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Diary Dates

Event	October 2023	November 2023
Coffee Mornings		
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12pm	14, 28	11, 25
Sydenham Damerel from 10.30am	7	4
Coffee and Company, Priest's Room, Lamerton 10 - 12pm	6, 20	3, 17
Coffee, Crafts & Chat Milton Abbott CHURCH 10am-12:30pm	14	
Bingo		
Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm	3, 17, 31	14, 28
Church and other events		
Harvest Festival, Lamerton, 6:30pm	1	
Sunday Praise Harvest Festival, Milton Abbott, 10am	8	
Harvest Festival, Coryton, 6:30pm	8	
Lamerton 50th Handbell Festival; Lamerton Sports & Community Centre, 7pm	14	
Harvest Festival & Family Service, Marystowe 9:30am	15	
Annual River Walk, starting Dunterton Cross at 11am	22	
Sydenham Blowers with Celtic Harpist, Fionnuala Kirby, Lamerton 7pm	27	
Christmas Craft Fayre, Coffee & Cakes Marystowe, 10am—12pm.		25
Bells & Strings, Handbell & Ukulele Music. Milton Abbott Church, 7pm		25

Magazine deadline for December/January 2024 edition is
end of day: Saturday 14 November

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

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Marking the Agricultural Year

One of the things that particularly marks out the South Tamar Mission Community as special is the landscape in which our churches sit. We are a collection of distinctly rural parishes, and as such, our ministry team feel that we could be doing more to reflect that in the worshipping life of our churches beyond the Harvest Festival services we are in the midst of now. To that end, in 2024 we look forward to celebrating the following festivals with you that mark out the traditional agricultural year in the Church of England calendar:



**South Tamar
Mission Community**

Plough Sunday – 7th January 2024 – blessing the work of the plough and those preparing the land after the winter.

Creation Sunday – 4th February 2024 – giving thanks for the breadth and wonders of creation as we see the early signs of spring emerging, and thinking about creation care.

Rogationtide – 5-8th May 2024 – praying for the growth of the freshly sown seeds, and thinking about communities, fellowship and good relations between neighbours.

Lammas tide – 1-4th August 2024 – celebrating the first fruits of the harvest and asking for God's blessing over the harvest season.

Harvest Festivals – October 2024 – giving thanks for the harvest gathered in, and for those whose hands provided it.

If your friends and neighbours are involved with the life of the countryside around us, do please invite them to join us at these services, as we would love to bless them through these festivals.



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

tel: 01822 870298

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/

We would love you to join us.

Mid-week Holy Communion



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

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



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

BIBLE READINGS (Year A)

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

DATE	1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 1st October 17th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Ezekiel 18.1 - 18.4, 18.25 - 32	Phillippians 2.1 - 13	Matthew 21.23 - 32
Sunday 8th October 18th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Isaiah 5.1 - 7	Phillippians 3.4b - 14	Matthew 21.33 - 46
Sunday 15th October 19th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Isaiah 25.1 - 9	Phillippians 4.1 - 9	Matthew 22.1 - 14
Sunday 22nd October 20th Sunday after Trinity (Green)	Isaiah 45.1 - 7	I Thessalonians 1.1 - 10	Matthew 22.15 - 22
Sunday 29th October Bible Sunday (Green)	Nehemiah 8.1 - 4a [5-6], 8.8-12	Collossians 3.12 - 17	Matthew 24.30 - 35

BIBLE READINGS (Year A)			
DATE	1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 5th November All Saints' Sunday (White)	Revelation 7.9 - 17	I John 3.1 - 3	Matthew 5.1 - 12
Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday (Red)	Amos 5.18 - 24	I Thessalonians 4.13 - 18	Matthew 25.1 - 13
Sunday 19th November The Second Sunday before Advent (Red)	Zephaniah 1.7, 1.12 - 18	I Thessalonians 5.1 - 11	Matthew 25.14 - 30
Sunday 26th November Christ the King (Red)	Ezekiel 34.11 - 16, 34.20 - 24	Ephesians 1.15 - 23	Matthew 25.31 - 46

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'***.

October and November church services are on the back cover.

New Editor Introduction



Well hello everyone!

As your new editor, I thought I'd introduce myself, especially as some of you won't have met me before. (though I may be familiar to those of you who have watched the last few years' Marystowe Christmas plays on Zoom!)

