Warm Hub, several people wished to carry on meeting and wanted more people to come along too, so we have relaunched as Coffee & Company.

Coffee & Company will be on the alternate week to the village coffee morning that takes place on a Saturday every other week, but do check the church calendar regularly as it doesn't always follow an exact alternating pattern:  
[www.southtamar.church/calendar/](http://www.southtamar.church/calendar/)

**We would love you to join us.**

## BIBLE READINGS (Year A)

*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 4th June  Trinity Sunday (White)	Isaiah 40.12 - 17, 27 - 31	2 Corinthians 13.11 - 13	Matthew 28.16 - 20
Sunday 11th June  1st Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Hosea 5.15 - 6.6	Romans 4.13 - 25	Matthew 9.9 - 13, 18 - 26
Sunday 18th June  2nd Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Exodus 19.2 - 8a	Romans 5.1 - 8	Matthew 9.35 - 10.8 (9 - 23)
Sunday 25th June  3rd Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Jeremiah 20.7 - 13	Romans 6.1b - 11	Matthew 10.24 - 39
Sunday 2nd July  4th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Jeremiah 28.5 - 9	Romans 6.12 - 23	Matthew 10.40 - 42
Sunday 9th July  5th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Zechariah 9.9 - 12	Romans 7.15 - 25a	Matthew 11.16 - 19 25 - 30

**BCP – Book of Common Prayer**

**CW – Common Worship (Modern)**

BIBLE READINGS (Year A)			
DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 16th July 6th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Isaiah 55.10 - 13	Romans 8.1 - 11	Matthew 13.1 - 9, 18 - 23
Sunday 23rd July 7th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Isaiah 44.6 - 8	Romans 8.12 - 25	Matthew 13.24 - 30 36 - 43
Sunday 30th July 8th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	1 Kings 3.5 - 12	Romans 8.26 - 29	Matthew 13.31 - 33 44 - 52

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'***.



## South Tamar Mission Community

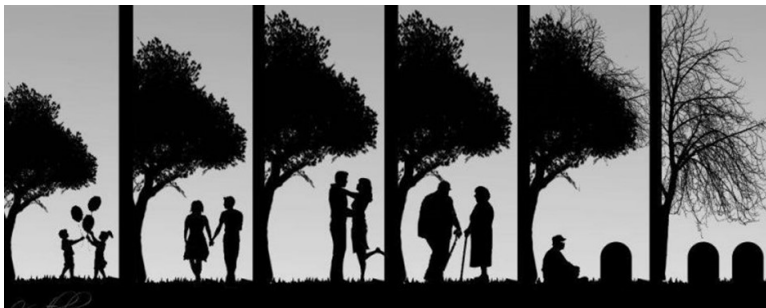
There are several ways to keep up to date with events, or to get in touch with the Vicar and Churchwardens

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

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## **Why go to church? What is the point? Is church just a ‘Nice to Have’**

Nowadays the church has to compete with Sunday activities such as football, walking, gardening, shopping etc. Is Church just a ‘Nice to have’ - a nice to do thing - when we have the time? In short is church just another form of entertainment or a vital necessity?

I would suggest that Church is often our only opportunity to reflect about life itself – rather than just living it. Without Church we just cascade through life’s joys and traumas until we can no longer do so – then die. Going to church puts foundations and perspective on this ultimately seemingly fruitless process that ends with us simply leaving our skeletal remains in a grave or ashes in a crematorium. The good news is that there is a vast body of literature indicating that ‘we’ are not that residue or those ashes but the spiritual entities that animated them in life. This is where the church comes in. It helps us develop the bit that survives death, our spirit – ourselves.

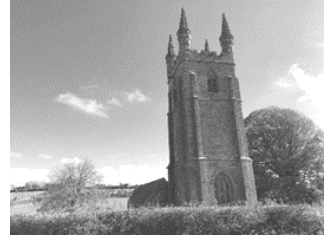
Firstly, what is Church? The Church is and always has been its people not its buildings. They meet together to reinforce and become aware of the basis of life itself. These congregations help us to consider why we live, how we live and where we go when we die. They do this by studying and trying to follow the teachings of people of spirituality and wisdom who have been down life’s track. As Christians, we do this by studying and living the teachings and extraordinary works of Jesus Christ.

