

Parish News

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



South Tamar
Mission Community

**October &
November 2022**

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Questions in Faith

Do we suffer for our sins? Is there a link between sin and disease, disability or injury?

Several times in the Bible and particularly in the New Testament we are told that disease or disability are a consequence of sin. For instance, in John 5:1-15 we hear of our Lord in Jerusalem meeting a paralyzed man that he had healed the previous day. He said something very significant to him. *“See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”* These words do not sound like the slip of the tongue - especially when in Mark 2:1-12 Jesus heals and forgives the sins of another paralyzed man who was lowered through the roof of a building that he was teaching in. Jesus cures him by saying, *“Son, your sins are forgiven.”*



The Pharisees' objection to Jesus's healing of the man through the forgiveness of his sins was because this was something only God could do - and so a blasphemous act punishable by death. Mark 2:1-12 records that the Pharisees thought, *“Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”* Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, *“Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?”* This story is also recorded in (Luke 5:21 and Matthew 9:1-8)

The belief in the link between sin and its potentially physical consequences is one common to most major religious traditions. The rejection of this belief in most current Christian theology does not appear to have any specific biblical basis. In fact, our non-acceptance of this principle creates all sorts of theological problems – especially in relation to equity, justice and injustice. For instance, if there is a just God, why should some people enjoy perfect health while others suffer ill health? Where is the justice in this? Perhaps it is time we thought again? Perhaps there really are physical consequences for our actions - after all Our Lord also said *“Those who live by the sword will die by the sword”*. (Matthew 26:52.) St Paul followed this by declaring that *‘...whatever a man sows, this he will also reap’*. (Galatians 6:7). Perhaps the jury should be out!

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Dear Friends,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had been Sovereign of this country for the whole of my life. She was kind, steadfast and prayerful with a lifelong commitment to public service. She clearly understood the role of the Monarchy to be one of service and being solely about the wellbeing of her people. I have watched the television this week, seeing an outpouring of grief and mourning, from people not only across the UK, but across the world.

The coronation ceremony of Queen Elizabeth II took place in 1953 and is based historically on the medieval Consecration (Ordination) ceremony of a Bishop. New Monarchs are given a mandate to Christian service. Her Majesty utterly understood her own calling, which she lived out, day by day, with genuine love and compassion. During the 70 years in which she reigned, she exemplified selfless service to others, encouraging others to love and to serve their neighbour.

On Saturday the 11th of September our Curate Phillip Parker was Ordained to the Diaconate. I could not help but see the similarities in the calling to which Phill has been called and to her Majesties own lifelong calling to serve others. This calling to serve others, this "*Golden Thread*" of service, flows from Christ to this very day through Her Majesty and now Phill.

In Phill's Ordination service he is called to:

Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed They are to serve the community in which they are set They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.. They are to be faithful in prayer, expectant and watchful for the signs of God's presence, as he reveals his kingdom among us

May I ask you all to pray for the Royal family, who have lost a much-loved mother and grandmother. Also, to Pray for Phill and Morag as they continue to settle within our Benefice. May I finally ask you all to pray for our new King.

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. Andy

Safeguarding in the Benefice

Welcome to our new, and not so new, safeguarding leads in the Benefice.

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If you have concerns about the welfare of anyone in your Parish please contact your safeguarding lead or Rev Andy.

Always call 999 if the matter is urgent



**WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD
OR VULNERABLE ADULT?**



Please speak to your Benefice Safeguarding Representative if you have any concerns for the well-being of a child or adult, or about the behaviour of someone towards a child or adult.