I worship at Marystowe and moved to Chillaton in November 2019 from Bristol, (my beloved Ma & one Brother are in Hertfordshire, where I originally from and my other lovely Brother is in New Zealand).

I was confirmed in the most beautiful service at St Mary's, Walkhampton in October 2022, by the (10 day's in!) newly ordained Bishop James of Plymouth. Fathers' Andy & Phil have been instrumental in my journey & learnings with God so far and I have met so many inspirational people in our Diocese doing God's work on many levels across society.

I have also recently taken over the church warden designate role for Marystowe church, alongside the fabulous Joy McSmythurs.

Outside of Church life, I work full time as the Product Manager of the training Academy for a company that provides science-led solutions to built environment challenges.

I have 2 delightful, 9 month old whippet puppies and live with my ever-suffering, dear partner Steve.

Amongst many hobbies, being a self-confessed geek (!), I particularly enjoy reading, singing, listening to music, building Lego and gaming when time (rarely) allows!

My warmest thanks to Julie who has done the most fantastic job editing this magazine for the last decade and who has been incredibly helpful and supportive to me in the handover period.

I will do my best to uphold her high standards and do justice to her legacy.

Finally thank you to all contributors who have put time and effort into the creation of this wonderful magazine.

Constructive feedback is always welcome (as is timely submissions) and I look forward to meeting this readership at church events in the future.

Many blessings , **Ed (Amy Harrowell)**

Please contact me at: southtamarparishmag@gmail.com with article and Event submissions.

All Saint's Church, Dunterton

Services - It was great to celebrate with a Harvest Festival service on 3rd September, decorating the church with some produce left over from Milton Abbot's very successful show on 2nd.

The produce was then returned to the Macmillan Coffee morning in MA on 5th – well travelled fruit & veg!

We are now looking forward to a special service on 1st October when we will give thanks for the long-standing support of two of our parishioners – Arthur Vigers, Church Warden for many years, and Gerald Napier, former Treasurer.



River Walk, Sunday 22nd October - Our next fund-raising event is the annual River Walk. Starting and ending at Dunterton Cross (from 11.00am to 16.00pm) the circular route will follow a similar path to last year and once again we will be offering tea, cake and a BBQ at the end of the walk.

A wonderful opportunity for our wider community to get together in our beautiful local countryside – please do join us!

What would you like the church to do for you? - Since formal approval from the PCC, the Friends of Dunterton Church have been working enthusiastically to increase the engagement with the local community. Whilst we have lots of ideas, we would welcome suggestions from the residents as to what they would like from the church moving forward. These can be social events, community services, missional outreach or indeed forms of worship.

Please send your ideas to the Friends Group on:
duntertonfriends@gmail.com.

SERVICES AT DUNTERTON CHURCH – DATE & TIME	
October 1st at 11.00 a.m.	December 25 th at 9.30 a.m.



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

After a particularly dismal summer weather-wise, we were all immensely cheered by a beautiful display of dahlias in the centre of the village.

As we now slip into Autumn, preparations for the Harvest Festival service are well underway; including a collection of non-perishable goods for the Tavistock Foodbank.

Like many churches, no matter how much care is taken, St Mary's windows have suffered from the results of unfortunate strimming accidents, so we are delighted that several damaged glass panes in our leaded windows have now been replaced.

The belltower fundraising has enabled us to engage a roofer and we hope the repairs will happen soon before the wind and rain really set in.

As ever, our community volunteers have been active both with the ongoing litter picking and, in August, 20 volunteers helped clear brambles and ivy from the yew avenue in another collective gardening day.

A heartfelt thanks to all.

Plans are also afoot to improve the gravel path.

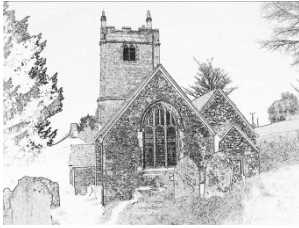
Lots of work has gone into the setting up of the Friends of Saint Mary's One Hundred Club which is now formally up and running!

The first numbers are being drawn on Saturday the 7th October at the monthly Coffee Morning.

The Coffee Morning is held on the first Saturday of every month, in the church, at 10.30 am. All are welcome and now prizes are available with the chat, coffee and cake!

The new village book club starts in October; we are all avidly reading "Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin.

Our annual Remembrance Service will be held on Saturday 11th November with the Sydenham Blowers adding to the poignancy of the commemoration.