Saints and incarnations live in both this world and the next. They create scripture by reporting back and living successful spiritual lives. They provide evidence of the life to come and how to live the lives we lead. Leisure activities and the sustenance of the fabric of our physical lives just contribute to the residue we all leave behind when we die. The only thing we take with us is our identity, our characters – our souls. That is why Church has to be a crucial ingredient in all our lives – greater than football, walking, weeding or shopping in Tesco’s as one day every one of us will find out!

*Richard Searight*

# All Saint's Church, Dunterton

**Since the last Parish News it has been "business as usual" for All Saint's.**



On 2<sup>nd</sup> April we held our first service for the year, and took advantage of the damp conditions to plant some daffodil bulbs along the length of the newly re-laid gravel path.

A couple of weeks later we held our first community event of the year with a Skittles & BBQ Evening at Bradstone Manor. With many thanks to Romilly & Mark for hosting us, and Sue & Gary for providing and cooking the food, this was a lovely evening bringing together neighbours from across the parish and raising funds for the church.

As we are writing, we have just completed our Coronation Weekend service where we took the opportunity to make a toast to the King before the service. We were also delighted that the bells had been checked and oiled earlier in the week (thanks to the Lamerton ringers) so that our church could join in the "bell ringing tour" of the South Tamar Mission Community on the evening of the Coronation.

By the time you are reading this the Memory Planting Day (15<sup>th</sup> May) at Tuell Farm will have taken place. I am sure this will be a well-supported event and thank Giselle in advance for the wonderful idea.

The Friends of Dunterton have great plans for the future and I look forward to keeping readers informed as we go through the year.

## What's On

**Car Boot Sale** – 25<sup>th</sup> June at Dunterton opposite the church (PL19 0QJ) from 11.00 to 14.00. Please contact Betsy for more information on 0777563579.

**River Walk** – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The walk will once again start and finish at Dunterton Cross. Refreshments will be served on route. If anyone can help with arrangements on the day please contact Sue Champion on 01822 870110 or John Spensley on 07711 995735.

*Derek Youds and John Spensley*

SERVICES AT DUNTERTON CHURCH – DATE & TIME	
June 4 <sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m.	October 1 <sup>st</sup> at 11.00 a.m.
August 6 <sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m.	December 25 <sup>th</sup> at 9.30 a.m.



## St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

It has been a wonderful spring so far. In March we had the inaugural meeting of the Friends of St. Mary's who aim to support both the church and the community of Sydenham Damerel; offering friendship and support wherever needed. The meeting was busy, productive and ended with wonderful lemon cake!

March also saw the delivery of our new Spic-and-Span litter pickers and the annual plant and seed exchange scheme got up and running in the church porch.

April's coffee morning was a lovely chance to get together, raise money for St Marys and the toasted hot cross buns were particularly popular. April also brought Easter and a beautiful service on Easter Sunday was made all the more special by the amazing flower displays donated by talented and creative locals.



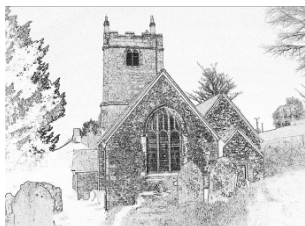
In May, Coronation fever gripped us all. The village was festooned in red, white and blue. The sell out Coronation Quiz was fun with the cup, going back to Lamerton temporarily: a rematch awaits! The Coronation Big Lunch was an amazing day of community and fun with Boris, St. Mary's tenor bell, summoning the village. The Sydenham Damerel Blowers brass band serenaded us during the lunch. A huge thanks to all the wonderful organisers with £650 being raised to split evenly between the Devon Air Ambulance and the "St Mary's Coronation 1000 Appeal" for urgent repairs to the tower roof.

May's coffee morning was a chance to get together again and raffle a beautiful cake, raising more money for the appeal.

Tuell Farm hosted Memory Day on May 14<sup>th</sup> inviting everyone to plant a wildflower in memory of a loved one and to have a peaceful walk through the orchards and fields. A special time.

*Gail Cullen*





## St. Andrew's, Coryton

### Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

The Coronation was well celebrated in Coryton. Late in the afternoon of Coronation Day the Lamerton Bell Ringers rang the bells at St Andrew's. The lovely, joyful sound could be heard throughout the Lyd Valley and beyond.

