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South Tamar
Mission Community

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2025

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Diary Dates

Event	June 2025	July 2025
Coffee Mornings		
Coffee and Company, Priest's Room, Lamerton 10 - 12pm	13, 27	11, 25
Sydenham Damerel from 10.30am	7	5
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12pm	7, 21	5, 19
Church and other events		
Safeguarding Training, Clearbrook Village Hall, 2:30pm	13	
Marystowe & Chillaton Fun Day, 2:30pm onwards		26

**Magazine deadline for August/September 2025 edition
is**

end of day: Saturday 19th July 2025

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

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Dear Friends,

This feels like a season of chapters, as we journey through a time of chapters ending and new chapters beginning.

In our liturgical season, we start June with the end of Eastertide, and begin a new chapter in the Church's calendar marked by Pentecost – the gift of the Holy Spirit's power to the faithful – and on into the new season of Trinity, as we celebrate knowing the fullness of our three-in-one God.

For the apostles and disciples in Jesus' time, it must have felt like a flurry of chapters ending and beginning too.

Jesus' crucifixion marked the end of one chapter, and then with the Resurrection they had a new chapter with Him.

Then, just as they are adjusting to this new time with Christ, He ascends to heaven and they have to start a new chapter without Him.

As they are filled with the Spirit, they have to work out how to be Church in this new way, under the leadership of their new shepherd, Peter.

There's a sense that this is how we are journeying in the South Tamar Mission Community at the moment.

Fr Andy left last August, and since then we've been in a chapter without our incumbent.

The good news is that this chapter is coming to an end, and in July we will start a new chapter when Rev'd Gill George becomes our new Priest-in-Charge.

Like the disciples who had to work out how to be Church in their new chapter, so we in our churches and communities will have to figure out how we do Church under the guidance of a new shepherd.

We look forward to welcoming Rev'd Gill on 22nd July at Milton Abbot at 7pm.

With the opening of this new chapter, there also sadly comes the closing of another, as Morag, Jude and I prepare to move on to our new home in the Ashburton & Moorland Mission Community.

We will be moving on sometime in August, and I will be instituted in my new Mission Community on Wednesday 3rd September at St Andrew's Church, Ashburton, at 7pm.

Details of final services and farewells here will be forthcoming shortly.

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

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We have the opportunity to access a local face-to-face Safeguarding training session for the Foundation module (C1) on

Friday 13th June at 2:30pm

at Clearbrook Village Hall, Clearbrook, Yelverton PL20 6JB

All PCC members are required to have completed the Foundation level training, as well as all those who volunteer with children or vulnerable adults, and the training has to be refreshed every 3 years.

The Foundation training can be completed online (see <https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>), but many people prefer face-to-face so they can ask questions and benefit from a wider discussion, so we commend this local training opportunity to you.

To book your place, please contact Belinda Gardiner:

belindajane gardiner@gmail.com

If you are unsure about when you need to renew your training, please contact our Benefice Safeguarding Lead, Julie Hibbert

Introducing...Rev'd Gill George



I am delighted to be writing this and am thoroughly looking forward to joining you in July.

Some of you will have met me on the pre-interview orientation day. Others will have seen me when you travelled to Rev Phill's (and my) ordination as priest – Okehampton was one of my curacy parishes.

I'm a Herefordshire farmer's daughter – eldest of 3, descended from generations of tenant farmers on both sides. I was the first in my family not to farm.

A child of the early 70s, I was a fan of Les Dawson, which made me request piano lessons for my 7th birthday. I also joined the village church choir and have sung or accompanied worship on the piano or organ ever since.

In my late teens I left and joined a pentecostal house church for a few years where I met and married Dave when I was 19, and we now have 3 grown-up children.

We came back to my home village church for a few years and then lived on site at Great Malvern Priory, Worcestershire, where Dave was Head Verger, and I was able to enjoy a beautiful choral music alongside leading a youth band introducing their own style of worship to the services, whilst studying sociology part time and bringing up the children.

In 2001 I spent two years auditing theology lectures whilst Dave (who is also a priest) trained for ministry in Oxford, and then did more sociology at Warwick University.

After graduation I worked in various community roles before becoming a building surveyor.