Your Benefice Safeguarding Representative is:

Julie Hibbert

Contact: **01822 618221;** Email: safeguarding@southtamar.church

Or contact: **Rev Andy Atkins: 01822 870298;** Email: vicar@southtamar.church

If you cannot reach your Benefice Safeguarding Representative, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team: Charlie Pitman, Safeguarding Adviser 01392 345909, Email: charles.pitman@exeter.anglican.org



pray



grow



serve with joy

BIBLE READINGS (Year C)

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

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 2nd October <i>16th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Habakkuk 1: 1 - 4 & 2: 1 - 4	2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14	Luke 17: 5 - 10
Sunday 9th October <i>17th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	2 Kings 5: 1 - 3, 7 - 15c	2 Timothy 2: 8 - 15	Luke 17: 11 - 19
Sunday 16th October <i>18th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Genesis 32: 22 - 31	2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5	Luke 18: 1 - 8
Sunday 23rd October <i>Bible Sunday (Green)</i>	Isaiah 45: 22 - 25	Romans 15: 1 - 6	Luke 4: 16 - 24
Sunday 30th October <i>All Saint's Sunday (White)</i>	Daniel 7: 1 - 13, 15 - 18	Ephesians 1: 11- 23	Luke 6: 20 - 31
Sunday 6th November <i>3rd Sunday before Advent (Green)</i>	Job 19: 23 - 27a	2 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 5, 13 - 17	Luke 20: 27 - 38

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

CW – Common Worship (Modern)

BIBLE READINGS (Year C)			
DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 13th November <i>Remembrance Sunday (Red)</i>	Malachi 4: 1 - 2a	2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13	Luke 21: 5 - 19
Sunday 20th November <i>Christ the King (Red)</i>	Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6	Colossians 1: 11 - 20	Luke 23: 33 - 43
Sunday 27th November <i>First Sunday of Advent (Purple)</i>	Isaiah 2: 1 - 5	Romans 13: 11 - 14	Matthew 24: 36 - 44

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)'**).



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

Mid-week Holy Communion



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

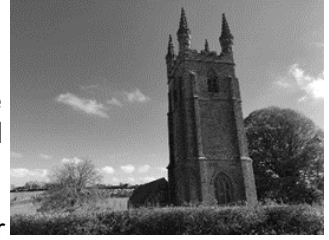
The service is a quiet,
reflective said service of Holy
Communion. The perfect
opportunity to re-charge your
spiritual batteries.



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

**Please note the mid-week communion
is presently taking place in the Church
rather than the Priest's Room**

All Saint's Church, Dunterton



It doesn't seem to be that long ago we were celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and enjoying the summertime.

As autumn arrives, we are now each, and in our own ways, coming to terms with the unexpected death of our wonderful and loved Queen. One of our church bells was tolled 96 times by us as we followed the sound of the London bells being rung at midday. We all wished to participate in this occasion pulling the sally in turn and together.

This year we have now had 3 well attended services albeit from an extended community. There are now 4 further services planned for the remainder of the year including for the first time a service before the Dunterton River Walk on October 16th at 11.15am.

A big thank you to everyone for joining the services, arranged floral displays, and tidied and cleaned – this has been very much appreciated.

DATE	SERVICE	TIME
August 7 th	Summer	11.15am
September 4 th	Harvest	11.15am
October 16 th	River Walk	11.15am
November 6 th	Remembrance	11.15am
December 4 th	Advent	11.15am
December 25 th	Christmas	8:00am

IMPORTANT DIARY DATE - DUNTERTON RIVER WALK **Sunday October 16th**

Preparation has now commenced for this year's River Walk that will follow the same successful route as last year starting and finishing at Dunterton Cross. Refreshments will be served on route that include tea, coffee, buns, and a BBQ. If there is anyone wishing to help in this community event, please contact Susan Champion on 01822 870110 or John Spensley on 07711 995735.

John Spensley

St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

Looking forward at this time of the year is what keeps us all going during the cold wet days. Christmas doesn't seem too far away, and we anticipate a great evening with the Sydenham Damerel Blowers carol singing and drinking mulled wine with mince pies in the driveway of Churchtown Court.