The following day the Vicats hosted a Coronation Lunch in the garden at Coryton House. Festively decorated marquees, delicious food and drink brought by those who attended, a glass of bubbly to toast the new King and Queen followed by games to play and made for an afternoon enjoyed by all. With very many thanks to the Vicats who made it all possible.



### Special Services of Holy Communion this summer

Services of Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday of the month have not been as well attended as in the past. To try and encourage more people to attend we will hold three different services at Coryton this summer:

June 25th	A Contemporary service of Holy Communion,
July 23rd	A Celtic Eucharist
August 27th	Common Worship Holy Communion.

More information can be found in the Vicar's letter.

***Josie Whitfield***

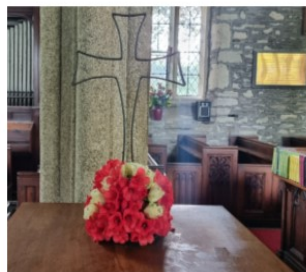


# St. Mary's Church, Marystowe



A picture says a thousand words – and no way would the editor let me have that much space to cover topics as diverse as our Book and Jigsaw sale in April, the Flower Arrangers triumphs for the Coronation, the wonderful bell ringing, the Party on the Green for the Coronation, a welcome to Amy Harrowell who has joined the PCC, Carol Martin's sublime lemon drizzle cake, Rosie and Gladys' flora depiction of the Gold State coach on The Mall and everything in between....

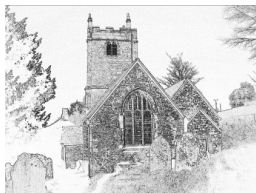
So I leave the report on what has happened at Marystowe to Amy's pictures....



Finally, please don't forget to save the **8<sup>th</sup> July** as we are having a family day in Marystowe of Midsummer Madness – afternoon and evening entertainment more details to follow.

*Joy McSmythurs 01822 860630*





## St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

Our Coffee, Crafts & Chat morning on 25<sup>th</sup> March gave us an opportunity to do a little shopping and have a coffee and a piece of cake and a chat with friends. Thank you to everyone who supported this; we raised a very welcome £387.

On Easter Saturday Morag Parker gave a powerful performance of "Condemned" – a one-woman play written by Eames Barry which gave a view of the Passion from the perspective of the Virgin Mary.

On Easter Monday we had the great pleasure of a visit from six members of The Ancient Society of College Youths, who rang a peal of 5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor changes as a memorial to the Revd Sir St Vincent Love Hammick, who was the vicar of Milton Abbot for 52 years from 1836 to 1888 and was also a member of the Society. The ring was also to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. This was the first long peal since our bells were retuned and rehung in the new bell frame last year.

On the eve of Coronation Day Andy, Phill and Ghislaine led us in a Prayer Vigil for the King. The Lamerton Bellringers visited us on the evening of Coronation Day and rang for about 40 minutes as part of their "Ring for the King" around the Benefice.



Our big fundraising event this summer will be our **Royal Tea Party on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at Wonwood Barton**. The tea will be professionally catered and we will have entertainment from Barry's Shed Ukulele Band. The cost is £12.50 each – **booking is essential by 4<sup>th</sup> July please** as we have to give numbers to the caterers. We very much hope you can be with us - don't put away your red, white and blue things just yet! Funds raised will go towards replacing the church heating system – so the sooner

we can raise the money the sooner we will all be warm again! You can book your tickets in various ways:

by phone to Pat (01822 618452) or myself (01822 870642);

by email – [matreasurer@southtamar.church](mailto:matreasurer@southtamar.church) ;

or online, <https://milton-abbot-church-pcc.sumupstore.com> .

We are trying a new format and time for our service on the second Sunday of the month – please see the Vicar's Letter in this issue for more details.

## St. Peter's Church, Lamerton



What a wonderful display of flowers and flags we had at St. Peter's celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. - from the flag flying on the tower to the bunting on the Priest's Room to the splendid flower displays in church. We had arrangements from the Bell Ringers, the

British Legion, The Lamerton WI, the Parish Council and the School along with many individual arrangements. Over twenty people were involved which made it a marvellous community occasion and we would like to say a big Thank You to you all.



On the Saturday our Bell Ringers visited all but one tower in the Benefice to ring the coronation peal. They finished at Lamerton and enjoyed a glass of port to end their journey.