We have served in a wide variety of rural and urban parishes and church traditions.

Dave is from Devon, so we finally moved back down here in 2015, when he was appointed Vicar of Cockington, Torquay.

I had the privilege of ordination training on the rural ministry-focused pathway at Sarum (Salisbury), and my dissertation was on the role of historic rural church buildings in fostering faith, belonging and identity in the wider parish.

In February 2022 we moved to Okehampton for my curacy and Dave began prison chaplaincy.

I'm one of the Diocesan Spiritual Accompaniers, and in the Society of Catholic Priests.

So, what to expect? People tell me I'm an encouraging person. One of my greatest joys in ministry is identifying and supporting others to grow into their own callings.

I've been immersed in a wide variety of church service styles, and strongly feel it's important to take time to see what is already working in a place, and to build on that, rather than rush in with unnecessary change. A new person at the helm is a big change in itself initially, so my priority for the first six months will be to listen, hear what God is saying to individuals, church and community, and together we'll have a strong foundation for development and growth in the years ahead.

With love in Christ, Revd Gill

May 2025

 <p>South Tamar Mission Community</p>	<h2>WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD OR VULNERABLE ADULT?</h2>	<p>DIOCESE OF EXETER</p>  <p>THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN DEVON</p>
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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	PSALM
Sunday 1st June 7th Sunday of Easter - White	Acts 16:16-34	Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-end	John 17:20-end	Psalms 97
Sunday 8th June Pentecost - Red	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17	Psalms 104:26-end
Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday - Gold/White	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15	Psalms 8
Sunday 22nd June 1st Sunday after Trinity - Green	Isaiah 65:1-9	Galatians 3:23-end	Luke 8:26-39	Psalms 22:19-28
Sunday 29th June Apostles, Peter & Paul - Red	Acts 12:1-11	1 Peter 2:19-end	Matthew 16:13-19	Psalms 125

Communications During the Vacancy



South Tamar
Mission Community

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

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

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

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

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To speak to someone about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral during the vacancy, please use the relevant email address found below:

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BIBLE READINGS (Year C)

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

Sunday 6th July 3rd Sunday after Trinity - Green	Isaiah 66:10-14	Galatians 6:1-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Psalm 66:1-8
Sunday 13th July 4th Sunday after Trinity - Green	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37	Psalm 25:1-10
Sunday 20th July 5th Sunday after Trinity - Green	Genesis 18:1-10a	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-end	Psalm 15
Sunday 27th July 6th Sunday after Trinity - Green	Genesis 18:20-32	Colossians 2:6-19	Luke 11:1-13	Psalm 138

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

ADVANCE NOTICE: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER ISSUE DEADLINE

Please be aware, that due to personal circumstances around what would be the usual deadline for the August/September Issue, I am not around to compile the issue.

Previous Editor Julie has very kindly agreed to step in and cover for me on this occasion.

I will put an email forward on, so all emails to the magazine around that time will go to her whilst I am away.

To help make things as easy as possible, please do get your submissions in on time for that issue (19th July 2025) and I will of course send out various reminders nearer the time.

Sincerest of thanks.

Ed
(Amy)

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All Saint's Church, Dunterton



Our first event of the year was held on Friday 11th April at Bradstone Manor Barn where Dunterton teamed up with the supporters of St Nonna's Church Bradstone for their annual Skittles competition. Seven teams (of four) competed for the Cup with "The Bradstoners" team ultimately coming out on top.

The evening raised funds for both churches and cemented this event in the annual calendar.

As always, many thanks to Romilly & Mark Cousins for kindly allowing us to use their beautiful venue.

The following weekend we celebrated Easter in the church with a wonderful service led by Richard Searight.

We took the opportunity to have some pre-service refreshments and a few chocolate eggs were to be found hiding around the church! Many thanks to Richard and also to Sheila Martin for the beautiful display of flowers.



Save the Date – 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. Fingers crossed that the weather is kind this year.

SERVICES AT DUNTERTON CHURCH – DATE & TIME	
Sunday 1st June	11am
Sunday 28th June—United Benefice	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 7th September	11am



St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

Sydenham Damerel has thrived during these beautiful Spring months. A dry and sunny March was perfect for David C who was taking part in a national Prostate Cancer awareness and fundraising campaign. David, a survivor, signed up to

“March for the Month’ campaign where he had to walk 11,000 steps a day- highlighting the 11,000 men who die each year of this cancer.

