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MILTON ABBOT AND
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Diary Dates

Event	August 2025	September 2025
Coffee Mornings		
Coffee and Company, Priest's Room, Lamerton 10 - 12pm	8, 22	5, 19
Sydenham Damerel from 10.30am	2	6
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12pm	2, 16, 30	13, 27
Church and other events		
Songs of Praise and BBQ farewell to Phill and welcome to Rev Gill, Theale From 6pm	22	
Harvest Auction, Lamerton village hall 6.30pm	26	
Chestnut Appeal, Lamerton village hall 10 - 12 noon	30	
Rev Phill's licensing at St Andrew's Church, Ashburton 7.00pm		3
Family Fun Day, Church Avenue House, Lamerton 12.30pm		20

**Magazine deadline for October/November 2025
edition is**

end of day: Saturday 13th September 2025

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

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In August/September we continue the theme of 'chapters' as Revd Phill so aptly put it two months ago.

By the time you read this I will have been Licensed as Priest in Charge ("Vicar") and, as I write, a lot of people are putting a lot of effort into making that a wonderful occasion – so a huge "Thank You" for all you have been doing. Dave and I already feel very welcome here.

Then, we will be rapidly hurtling towards saying Farewell to Revd Phill, Morag and Jude. Having just done the same elsewhere, it is disconcerting how fast the final weeks in a place fly by, so please do join us in saying farewell at the Songs of Praise & Barbecue on Friday 22nd August at Ian & Angie Minshull's. Please look out for details of Phill's Licensing at Ashburton on 3rd September – I know he will greatly value your support.

In terms of church services, we have a little bit of 'downtime' in August, in preparation for the new school year, and the lead-in for Harvest and all that follows. But it's not 'downtime' for many:

gardeners are kept on their toes with everything growing at once, parents are juggling childcare and work and, most of all, we're just about in the thick of harvest – so there is plenty of scope for

supporting one another in prayer and practical ways. I have bittersweet memories of school Summer holidays: Dad was an agricultural contractor as well as farmer, so we hardly saw him in Summer, apart from snatched moments eating fish and chips in a cornfield late at night whilst he continued combining until the dew arrived.

September and the new school year will come round soon enough, and we dip into a bit of “Creation Season” in the Church year, with our first Harvest Festival. Another chapter lies ahead and, whatever comes our way, we have the sure and certain knowledge that as we “trust in God with all our hearts... God will direct our paths” (Proverbs 3 v.5 – paraphrased!).

With love in Christ,

Rev'd Gill

Rev'd Gill George's contact details

Rev'd Gill will be taking over the existing Vicar email address –

vicar@southtamar.church

For the present, she can also be contacted on

revgillgeorge@gmail.com

Mobile – 07947 604160

Landline – until the internet is set up at the Vicarage there is no landline, but we are hoping to reinstate the previous Vicarage landline number in due course. Watch this space!

Facebook – search Rev'd Gill George

Lamerton and Sydenham Damerel

The next PCC Church Meeting will be held on

Tuesday 23rd September

7.00pm

Priest's Room, Lamerton

All parishioners are welcome to attend

Dear Friends,

I say, "Dear Friends", for that is indeed what you have been to us for the past 3 years, but more than that, you are family to our family. This Church family in the South Tamar Mission Community will always be a place of family for Morag, Jude and me. It is here that we brought Jude into the world, and it is here that we brought him into the universal Church family as he was baptised here by Father Andy, and welcomed by so many of you.



In some way, I hope that you feel we have been family and friends to you too. As Curate, I have walked with a number of you through both days of celebration and through days of pain or grief – I thank you for opening up your lives to my ministry, in accepting the love that God has called me to share with you all. Thank you for being gracious when I have made mistakes, and thank you for your support in my training as a deacon and priest. I would love to lay out my thanks to so many individuals and groups in this farewell letter, but I would not want to risk missing someone out (and would not want to incur the wrath of the Treasurers by adding 8 more pages to the magazine print cost!), so I say simply, "Thank you!" to *you* – you know who you are.