Note for your diaries - our Armistice Day commemoration service will take place at St. Mary's on Friday 11 November at 10:45



This year we are honoured to host a Christmas Day morning service which we are hoping will be attended by many in the parish.

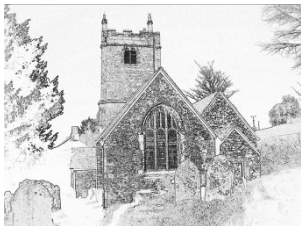
How lucky we are to still have a working church which welcomes all in the community to use its space for local events.

Margaret Hurdwell

Coffee @ St. Mary's Sydenham Damerel



**First Saturday of every month
10:30 onwards All welcome**



St. Andrew's, Coryton

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

After the sad news of the death Queen Elizabeth II, it is hard to realise that only three short months ago we were all celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee at a wonderful lunch at Coryton House. In commemoration of the late Queen, the tenor bell in Coryton Church was rung at noon on the day after her death. A Book of Condolences was placed in the church for people to make their tributes. On the Sunday following the Queen's death, Rev'd Andy led us in a special service of commemoration for the life of our late sovereign.



Coryton sends its condolences to the Royal Family as we give thanks for her long life of service.

Looking to the future:

Harvest Supper: Sunday 11 October

There will be a Bring & Share Harvest Supper in our village church on Sunday 11 October following the 6.30 pm Harvest Festival Evensong. It would be good to gather together as many people in the village as possible to celebrate this special day which is so relevant to our rural community. Please bring a plate of finger food if you can, or just bring yourself.

Coryton WhatsApp Group

Early in lockdown in 2020 a small and very informal 'Coryton' WhatsApp group was created. If you would like to join it, please let Jane Vicat (janevicat@gmail.com) have your mobile number and she will add you on.

Josie Whitfield

St. Mary's Church, Marystowe



This is a contrast to our last report, which was all about the Jubilee celebrations at Marystowe. Unfortunately, I had included too many images for the final edited magazine, so apologies to anyone who thought they had been left out. (*Apologies from Editor too!*)

Which brings us up to date.

Marystowe has our Book of Condolences and there is a steady flow of people visiting, and the comments are truly moving. There has been so much said and written everywhere about the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the only addition I would like to make from Marystowe is our prayer that she rest in peace and rise in the Glory of Our Lord.

Please can we ask you to save the date for:-

26th November – Christmas Craft Fair and Coffee Morning, if you would like to reserve a stall please let us know. We will be launching our Christmas Hamper Raffle.

10th December – Oh Yes its back....The Marystowe Christmas evening is in the planning. If you would like to join in then please let us know - we love a volunteer!!

Please look out for:-

Rearranged Car Treasure Hunt (from 17 September and postponed as a mark of respect)



Joy McSmythurs

St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

I write this just a couple of days after we heard the sad news of the death of Her Majesty The Queen. We are most grateful to Andy for leading us through the Services of Commemoration on the two Sundays before The Queen's funeral.

We cancelled our Harvest Festival on Sunday 11th September and also the churchyard clear-up morning which we had scheduled for Saturday 17th September; both of these will be rescheduled, so please watch out for the new dates.

If you have been out and about in the village recently, you may have noticed the big thermometer on the notice board opposite the pub. It has been showing the fundraising progress of our Bell Restoration Project over the last two years and has now reached the top of its scale!!



We managed to pay the final invoices during August and, at the time of writing, all that now remains to be done is a bit of paintwork on the frame. Once again, many thanks to all of you who have helped either financially or practically.

Do drop in to the church on **Saturday 15th October between 10.30am and 12.30pm for Coffee, Chat and Crafts.**

Pat has been busy with her crafts and we hope to have a few other stalls for you to browse; perhaps you will be able to spread the cost of your Christmas shopping by buying a few early presents. This year's Christmas cards will also be on sale and we may also have some special offers for you. If you would like to have a stall please contact Pat or myself.