Our Songs of Praise service led by Andy, Tim and Ghislaine on the Sunday attracted a full congregation to enjoy hymns we all knew. The Lamerton Hand Bell Ringers joined us and played for us 'The Coronation Peal' which would appear to have

originated from the Lamerton Tower being rung possibly for the Coronation of King George VI but definitely for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. They also played solo I vow to thee my country and You raise me up and were joined by Tony on the organ with Love Divine



The super supper provided by many of our ladies gave us an opportunity to stay after the service for a good chatter with friends.

*Ian Minshull*

## Safeguarding News

### **Training news**

You can always access safeguarding training online at:

<https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>

Please contact your safeguarding rep if unsure how to access or which courses are applicable to your role.

### **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks**

Please note that **all PCC/Trustee members** must have a current DBS certificate, which is now renewable every 3 years. Other church members who have interaction with children and/or vulnerable adults, including pastoral visitors and Open the Book helpers, are eligible for an enhanced check.

Contact your safeguarding rep to arrange your check if you have not already done so:

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*If you are concerned for the immediate safety of someone, dial 999*

## LAMERTON WI

Tuesday 6th June, 2:00pm

Citizens Advice, with Julie Hibbert. *Get your questions ready!*

Tuesday 4th July, 2.00pm

The Air Ambulance, with Marilyn and Alan MacQueen

*All meetings held at Lamerton Village Hall  
New members welcome*



## A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

### When Your Load Is Heavy

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Some of you have some pretty heavy burdens to carry in life. Perhaps you have a physical handicap that makes your life difficult. Or, perhaps your father has lost his job and your family is having financial difficulties. Maybe someone in your family has cancer or some other serious illness and you are worried about them. You may be having a hard time making passing grades in school. I don't know what the burdens are that you have in your life, but I do know that there are some that you just can't handle by yourself. Well, guess what? You don't have to!



Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." There is no reason for you to struggle with burdens that are too heavy for you. God's Word is full of promises to help us in times of trouble. Here are just a few: "Don't be afraid, I am with you." (Gen.26:24) "I'll give you strength." (Psalm 28:7) "I'm with you in times of trouble." (Psalm 34:6) These words of encouragement are just what we need to face the hard times that may come our way.

Does that mean that if we will ask him, God will take all of our troubles away? No, but he will help us. In fact, some of our struggles may help us to grow and become stronger. They may

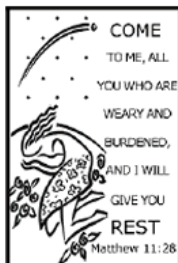
also help us to learn to trust in Jesus. But when the load is too heavy, he will help us to carry it -- and there is no burden that is too heavy for Jesus.

Dear Father, we are thankful that when we struggle under the load of life's burdens, you are there to help us carry the load. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Rest for the Weary

"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:30 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
K	Z	X	M	D	B	Y	R	S	T	H	E	U	P	I	Q	A	C	N	W	V	J	O	F	L	G

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- 25-15-26-11-10 \_\_\_\_\_
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- 6-13-8-5-12-19 \_\_\_\_\_

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REST



# Love Your Burial Ground Week

3<sup>rd</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June

Love your Burial Ground Week is a celebratory week which has been running for many years. Caring for God's Acre has been encouraging those who help to care for our churchyards to celebrate these fantastic places in the lovely month of June. We will use this week as an opportunity to tidy and clean these wonderful spaces.

The Parish Church Councils across our Benefice endeavour to maintain our churchyards, so they may be a place of peace and reflection for all. These churchyards are places where wildlife can thrive and many use them as spaces to pause and ponder. Between now and 3<sup>rd</sup> June we will be tidying our churchyards and removing any items which do not meet the guidelines.

Any items removed will be left in the church porch for collection.

If you are interested, the National Guidelines for our churchyards can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ymwpanjk>

If you would like to help us tidying these wonderful spaces, or would like to contribute to their up-keep please contact the

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to our Bunting Tosser Robert and Rosalind for their invitation to Windsor Castle for the St George's Day Scout Day of Celebration and Recognition of the highest scout achievements.

The day began with an uplifting service in St Georges Chapel, followed by a parade of the Kings and Queens Scouts in the Quadrangle. The rain certainly didn't dampen the celebration for Scouts who paraded in front of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, the Chief Scout and Chief Commissioner of Scouts. Robert had been honoured with the highest award in scouting, "the Silver Wolf, for services of the most exceptional character", whilst Rosalind is the holder of the Award of Merit.