My last service where I shall be presiding at Communion in this benefice is on Sunday 3rd August at Lamerton at 11am, when we will celebrate Lammastide together. Our family move to Ashburton mid-August, but we will be back on Friday 22nd August, at 6:30pm at Theale, for a special Songs of Praise and barbecue, where we can say farewell, and where Rev'd Gill and Dave can meet more of you socially.

On Wednesday 3rd September, I will be inaugurated, instituted, inducted, installed and licensed (sounds painful, I know) as Team Rector of the Ashburton & Moorland Mission Community. More details are to follow, but I hope to see many of you there.

So, Morag, Jude and I, wave you a sad goodbye, but we look forward to seeing our friends again soon. You will always hold a special place in our prayers and our thoughts. May God bless you all!

With warmest wishes,

Rev'd Phill, Morag and Jude



WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD OR VULNERABLE ADULT?



Please speak to your Parish 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'd Gill George on 07947 604160

Your own parish safeguarding representative's contact details are on page 27

If you cannot reach your Parish Safeguarding Representative, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

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BIBLE READINGS (Year C)

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

DATE	1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 3rd August Lammastide (7th Sunday after Trinity) - Green	Leviticus 23:1-11 (Lammas)	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Sunday 10th August 8th Sunday after Trinity - Green	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Sunday 17th August 9th Sunday after Trinity - Green	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Sunday 24th August 10th Sunday after Trinity - Green	Isaiah 43:8-13	Acts 5:12-16	Luke 22:24-30
Sunday 31st August 11th Sunday after Trinity - Green	Proverbs 25:6-7a	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

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

Sunday 7th September 12th Sunday after Trinity - Green	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Sunday 14th September 13th Sunday after Trinity - Green	Numbers 21:4-9	Philippians 2:6-11	John 3:13-17
Sunday 21st September 14th Sunday after Trinity - Green	Proverbs 3:13-18	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Matthew 9:9-13
Sunday 28th September 15th Sunday after Trinity - Green	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

PSALMS

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Sunday 7 Sept	Psalm 1
Sunday 14 Sept	Psalm 22:23 - 28
Sunday 21st Sep	Psalm 119:65 - 72
Sunday 28th Sept	Psalm 146



St Boniface Awards 2025

This year in a service held at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 7 June, eleven people were awarded a St Boniface medal for going above and beyond in serving their churches, schools, communities, and also overseas. The St Boniface Awards are named after Devon's patron saint, who was born in Crediton.

Recipients of this year's awards included Irene Hicks, from St Peter's church, Lamerton, who abseiled down the church tower on her 80th birthday to raise funds and who has played a key role in setting up a warm gathering space in the church, known as Coffee and Company.

Also Caitlin aged 15 for her work as Mental Health Champion at St Luke's Church of England school.

The Bishop of Exeter, the Rt. Rev'd Dr Mike Harrison, said "All the recipients have varied stories but what they have in common is generosity towards others. They have realised that it is not about solemn duty, it is what we were born for and called to. It is the greatest opportunity and fulfilment."

All Saint's Church, Dunterton



June was a busy month for Dunterton with two services taking place, including a United Benefice service on 29th which was well attended with representation from all the benefice churches.



We were also very pleased to have finally secured a small banner to promote our services which will now be a regular feature in the Dunterton landscape.

The service on the 29th was Philip's last official service at Dunterton and we wanted to

wish him and the family all the very best for the future.

At the end of August we are delighted to be hosting a wedding at the church which will also be Reverend Gill's first wedding in the Benefice. The Friends Group will be making an extra special effort to ensure the church and graveyard look fabulous for the occasion.

Annual River Walk

Raising funds for Dunterton Church, this year's River Walk will be taking place on Sunday 19th October 2025. Same route as 2023 with tea & cake refreshments at the end.

Derek Youds

SERVICES AT DUNTERTON CHURCH – DATE & TIME	
Sunday 7 th September	11.00 a.m.
Rest of year services to be advised in due course	



St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

Life has been quiet and settled in Sydenham Damerel as we enjoy the lazy, hazy days of summer. No slugs to complain about for gardeners this year, only very vicious horseflies. A

beautiful baby deer has been sighted in several gardens but doesn't seem to have done any significant damage to flowerbeds. The usual exchange of excess produce, plants and seeds has been as popular as ever – courgettes and kale in abundance!