Our cookbook "**A Peal of Recipes**", is still available to buy and is also available at Carr's Garage, Endsleigh Gardens Nursery and at Bookstop in Tavistock.

Sarah Atkins has very kindly agreed to run another **Christmas Draw** for us, so do watch out for news of that in due course. Pat has made another beautiful quilt which will be one of the prizes.

Liz Padmore

St. Peter's Church, Lamerton



We have had two weddings of long standing local families. The first was Kate, daughter of Sarah and Pete, when she married Henry and the second was Bex, daughter of local farmer Jenny, who married Tony. We wish them all long life and happiness together. For both weddings the church looked splendid thanks to help from Shona and her team.

On the evening of Bex's wedding we hosted the Tavy Tars. It was a great delight to see a full church for an evening of songs of the sea. After so many months of restrictions and isolation, once again to be able to gather together was a particular joy to all.

The Tars treated us to numerous tales and legends of the sea and seafarers and traditional sea shanties. It really was a most enjoyable evening and we look forward to the Tars joining us again in the future. St. Peter's ladies provided us with many platters of delicious refreshments all provided as donations. Many thanks ladies. We were able to hand over a cheque for three hundred pounds for the RNLI and St. Peter's was able to add £470 to its funds.

Angela and Ian were particularly fortunate to be able to attend the Ordination of Phill, at Exeter Cathedral, as Deacon for our Benefice. It was a truly moving and uplifting service and one we will remember for many years. Welcome Phill and Morag.

We would like to thank our Bell Ringers and our Bunting Tosser for helping Lamerton to commemorate the sad loss of our Queen. I am sure they will rise to the occasion for the Coronation of our new King Charles III.

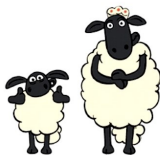
Our Harvest Service is Sunday 2nd October at 6.30pm and there will be a 'Bring and Share' supper afterwards. We look forward to having you with us to celebrate the hard work our farmers do to provide food for us.

Very soon you will be able to enjoy an evening at the races in Lamerton Village Hall in aid of St. Peter's. These evenings have previously been exclusive to Milton Abbot but the Chief Steward (and bookie!!) Andy is flinging his net further afield and Lamerton is the lucky recipient. This is an occasion not to be missed - where fortunes can be made, but more often lost - but all in a good cause and great fun. Do book your good cause and great fun. Do book your tickets early from Angie on 01822 810027. Saturday 15th October is the day at 7.00 pm

As we can no longer start Christmas with Advent Carols at Collacombe we have found another venue. You will probably need to wear your winter woolies and there won't be as much parking so please car share where you can. We will be sharing our Christmas festivities with a flock of ageing sheep and a collection of even older tractors. So Friday 25th November at 7.00pm we hope to see you for Advent Carols at Theale. If you don't know where to find us a call to 810027 will put you right.



Advent Carols at Theale



*You are welcome to join us for
the start of our Christmas celebrations
with
Carols and Readings
Mince Pies and Mulled Wine*



Friday 25th November at 6.00pm



*Please contact Angela on 810027 if you are coming,
car share where possible and wear warm clothing.*

LAMERTON WI

Tuesday 4th October 2:00pm - Alison Yeo - A Lighthearted Look at Life
Tuesday 1st November 2:00pm - Claire Frost- Dementia

All meetings held at Lamerton Village Hall
New members welcome

LAMERTON COFFEE MORNINGS

Join us on:
8th and 22nd October & 5th and 19th November
All start at 10:30am to noon
Do come along, meet friends and catch up

A Night at the Races

'The Lamerton Stakes'

A Horse racing evening in aid of St Peter's Church, Lamerton



Saturday 15th October 7:00pm

Lamerton Village Hall

Cost: £5, includes entry, pasty and tea/coffee.
Please bring your own drinks too if you wish

A stake in a horse will cost £1 per race.

