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Event	April 2025	May 2025
<b>Coffee Mornings</b>		
Coffee and Company, Priest's Room, Lamerton 10 - 12pm	4	2, 16, 30
Sydenham Damerel from 10.30am	5	3
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12pm	12, 26	10, 24
<b>Church and other events</b>		
Dunterton Skittles Competition, Bradstone Manor, 7pm	11	
Lent Lunches, Marystowe Schoolroom (PL16 0JA), 12pm - 1:30pm	7, 14	
Afternoon Tea & Garden Sale, 2pm, Marystowe	26	
Milton Abbott Church, Spring Fair 10am		17
Jack of all Trades Acoustic Evening, 7pm, St Peters Lamerton		16

**Magazine deadline for June/July 2025 edition is**  
**end of day: Saturday 17th May 2025**

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



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Dear Friends,

So many times, when we are reading the Bible, we find much about Jesus which is counter-cultural.

His teachings, like the Sermon on the Mount, seem to turn the world view upside down.

We have a prime example on Palm Sunday – the Son of God, the Messiah, enters Jerusalem to bring about the promised salvation of God's people, and rides in on – a lowly donkey.

Compare Jesus' actions to those of world leaders today, particularly those who appear to think they are the great saviour of their people – how different, how humble, is Christ?

The whole of our Easter story is one of God doing things His way and not the world's way.

As Jesus hangs upon the cross, the soldiers and onlookers mock Him, saying that if He were the Son of God, then why doesn't He just come down.

They don't understand, that rather than saving himself, Jesus is interested only in saving each one of us, even though we are totally undeserving. That Christ should choose to die to bring about our redemption is so contrary to anyone's expectation of what the Messiah would do when He came.

As we round off this period of Lent, and journey through Easter, can I encourage you to look for God's way, and ask if we need to stop going our own way if it doesn't follow the way of Christ.

Where do we need to be brave, or even appear foolish, in shrugging off the expectations of the world, and instead walk the counter-cultural path that bears witness to God's grace and love?

There will be plenty of opportunities within our mission community to experience the Easter story and track the way of Christ.

We have services and events throughout Holy Week, like the Stations of the Cross, Maundy Thursday, a Walk of Witness, and an Easter Eve service, all rounded off with five services on Easter Day, starting from sunrise.

I do hope you will join us for these very special services.

***With every Blessing  
Rev'd Phill***



# Bishop of Exeter's 5 strategic priorities

As Bishop Mike settles into his new role as Bishop of Exeter, he brings fresh eyes on our Diocesan vision of Growing in Prayer, Making New Disciples and Serving the People of Devon with Joy.

In the outworking of the vision, Bishop Mike identifies five strategic priorities:

“First, **missional leadership**: equipping and resourcing the ordained and lay leaders of our Christian communities as best as we can to develop disciples and make new disciples.

Second, developing a “**missional DNA**” across our Christian communities, encouraging outward-looking, invitational churches, hospitable to outsiders and engaged with their wider communities.

Third, cultivating an intentional **vocational culture** so that we are not asking whether God is calling me/us, but “To what is God calling me/us now?”

Fourth, **children and young people** being placed at the heart of our life, mission and ministry.

And fifth, a **mixed ecology**: understanding that we need different ways of doing and being Church.

Alongside time-honoured Church we need all sorts of Christian communities which can engage with the 95% of our population who are as yet unengaged.

I hope that these five priorities will become embedded at every level of our ministry going forward.”

In response to this, Bishop Mike has asked us all to be regularly praying this prayer:

**God of mission**

**Who alone brings growth to your Church**

**Send your Holy Spirit to give**

**Vision to our planning,**

**Wisdom to our actions,**

**Power to our witness.**

**Help your Church here in Devon**

**To grow deeper in faith and prayer,**

**To grow new disciples, to grow leaders,**

**To grow younger and**

**To grow in joyful service of our local community,**

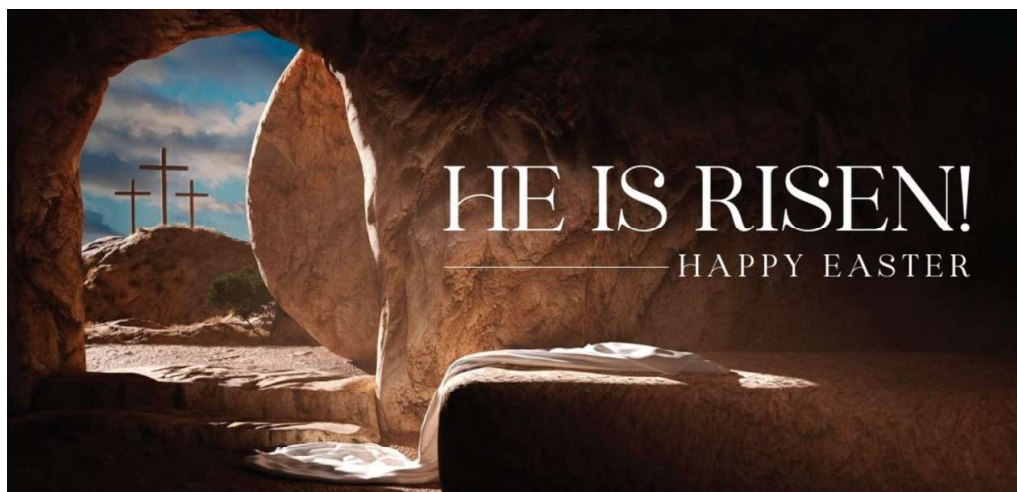
**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Please take up this prayer in your prayer times, and be ready to hear what God has to say in response to this prayer for our churches and for ourselves as disciples.