Our litter pickers were ably assisted by Esther, Jack, Adam and Fred Stanbury over half term and we are hoping they will muck in over the summer holidays too! As ever bags and litter picking sticks are available in Saint Mary's porch, please think about picking some up as you walk through our beautiful lanes.

Mark Pratten, a keen cyclist from Sydenham Damerel, was recently diagnosed with Huntingdon's Disease. Mark has received great support from his cycling friends in the Tavistock Wheelers. They cycled an amazing 300 miles to London to raise money for the Huntingdon's Disease Association raising a whopping £10,170. Mark was completely overwhelmed by people's generosity and would like to thank everyone locally who donated to the Just Giving page.

As we no longer have a Parish Council our thanks go to John Hearn, the chair of the SD Parish Meeting, who has set up a new website. John recognised that some form of mechanism is needed to publish agendas and minutes from the Parish Meetings. Lots more information regarding the parish and it's history will be added over time.

All contributions welcomed. Please do have a look:

<https://sites.google.com/view/sd-community-web/home>

The Friends of St Mary's met and are delighted that we can now purchase a further 12 chairs thanks to the Parish Meeting's grant of £2000.

Four more of the original pews will be sold which will leave two pews to stay in the church. Our Electrical inspection was carried out and our Lightening Conductor passed its annual review. Our new heaters are also permanently installed. Going forward St Mary's will be safe, comfortable and warm this winter for both services and community events.

The book club has taken a break over the summer and will start a new chapter in the Autumn but our Coffee Mornings, 10.30 on the first Saturday of every month, continue. Always lovely to catch up with friends and neighbours so do come along, everyone is welcome!

Gail Cullen

St. Peter's Lamerton



We must say an enormous
CONGRATULATIONS

to Irene who was one of eleven people who this year were awarded a St Boniface medal for going above and beyond in serving their churches, schools and communities. The St

Boniface Awards are named after Devon's patron saint, who was born in CREDITON. We are so proud of you Irene and thank you for all your hard work for the Church and Hall over many years and for caring for people in our community.



Thank you, Julie, for arranging the Safeguarding Training session at Clearbrook Village Hall - it was really quite painless.

As we are soon to be losing Phill a big THANK YOU to you and Morag for holding the fort so ably during our time without a Vicar. The Wednesday Holy Communion and Friday Coffee and Chat are particularly appreciated - what shall we do without young Jude?

Gill will have a lot to live up to but having met her several times I am confident she will do very well. If you would like to meet Gill for an informal chat - and a BBQ - then join us at Theale (PL19 0LH) on the Friday 22nd August at 6.00pm. At this gathering we will be saying Farewell - but I hope not Goodbye - to Phill, Morag and Jude and sending them on their way with a little presentation. Please do join us. RSVP so that we have an idea how many we need to cater for.

We can see Phill instituted in his new position at St. Andrew's Church, Ashburton on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.00pm.

St. Mary's Church, Marystowe



The news from Marystowe is brought to you by the deputy Church Warden Harry McSmythurs, **as** the Church Warden is busy preparing for the Summer Fun Day at the Church on 26th July.

Joy McSmythurs

Dear Reader,

I have been getting a little sad as Rev Phill has given his last service at Marystowe, and although everyone will miss him a lot, I will really miss my friend Jude. He and I had just formed the escape committee to be able to get outside and run around rather than stand and chat after the service. We are, of course, very well-behaved during services, although Jude does like to be hung upside down by his Mum, whereas I prefer my tummy to be tickled.

However, the breaking news is that I have met Branston, Rev Gill's pickle of a pup, and he and I think we can be great buddies and run Marystowe very well in the future. He has sampled the water from the dog bowl in the church and walked around as I introduced him to all the best smells and explained where, when the rain comes back, we can find the best mud. By the time you read this, Rev Gill and Branston will be licensed; I am slightly confused by the licensing service as I was squashed in the car with several cases of wine earlier this week, bound for Milton Abbot. I asked myself licensing for what? running a bar?

There has been a change in the PCC, and I have been asked to thank Amy as she steps down from the PCC, Amy has been a great help and will continue to be around with my friends Cloud and Mouse. I also want to welcome Freya's Mum, Debbie Lewis Davies (aka Debbie Donuts) to the PCC. Biggest welcome though is for Branston and his Mum.