Booking is essential!
For tickets, please contact Angie on 01822 810027

POLE POSITION

It may not have escaped your attention that the flag at the top of St. Peter's Church in Lamerton changes rather regularly. Some flags are flown for specific events, Saints days or occasions but in particular the Union Flag is flown on the following days in the coming months along with some 'fun' flag days

Union Flags

11th November	Remembrance Day
13th November	Remembrance Sunday
14th November	HM King Charles III Birthday
30th November	St. Andrews Day

Other noteworthy days

7th October	World Smiley Day
19th October	International Gin & Tonic Day
21st October	Battle of Trafalgar
24th October	United Nations Day

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

Lucky Lamerton Lottery

The winning numbers for June and July were

August 2022 - 17 September 2022 - 6



LAMERTON HANDBELL FESTIVAL

The Festival will return after a two year break. Please do join us for an evening of handbell ringing.

8 October 2022 in Lamerton Parish Hall at 7pm

All Welcome



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

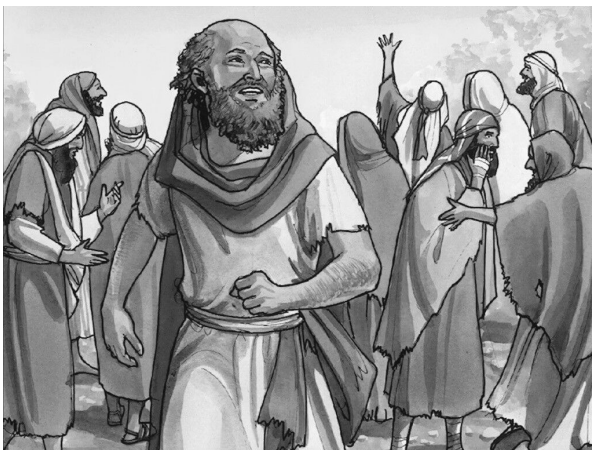
The Thankful Leper

We have lots to be thankful for every day, but sometimes we forget to say those two little words in response to someone doing something kind for us. In fact, that's what happened in the following Bible passage.

The story is about ten lepers. A leper is a person who has a disease called leprosy. This disease causes sores all over the body. Leprosy was very common in Jesus' day, and people who had this disease were thought to be dirty and unclean. They were required to stay away from other people because of the fear that they might infect them with their disease.

One day, Jesus was walking through a small village when He saw a group of ten lepers. They stood far away from Jesus and called to Him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." Obviously, they knew who Jesus was and that He had the power to heal them. When Jesus heard them, He called back to the lepers and said, "Go, show yourself to the priest."

As the lepers went on their way to see the priest, they looked at their skin and the sores were gone. Jesus had healed their disease. They were so happy that they ran up and down the streets singing and dancing. Suddenly, one of them stopped and went back. Praising God with a loud voice, he threw himself at Jesus' feet and said, "Thank You."



Jesus said to him, "Weren't there ten who were healed? Where are the other nine?" Only one out of ten remembered to say, "Thank You."

God does so much for us! Every day He provides everything we need: food, clothing, and a place to live. Do we ever forget to say, "Thank You?"

Let's stop right now and say, "Thank You," and ask God to help us remember to thank Him every day.

Dear Lord, You give us everything we need, but we often forget to say, "Thank You." We thank You now, and ask You to help us to remember to give thanks every day for all that You do for us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. Luke 17:15 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 17:11-19 (NIV).



S U L I R D V I L L A G E A S
 S S T H E T V K S M Z F I F Z
 V O H L V R H S W M S R E I J
 V G A L T A D I S T A N C E L
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FAITH	TRAVELED	FEET	LEPROSY	THANKED
VOICE	PITY	PRIESTS	JESUS	PRaise
SAMARIA	DISTANCE	VILLAGE	GALILEE	NINE
MASTER	TEN	HEALED	CLEANSED	LOUD

A Story on the Theme of Compassion

The Kindness of A Stranger

It was a bitter, cold evening in northern Virginia many years ago. The old man's beard was glazed by winter's frost while he waited for a ride across the river. The wait seemed endless. His body became numb and stiff from the frigid north wind.