## BIBLE READINGS (Year C)

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

DATE	1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL	PSALM
Sunday 6th April	Isaiah 43:16-21	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8	Psalm 126
Fifth Sunday of Lent - Purple				
Sunday 13th April	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end	-	Luke 19:28-40	Psalm 31:9-16
Palm Sunday - Red				
Thursday 17th April	Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Psalm 116:9-end
Maundy Thursday - White				
Sunday 20th April	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12	Psalm 118:14-24
Easter Day - Gold/White				
Sunday 27th April	Acts 5:27-32	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:9-end	Psalm 118:14-end
Second Sunday of Easter - White				



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Sunday 4th May 3rd Sunday of Easter - White	Acts 9:1-20	Revelation 5:11-end	John 21:1-19	Psalms 30
Sunday 11th May 4th Sunday of Easter - White	Acts 9:36-end	Revelation 7:9-end	John 10:22-30	Psalms 23
Sunday 18th May 5th Sunday of Easter - White	Acts 11:1-18	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35	Psalms 148
Sunday 25th May Rogation Sunday - White	Acts 16:9-15	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29	Psalms 67

The readings conclude with ***'This is the Word of the Lord'***,  
the response is ***'Thanks be to God'***.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE**

Please be aware, that due to personal circumstances around what would be the usual deadline for the August/September Issue, I am having to bring that issue deadline significantly forwards (by a couple of weeks), in order to ensure I have the issue compiled and submitted for the print deadline.

Of course I will send out various reminders nearer the time.

August/September submissions Deadline will have to be 5th July 2025.

Thank you.

**Ed  
(Amy)**

# Lent



# Lunches

Come and join us for a series of Lent Lunches, as we journey through Lent together.

Enjoy soup and a roll with us, as we chat over a variety of topics and questions.

Marystowe School Room (PL16 0JA), 12-1.30pm

on the following Mondays:

March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

& April 7th & 14th

Please book in with Rev'd Phill so we can cater accordingly -

[curate@southtamar.church](mailto:curate@southtamar.church) or 01566 783498

If you haven't been able to book, please do come along, but as Phill is still a Curate, he doesn't yet know the secret of the 5 loaves and 2 fish, so please book in advance if you can.

\* Suggested donation of £3, but please give as you are able.

# All Saint's Church, Dunterton

We held our first "Tea & Chat" of the year at the end of January where we discussed our plans for 2025. In addition to our Annual River Walk (on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October this year), we are planning more social events in the church during the warmer months, with a musical evening and quiz evening being two of the ideas currently being discussed.



By the time you are reading this, we may already have held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dunterton Skittles Competition, this year in conjunction with Bradstone Church, at Bradstone Manor. This is taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> April at 19.00 and tickets are available at the

door at a cost of £5 with pasties available to purchase and tea/coffee/soft drinks provided. So if you are reading this before 11<sup>th</sup> – do come and join us!



We are delighted to be holding a Morning Praise service on Easter Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> April) at 11.00am and are once again hoping to collect items for the Launceston Food Bank before/after the service.

There may even be some Easter Eggs hiding around the church for our younger congregation!

Please support us in this endeavour by bringing along any non-perishable food, or non-food items such as toiletries, and leaving them in the box in the church.

## **SERVICES AT DUNTERTON CHURCH – DATE & TIME**

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Easter Sunday 20th April	11am Morning Praise
Sunday 1st June	11am Morning Praise
Sunday 28th June—United Benefice	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 7th September	11am Morning Praise



## **St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel**

Spring is coming; hedgerows are filling with primroses, snowdrops, and wild garlic leaves. Observing seasonal changes is one of the many joys of rural life.

The new year started off well with a lovely letter of thanks from the Devon Air Ambulance, for the £200 donation made, after the Christmas quiz.

Over the last two years St Mary's has donated over £2000 to our favourite charities - a tremendous feat for a little church.