With a very waggy tail
Harry



St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot



By the time you read this we will have welcomed Revd Gill to our Benefice at her Licensing Service here in Milton Abbot on Tuesday 22nd July. We hope Gill, Dave and Branston will be very happy here and that they will be with us for many years to come.

Conversely, the bittersweet goodbyes have already begun as Phill prepares for his move to Ashburton in August. Phill took his last service in Milton Abbot on 13th July (unfortunately we were in competition with the men's final at Wimbledon).

We will be bidding farewell to Phill, Morag and Jude at Theale on 22nd August as they embark on the next exciting stage in their lives. We are so very grateful to Phill for all he has done for us during his curacy here and for going above and beyond the call of duty in supporting us through our time of vacancy.

In the meantime, we are making progress with formulating our Faculty application for permission to install infra-red heating chandeliers in the church. The project will cost us £42,000 plus VAT, so we must once more set to and raise the money so that you will have a lovely warm church.

I make no apology for mentioning the "C" word in the middle of July! Once again, we will be holding a **Christmas Fair on Saturday 15th November**, so please put the date in your diaries and on your calendars – this will be an ideal opportunity to do your Christmas shopping, stop for a cup of coffee and indulge in a slice of home-made cake. A date not to be missed!

Pat's stall is still going out and about, so please watch out for further shopping opportunities.

Liz Padmore



St. Andrew's, Coryton

The Bells of St Andrew's

are in the news again. The repairs to the Bell Tower roof are now scheduled to start at the end of August. This means two bell ringing events can take place. The Lamerton bell-ringers are planning to ring at some churches in the benefice, including St Andrew's, to commemorate VJ Day sometime on Friday 15th August.

Then on Saturday 30th August, in celebration of their Centenary, the Devon Association of Bell Ringers are visiting a number of 5 bell towers in West Devon and East Cornwall. They will be ringing the Bells of St Andrew's between 1.30pm and 3.00pm.

Coryton Coffee

For many years there has been a tradition at St Andrew's of serving 'Coryton Coffee' after church services. Well, this tradition may be evolving. Recently, on a glorious Sunday evening after Evensong, the congregation gathered in the churchyard for a cool glass of wine or a soft drink and delicious nibbles. It was deemed a great success. As a result, we will be experimenting with other new versions of 'Coryton Coffee'. Curious to find out what we're doing? Then join us at St Andrew's for the United Benefice Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 24th August at 6.30pm.

Getting back to the subject of bells, do have a look around the tower. Three old bell clappers are fixed to a timber frame on the north wall of the tower. On the south wall of the tower can be seen the village stocks; the brass plate on them states that they were last used in 1662.

Josie Whitfield

MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE HALL

CELEBRATE THE VILLAGE SHOW

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

COMPETITIONS

1. SCARECROW COMPETITION
2. TABLE DECORATION
3. FAMILY FAVOURITE CAKE
4. CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS

BAND PLAYING
SHOW VEG EXPLAINED
SCHOOL DISPLAY
HISTORY OF THE SHOW
RAFFLE

Please arrive between

2pm and 2:30pm

with your competition entries, and collect
your scarecrow trail and judging form.

£5 entry or £10 family ticket

to include afternoon tea
and competition entry

YOU ARE THE JUDGES

Tea served from 3pm until 5pm

Forms to be handed in to Sue Champion at Bowled Over or to the Village Hall.

SCARECROW ENTRY

Please Join the fun and enter the village spirit by handing in this form by
30th August and displaying your scarecrow in the village to be judged on
6th September.

Name of Entrant

Name of Scarecrow

Address or location



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

God's Lost and Found

Have you ever lost something that was really important to you? What did you do? Did you just say, "Oh well, no problem, I can always get another one?" No, I imagine that you probably searched until you found what you had lost. In our Bible lesson today, Jesus tells two stories about people who have lost something very important to them.

The first story Jesus told was about a man who had a hundred sheep. One of his sheep strayed away from the flock and became lost. Every one of the man's sheep was important to him, so he left the ninety-nine and went to search for the one lost sheep. When he found it, he was so happy that he called all of his friends together and said, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep."