This is when being part of a small community can be so special: on his last day of walking around our stunning locale, he was met by the Sydenham Blowers playing 500 Miles and many villagers came out to give him a cheer.

David would like to thank everyone from the bottom of his heart, and he raised a fabulous £1500.

April brought a dry and sunny Easter.

Volunteers from the village, as ever, decorated St Mary’s beautifully with flowers, rabbits and chicks for the happy, and well attended, Easter Sunday service.

A big thank you to everyone involved.

We also had a lovely April Fools’ joke – thanks to Peter, it made us all smile and no nudity was required this year!

May was a month of reflection and celebration.

Like many villages the

bunting and flags were put up to celebrate VE and VJ day. The village looked resplendent as did many attending who got into the spirit of the day by dressing up for the Street Party Picnic.

The Blowers played some nostalgic songs adding atmosphere to a fabulous community event.

The raffle raised a wonderful £200, and the collection bucket raised a further £300.

Just wonderful!

The money was split between The Royal British Legion and St. Mary’s ‘Heating and Seating’ fund. A huge thank you to all the organisers.

May also brought the inaugural meeting of the Sydenham Damerel Parish Meeting.

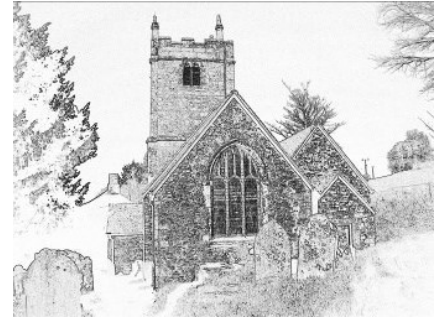
John Hearn was appointed as Chair, and we know he will do a sterling job.

The hedgerows are filled with beautiful wildflowers and pungent wild garlic and are a joy to behold. We must thank the litter pickers teams who have tirelessly been out and about for the past five years protecting our much-loved environment.

And finally, huge congratulations to our Church Warden Mike and his wife Susan who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.



St. Andrew's, Coryton



Donkeys at Easter

A well-attended service of praise on Easter Sunday included the story of Holy Week as told by the donkey who carried Jesus into Jerusalem.

The donkey detective travelled from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday as he tried to unravel the special mission Jesus was carrying out.

Children in the congregation were each given a donkey. They picked up clues along the way and stored them in his saddlebag.



The donkey theme was carried through in the refreshments after the service as one lady of the parish contributed delicious sweet biscuits each baked in the shape of a donkey.

Many thanks to all those who helped to make the day so successful.

Bell Tower Roof Progress

During July, the tower at St Andrew's will look a bit different. The Bell Tower Roof appeal has raised a substantial portion of the cost of the repair. One challenge will be to ensure that the Tower is kept dry while the repair work is carried out. A planning meeting was held in May with the contractors to discuss the extent and design of scaffolding required. This will largely determine the eventual cost of the project.



To keep the Tower dry during the work a pond liner will be laid on the timber and a tarpaulin will be suspended from the scaffolding about the level of the parapet. The plan is to carry out the work in July.

Welcome to our new priest-in-charge

All of us at St Andrew's are looking forward to welcoming Rev'd Gill George, as she is licensed to begin her ministry on 22nd July.

Josie Whitfield

St. Mary's Church, Marystowe

One more step along the road I go
 One more step along the road I go
 From the old things to the new
 Keep me travelling along with you.....



Sorry, but I have now shared my ear worm with you all....it arrived with me in early April when we had the lovely christening of Harry Mogg. The Rev Phill had it playing as the Church filled up and everyone was humming, laughing, and dancing in! So at least it is a happy ear worm.

Welcome to our Church Harry!

We had a very wet group of us at Marystowe on Good Friday as we squelched to the conclusion of the Walk of Witness but gathered ourselves with coffee and Hot Cross Buns to sing together.

The weather was a real contrast to the glorious Easter Morning Sunrise service overlooking Dartmoor.