St. Andrew's, Coryton

Memories of Coryton past

In the congregation at a well-attended United Benefice service of Holy Communion in St Andrew's in late August there was a gentleman who has fond memories of playing cricket in Coryton against the local team. He also remembers the village stocks which at the time were still located outside the church. He was interested to see them preserved and mounted on the wall in the church tower. Have a look next time you're in St Andrew's.

Harvest Festival and more memories of Coryton past

St Andrew's will celebrate Harvest Festival at 6.30pm on Sunday 8th October, followed by refreshments. There is an interesting description of a traditional harvest in Coryton in times past in *The History of Coryton* by Thomas Newman (1940). It reads as follows:

"In the summer there was the usual harvesting. Fields of corn and wheat, yellow and ripening, in the hot sun. Parties of women and children would collect up the sheaves of corn and stack them in stooks. Work continued late into the evening until perhaps ten o'clock at night, and would commence again at dawn the next day. Many a draught of cool cider was drunk at midday when the sun was at its zenith. When the corn had all been collected the gleaners would be allowed on to the stubble, a girl and child perhaps together with an old man. Their hands were hard and brown and pricked by the thistles and weed in the stooks. They were carrying out the same roles that their forefathers had played for centuries."

Remembrance Sunday

This year Coryton will welcome Marystowe to the annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November at 10.45am.

Josie Whitfield

St. Mary's Church, Marystowe



Barbara Dawe has retired as Church Warden and PCC Member. We are all going to miss her and they are mighty big shoes to fill...

*Thank
you!*

Barbara for everything you have done for Marystowe and we hope you now have time to enjoy Church and seeing us all, without the work.

Amy Harrowell (ajh81930802@gmail.com 01822 860181) and Joy McSmythurs (joy.mcsmythurs@btinternet.com 01822 860630) are Church Wardens Designate, so do please contact us if you have any matters relating to Marystowe Church.

We have a separate note in the magazine about our forthcoming events:-

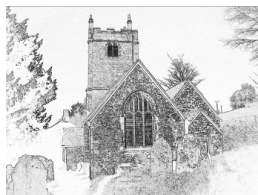
25 November Christmas Fayre and if you would like to take a stall, please let us know.

16 December our Christmas Fun Evening

24 December Carols around the tree

We know there have been concerns about the Churchyard maintenance this summer, we are working on a plan to improve the maintenance and will be working with the Diocese of Exeter advisors and also with the Chillaton volunteers to come up with proposals that can provide a sustainable solution so the access is clear and unimpeded, and the graveyard is maintained as a beautiful resting place.

Joy McSmythurs



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

As we come into autumn once more, our thoughts turn to fundraising and to Christmas - which seems so far away as I write this at the end of our belated summer in early September but which will soon be upon us!

As you may have heard, Milton Abbot's Village Hall is currently closed following the discovery of dry rot in the building. This has caused us to rethink how we can carry out the various fundraising events which we already have in the diary and which were due to be held in the Hall.

We are proposing to move the following events into the church and will endeavour to bring in some temporary heating in the colder months so that you will be comfortable.

We very much hope you can bear with us as we continue to raise the funds we need to put a new heating system into the church but we also hope you will understand if things have to change at short notice.

On Saturday 14th October we will be holding another Craft, Coffee and Chat Morning between 10.00am and 12.30pm, in the church. There will be several stalls to tempt you into doing a little early Christmas shopping - or just to sit down for a cup of coffee, a piece of cake and a chat with friends.

On Saturday 25th November at 7.00pm please join us again in the church for Bells & Strings - an evening of music from the Lamerton Handbell Ringers and Barry's Shed Ukulele Band.

We are hoping to get some temporary heating into the building. The cost will be £5.00 to include refreshments (do bring your own wine or beer if you wish).

As it will be helpful to us to have an idea of how many to expect, could you please ring Liz on 01822 870642 to let us know - if no answer please leave a message on the answering machine.

Our stall with Pat's lovely crafts will also be around and about locally over the next few months but most notably we will be at Buckland Abbey on 4th -5th November for their annual Winter Fair.

Liz Padmore

St. Peter's Church, Lamerton



August was a quiet month at Lamerton but we started September with a lovely service of re-dedication of the marriage kneeler. Many, many hours of painstaking,

intricate work undertaken by Rosalind and Anne were blessed in the rededication by Andy.



I'm sure Dorothy will be looking down with a smile on her face. Thank you ladies.