They report it was a very memorable day which they enjoyed and felt proud to be there, whilst accepting they are only a small cog in the wheel of a very successful organisation for young people.

*Well done to both of you!*



## 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. Taize 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:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

## A Story on the Theme of Respect

### An Allergic Wizard

Once upon a time there was a good, cheerful wizard who loved to use his magic to make everyone happy. He was also quite an unusual wizard because he was allergic to a load of different foods. He had to be very careful what he put in his mouth. He was always being invited to parties, and he would always gladly accept, because he always had new tricks and games to try out.

In the beginning, everyone was considerate about his allergies, and they took special care to prepare food that he would be able to eat safely. But as time went on, people tired of having to prepare special foods for him. They began to forget his dietary requirements. After having enjoyed his magic, people would leave him by himself, and the parties became less enjoyable. Sometimes they didn't even bother to tell him what was in the food, and, more than once, he ended up with a swollen tongue, a red face, and a very itchy body.



Angry at such lack of consideration, he waved his wand and cast a huffy spell that gave everyone a special allergy. Some became allergic to birds or frogs, others to fruit or meat, some to raindrops... And so, each person had to take special care from then on. Whenever people met up to eat or have a party, they ended up having to go to the doctor.

Ending parties in this way was such a pain that, gradually, people began making an effort to learn what each other's allergies were. Now they would prepare everything carefully, so that they could have a good time together without getting sick. Visits to the doctor decreased, and in less than a year, life in town returned to normal, filled with parties and celebrations, always attended by the wizard, who gave life and joy to the occasion. Even better, now he could stay and enjoy the whole party. No one would have suspected that, in that town, every single person was strongly allergic to something.

Some time later, without anyone knowing, the wizard waved his wand again and undid the spell. The people had learned well how to be considerate towards others, and how they could enjoy each others' company even better just by making a little effort to adapt to each and every person.



## POEM: THE OLD GRANITE WALL ON DARTMOOR

1  
The old grey wall's still standing  
Reminding us of times  
When all hands worked together  
To build the stones in line

2  
The barren moor looms desolate  
On dark and wintry nights  
But the old grey wall still stands  
there  
Changing shades in fading light

3  
How many hands did build it  
And set the granite there?  
No tool did form nor spoil it  
Its simplicity is rare

4  
Its beauty still surpasses  
The stonework of today  
It sits there solid as a rock  
That's borne life's brunt its way

5  
Its strength has stood the test of time  
Its beauty never fades  
When light grows dim there then be-  
gins  
A symphony of shades

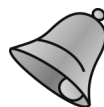
6  
It is a simple wall – a granite wall  
Formed not by tool nor crane  
Long may it last – long may it stand  
Enduring wind and rain

I saw its beauty – admired its grace  
I will remember that time and place

*MJB*



## Ringers' Royal Road Run



The tower has been active as usual recently with Monday evening practices well attended. All the services have been rung for at Lamerton including the Coronation evensong.

On the evening of Coronation Day we rang at all the towers in the benefice which don't have an active team. First we rang the five bell peal at Coryton where we were kindly offered a glass of sherry and drank the King's health. Then we rang at Marystowe where the fourth bell's rope broke so the resulting ringing was not as tuneful as intended, to say the least!

Next we rang the three bells at All Saint's Dunterton followed by the lovely re-hung six at Milton Abbot. Lastly we rang at our home tower of Lamerton where the Coronation Peal was rung followed by another toast to King Charles with drinks kindly provided by the churchwardens. We now have another two recruits and hope that all learners will be ringing rounds by the end of summer.

*William Dawe*

## LAMERTON HANDBELL RINGERS CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Lamerton Handbell Ringers took part in The Songs of Praise Service held in St Peter's Church on 7th May to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III playing 2 pieces of music - 'you raise me up' and 'I Vow to thee my country'. Also playing with the organ and congregation to the hymn 'Love Divine' Tune Blaenwern.

Four members of the team played half of the sequence of the 48 changes on 8 handbells known as 'The Coronation Peal'. It had come to light recently that this peal had been composed by an un-

named ringer from the Lamerton Church Bell Tower and had been probably rung for the 2 coronations in 1937 and 1953.