I cannot think of a better way to celebrate the Resurrection than with the beauty of the location outside, the fabulous flower arrangements inside, the smiles under bobble hats in the early light, mugs of fresh coffee and bacon butties.

We ended April with our successful Afternoon Tea and Plant Sale, there were houseplants, flower, fruit and vegetable young plants, and some lovely perennials including roses, sedums, iris. James had his "holy" chippings for sale and there are some sacks still available!

A couple of diary notes for you:

Coffee and Book Mornings are now on the LAST Tuesday of the month. Corrie and I will be in the Bell Tower bookshop with the coffee brewing and ready to chat about our favourite authors as she continues in her pointless quest to wean me off the trashy novels I thought were a secret guilty pleasure...not so secret now I have been caught with Jilly Cooper!

The Chillaton and Marystowe Summer Fun Day this year will be July 26th starting at 2.30pm, as last year, it will be a traditional Village Show in the afternoon so get ready with your jams, think about cakes and flower arrangements. There will be a BBQ in the evening with live music and dancing.

Joy McSmythurs

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



We are all very much looking forward to welcoming our new Priest in Charge, Revd Gill George, at her Licensing Service here at Milton Abbot on Tuesday 22nd July.

Congratulations, too, to Phill on his upcoming appointment to be Team Rector in the Ashburton & Moorland Team Ministry.

We will be so sorry to lose Phill and, of course, Morag and Jude; they will all be very much missed.

Phill has been enormously helpful in easing our way through our months of vacancy since Andy left us.

Many thanks to Phill and Richard for leading us in our beautiful Easter Eve Service of Light, which really set the scene for our celebration of Easter the following day.

We were pleased to welcome the Ven Nick Shutt who led our service of Holy Communion the following Sunday; he also spotted our church mouse and featured it on Facebook!

As I write this, our architect Jeremy Chadburn is carrying out our Quinquennial Inspection which I am hoping will not throw up any shocks.

By the time you read this I hope you will have enjoyed a visit to our Spring Fair on 17th May and made some lovely purchases from our stallholders.

Pat's stall is also going on tour again – you will find us at Princetown over the Bank Holiday weekend on 24th -26th May, and then at Lamerton Fair on 19th July; look forward to seeing you there!

Liz Padmore



St. Peter's Church, Lamerton

St. Peter's looked splendid for our service for VE80. Norman and Richard hung Robert's flags from

the pillars and Hillary helped the school children to decorate one of the windows. The flower ladies came up with some lovely displays of flowers.

Peter joined us with his bugle for the Last Post and Reveille and the Lamerton handbell ringers gave us a rousing rendition of the Dam Busters March to end the service. Many thanks to all.



The service was very well attended with thirty children from the school and eighty adults including many members of our local Royal British Legion.

Gerald helped Phill planning the service and had a very moving video of the Royal Marines singing Land of Hope and Glory the end.

It was a very moving service.

The grass has been strimmed on the lefthand side of the churchyard, made into hay and then mowed - so all looking good.

Thanks to Richard and Norman for their help. Twenty large plugs of Yellow Rattle have been planted in the centre section with the intention of leaving it wild. If it looks too much of a mess it will be cut.

Jack of All Trades - the exceptionally talented duo- gave us an extremely enjoyable evening with a wide variety of music played on many different instruments.

We had an assortment of nibbles in the interval thanks to Annie and Angie.

Many thanks to Annie for organising a very successful event, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We will be having a Songs of Praise here at Theale on Friday 22nd August to say Farewell to Phill and Hello to Gill.

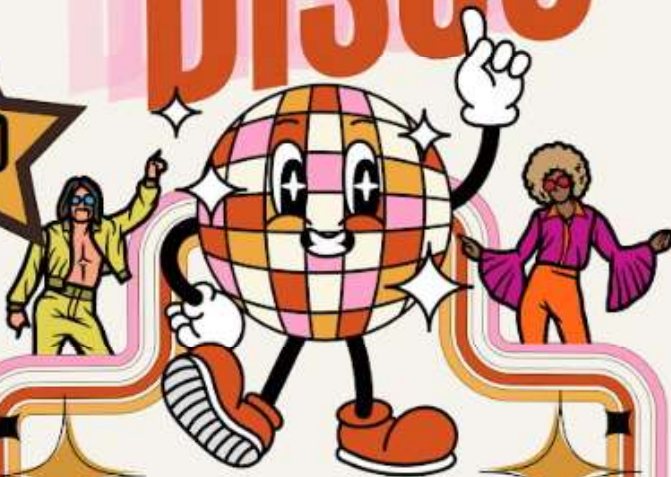
It will be followed by a BBQ.