The churchyard is still looking good thanks to Norman, Richard, Angie and my grandson Luke for their help.

The yew trees have had their sides trimmed but the brambles have started poking out again already!

We hope to have alleviated the problem of plaster falling down in the doorway. We have removed loose plaster from the laths on the inside of the roof and the top of the wall - Norman is great going up high ladders. Re-plastering is going to have to wait.

Our Harvest Service is on Sunday 1st October. Our flower ladies and the school will be decorating the church and arranging the donated produce. I'm sure it will be delightful and hope many of you will join us and enjoy a good chatter at our Bring and Share Supper afterwards.

A special date for your calendar is Friday 27th October.

The amazing and talented Sydenham Blowers together with guest artiste Fionnuala Kirby with her Celtic Harp will be entertaining us to an enjoyable musical evening.

Light refreshments will be served so you won't go home hungry.

Proceeds from the evening will be divided between St. Mary's and St. Peter's.

Please contact Angela on 01 822 810 027 for tickets which are £10.



Safeguarding News

**We're here
to help!**

Welcome to Janet Giles, who is your safeguarding representative for Sydenham Damerel.

Safeguarding Sunday.

This yearly focus on Safeguarding occurs on Sunday 19th November. Statistics show it is highly likely someone near you is being affected by domestic abuse. Tell your safeguarding Rep, Rev Andy or Curate Phill if you have concerns.

Training news

You can always access safeguarding training online at:

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

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks

Please note that all PCC/Trustee members, pastoral care workers and Open the Book helpers require a DBS check every 3 years.

Contact your safeguarding rep to arrange this.

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

LAMERTON WI

Tuesday 3rd October, 2:00pm

Freewheelers (Bloodbikers) Competition: Antique item of clothing, Raffle & Tea
With Freewheelers (Bloodbikers)

Tuesday 7th November, 2.00pm

Gifted Women, Competition: A Childs' Toy, Raffle & Tea.
With Jenny Adgene



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

The Parable of the Talents

Think about some of the special gifts or talents God gave you. Maybe God has gifted you with a musical talent like singing or playing an instrument. Some of you may have been given athletic skills which make you very good at playing a sport. Some of you may have artistic talents and can paint, draw, or sculpt. No matter what gifts God gave you, I know He's given each and every one of you at least one special gift or talent.

When God gives you a gift, He expects you to use it. He doesn't want the gift to go to waste.

In the Bible, Jesus tells many parables. Parables are stories that teach a lesson. Today, we'll hear Jesus' parable called "The Parable of the Talents."

Jesus' story starts with a man who went off on a long trip. Before he left, he called his servants together and gave each of them a part of his wealth to take care of while he was gone. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to a third he gave one bag. Then he left on his journey.

While he was gone, the servant who had five bags of gold worked hard and doubled his five bags so he ended up with ten bags of gold. The man with two bags also doubled his; so he had four. But the servant with one bag dug a hole and buried his boss's money.

When the boss returned, he asked his servants to share what they did with the gifts he gave them. The boss told the two who doubled their bags, "Well done! Because you have used what I gave you well, I will give you much more."



Then the third servant told the boss, "I was afraid, so I took what you gave me and hid it in the ground so that it would be safe."

"You lazy servant!" the boss answered. "You could have at least put the gold in the bank so that I could have earned a little interest on it." The boss took the gold from the servant and gave it to the one who already had the most. He explained, "To those who make what they have been given better will be given more. But from those who do nothing, theirs will be taken away."

Sometimes we might think God hasn't given us very much talent. We might even be tempted to hide our talent. But when we use our God-given talent to be all that God planned for us to be, He will give us even more!

Dear God, we thank You for the gifts You've given each of us. We pray that we will be faithful in using these gifts to show others how wonderful You are.

In Jesus' name, amen.

The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



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A Story on the Theme of Compassion

The Little Thief In The Pantry

"Mother," said a little mouse one day, "I think the people in our house must be very kind. They leave such nice things for us in the pantry."

There was a twinkle in the mother's eye as she replied, "Well, my child, I don't think they are quite as fond of us as you seem to think. Now remember, Greywhiskers, I have absolutely forbidden you to put your nose above the ground unless I am with you, for kind as the people are, I wouldn't be at all surprised if they tried to catch you."

Greywhiskers twitched his tail with scorn; he was quite sure he knew how to take care of himself. So as soon as she had curled herself up for an afternoon nap he crept away, and scampered across the pantry shelves.