The Friends of St Mary's met and there were several volunteers to help drive the candidates for the 'Priest In Charge' post around the Benefice on the orientation day and also to be part of the meet and greet, later in the day.

John was delighted to report that our Faculty Petition was finally agreed, and we can go forward with our heating installation.

This was particularly cheering to hear as we were meeting in the very cold church!

A vote of thanks was expressed to the Hurdwell family, especially to Tom, for the beautiful work on the church gates. We hope that the new vicar will be able to rededicate the gates.

As part of the project to improve the heating we plan to replace some of the pews with stackable wooden chairs.

Six pews are being put up for silent auction, with a minimum bid of £200 each.

Some of the existing chairs are also for sale at a minimum price of £10 each.

If you missed out this time it is hoped there will be a second auction held before the end of the year. Details are available from:

phurdwell@hotmail.co.uk

On Valentines Evening we had a fun night in St Mary's.

The Church had been decorated appropriately with bunting hearts and Love Hearts on the table.

The phenomenal Jack of All Trades played an astonishing array of instruments and sang a fantastic selection of rock and pop, folk music and shanties. There was something for everyone and all the money, including, very generously, the band's fee, went towards raising money for the St Mary's Heating and Seating campaign. Their only rider requests were Proper Job and tea!

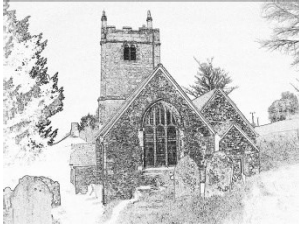
A huge thanks to the band and all the organisers.

And finally, a date for your diary: on Monday the 5th of May there will be a celebration to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE/VJ Day with a Sydenham Damerel Street Party Picnic from 12.00. We promise lots of fun and all are welcome!

*Gail Cullen*







## **St. Andrew's, Coryton**

The churchyard around St Andrew's has been looking particularly lovely lately with a carpet of purple crocuses amid the gravestones. A real sign of Spring to come!



### **St Andrew's Bell Tower Appeal**

Our bell tower appeal, to raise funds to repair the tower roof, is progressing well but we're not there yet!

Any donation, large or small, would be hugely appreciated. You can donate by making a BACS transfer to: Coryton PCC.

Sort Code 60-21-49

Account no. 06403859

Please use reference 'Bell Tower'

or send a cheque made out to 'Coryton PCC' to Sally O'Neill, Higher Wood Park, Coryton, EX20 4AB

Thank you

### **Something different to look forward to at Easter**

On Easter Sunday at 11.15am there will be a special service of Easter Praise at St Andrew's. In addition to traditional Easter Hymns, an Easter Gospel reading and prayers, as a treat for the children in the congregation, we will also to listen to the Easter story, told by the young donkey Jesus rides on Palm Sunday!

We will travel with the donkey detective from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday as he seeks to unravel the special mission Jesus was carrying out. Pick up clues along the way and store them on his saddle.



3D donkeys and pictures of the clues will be provided as will refreshments and Easter treats after the service.

**Josie Whitfield**

## **St. Mary's Church, Marystowe**



We are so grateful to have Rev Phill supporting us so well during the vacancy and we had a lovely service in February from Rev Nick Shutt.

One of the most reflective 'services' was a sunny morning in February when just four of us, plus Spaniel, sat together with Palestrina's Missa Papae Marcelli playing, and shared our faith reflecting on how it helps us come to terms with loss and tragedy.

Our Easter Sunday service will be at 6am, in the Orchard, overlooking Dartmoor, with bacon butties and fresh coffee afterwards.

It is really worth setting the alarm as it is a beautiful service.

If you are able to let us know in advance, then we would be grateful to help with catering.

The hard work that James, the Churchyard Sexton, and volunteers put in last year is producing a wonderful display of wildflowers in the Churchyard.

Do please follow James on Facebook 'Friends of St Mary's Churchyard' as he has some lovely photos, details on the working party days and recipes for wild garlic!

We have our Afternoon Tea and Plant Sale on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to support the work in the Churchyard. If you have any spare plants you could donate, we would be grateful. Last year I managed to get tomato, cucumber, and courgette plants and two out of three survived the slugs!



Finally, our Summer Fun Day this year will be July 26<sup>th</sup> so please make a note in your diaries.

It will be a traditional Village Show in the afternoon so get ready with your jams, think about cakes and flower arrangements.

As with last year we will have a BBQ in the evening with live music and dancing.

***Joy McSmythurs***



## **St. Constantine's Church,** **Milton Abbot**



We were glad to be able to return to St Constantine's from the beginning of March for our services, even if we had to go on wrapping up warm!

Very many thanks to Lamerton for their hospitality in the Priest's Room – we were given a very warm welcome (literally!) but it is good to be back “home” again!

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our usual programme of services, as well as the Easter Eve Service on Saturday 19th April at 6.30pm.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Spring Fair in the church on Saturday 17th May, 10.00am-1.00pm.