He heard the faint, steady rhythm of approaching hooves galloping along the frozen path. Anxiously, he watched as several horsemen rounded the bend. He let the first one pass by without an effort to get his attention. Then another passed by, and another. Finally, the last rider neared the spot where the old man sat like a snow statue. As this one drew near, the old man caught the rider's eye and said, "Sir, would you mind giving an old man a ride to the other side? There doesn't appear to be a passageway by foot."

Reining his horse, the rider replied, "Sure thing. Hop aboard." Seeing the old man was unable to lift his half-frozen body from the ground, the horseman dismounted and helped the old man onto the horse. The horseman took the old man not just across the river, but to his destination, which was just a few miles away.

As they neared the tiny cottage, the horseman's curiosity made him ask, "Sir, I notice that you let several other riders pass by without making an effort to secure a ride. Then I came up and you immediately asked me for a ride. I'm curious why, on such a bitter winter night, you would wait and ask the last rider. What if I had refused and left you there?"

The old man slowly came down from the horse, looked the rider straight in the eyes, and replied, "I've been around for a long time. I reckon I know people pretty well." The old man continued, "I looked into the eyes of the other riders and immediately saw there was no concern for my situation. It would have been useless even to ask them for a ride. But when I looked into your eyes, kindness and compassion were evident. I knew, then and there, that your gentle spirit would welcome the opportunity to give me assistance in my time of need."

Those heart-warming comments touched the horseman deeply. "I'm most grateful for what you have said," he told the old man. "May I never get too busy in my own affairs that I fail to respond to the needs of others with kindness and compassion."

Legend has it that then, Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, turned his horse around and made his way back to the White House.



**Friends of Lamerton School
Present**

Family Quiz Night

**Friday 14th October - 6pm
Lamerton Village Hall**

**FUN FILLED QUIZ FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY**

Quiz - £4 per person

Food - £6 per person

(sharing platter - pre-order)

BYO Drink

Team of up to 8

**To book: email lamertonpta@gmail.com
or ring 07432084706**

FOLS Charity No: 1056785

NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL



*“Old age has its particular season,
Not quite to be compared with autumn or winter:
Not to the luxuriance of autumn,
Not to the austerity of winter.
Passion it has, compounded of present joy
And memory of past fulfilment;
Precarious, being timebound,
With pleasure the more poignant, so,
Its durable fire burns a lifelong day.*

*I might choose, for an emblem of its happiness,
The surprising glass-blue berry, held in a magenta star,
Of the fruiting clerodendron.”*
Anne Ridler

With all the nation Bluebell is mourning the Queen, Elizabeth II, and praying for our new King, Charles III, and all the Royal family.

The clerodendron, with its white starry flowers, and sweet scent, autumn flowering, to be followed by its startling smooth jewel-like blue berry, is a small tree in Bluebell’s garden. Bluebell will always now associate it with the state funeral of the Queen. It reminds her of the jewelled crown with its ancient blue sapphire on her coffin. It could be one of the “Flowers of the Forest”, the Scottish lament played so mournfully by the piper at Balmoral for her Majesty.

The autumn has been wonderful for mushrooms this year. And apples, the trees are weighted down with abundance. Soon the evenings will darken, bird migrations will fill the skies, and the season of All Souls and All Saints will arrive.

Among her many achievements and in her legacy for Nature is, acting on Frank Field’s (a Labour MP’s) original idea, the creation of The Queen’s Commonwealth Canopy. The QCC initiative, set up in 2015, and supported by most of the Commonwealth countries, the young Royals, and David Attenborough, is a global network of protected rain forests, across the Commonwealth. The hope and aim is for changing the future and protecting the earth, trees and the wildlife within the forests. In 2019, 46 Commonwealth countries around the world had signed up.