Ah! There was something particularly good today: a large iced cake and Greywhiskers licked his lips as he sniffed it. Across the top of the cake there were words written in pink sugar; but as Greywhiskers could not read, he did not know that he was nibbling at little Ethel's birthday cake. When he heard his mother calling off he ran, and was back in the nest by the time his mother had finished rubbing her eyes after her nap.

She took Greywhiskers up to the pantry then, and when she saw the hole in the cake she seemed a little annoyed. "Some mouse has evidently been here before us," she said, never guessing that it was her own little son.

The next day the naughty little mouse again popped up to the pantry when his mother was asleep and noticed a most delicious smell of cheese. He found a little wooden house, and there hung the cheese, just inside it. Greywhiskers ran in, but oh! "Click" went the little wooden house, and the little mouse was caught fast in a trap.

In the morning, the cook, who had set the trap, lifted it from the shelf, and then called little Ethel to come and see who had eaten her cake.

"What are you going to do with him?" asked Ethel. "Drown him."

Tears came into the little girl's pretty blue eyes. "You didn't know it was stealing, did you, mousie dear?" she said. No," squeaked Greywhiskers sadly; "indeed I didn't."

When cook's back was turned for a moment, tender-hearted little Ethel lifted the lid of the trap, and out popped the little mouse.

Oh! How quickly he ran home to his mother, and how she comforted and petted him until he began to forget his fright; and then she made him promise never to disobey her again, and you may be sure he never did.



St Peter's, Lamerton

Service of Harvest Thanksgiving



Songs of Praise



6.30pm Sunday 1st October

Followed by Bring and Share Supper

Donations of produce will be given to the Tavistock Food Bank & Hub
The collection will be for the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth

Room for Hire!

The Priest's Room, Lamerton is an ideal venue for small meetings (20 people max)
It has full tea/coffee making and washing up facilities, tables and chairs, heating and a toilet nearby.

For more details and to make a booking call:
Irene 01822 616527

Taizé Sydenham Damerel Church

Please do come and join us for our Taizé services at Sydenham Damerel Church.

The service will start at 7:00 pm and will last for around 45 minutes. Taizé worship is a service consisting of Bible readings, prayer, meditative singing and periods of silence. To learn more about Taizé and to listen to some of the music please visit:
<http://www.southtamar.church/taize/>

Future Dates:

Tuesday 24th October & Tuesday 28th November 2023



Can declining churches revive?

Answer is YES!

I once helped start a business networking breakfast for a local Chamber of Commerce. It was based around four basic principles. These were that breakfasts were to be held when people were available, include business networking, a good breakfast and a relevant talk - to help people develop their businesses. It was an immediate success. Soon 30+ people joined us for every breakfast. However, after a couple of years a new Chamber team took over. They limited the networking time and replaced the business talk with a Chamber update (Yawn!) Within months we were down to half a dozen. Happily, the earlier format was soon restored and the buzzing breakfast was back to normal – to the great benefit of the business community. This proved that all four principles were vital for a business breakfast to be successful. Miss one at your peril!

After over sixty years in the pews and latterly as a LLM I would suggest the similar principles apply to churches. Successful ones meet at times people are available, provide refreshments after services (for the all-important social catchups) and crucially have a service format which is universally inspiring, accessible and really supports people's spiritual lives. Churches miss one of these at their peril!

Like the popular breakfast meetings, a whole church event has to be a vital cog in peoples' lives. Services have to be inspirational, enjoyable, understandable and crucially have a vital role in filling spiritual needs of the community. Forms of service which seem to be most effective appear to take the form of a thinnish golden frame of liturgy based around bible readings, a talk and wonderful popular songs – all of which of course change every service.

There are little traps in the process of recovering a declining church. The first is asking the existing congregation what they want. They usually like what they have – which caused the problem in the first place! However, the actual congregation is in fact the whole community – which is usually sadly absent and so cannot vote. The checklist to recovery seems to be to firstly have services at times most people can come - around 10am or 6pm on Sundays or any evening in the week. Secondly, provide refreshments for social catchups. Lastly, and crucially, always have a consistent service already known to appeal to whole communities. The good news is that, like the business breakfast, the church decline is almost always reversible!