Next, Jesus told a story about a woman who had ten silver coins. Each of the coins was worth a day's wages. The woman counted her coins, "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine. Oh no! I have lost one of my coins," she cried. Do you know what she did? She turned on every light in the house, swept the floor, and searched until she found the one lost coin. When she found the lost coin, she called all of her friends and neighbours together and said, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin."

Jesus told these two stories to demonstrate God's love for us. We are God's children, but sometimes we get lost. When that happens, God doesn't give up on us. He searches for us and he won't stop until we are found. In fact, the Bible tells us that God sent his son, Jesus, to seek and save the lost. And just as the people in the story rejoiced when they found what was lost, Jesus said, "There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

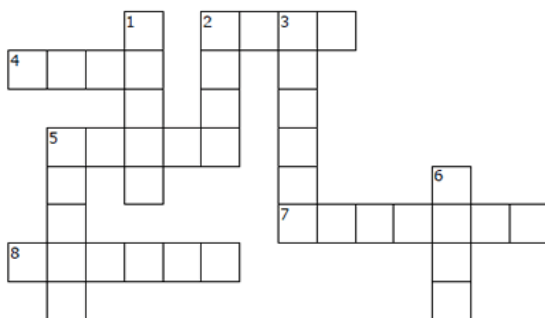
I'm glad that God loves us so much that he doesn't give up on us when we get lost, aren't you?

Father, we are your children and you love each and every one of us. We are thankful that you don't give up on us when we get lost. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

God's Lost & Found

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 15:1-10 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To no longer possess something because you do not know where it is
4. a small round piece of metal which is used as money
5. A farm animal with thick wool
7. To feel or show great happiness about something
8. To be very sorry for something bad you have done and change your behavior

DOWN

1. A heavenly being often used by God as his messenger
2. A device placed on a table to give light
3. A person who disobeys God's laws
5. To clean a floor by using a broom
6. To locate something by searching for it

lose
find

sweep
repent

angel
lamp

sheep
rejoice

sinner
coin

A Story on the Theme of Truthfulness

A Little White Lie

Once upon a time there lived a little boy named Timmy. Timmy loved playing outside and going on adventures. One morning, Timmy's mum asked him to clean up his room before going out to play. Timmy wasn't very fond of cleaning, so he decided to take a shortcut. He quickly shoved all his toys under his bed, thinking that his mum wouldn't notice. "There, all done!" he exclaimed with a mischievous grin.

Timmy's mum entered the room and was surprised to see it spotless. "Timmy, did you really clean your room?" she asked, a hint of suspicion in her voice. "Yes, Mummy," Timmy replied, trying his best to look innocent. His mum smiled and said, "Well, if you did, then you deserve a special treat. How about we go to the park and have some ice cream?"

As they walked to the park, Timmy's conscience started to bother him. He knew he hadn't been truthful about cleaning his room. The more he thought about it, the guiltier he felt.

At the park, the ice cream truck soon arrived, and as Timmy stood in line, he spotted his best friend, Tommy holding two ice cream cones in his hands. Tommy waved Timmy over. "Hey, Timmy! I bought two ice cream cones, but I don't think I can finish them by myself. Want one?" Timmy's eyes sparkled. "Yes, please, Tommy! Thank you so much!"

Tommy handed Timmy one of the ice cream cones, and they sat down together, enjoying their cold treats. But even in the midst of all the fun, Timmy couldn't shake off the guilt that was weighing on his heart. Timmy knew it was time to come clean. His mum called him over, concerned by the puzzled look on his face. "Is something bothering you, Timmy?" she asked.

Timmy took a deep breath, looked into his mum's eyes and said "Mummy, I didn't really clean my room. I just hid all my toys under the bed."

His mum's smile faded for a moment, but then she said "Thank you for being honest, Timmy. I appreciate your courage in telling the truth."

Timmy felt much better as he confessed his lie. He realized that telling the truth, no matter how difficult, was always the right thing to do.

His mum hugged him tightly and whispered, "You know, Timmy, the truth is like a bright shining star. It may be difficult to face, but it will always guide you towards the right path."