This one will have more of an emphasis on things for your garden, as well as a lovely selection of crafts, gifts and treats.

We already have a full complement of stalls booked and light refreshments will be available.

Put the date in your diary!

Pat's stall is also going on the road again! We will be at Coffee & Company in the Priest's Room, Lamerton on Friday 21st March and also at Lamerton's Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th April , as well as at Princetown School, Saturday 24th – Monday 26th May!

Busy times ahead!

***Liz Padmore***



## **St. Peter's Church, Lamerton**

Our churchyard is looking beautiful at present with the celandines, primroses and daffodils coming following a great display of snow drops.

We will have to make a decision about "No Mow May" nearer the time.

It depends on many factors such as condition of grass, availability of helpers and weather.



We are looking forward to seeing "Jack of all Trades" here at St. Peter's on Friday 16th May at 7.00pm.

We saw them at Sydenham Damerel on Valentine's Day and were extremely impressed with the variety of music they perform -



something for all tastes.

We will have a cash bar so no need to bring any drink just some nibbles.

We hope you will join us for an enjoyable evening.

A black and white photograph of a wooden surface, possibly a table or floor, with a guitar and a violin resting on it. The guitar is positioned vertically on the left side, and the violin is positioned horizontally on the right side. The wood grain is clearly visible, and the instruments are slightly out of focus, creating a rustic and artistic background for the text.

*St. Peter's*

*Lamerton*

*Join us for an evening of an eclectic mix  
of music from our local duo*

# *Lack of all Trades*

*a laid-back acoustic  
duo playing fiddle, bass, guitars,  
piano & trumpet!*

**Friday May 16 @7.00pm**

**Cash bar - bring your own nibbles**

**Tickets £10 - call Annie 01 822 614 178  
or e-mail [annie.jefferies@btinternet.com](mailto:annie.jefferies@btinternet.com)**



## A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

### The Case of the Empty Tomb

Do you like mystery stories? On Easter Sunday we are going to hear the most exciting mystery story ever told. I call it "The Case of the Empty Tomb."

The story begins very early in the morning on the first day of the week. Jesus had just been crucified and buried. Mary Magdalene, one of Jesus' followers, went to the tomb where Jesus was buried. When she got there, she saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Peter and John and said to them, "They have taken the Lord's body from the tomb and I don't know where they have put him."

Peter and John raced to the tomb. John got there first. He looked in the tomb and saw the linen wrappings lying there. Then Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linens that John had seen lying there. As he investigated further, he saw the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was also folded and lying apart from the other wrappings. After Peter looked around for a few minutes, John joined him inside. When they were sure that the tomb was empty, they left and went home.

Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she looked inside the tomb and saw two angels sitting there. One of them was sitting at the head and the other at the foot where the body of Jesus had been lying. "Why are you crying?" the angels asked.

"Because they have taken my Lord and I don't know where they have put him," she answered.

Then Mary turned and was about to leave when she saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. "Woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her.





Mary, thinking that he was a gardener said, "Sir, if you have taken my master away, tell me where he is so that I can go to him."

"Mary!" Jesus said. When Jesus spoke her name, Mary knew who he was. She turned to him and cried out, "Teacher!"

"Don't cling to me," Jesus said, "for I have not yet ascended to my Father. Go and tell my brothers that you have seen me and that I am going to return to my Father and your Father, my God and your God." Mary found the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord." Then she gave them the message that Jesus had told her to tell them.

And that solves "The Case of the Empty Tomb." The tomb is empty because Jesus is not dead, he is alive! He is risen just as he said!

Heavenly Father, the empty tomb is no mystery to us. He is risen! We rejoice in his name. Amen.

## The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.  
John 20:1 (NIV)

Based on John 20:1-18 (NIV)



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## A Story on the Theme of Forgiveness

### The Mystery of the Golden Key

In the small town of Willowbrook, lived Detective James Reed, known for his keen eye for mysteries. One morning, the town awoke to shocking news - the mayor's prized golden key, a symbol of prosperity and peace, had gone missing from its display at the town hall.

Detective Reed received a frantic call from Mayor Thompson, requesting his assistance in solving the puzzling disappearance. Detective Reed set out to crack the case. Arriving at the town hall, he examined the scene of the crime. The glass case where the golden key once gleamed was shattered. A single strand of silver thread caught Detective Reed's attention, making him wonder if the thief had left a trail.

Following the thread through the winding streets of Willowbrook, Detective Reed stumbled upon a peculiar shop known as "Mystical Wonders." The shop's owner, Madame Zara, greeted him with a mysterious smile, her crystal ball shimmering in the dim light. Madame Zara claimed to have foreseen the golden key's disappearance in her visions, but Detective Reed remained sceptical. As he questioned her further, Madame Zara revealed a cryptic riddle:

"In the heart of the forest, where shadows dance,  
Lies the secret of the stolen chance.  
Seek the tree of wisdom, tall and grand,  
And there you'll find the key in hand."