Richard Searight LLM

An evening of light music presented by the

Sydenham Damerel Blowers

Brass Ensemble

and featuring

Fionnuala Kirby

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POLE POSITION

The chief Bunting Tosser informs me that Flag & Notable Days for October and November are:

October ~

- o 21st Trafalgar Day
- o 24th United Nation Day

November ~

- o 11th Remembrance Day
- o 12th Remembrance Sunday
- o 14th HM The King's Birthday
- o 30th St Andrew's day



Important Message



I'm sure most of you will have heard of 'GDPR' or the General Data Protection Regulations. So that we, as a Mission Community, are compliant with these regulations we request your permission to keep in touch.

Let's Keep in Touch

The South Tamar Mission Community has a great database so we can email everyone who has registered, with details of services and up and coming events. If you have not completed the on line consent form then please do go to www.southtamar.church and under the Privacy Notice tab you will find the on line consent form and please do fill it in.

And now the boring bit – if you are on the database then we apologise in advance but - due to Data Protection Regulation we will, over the next few months, be contacting you to confirm you are happy to remain on the database.

If you have any queries or questions please contact Joy McSmythurs (01822 860630)



A new idea started in 2022 for fellow villagers and our neighbours to meet up all together.
Held usually monthly, at Marystowe Church Hall, Chillaton for a village get-together social evening.



Upcoming events are:



Saturday 28th October, 7pm we are holding a Halloween Party, with best dressed competition, music and spooky shenanigans!

Saturday 25th November, 7pm will be Christmas Market themed, with festive crafts and delicious festive foods.



Please bring your own drinks – glasses will be supplied and crisps, tea & coffee are available.



The evenings are free to attend, but there is a donation jar to cover the cost of the hire, heating & lighting.

Future ideas possibly upcoming are board games evenings, film nights and a curry night.

Keep an eye on the Chillaton Village Facebook page for updates on future events!

Ideas for events are always welcome; for further information or to suggest/run an event, contact Bridget Passmore, Amy Harrowell or Joy McSmythurs.

All welcome; please do come along, we'd love to see you.

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RECRUITMENT OF ANNA CHAPLAINS AND ANNA FRIENDS....

..... across our local Communities.



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Another way of describing this work is akin to giving pastoral care support. Anna Chaplaincy has a training built in (paid for by Exeter Diocese) which covers all skills required to be a volunteer chaplain. This includes, listening skills, learning in more details about the ageing process and talking through issues such as dementia management.

Rev'd Andy our local incumbent is very positive about this model of giving spiritual support, and would happily have a conversation with anyone who is interested in working more closely with elderly people.

The number of hours that you commit is entirely dependent on your availability.

Anna Chaplains usually commit to 1-2 days a month, although when you make visits is based on your own diary flexibility. Anna Friends who support the Chaplains doing very similar work, usually have less time available, and may find that 1/2 day a month is sufficient time to still be of value in offering spiritual.

support to local people.

Annie Jefferies

Devon Anna Chaplain co-ordinator.



**Coffee @ St. Mary's
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First Saturday of every month
10.30am onwards
All welcome

NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL



"Season of mist and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit..."

To Autumn; John Keats

On the wooden table in Bluebell's courtyard lay three ripe figs, pulled off the tree already damaged by birds and insects. They could have been apples, dropping to the grass, to be eaten by slugs, rabbits, birds and squirrels before the winter comes. There are an astonishing 300 or so varieties of Cornish and West Country apples.

It was a sunny day and the figs, and two half apples, were soon visited by Red Admiral butterflies, at first two, then more, until there were an amazing thirteen Red Admiral butterflies on the Harvest Festival bounty. They were joined by a single Comma butterfly.

A few flies came too, then small wasps, finally the big boys arrived, - three hornets. The hornets aggressively drove off the butterflies, which is typical, just flying in little rushes at them, not harming them.

Next day it rained and Bluebell has not seen the butterflies again. Some Red Admirals hibernate here, most fly South and migrate for the winter. The Comma, with its distinctive ragged edge wing, often seen on blackberries, hibernates here. The caterpillars of both butterflies feed on nettles.

A few swallows are still gathering on the telegraph wires before they fly South. Soon the winter thrushes and other birds will arrive from the North.

Bluebell has seen a beautiful Wheatear on a fence post preparing to migrate. They are attractive summer visitors, between thrush and sparrow sized, upright in pose, found on upland and coastal regions and farmland. They come early, even before the swallows.