Also, because of her love of trees and the countryside, in 2022, this year of her Platinum Jubilee, The Queen’s Green Canopy was set up to plant more trees and protect ancient forests in The United Kingdom. Free trees are available from the Woodland Trust. Many will be planted this winter.

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GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



There is no doubt that Her Majesty was interested and fond of plants, trees and gardens. Although not a 'hands-on' gardener she was a keen supporter of the RHS and the Chelsea Flower Show. King Charles is also well known for his love and respect for nature. For both, it no doubt helped relieve the stress of their duties and responsibilities. Just as it can for us too.

Well, it's been quite a year weather-wise in the garden, but it has been good for many flowers and for some vegetables too. My tomatoes, in tubs outside, have been prolific; more so than those in the greenhouse. This is *Montello F1* - sow it, pot it, water and feed. No fuss, no bother. Lots of tasty plumb toms!



If you're looking for some weeds to grow in your garden (well, lots of folk do grow weeds, just look around) these two are very popular. Bittercress and Yellow Sorrel/Oxalis. Both have a brilliant way to please and astonish the kids. When the seed heads are ripe, (you need to look carefully with your glasses on) just a gentle touch with a finger will make them explode. Wow! Loads of seed all over the place!

Bittercress is a good choice because it is easy to pull up; the roots are very shallow. The other one has spreading roots which are very difficult to extract 100%. Your choice. Enjoy.



FARMING LIFE, BY HAYSEED

Out Standing In His Field



"It Rains in West Devon Six Days in Sevon!"

That old saying was made by a monarch that visited Tavistock some four centuries ago. Funnily enough it is raining streams as I am writing this article but as farmers we have witnessed one of the driest summers ever!!

My previous report a couple of months ago said that crops were looking good but all would benefit from a drink. Our part of West Devon has faired better than most but the temperature was so high on some days that it certainly affected those crops. Harvesting of the Winter corn went well generally with some excellent yields and samples recorded, however for many it was a different story for the Spring corn. This crop was sown in late spring and took a lot of "getting going" and when it came to harvest, the yields and amounts of straw in some cases were lower than we would have all liked.

Early Silage and hay crops yielded well and were mostly of excellent quality. Some were able to get second cut silage with a few managing a third cut but August was a very dry and hot month when the grass literally stopped growing. 4th September saw the first sizeable amount of rain and we are all hopeful that perhaps the grass fields will recover sufficiently to allow us perhaps another cut of silage before the autumn really sets in.

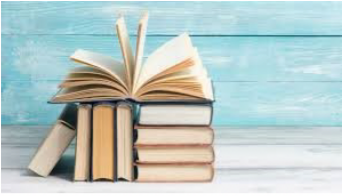
Talking of quality, the next crop to harvest has to have rain! Maize has grown on well lately, it is not so much the height of the stalks it is the size and quality of the corn cob it produces that matters. We shall have to see how the crop turns out this year when harvesting soon begins.

The cattle have grown well considering the really hot days and lack of grass in August. It is quite frightening to see how much water they drink. Dairy cows drink more that you would ever imagine. Statistics show that a 15 cwt cow drinks 30 gallons a day just for maintenance with another 2 gallons a day for every gallon of milk she produces!

This year more silage has been fed in the summer to supplement the lack of grass, so fingers crossed that we will have enough to see us all through the long winter and spring. Grass is a very precious commodity that I am afraid we sometimes take for granted.

To quote an old country saying. "You can't do 'Nort' about the weather!

Hayseed



The Potluck Book Club – A Year in Review

The first year of the Potluck Book Club has now ended and what an interesting literary journey it's been. It started with 'The Inheritance', the story of a priceless family heirloom which holds

the key to captivating secret stories told across three generations. Next came 'The Blasphemer' which sweeps from the trenches of the First World War to the terror-infested streets of London, a story of conditional love, cowardice and the possibility of redemption.