With the riddle etched into his mind, Detective Reed knew that the answers awaited him in the depths of the forest. In the dense woods, Detective Reed navigated through twisted vines and whispering leaves. As he approached a clearing in the dappled sunlight, he saw a majestic oak tree, its branches stretching towards the sky.

At the foot of the tree, lay the golden key. But before Detective Reed could grasp it, a shadowy figure emerged from the shadows, revealing the true culprit behind the theft.

The figure was none other than Mr. Jenkins, the town's librarian, whose envy of the mayor's prosperity had driven him to desperate measures. With tears in his eyes, Mr. Jenkins confessed to his misdeeds, remorse weighing heavy on his heart.

In a surprising turn of events, Mayor Thompson forgave Mr. Jenkins, recognizing the frailty of human nature. And so, the town of Willowbrook found peace once more, united by the power of forgiveness and the strength of a detective's resolve.

# Maze for Jesus Taught About Forgiveness

Find the path for the son to reach his forgiving father.



**BEGIN**



**END**



## NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL



The year's at the spring  
 And day's at the morn;  
 Morning's at seven;  
 the hill-side's dew-pearled;  
 The lark's on the wing;  
 The snail's on the thorn;  
 God's in his heaven -  
 All's right with the world! From: "Pippa Passes." 1841 Robert Browning.

All is not right, of course, neither in Browning's drama, nor in the world today, with war and global warming threatening. But somehow when the light returns in spring, with the daffodils and swallows and celandines and chaff chaffs (the feathered metronome); still, hope and innocence return, with the forgiveness of Easter and the sweet cry of the lambs in our fields.

*When daffodils begin to peer,  
 With heigh! The doxy over the dale,*



Daffodils come in a rich diversity of flower forms, and are native to the mountain or hilly pastures of Central and Southern Europe. One of the loveliest is *Narcissus poeticus*, which is often crossed with our native daffodil *N. pseudonarcissus*, (pale lemon flowers and long trumpets) which is the one that delighted Wordsworth, when he saw all at once a crowd, A host of golden daffodils; Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze. *Narcissus poeticus* or the Poet's daffodil is also called the pheasant's eye daffodil. It is late season, intensely fragrant, with white petal-like tepals and a flattened yellow, frilly cup with a striking red edge. There are hundreds of cultivars of daffodils; many can be seen in specialist gardens in the Tamar Valley today.

The new railway link in the 19th Century brought daffodils from the Tamar Valley to London and other cities. Ten thousand people were employed to pick the daffodils. They were laid in blue tissue lined boxes to be sent to Covent Garden. The Tamar Double White, a late season, beautiful, fragrant flower was very special. In the Second World War food crops supplanted the daffodils in the Tamar Valley, but many of the uprooted bulbs still grow in the hedgerows and wood edges.

In her nest, hidden in the potting shed, Bluebell has observed a hen blackbird, turning regularly round to keep her eggs evenly warm.

It has been suggested that painting one or all wings of wind turbines black would reduce the number of wild birds killed by them. 10,000 to 100,000 are estimated to be killed by them annually, but about 55 million birds are estimated to be killed by domestic cats. (Letters, Times March 1 2025). Another killer to be wary of is the polecat, returning to our area, and wild boar, recently encountered on Dartmoor near Meldon and near Poundsgate, Ashburton.







**Thursday 8th May**

**10:50am**

**St Peter's Church, Lamerton**

**A Service to Commemorate  
the 80th Anniversary of  
VE Day (and VJ Day)  
in association with the  
Royal British Legion**



**South Tamar  
Mission Community**

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**Your Benefice Safeguarding Representative is:**

**Julie Hibbert**

Contact: **01822 618221;**

Email: [safeguarding@southtamar.church](mailto:safeguarding@southtamar.church)

Or contact: **Rev Phill Parker 01566783498;**

Email: [curate@southtamar.church](mailto:curate@southtamar.church)

*If you cannot reach your Benefice Safeguarding Representative, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team: Costa Nassaris, Safeguarding Adviser 01392 294969, Email: [costa@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:costa@exeter.anglican.org)*



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## **PCC MEETING !**

Combined Sydenham Damerel & Lamerton APCM.  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm,  
 the Priests Room at St Peter's Lamerton.  
 All Parishioners welcome to come along.