They like sheep- and rabbit- nibbled turf, where they hunt insects. Their numbers have been in decline since the deliberate spread of the myxomatosis virus.

When it flies away, unhurriedly and low, the wheatear can be identified by the distinctive white flash of its tail (both sexes) which is edged with an elegant black tip. The name comes from the Anglo-Saxon White Arse. Like Sky-larks, Wheatears used to be eaten in huge numbers here, and were known as the English Ortolans. They only weigh about an ounce.

W H Hudson denounced the horrible habit and they are now protected.





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GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG

Doug's been hosting cabbage white fly and white butterfly caterpillars. The former are tiny and have really enjoyed the kale in the greenhouse, making little holes and leaving some mouldy patches under the leaves.

The white butterfly caterpillars have munched their way through the leaves of my early sprouting broccoli leaving just the stems (see the photo). It wouldn't have been so bad if the netted cage had fulfilled its duties - or, did I put the broccoli in the cage already covered in eggs? Oh, I should have had my glasses on!

Either way, they're obviously fond of brassicas.

I could have sprayed them but, if I'm going to eat them, I'm not too keen to do that. Maybe they will recover....



Feed the caterpillars!

Now is a great time to think about planting tulip bulbs and daffodils. Although tulips are fabulous they don't really perform for years.

You should get somewhere between 3 and 5 years but they will be at their best the first and, maybe, second year.

Daffs on the other hand get better as the years go by provided they can naturalise and spread out a bit. If they enjoy where they are, they'll do well without any help from us poor gardeners. But, tulips do look so magnificent in the spring.



We inherited a fig tree in the garden which, although it looks good and provides ornamental and architectural interest, has never produced many figs worth picking and eating.

Now, this year, it has gone bonkers! Covered in them and we've had some of the ripe ones with biscuits and cheese. Very nice. It's the weather again? Perhaps the conditions have just been right - heat, water, sunshine. See 7 ffigs on the

branch pictured above!

And, look what Doug found in the kitchen - escaped from the greenhouse. (is it really Aubergine?)

Enjoy the autumn, the changing weather and the darker evenings.





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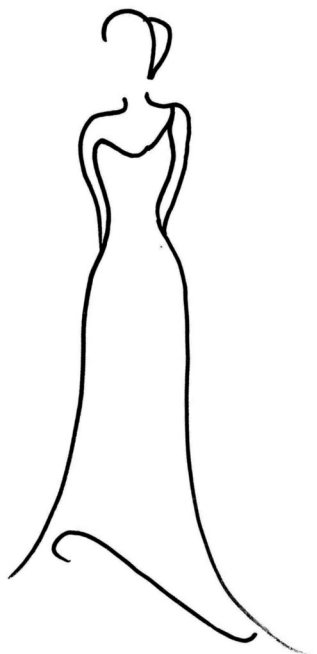


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November 2023

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
Weds 1st November	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 5th November <i>All Saints Sunday</i>		6:30pm BCP Even- song			9:30am HC/CW	
Weds 8th November	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 12th November <i>Remem- brance Sunday</i>		10:20am Remem- brance Service		10:45am Remem- brance Service		10:45am Remem- brance Service
Weds 15th November	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 19th November <i>Second Sunday before Advent</i>		11am HC/CW			9:30am Family Service, Morning Praise	
Weds 22nd November	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 5th November <i>All Saints Sunday</i>		6:30pm BCP Even- song			9:30am HC/CW	
Weds 8th November	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 26th November <i>Christ the King</i>	6:30pm Songs of Praise			11am HC/ CW		11:15amH C/CW
Tues 28th November	7pm TAIZE at Sydenham Damerel					
Weds 29th November	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					

CHURCH SERVICES

October 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
Sunday 1st Oct <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>		6:30pm Harvest Festival	11am Morning Praise		9:30am HC/CW	
Weds 4th Oct	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 8th Oct <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10:30am HC/CW			10:00am Sunday Praise, Harvest Festival		10:30a m HC/ CW
Weds 11th October	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 15th Oct <i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i>		11:00am HC/CW			9:30am Family Service, Harvest Festival	
Weds	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 22nd Oct <i>20th Sunday after Trinity</i>	6:30pm Songs of Praise			11am HC/CW		11:15am HC/ CW
Tues 24th October	7pm TAIZE Sydenham Damerel					
Weds 25th October	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 29th October <i>Bible Sunday</i>	9:30am Holy Communion at Marystowe United Benefice Service					