Sadly there is no evidence to say who wrote it but we do know that Albert Jarman was the Tower Captain with some of the other ringers being Arthur Jarman, Frank Rogers and Francis Reddicliffe who would have rung the Peal for the 2 previous coronations.



2023 is a very Special year for Lamerton Handbell Ringers - the Team was founded by Geoff Hill 60 years ago and will celebrate it's Diamond Anniversary. The first Handbell Festival was held in St Peter's Church in September 1973 and this year will be it's 50th Anniversary.

This year's The 50th Annual Handbell Festival will take place in Lamerton

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*Valerie Hill*



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## NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL

June - July 2023



"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork." Ps 19

Not only are the moon and stars proclaiming His glory, but so are the lanes and hills and hedges here in Devon as Spring rushes into summer, blackthorn flowers give way to May blossom, orchids and bluebells to yellow buttercups, cow parsley, starry white stitchwort and pink campion. All are nestled in fresh green ferns and new leaves of beech and sorrel. It is a sight to make the heart sing.

And the birds do sing. Bluebell has heard one cuckoo, on Blackdown, and is surrounded with sparrows and chaffinches, robins, wrens, blackbirds and other small birds busy with nesting. In her garden are baby tawny owls, sitting in a row on a branch, demanding to be fed with strange, loud, entitled noises like loud kisses!

The black swifts, martins and swallows are back. Bluebell has seen (by torchlight) a large hedgehog and found a gravid oil beetle on a sunny afternoon.



*Jackdaws pair with pale eyes + silvery neck feathers*

The noisiest birds in the garden, except for the screams of swifts, are the jackdaws. Their name is from the chak chak call, though jack as in jack of hearts can mean small, and they are smallest among the crows.

They keep up a sociable chatter, and are collectively called a colony, a train, or a clattering of jackdaws. They often nest in church towers, as in the tower at Marystowe, where the mess of sticks and sheep's wool below make them not altogether popular! In some places, though, for this habit the bird was deemed sacred. William Cowper

wrote:

"A great frequenter of church,  
Where bishop-like, he finds a perch  
And dormitory too!"

The jackdaw that was seen locked inside, beating against the windows of the pub, the Chichester Arms, in Chillaton, having fallen down the chimney into the empty building, was a pitiful sight.

Jackdaws are long-lived, nearly as long as humans, and they pair for life. "They become betrothed in the spring following their birth, but do not become sexually mature till twelve months later, thus the normal period of betrothal is exactly a year. ....In those bird species which marry for only one brood, for example most small song birds, the engagement is necessarily of shorter duration. But nearly all those that marry for life become "engaged" long before they "wed". ...It is touching to see how affectionate these two wild creatures are with each other, ... and the most appealing part of their relationship is that their affection increases with the years instead of diminishing.

From King Solomon's Ring ; Konrad Z Lorenz. 1952





## POLE POSITION

Our Chief Bunting Tosser informs me that upcoming Union flag days are:

- 17th June HM's Official Birthday
- 21st June The Prince of Wales Birthday
- 24th June Armed Forces Day
- 17th July The Queen Consort Birthday



Other notable days are:

- 4th June St Petroc's Day
- 14th June Battle of the Falklands Islands
- 18th June Battle of Waterloo
- 29th June St Peter's Day
- 1st July Canada Day
- 4th July USA Independence Day
- 5th July NHS Birthday
- 14th July Bastille Day
- 21st July Belgium's Day
- 30th July International Toothpaste Day - *wonder what this flag will look like?*



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**Julie Hibbert**

Contact: **01822 618221;**

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## **Condemned - A powerful one woman show**

This brave and moving play was staged by Morag Parker (curate Phill's wife) at Milton Abbot church on Easter Saturday. It was attended by many folk from all the parishes within the Benefice - and kept us spellbound for over an hour.

Morag acted and danced a mother's emotions, fears and hopes for her eldest child, Jesus.

We were there with her from his conception, childhood and final days in Jerusalem - and could easily imagine what she was going through. Somehow it really brought the humanity of the Easter story into focus and emphasised what the Crucifixion meant: that Jesus died as redemption for all of our sins.

Morag used the minimum of props, with lovely music. Quite how she remembered her lines...? I believe I can speak for most of the audience that there was barely a dry eye at the end.