### **Communications During the Vacancy**



Your primary points of contact during our vacancy are our Churchwardens and Chapel Wardens. To email them, follow the link to the relevant church from this page on our website:

<https://www.southtamar.church/welcome/>

If the wardens are unable to assist you, please contact:

Rev'd Phill Parker (Curate) - [curate@southtamar.church](mailto:curate@southtamar.church) - 01566 783498

or;

Rev'd Andrew Thomas (Rural Dean) - [rectorwestdartmoor@gmail.com](mailto:rectorwestdartmoor@gmail.com) - 01822 854804

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## Lamerton Handbell Ringers



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The bellringers have managed to ring for all the services so far this year and continue practising most Monday evenings.

The two exceptions have been the AGM at the end of January when the officers were re-elected en bloc, and our annual social evening, when we went for a meal along with the churchwardens at the Fox and Hounds , Bridestowe. The meal, along with the friendly banter made for very enjoyable evening which was rounded off with our own version of Pointless.

I don't think anyone knows or cares who won but it was certainly good fun!

This year marks the centenary of the Devon Association of Church Bellringers, and there are a series of events being run throughout the year to encourage and promote the art and, hopefully, recruit new and lapsed ringers to augment our numbers.

At Lamerton we are aiming to do our bit to further the cause by holding an Open Tower Day on Saturday July 5th, when all are welcome and encouraged to "have a pull" and hopefully we will gain a few learners in the process.

Our target is to get 100 people of all ages to come to the tower, experience the weight of the bells and view the bells if they so wish. There will be light refreshments available.

Full details will be announced in due course, so please come along and support us.

We look forward to welcoming you to the tower.

*William Dawe – Tower Secretary*



## Catching up with Rev'd Andy & Family

Casting our minds back to September 2024 and our fond farewells to Rev'd Andy & Family, as they made their way over the border into Cornwall for Andy to become Oversight Minister for the Kit Hill Benefice; you may recall the generous collection we made for him and his family to thank them for all they have given us and our Benefice.

At the time Andy announced they would like to put it towards a picnic bench for their new garden.

Fast-forward several months and Barbara and Shona made a visit to them mid-March, where the Atkins Family have just taken delivery of said Bench. Made of recycled bottle tops, it looks lovely on their patio and has a nice plaque of commemoration too.

Sure to be well-used come the warmer and brighter weather.

We understand the whole family are well and settled, with Joab competing in his first international golf tournament in February, where he came 20th out of 28. He is also enjoying City College.

May was off school due workmen going through a sewer outside her school!

Rev'd Andy is kept very busy merging the two benefices and Sarah has been kept busy sorting the house, which is near completion.

We thought you all would like to see the Bench we all gifted; so here it is!



Friends of Marystowe Churchyard

# AFTERNOON TEA AND GARDEN SALE

Saturday 26th April  
2pm - 4pm



Please help us to raise funds for the Churchyard  
Volunteer Team - we will have plant sales,  
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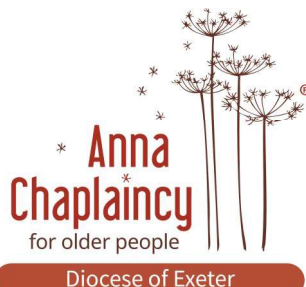
At the recent meeting of the Benefice Pastoral Care Team on the 24th June, it was agreed that we should run a locally based Anna Friends Training Course in October. With Rev. Andy leaving and Rev. Phill holding the fort with support from Tim Thompson and Richard Searight, there was a recognition that many of our older folk, who can no longer physically attend our church services, should be supported as much as possible by our local lay people. Anna Friends work alongside Anna Chaplains ( Annie Jefferies and Josie Whitfield ) to offer varying degrees of spiritual support. This might be personal visits to people's home, telephone support or taking worship services in care homes.

All six of our churches have parishioners in their later years and when falls or illness make people housebound, we should have a flexible team who can visit these people at home. It would therefore be ideal to have one or two people from each church who might consider doing the Anna Friends course which is done over three training sessions of two hours each.

The course will cover:-

- what it means to be a good and focused listener
- the ageing process , grief and loss
- what is dementia and how can we meaningfully engage with individuals and their families
- how to select helpful Bible readings
- writing simple prayers
- offering people Holy Communion at home

The course will run in October, dates to be agreed depending on what is convenient to those wishing to attend. For more details contact Annie ( 614178) or Josie (07989 666427).



## LAMERTON WI

**Tuesday April 1st 2025, 2:00pm**

Lodstone Border Morris  
Competition: Decorated Egg.  
Raffle & Tea.

**Tuesday May 6th 2025, 2.00pm**

Annual General Meeting  
Competition: Small Knitted Item.  
Raffle and Tea

*All meetings held at Lamerton Village Hall  
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**Coffee @ St. Mary's  
Sydenham Damerel**  
First Saturday of every month  
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## COFFEE & COMPANY



Come and join us for a coffee, some cake, and  
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Every other Friday, 10am-12pm, at the Priest  
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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.**

## Mid-week Holy Communion



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

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opportunity to re-charge your  
spiritual batteries.