We will start at 6.00pm and hope many of you will join us.



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A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

The Power Source

Some of you may have a torch that runs on batteries. If you do, then you know that before it can work, it must have batteries in it. If the torch has built-in batteries they must be charged. The batteries give the torch the power that it needs to work. Without batteries, the torch can do nothing. Without batteries, it has no power to do what it was created to do.

Before Jesus returned to heaven to be with his Father, he told his disciples that they would do even greater things than he had done when he was on earth. Now Jesus did some pretty great things, didn't he? He healed the sick. He turned water into wine. He made the blind to see and the lame to walk. Where were the disciples going to get the power to do such great things? Jesus promised them that he would ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit would give them the power to do great and mighty things.

It happened just as Jesus said it would. On the day which is called Pentecost, the disciples were all together in one place. The Bible tells us that there was a sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the place where the disciples were gathered. Then, there were flames of fire that appeared and rested upon each of them. When these things happened, the disciples were filled with power and began to preach and teach about Jesus. They were able to do things that they had never done before because of the power of the Holy Spirit in them.



Did you know that you and I have that very same power available to us today? The Bible says that "all who are led by the Spirit are children of God." We who are the children of God have the power to do great and mighty things, not in our own strength, but through the power of the Holy Spirit that is within us.

Dear Father, we pray that we will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit just as the disciples were on the day of Pentecost. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PENTECOST JUMBLE



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Unscramble each word and then place the numbered letters in the numbered boxes at the bottom to reveal the "Final Answer."

Puzzle Clues Check your answers by looking them up in the Bible.

A sound like the blowing of a violent _____ came from heaven.
(Acts 2:2)

They saw what seemed to be tongues of _____. (Acts 2:3)

All of them were filled with the Holy _____. (Acts 2:4)

They began to _____ in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:4)

Peter stood up and spoke to the _____ of people. (Acts 2:14)

FINAL ANSWER: All of these events took place on the day of _____.
(Acts 2:1)

A Story on the Theme of Friendship

The Respectful Prince and the Dwarves

Once upon a time, the King's two Princes were playing in a forest, and, meeting one at a time, they came across four dwarves who asked them to be more careful.

The first dwarf had a headache and he asked them not to shout.

The second dwarf was painting a landscape, and he asked the children to move away because they were blocking out the light. The third dwarf was doing a giant jigsaw puzzle in the middle of the road, and he asked the children not to tread on it. The fourth dwarf was watching a butterfly and he asked them not to frighten it away.



The Prince who respected others did as the dwarves asked, but the disrespectful Prince ignored the dwarves' pleas, and kept bothering them.

In the evening, both boys had become separated and lost. They needed to get back to the palace quickly.

Each of the Princes separately came across the four dwarves again, and asked for their help. They refused to help the disrespectful Prince, but with the respectful Prince they did whatever they could to help, and took him along some secret tracks which led right to the palace.



The other Prince arrived home much later, and was punished for it. He now understood that it's much better to respect everyone if you want to have friends.



A BIG THANK YOU

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NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date."



Sonnet 18 William Shakespeare



May this year has produced a wonderful show of white hawthorn or May blossom trees. The spring weather dictates the abundance and luxuriance of this blossom, as painted recently by David Hockney.

"The risen cream of all the milkiness of May-time"
H. E Bates.

Many miles of hawthorn hedges were planted in the great parliamentary land enclosures of the eighteenth and nineteenth

centuries.

Before that they stood alone or in small clumps and landmarks. It was thought unlucky to bring May blossom into the house. The blossoming of the May tree marks the cusp between Spring and Summer. Their thorns give small birds protection from the sparrow hawk, and the haws or fruit give food in the autumn.