Immediately the production finished there was a clamour for Morag to 'do it again'. I'm sure she will at some stage, or perhaps have another wonderful, different offering for us. If so, don't miss it. Congratulations and thank you Morag.

*Ed.*

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## GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



It was about eleven in the morning when the phone rang. It was Camilla, soon to be our Queen, could I do a flower arrangement in Westminster Abbey for the Coronation? Gosh! Help! Panic, sweat... What shall I do....?

Fortunately, I woke up from the dream, but still had to do some flower arranging for the Coronation. God Bless our King - the Gardener of Highgrove.

The King has long been known for his respect for nature and protection of the environment. He, like others, have looked for ways to minimise our damage. The Royal Horticultural Society, for instance, has outlawed the use of Oasis floral foam in flower arrangements for the Chelsea Flower Show. Similarly, the CoE is, apparently, considering whether to ban the use in churches across the UK. In fact, some parishes have already opted to go foam free. Why? Well, it's plastic, it's toxic to aquatic animals, it takes a lifetime to degrade. It cannot go on the compost heap, or in the green waste. Read more at: <https://www.sustainablefloristry.org/resources/floral-foam-facts/> and <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2022/5-august/features/features/not-mourning-oasis-glory-the-environmental-impact-of-church-flowers>



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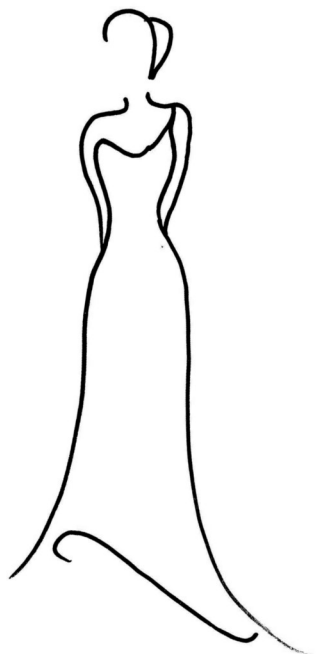


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## July 2023

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<b>Sunday 2nd July</b> <i>4th Sun of Trinity</i>		<b>6.30pm</b>  <b>Even- song BCP</b>			<b>9.30am</b>  <b>HC/CW</b>	
<b>Weds 5th July</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 9th July</b> <i>5th Sun of Trinity</i>	<b>10.30am</b>  <b>HC/CW</b>			<b>10.00am</b> <b>Sunday Praise</b>		<b>6.30pm</b>  <b>Even- song BCP</b>
<b>Weds 12th July</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 16th July</b> <i>6th Sun of Trinity</i>		<b>11.00am</b>  <b>HC/CW</b>			<b>9.30am</b> <b>Family service Morning praise</b>	
<b>Weds 19th July</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 23rd July</b> <i>7th Sun of Trinity</i>	<b>6.30pm</b>  <b>Songs of Praise</b>			<b>11.00am</b>  <b>HC/CW</b>		<b>11.15am</b>  <b>Celtic Eucha- rist</b>
<b>Tues 25th July</b>	<b>7.00pm Taize, Sydenham Damerel</b>					
<b>Weds 26th July</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 30th July</b> <i>8th Sun of Trinity</i>	<b>9.30am Morning Praise United Benefice Service, Sydenham Damerel</b>					

# CHURCH SERVICES

## June 2023

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
<b>Sunday 4th June</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>		6.30pm  Even- song BCP	11.00am  Morning Prayer BCP		9:30am  HC/CW	
<b>Weds 7th June</b>	10:00am Service of Wholeness and Healing at St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 11th June</b> <i>1st Sun of Trinity</i>	10.30am HC/CW			10.00am Sunday Praise		6.30pm Even- song BCP
<b>Weds 14th June</b>	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 18th June</b> <i>2nd Sun of Trinity</i>		11.00am HC/CW			9.30am Family Service Morning Praise	
<b>Weds 21st June</b>	10.am Holy Communion St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 25th June</b> <i>3rd Sun of Trinity</i>	6.30pm  Songs of Praise			11.00am  HC/CW		11.15am  Contem- porary service
<b>Tuesday 27th June</b>	7.00pm Taize, Sydenham Damerel					
<b>Weds 28th June</b>	10.00am Holy Communion St Peter's Lamerton					