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





## **GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG**

Well, here in March, enjoying the warm, dry, sunny weather I wonder what it will be like when you read this in April?

This nice weather has been helpful in reducing the slug invasions we had last year. I just hope it continues or I'll be out at night with a torch hunting and collecting!

Sometimes you can get things wrong when gardening. We all do at some stage.

The right plant in the wrong place; the wrong plant in the right place.

Too big, too small, the wrong colour, not enough sun, too much shade.



A mistake I've made recently is using wood ash from the wood burner around rhododendrons and all over the garden.

Wood ash does contain some useful nutrients but it can easily turn slightly acidic soil alkaline and we do have slightly acidic soil here in our garden.

Rhododendrons like slightly acid soil, as do some other plants - heathers, camellias and blueberries, for example.

To know where you are and what to do, you need to measure the pH of your soil; and then you can get involved in the chemistry.

As if there wasn't enough to do in the garden this time of year!

Perhaps I will get round to measuring the pH again;

I have got a meter.

Then I can decide where to put that wood ash too!

It is time for sowing seed. Vegetables and flowers. Inside and out.

My early tomato seeds are on a sunny windowsill upstairs. They may be a little early but by the time you read this they should be sticking themselves up and asking where the greenhouse is.

If they don't appear I have some spares just in case.

Primula and crocus have done very well this March so perhaps, we have lots of flowers to look forward to? The daffodils are bursting into flower as I write so 'fingers crossed' for a good spring and summer.



So, let's get going!

Or - sow, let's get going!

## Forth Coming Event

Lamerton Summer Fete - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025



**Incorporating Lamerton WI Garden Show**

**Yes, the competitions are back this year.**

To assist everyone to plan their exhibit - below are the classes:

Entry 25p per exhibit. Entry form details will be in the next Parish News.

### **Cookery Classes**

Lemon Drizzle cake

Quiche 8" 20cm

### **Men**

3 Chocolate Brownies

### **Jam and chutney**

Jar Marmalade

Jar Jam

Jar Chutney

### **Floral Classes**

Arrangement of Flowers from the garden in own vase

3 Mixed Roses in own vase

Small Posy

Flowering Houseplant – pot not exceeding 15cm

### **Fruit and Vegetables**

3 Different Fruits from the garden

4 Different Vegetables from the garden

**Photographs 7 x 5" / 18 x 13cm**

View of garden from a seat

Garden Wildlife

Water in the Garden

**Art and Crafts**

A fabric container

A piece of jewellery

A scarf

**Literature**

Write a one verse Limerick about a garden

Write a Two sentences story starting with:

While standing in the potting shed suddenly.....

**Or**

Oh No what has happened?

**Children 2 groups 7 and under and 8+**

Decorated glass Jar

Photo of my favourite flower 7 x 5" 18 x13cm

Animal Vegetable max 20cm

Bunch of Flowers in a Mug

Birthday Card - theme anything in the garden largest size A4 folded in half

**Children cooking -**

3 Decorated ginger men biscuits (can be bought biscuits ready to decorate)

3 Decorated cup cakes

**From Lamerton WI - Good luck everyone with making your decisions.**



**Mount Kelly Choral Society**  
**Director: Dan Robson**

**Carl Orff: Carmina Burana**

Saturday 3rd May at 19.30  
 St Eustachius' Parish Church, Tavistock

Join us for a performance of this much-loved work as part of this year's Tavistock Festival. Written in 1935-6, and based on the idea of the turning Wheel of Fortune, *Carmina Burana* consists of settings of twenty-four 13th century poems, mainly in secular Latin or medieval German. The cantata is divided into three main sections: *Springtime*, *In the Tavern* and *The Court Of Love*, with an invocation to Fortune beginning and ending the work, which will be performed in the thrilling arrangement for choir, soloists, two pianos and percussion.

Tickets £14 in advance from TicketSource:

([ticketsource.co.uk/mount-kelly-choral-society](https://ticketsource.co.uk/mount-kelly-choral-society)) or BookStop in Tavistock. £15 on the door. Under-18s free.

**Lucky Lamerton Lottery!**

**The winning numbers are:**

**February 2025 – 75**

**March 2025 – 12**

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**All proceeds go towards St Peters Church, Lamerton.**



*and the  
 Winner is..*



we listen\*

## Safeguarding News

We're here  
to help!

### Safeguarding training

I am looking into arranging face-to-face foundation and domestic abuse training modules for all the parishes combined. A session some years ago was well attended, and the opportunity to ask questions was a bonus.

### Watch this space for future date and venue!

Please note that there is an opportunity to attend a face to face training session on **domestic abuse** at Christchurch, Plymouth on 1st October.

Other dates and venues are available.

Do ask your SG rep for more details and how to book your place.

Please address any of your safeguarding concerns to your **safeguarding representative** or **Rev Phill Parker**, our curate.