Then it was off to the Victorian London for 'Sweet Thames', the story of an engineer's quest to find the source of a cholera outbreak. The quest shatters his ideals and strikes at everything he holds dear. This was followed by 'The Seventh Cross', a tale set during WW II, about a manhunt but which is also a portrayal of the perils of ordinary life in Hitler's Germany.

For the next selection, I switched continents as I read 'A Princess Remembers' covering life in India in the 20th Century from the point of view of the Maharani of Jaipur. Then it was back to Georgian London via Jamaica for 'The Confessions of Frannie Loughton' and the story of the trial of a maid accused of murdering her employers.

The next selection was a wonderful tale of murder and skull-duggery in Tudor England. I can't wait to read the second book in this five-part (so far!) series. Then came 'Invisible Cities', a beautifully poetic imagining of how Marco Polo might have described to Kublai Khan the many cities he visited.

'The Betrayals' poses the question: 'If your whole life was based on a lie, would you risk it all to tell the truth?' It is a story of choices made against a backdrop of Fascism and its ideas. The last selection, 'The Dare', was an electrifying novel of suspense which I finished in one afternoon as I found it was impossible to wait for the next twist in the plot.

The Book Club is organised by Marystowe's Joy McSmythurs. A £10 subscription buys 12 books, all delivered free of charge. Potluck does mean that it is possible that a subscriber has read one or more of the selections as happened twice in my case. I highly recommend the Potluck Book Club and I can't wait for my second year's selections to arrive!

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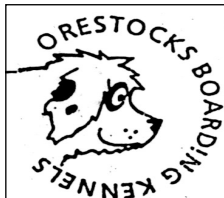
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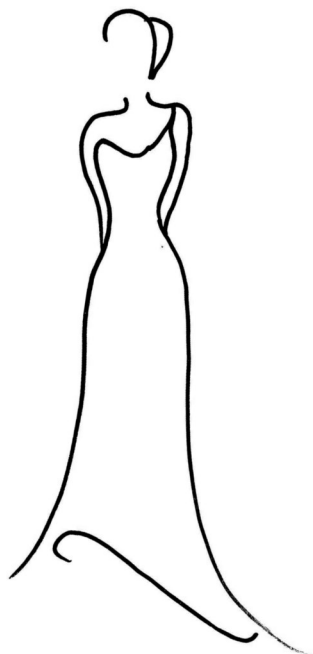
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November 2022

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Weds 2nd November	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 6th Nov. <i>3rd Sunday before Advent</i>		6:30pm BCP Even- song	11:15am Remem- brance Service		9:30am HC / CW	
Weds. 9th Nov	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 13th Nov. <i>Remembrance Service</i>		10:20am Remem- brance Service		10:45am Remem- brance Service	10:45am Remem- brance Service	
Weds. 16th Nov.	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 20th Nov. <i>Christ the King</i>	11:00am United Benefice Service with Bishop James Grier At St Peter's Lamerton					
Weds. 23rd Nov.	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 27th Nov. <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	6:30pm Songs of Praise			11:00am HC / CW		11:15am HC / CW
Weds. 30th Nov.	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					

CHURCH SERVICES

October 2022

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunterton	St Constantine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
Sunday 2nd Oct. <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>		6:30pm Harvest Festival			9:30am HC / CW	
Weds. 5th Oct.	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 9th Oct. <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10:30am Harvest Festival			4:30pm Evening Prayer		6:30pm Harvest Festival
Weds. 14th Oct.	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 16th Oct. <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>		11:00am HC / CW	11:15am River Walk Service		9:30am Harvest Festival	
Weds. 19th Oct.	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 23rd Oct. <i>Bible Sunday</i>	United Benefice Service 9:30am Marystowe Holy Communion					
Weds. 26th Oct.	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 30th Oct <i>All Saints' Sunday</i>	United Benefice Service 9:30am Milton Abbot Holy Communion					