Bees

Suddenly Bluebell heard a strange roaring noise almost as if floods of water were pouring through the grass down the hill toward her, but there was no water there! Only a very small stream. As she drew closer the roaring noise grew louder. She looked up and then she saw... the noise was caused by a swarm of hundreds of bees, dark against the blue sky, a few feet above her.



It was late May, "A swarm of bees in May, is worth a stack of hay, a swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon, but a swarm in July is not worth a fly." They had disappeared this winter. Normally opportunists, they fly on fine winter days looking for the few opening flowers, but not this year. Bluebell was afraid that they may have died of a bee disease, or been poisoned by farm insecticides, neonicotinoids. Now Bluebell was delighted to see them returning to the hole in the big ash tree where they have had a hive or nest for the last few years. They are wild black English honey bees.

The swifts are back, too, but sadly no swallows to their old nesting sites in the porch.

The fawn was lying in the bracken, perfectly still, silent and scentless. Bluebell left quietly and quickly, putting the dogs on leads. The mother would return soon, to nurse her baby. Its safety lay in its absolute stillness.



*Please save the date...look out for more information on classes to enter
but get prepping those jams, check your cake recipes and brush up your
welly wanging.....*

Chillaton and Marystowe Fun Day

26th July 2025

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GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG

What a wonderful sunny time in the garden.

By the time you read this it may have changed, but we have been very blessed.

Sometimes though it has been a bit too hot and dry for seedlings but we shouldn't

complain because the slugs have been hiding; waiting for proper Devon weather.

My tomatoes - grown from seed - are coming on fine; the only real problem being that I sowed several types, put labels in the pots, put them carefully on a window sill.

Little did I expect that the cat would knock them flying onto the floor scattering the labels at random!

Rhododendrons have been brilliant this year. The photo (top right) shows one of my favourites.

This is really beautiful when in full flower.

Many years it gets hit by rain and wind and doesn't flower so long.



The hedgerows have been magnificent too. One that really struck me is the road down to Bere Ferrers; awash with colours.

Red Campion is really nice - see the photo (middle left). This looks good in a vase with some other flowers from the garden or hedgerows.

Cow Parsley, Fox Gloves? Let's face it, there are hundreds of beautiful wild flowers.

Now, do foxes really wear gloves? Well, let them grow and seed but beware the foliage can be poisonous.

And Cow Parsley - also known as Queen Anne's Lace - is harmless, but others can be mistaken for it. Hemlock and Fool's Parsley for example can be mistaken for Cow Parsley and both are poisonous.

Enjoy what's out there!



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Safeguarding training

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**Clearbrook Village Hall
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CI Safeguarding training must be refreshed every three years, especially for PCC and Open the Book members. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to ask questions and discuss this important topic.

Please let me know if you plan to attend as the organiser will need numbers.

(Email julie.hibbert3@btinternet.com; 07485151184)

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Lamerton Art Group

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Do come and join us.

Please contact: **Elaine Price, email: elainejprice@hotmail.co.uk**



Lamerton Handbell Ringers

Lamerton Handbell Ringers resumed practices in February ready for events coming up in the Spring.

The team hosted The Handbell Ringers of Great Britain (SW Region) Ringing Round The Region in Lamerton Hall on 5th April - an extremely well supported afternoon with teams coming from as far away as Cheddar Valley, Somerset and Perranzebula Cornwall.

This event stages a lot of 'Massed Ringing' interspersed with some solo items.

The Lamerton Team rounded off the event playing "Now is the hour". Easter seemed to come quickly after that with the team playing 'Alleluia sing to Jesus' from The Lady Chapel of St Peter's Church, Lamerton during Communion on Easter Day. The sun was shining in for such a lovely moment.

Moving on, the team turned attention to practising music for The VE Day Celebrations.

During the Service held in Lamerton Church on 8th May the team played 'O Valiant Hearts' whilst the standard was brought up to the altar from the back of the church - such a special and poignant moment.

Following the National Anthem and Blessing at the end of the Service the team played a very old favourite - 'The Dambusters March' - again such a fitting tribute to all those who served during the 2nd World War and to those who never came home.

As we rang the last massive chord we looked across at The Lamerton School Children, who were sitting in the congregation - they looked completely spell bound!!!! We were all so honoured to have played such a part in this magical service - it was so well organised and went off without a hitch!!!!