**Lamerton:** Julie Hibbert; 01822 618221; julie.hibbert3@btinternet.com

**Sydenham Damerel:** Janet Giles; JLGiles89@yahoo.co.uk

**Milton Abbot/Dunterton:** Derek Youds; dyouds@aol.com;

**Coryton:** Jane Vicat; 01822 860254; janevicat@gmail.com

**Marystowe:** Anita Townsend; 01822 860123;

Mongooseemoondaisy12@gmail.com

***If you are concerned for the immediate safety of someone,  
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### Lamerton Art Group

**We are looking for new  
members!**

We are a small friendly group of artists who support and help one another. We have the occasional inspiration of a demonstration or talk by a professional artist. We meet on Thursday mornings between 10am and 1pm at the Lamerton Community Centre.

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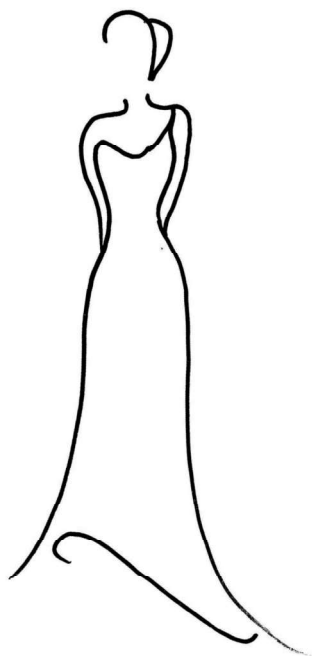


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## Church Services - May 2025

	St Mary's, Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's, Lamerton	All Saints, Dunterton	St Constantine, Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin, Marystowe	St Andrew's, Coryton
<b>Sunday 4th May</b>  Third Sunday of Easter - White		<b>6:30pm</b>  Songs of Praise			<b>9:30am</b>  HC/CW	
<b>Wed 7th May</b>	<b>10:00am</b> Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Thu 8th May</b>	<b>10:50am</b> VE Day 80th Anniversary Service - St Peter's, Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 11th May</b>  Fourth Sunday of Easter - White	<b>10:30am</b>  HC/CW			<b>4:00pm</b>  Sunday Praise		<b>6:30pm</b>  BCP Evensong
<b>Wed 14th May</b>	<b>10:00am</b> Morning Prayer - St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 18th May</b>  Fifth Sunday of Easter - White		<b>11:00am</b>  HC/CW			<b>9:30am</b>  Morning Praise	
<b>Wed 21st May</b>	<b>10:00am</b> Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton.					
<b>Sunday 25th May</b>  Rogation Sunday - White	<b>6:30pm</b>  Songs of Praise			<b>11:00am</b>  HC/CW Rev'd Roger Carlton		<b>4:00pm</b>  HC/CW Rev'd Philip Conway
<b>Wed 28th May</b>	<b>10:00am</b> Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton.					

## Church Services - April 2025

	St Mary's, Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's, Lamerton	All Saints, Dunterton	St Constantine, Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin, Marystowe	St Andrew's, Coryton
<b>Wed 2nd Apr</b>	<b>10:00am</b> Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 6th April</b>  Fifth Sunday of Lent - Purple		<b>6:30pm</b>  Evensong			<b>9:30am</b>  HC/CW	
<b>Wed 9th Apr</b>	<b>10:00am</b> Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 13th April</b>  Palm Sunday - Red	<b>10:30am</b>  HC/CW			<b>4:00pm</b>  Sunday Praise		<b>6:30pm</b>  BCP Evensong
<b>Mon 14th Apr</b>	<b>6:30pm</b> Stations of the Cross - St Peter's, Lamerton					
<b>Wed 16th Apr</b>	<b>10:00am</b> Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Thu 17th Apr</b>	<b>6:30pm</b> Maundy Thursday Service - St Peter's, Lamerton					
<b>Fri 18th Apr</b>	<b>11:00am</b> Walk of Witness - Leaving from Coryton Church					
<b>Sat 19th Apr</b>	<b>6:30pm</b> Easter Eve Service - St Constantine's, Milton Abbot					
<b>Sunday 20th April</b>  Easter Day - Gold/ White	<b>10:30am</b>  HC/CW	<b>11:00am</b>  HC/CW	<b>11:00am</b>  Easter Morning Praise		<b>6:00am</b>  Sunrise Service (HC/CW)	<b>11:15am</b>  Easter Morning Praise
<b>Wed 23rd Apr</b>	<b>10:00am</b> Morning Prayer - St Peter's Lamerton.					
<b>Sunday 27th April</b>  Second Sunday of Easter - White	<b>6:30pm</b>  Songs of Praise			<b>11:00am</b>  HC/CW Ven Nick Shutt		
<b>Wed 30th Apr</b>	<b>10:00am</b> Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton.					