Terry Neild
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
Lamerton Hall
Green Hill
Lamerton

Dear Residents of Lamerton

Lamerton Hall: A Call for Volunteers!

chair@lamerton-hall.co.uk

As you all know, Lamerton Hall is a vital community hub, hosting diverse events that enrich our village life. Its continued success relies on dedicated volunteers. We urgently need more helping hands to maintain and enhance our services.

We are seeking volunteers to **join the Board of Trustees**. This is a direct opportunity to shape the Hall's future. No prior experience is necessary; just a willingness to contribute time and ideas. The Board meets quarterly, overseeing finances, bookings, and planning.

Beyond the Board, you can assist with:

Event Support: We always need assistance with setting up, running, and clearing up after events. This could involve anything from serving refreshments to helping arrange seating or managing entry.

Hall Maintenance: If you have practical skills or simply a willingness to help, we welcome volunteers to assist with general maintenance tasks, minor repairs, cleaning, and gardening to keep the Hall and its grounds looking their best.

Volunteering is a great way to meet people and contribute to our community. Your contribution, big or small, makes a difference.

If you are interested in joining the Board or helping with events/maintenance, please contact me, Terry Neild, chair@lamerton-hall.co.uk or Katie Ayland, secretary@lamerton-hall.co.uk. Alternatively, come down to one of our bi-weekly coffee mornings and speak to one of the trustees who will be in attendance. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for considering this appeal. Together, we can ensure Lamerton Hall remains a thriving heart of our village.

Warm regards,

Terry Neild,

Chairperson, Board of Trustees,

Lamerton Hall

NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL

August – September 2025



"I kept him for his humor's sake,
For he would oft beguile
My heart of thoughts that made it ache,
And force me to a smile." *William Cowper, 'Epitaph on a Hare', 1783*

quoted by Chloe Dalton, in 'Raising Hare' her enchanting story of finding a little leveret on a field track near her home in the country and rearing it during the Covid Pandemic.

William Cowper kept some hares for companion animals, but this is very rare, bunny rabbits are much more usual as pets.

Lepus capensis, the brown hare, and *Oryctolagus cuniculus*, the rabbit, are very different animals. So far, in July, it has been a good year for rabbits and there are a lot about, to the dismay of gardeners. Bluebell loves watching them. Rabbit babies are born blind and hairless, and need the protection, of the warren, or burrow, which may be several feet deep and with a maze of passages. Rabbits seldom go far from the burrow, and a nibbled fringe of soft grass can be seen about ten feet wide along the edge of the field whose hedges hide their bolt holes to safety.

The leveret, or baby brown hare, is born with its eyes open, fully covered with fur, including the pads of its paws, (unlike a dog or cat) in a shallow impression in open ground, called a form. It stays completely still for hours while its mother leaves to feed. The adult hare can run about 40mph, usually in a huge circle, and has a slow, unbalanced lolling gait as well. It is about twice the size of a rabbit. They are shot, and hunted by hounds, for sport and eating. At Sydenham in 1906-1907 a shoot record shows 23 hares and 118 rabbits, and 411 rabbits shot at Coryton. There is no close season for hares in England and Wales. Baroness Helic and Baroness Hayman are trying to correct this in Parliament. The numbers of hares have dropped about 80% in the last hundred years. They are rarely seen now.

But they are one of the most evocative symbols of the English countryside: the moon-gazing hare, mad March hares boxing, the tinnners' rabbits or hares, are well loved images. There is something mythical, elusive, almost mystical about a hare. It is associated with witches, and Spring, Eostre (the Goddess of Easter), fertility and Resurrection, the Moon and the Mad Hatter's tea party. In the winter sky of the Northern hemisphere, crouched near the feet of Orion, the Hunter, and his dog Sirius in Canis Major, is the constellation of the hare, *Lepus*.

The tinnners's hares symbol is three hares chasing each other in a circle sharing three ears yet every animal has two ears, in a riddling geometric daisy wheel image. It may symbolise the Holy Trinity. Locally, there is one in a boss in St Eustachius's Tavistock, in Cotehele chapel, in the Castle Inn at Lydford, and two in the church at Kelly.