Now the team take a short break starting again in June ready for functions booked in for the early autumn especially: -

The 52nd ANNUAL HANDBELL FESTIVAL scheduled for SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER in LAMERTON HALL.

This year "Clapper Chaos" from Dorset, last year's winners of The Dawe Cup will finish the Festival. An incredibly talented young team of 4 ringers who literally fill the Hall with their impressive performances.

All our Welcome - Free admission.

Valerie Hill



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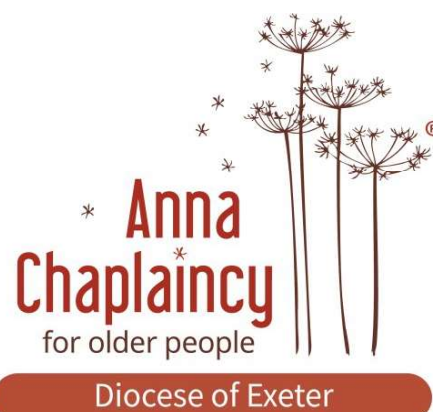
At the recent meeting of the Benefice Pastoral Care Team on the 24th June, it was agreed that we should run a locally based Anna Friends Training Course in October. With Rev. Andy leaving and Rev. Phill holding the fort with support from Tim Thompson and Richard Searight, there was a recognition that many of our older folk, who can longer physically attend our church services, should be supported as much as possible by our local lay people. Anna Friends work alongside Anna Chaplains (Annie Jefferies and Josie Whitfield) to offer varying degrees of spiritual support. This might be personal visits to people's home, telephone support or taking worship services in care homes.

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

The course will cover:-

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

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



Lamerton Hall



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Lamerton Hall

SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 19TH JULY
1 - 4PM

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Forth Coming Event

Lamerton Summer Fair - Saturday 19th July 2025



Incorporating

Lamerton WI Garden Produce and Craft Show

Yes, the competitions are back this year.

Details for Entering and Voting for the different Classes

Entering your Exhibits

- Entry Forms will be available from Monday 9th June – Monday 7th July.
- Entry Forms can be found at **Lamerton Stores**

Or

Lamerton Hall – A Sports and Community Centre

- The form will also be available on Lamerton Facebook
- Entry 25p per exhibit.
- Separate entry form must be used for each entrant.
- Children's classes - please make sure age is completed on form.
- Place Money and entry form in a sealed envelope and post through door at **Greenhill Bungalow Lamerton PL19 8QP - Opposite the entrance to the Hall.**

Day of Summer Fair Saturday 19th July please bring your exhibits between **10am -12pm** ready for Fete in afternoon 1pm to 4pm

Voting New for this year: Other than the Cookery classes, the community will be the judges. Yes, that is correct. A Public vote. Sorry you cannot vote for your own exhibit.

On arrival to the fete from 1pm, pick up a voting form. Look at all the exhibits and write your choices. Hand in the slip. All the votes will be added up and nearer the end of the fair results will be given with some cups awarded.



Lamerton WI Garden Produce and Craft Show

To assist everyone to plan. Here are all the classes.

Cookery Classes

Lemon Drizzle cake

Quiche 8" 20cm

Men

3 Chocolate Brownies

Jam and chutney

Jar Marmalade

Jar Jam

Jar Chutney

Floral Classes

Arrangement of Flowers from the garden in own vase

3 Mixed Roses in own vase

Small Posy

Flowering Houseplant – pot not exceeding 15cm

Fruit and Vegetables

3 Different Fruits from the garden

4 Different Vegetables from the garden

Photographs 7 x 5" / 18 x 13cm

View of garden from a seat

Garden Wildlife

Water in the Garden



Lamerton WI Garden Produce and Craft Show

To assist everyone to plan. Here are all the classes

Art and Crafts

A fabric container

A piece of jewellery

A scarf

Literature

Write a one verse Limerick about a garden

Write a Two sentences story starting with:

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

Or

Oh No what has happened?