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Upcoming Events

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**30
AUG**

CHESTNUT APPEAL INFORMATION MORNING - 10AM TO 12PM

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**26
SEP**

HARVEST AUCTION - 6.30PM

Our annual Harvest Auction is packed with local goods, hearty treats, and fabulous opportunities! Come bid, mingle and enjoy an autumn evening bursting with community spirit and festive fun with a pasty and a pint.

**25
OCT**

AUTUMN QUIZ - 7PM

Another chance to be crowned the winner of the Lamerton Hall Quiz nights or go home with a wooden spoon...come along and test your knowledge. BYO drinks and snacks.

**29
NOV**

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 10AM TO 1PM

The annual Christmas Fair, this year run by FOLS is a lovely celebration of all things Christmas and food. Come along and enjoy the festivities.

**13
DEC**

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAWER - 10AM TO 12PM

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**13
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CHRISTMAS QUIZ - 7PM

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GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG

July 2025



You do learn things when gardening. You have to remember to not forget them the following year, but not to believe everything anybody else tells you. One thing it's taken me years to learn is do not plant perennials in a square pot. There are some very nice square pots out there in garden centres but if you put, say, a rose, or a bay tree, or some lovely shrub in a square pot you'll never get it out without a lot of trouble. Time will come when you need to repot it, or plant it out, because it's grown too big - *smash up the pot, mate*. One way you can avoid this is to find a round plastic pot which just fits inside the square pot, maybe propped up by an upturned pot. Then, if you need to repot, it's easy peasy.

Another thing is watering peat free compost. We all buy peat free now and it is the best option, but it can be awkward to know just when to water it when you've sown seeds or potted on some fragile little seedlings. The top can look very, very dry when the bulk below is soaking wet. You water it and then the seedlings die away because they're too wet. I usually judge the weight of the pot, or tray, then water, or not. Others say - *stick your finger down the side and feel its moisture*.



We've got a fig tree which was planted years ago. Each year it has produced tiny fruits but none worth harvesting. This year - don't mention the weather - it has a lot of quite big fruits. They're not ripe yet, but maybe if we have another hot spell we will have something worth eating?

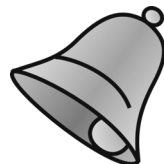


Meanwhile, the tomatoes are coming on. Yum!

Think bulbs to plant in the autumn - daffodils, tulips, camassias? Enjoy your garden and the weather whenever you can.



Tower Talk



The Lamerton Bellingers' recent open tower afternoon proved successful with fifty people attending including children. The event was held to mark 100 years since the formation of the Devon Association of Churchbell Ringers. Most people had a go at pulling a rope to make the bell chime and a few "lapsed" ringers came, hopefully it will re-kindle their interest. We had a new learner at the following Monday evening practice – well done Shona, you've got to keep it up now! We aim to get you ringing rounds by Christmas.

We could still do with a couple more learners so if anyone is interested, please contact me on 07722 749012.

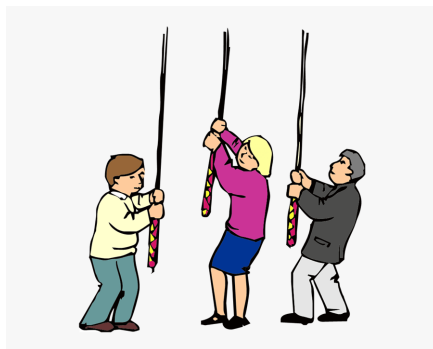
We held a draw and the first prize of a guided tour of the bells and tower, including viewing the surrounding area from the top was won by Rowen.

Someone left their coat in the church, hopefully they won't feel the need of it until mid October but if you would like to be reunited with it sooner, please call me.

We raised over £100 towards the £1200 needed for a new set of six bellropes. If anyone feels they would like to donate some money or even a whole rope we would be most grateful, please either contact me or our treasurer, Cathy Hayes.

We are now looking forward to a social event by the end of summer and hopefully our competition later in the year. Let's hope the old ropes don't break before then!

William Dawe





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Safeguarding News

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Safeguarding training - Domestic Abuse New face-to-face training opportunity!