Children 2 groups 7 and under and 8+

Decorated glass Jar

Photo of my favourite flower 7 x 5" 18 x13cm

Animal Vegetable max 20cm

Bunch of Flowers in a Mug

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

Children cooking -

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

3 Decorated cup cakes

Class 1 and 2 Lamerton School have been set a competition. All pictures will be exhibited around the Hall. **The WI Members will be the judges for them.**

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

Tuesday June 3rd 2025, 2:00pm

Trial by Jury, Gilbert & Sullivan by David Watson.

Competition: Sewing Needle Case.

Raffle, Wedges & Cake.

Tuesday July 1st 2025, 2.00pm

Tai Chi

Competition: Milk Jug.

Raffle and Tea

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After the success of the Warm Hub, several people wished
to carry on meeting and wanted more people to come
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Coffee & Company will be on the alternate week to the
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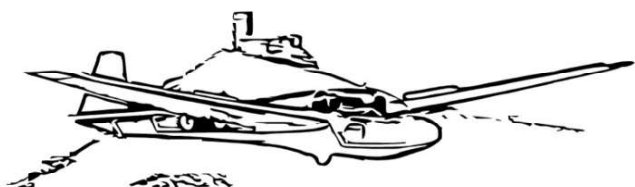
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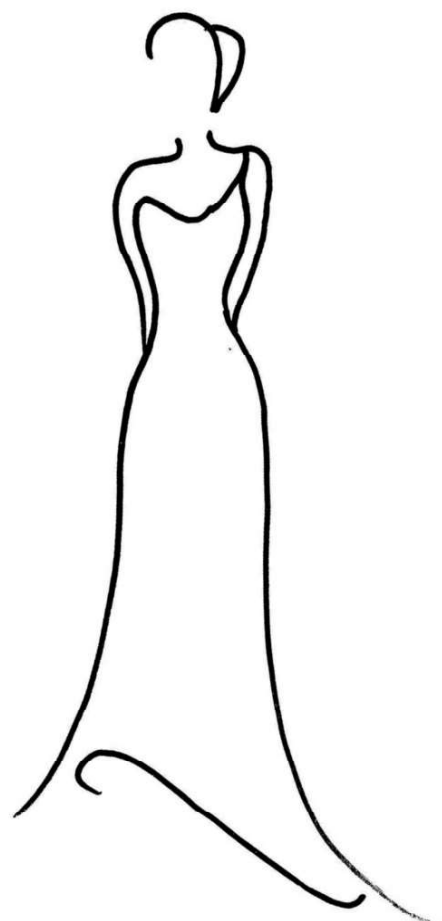


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	St Mary's, Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's, Lamerton	All Saints, Dunterton	St Constantine, Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin, Marystowe	St Andrew's, Coryton
Wed 2nd Jul	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 6th July 3rd Sunday after Trinity - Green		6:30pm Songs of Praise			9:30am HC/CW	
Wed 9th Jul	10:00am Morning Prayer - St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 13th July 4th Sunday after Trinity - Green	10:30am HC/CW			4:00pm Sunday Praise		6:30pm BCP Evensong
Wed 16th Jul	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 20th July 5th Sunday after Trinity - Green		11:00am HC/CW			9:30am Morning Praise	
Tue 22nd Jul	7:00pm Induction Service of Rev'd Gill George as Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice - St Constantine's, Milton Abbot					
Wed 23rd Jul	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton.					
Sunday 27th July 6th Sunday after Trinity - Green	6:30pm Songs of Praise			11:00am HC/CW		4:00pm HC/CW
Wed 30th Jul	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton.					

Church Services - June 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 1st June 7th Sunday of Easter - White		6:30pm Evensong	11:00am Morning Praise		9:30am HC/CW	
Wed 4th Jun	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton.					
Sunday 8th June Pentecost - Red	10:30am HC/CW			4:00pm Sunday Praise		6:30pm BCP Evensong
Wed 11th Jun	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton.					
Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday - Gold/White		11:00am HC/CW			9:30am Morning Praise	
Wed 18th Jun	10:00am Morning Prayer - St Peter's Lamerton.					
Sunday 22nd June 1st Sunday after Trinity - Green	6:30pm Songs of Praise			11:00am HC/CW		4:00pm HC/CW
Wed 25th Jun	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 29th June Apostles, Peter & Paul - Red	11:00am - Dunterton United Benefice Service - HC/CW					