Thanks to all those who attended the face-to-face safeguarding Foundation course at Clearbrook recently. It was deemed to be an enjoyable session with plenty of interaction and questions, plus lovely homemade biscuits!

A further session covering the Domestic Abuse module is scheduled for

Friday 3rd October, 2.30 to 4.30pm
Clearbrook Village Hall

Domestic Abuse refresher training every 3 years is a must for all PCC members and those working with children and/or vulnerable adults. Please let me know if you wish to attend at least a week before the event so I can give names to the organiser.

Many thanks

Julie Hibbert

Do address any of your safeguarding concerns to your **safeguarding representative shown below** or **Rev Gill George**

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

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An illustration of four people in summer attire walking past a church tower and roses. The scene is set outdoors with a blue sky, yellow clouds, and a large brick church tower in the background. In the foreground, there are red roses on the left and green foliage on the right. Four people are walking from left to right: a man in a blue and white striped blazer, a woman in a white dress with orange flowers, another woman in a white dress with orange flowers, and a man in a blue blazer. They are all wearing hats. The text is overlaid on the illustration.

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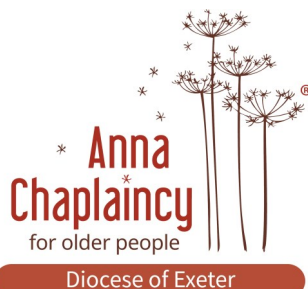
At the recent meeting of the Benefice Pastoral Care Team on the 24th June, it was agreed that we should run a locally based Anna Friends Training Course in October. With Rev. Andy leaving and Rev. Phill holding the fort with support from Tim Thompson and Richard Searight, there was a recognition that 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).



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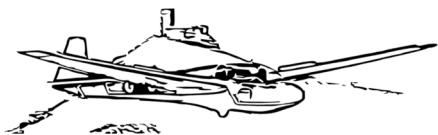
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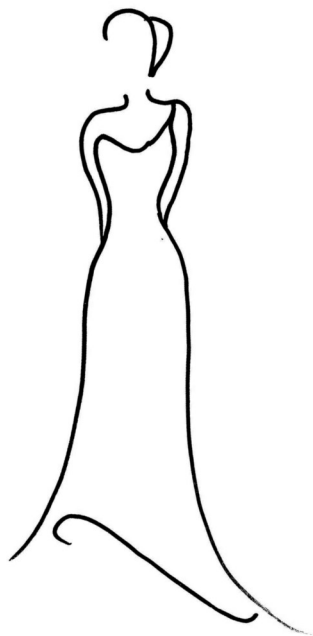


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Wed 3rd Sep	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 7th September 12th Sunday after Trinity - Green		6:30pm Evensong	11:00am Morning Praise		9:30am HC/CW	
Wed 10th Sep	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 14th September 13th Sunday after Trinity - Green	10:30am HC/CW			4:00pm Sunday Praise		6:30pm BCP Evensong
Wed 17th Sep	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 21st September 14th Sunday after Trinity - Green		11:00am HC/CW			9:30am Morning Praise	
Wed 24th Sep	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton.					
Sunday 28th September 15th Sunday after Trinity - Green	6:30pm Harvest Songs of Praise			11:00am HC/CW		4:00pm HC/CW

Church Services - August 2025

	St Mary's, Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's, Lamerton	All Saints, Dunterton	St Constan- -tine, Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin, Marystowe	St Andrew's, Coryton
Sunday 3rd August Lammastide (7th Sunday after Trinity) - Green	United Benefice Service - Lamerton 11:00am - HC/CW					
Sunday 10th August 8th Sunday after Trinity - Green	United Benefice Service - Marystowe 9:30am - HC/CW					
Sunday 17th August 9th Sunday after Trinity - Green	United Benefice Service - Sydenham Damerel 10:30am -HC/CW					
Friday 22nd August	6:30pm - Songs of Praise - Theale (PL19 0LH) Farewell & Welcome Service					
Sunday 24th August 10th Sunday after Trinity - Green	United Benefice Service - Coryton 6:30pm - HC/CW					
Sunday 31st August 11th Sunday after Trinity - Green	United Benefice Service - Milton Abbot 11:00am - HC/CW					

**** No Mid-week Communion services during August ****