



# Moorland Parish Link

*The people who walked in  
darkness have seen  
a great light;*

*those who lived in a land  
of deep darkness - on  
them light has shined.*

*For a child has been  
born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests  
upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful  
Counsellor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9: 2,6,7*

**December 2015**

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# The Parish Letter

It's a great story – a tiny baby, born on Christmas Day, growing up to change the entire course of history through his healing words and loving actions and setting an example to the whole world. It's the story that began in a scruffy stable, moved to tragedy when Jesus was killed, and ended in triumph as he ascended to heaven. It's the story of the underdog, the weakling, standing up against the rich and powerful, against the violent and the strong, and winning. It's the story of a man who when faced with suffering all around him, set about doing what he could to teach people to care for each other and journey together, rather than descend into violence and conflict. It's a story that has been told every Christmas for 2000 years, and is as relevant today as it ever was.

Relevant, because seeking to bring about change through violence and terror is having such a devastating effect on so many communities. Relevant because the weak must be heard, and the strong and powerful challenged. Relevant because there isn't enough love and caring in the world.

And the story is celebrated in churches across our benefice at Christmas, with services for children and adults, quiet reflective services, packed Carol Services, joyful Communion services and noisy children's services such as Christingle. All helping people to celebrate Jesus' birth.

And of course Christmas is a winner for children – the expectation of what presents they might receive, the magic of holding a lighted candle in a Christingle, the time at home when it's all about holiday rather than school work, Christmas trees and Christmas lights, and the holly and the ivy and all.

Coming together at Christmas is how we connect with the past and the present, and re-centre ourselves. It's about family and friends. It's about giving, and receiving, and generosity. And joining with others to come to church at Christmas is about re-affirming the role of goodness in the world, and a commitment to Peace and Goodwill. It's about gathering in community.

For it's as we gather that we grow. Jesus the teacher was always in the midst of a crowd of enthusiastic followers, listening to stories, telling stories, hearing about pain and needs, being a comforter and a healer. There was a buzz about him that came alive in community. That came alive because he brought out the best in people, putting aside differences of race, gender or status. He treated everyone as special and unique, and yet he enabled them to be one with all their friends and neighbours.

We come alive in community. Let's make this Christmas a time for celebrating and growing in our communities, as we honour and celebrate God's wonderful Son in all his poverty and richness.

With every blessing for a peaceful and joyful Christmas. *Geoffrey*



## Churchwardens

### St Mary the Virgin, Holne

Any queries either to Gillian Parker (see below) or Marion Kaye (see Page 2 for details)

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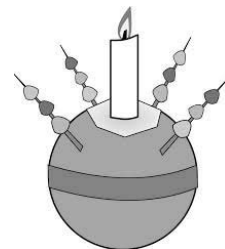
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## From the Editor

The word 'Christingle' actually means 'Christ Light', and celebrates the light of Jesus coming into the world. Stories of how the Christingle began look back to the Moravian Church, which is found in the Czech Republic. The Moravians have held Christingle services for more than 200 years, and according to them, this is how the first Christingle might have been made:

Many years ago the children in a village were asked to bring a Christmas gift to put beside the crib in the church. One family was very poor, and had no money for gifts, but the three children were still determined to take something. The only nice thing they had was an orange, so they decided to give the Christ-child that.



But then they discovered the top was going green, so the eldest cut it out, and put a candle in the hole. To add some colour, one of the girls took a red ribbon from her hair and tied it around the middle of the orange. It was hard to make the ribbon stay still, so they fastened it in place with toothpicks. The toothpicks looked a bit bare, so the youngest child added some raisins to them.

The children took their decorated orange lantern to the church for the Christmas Mass. The other children sneered at their meagre gift, but the priest seized upon it with joy. He held it up as an example of the true understanding of the meaning of Christmas, for the following reasons: the orange is round, like the world; the candle gives us light in the dark, like the love of God; the red ribbon goes round the 'world', as a symbol of Christ's blood, given for everyone; the four sticks point in all directions, and symbolise that God is over all: North, South, East and West; and the fruit and nuts remind us of God's blessings.

The Children's Society first introduced the Christingle Service to The Church of England in 1968, and it has since become a popular event in the church calendar. This candlelit celebration is an ideal way to share the key messages of the Christian faith.

Do come and join one of our Benefice Christingle services.

*Marion*

**PARISH OFFICE** in Ashburton is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 - 11 am  
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## Holy Communion

## Midweek & At Home

There is a service of  
**Holy Communion**  
**every Wednesday**  
**at 1030**

at St. Andrew's Church  
in Ashburton

You will be most welcome!



### ***Communion at home***

If you are unable to get to church because of ill health or loss of mobility and would like to receive communion at home please contact a member of the Ministry Team.

*(see p.2 for contact details)*

# Church Services for December 2015

| <b>December 6th</b>  |       | <b>Second Sunday in Advent</b>          |            | <b>Purple</b>        |                          |
|--|-------|---|------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6; Psalm 80</i>  |       |   |            |                      |                          |
| Holne  | 10.30 | Holy Communion                          | Ashburton  | 08.00                | Holy Communion           |
| Widcombe   | 16.00 | Christingle Service                     | Bickington | 09.00                | Holy Communion           |
|  |       |   | Ashburton  | 10.30                | Christingle Service      |
|  |       |   | Buckland   | 15.00                | Christingle Service      |
| <b>December 13th</b>   |       | <b>Third Sunday in Advent</b>           |            | <b>Purple</b>        |                          |
| <i>Zephaniah 3: 14-end; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7- 18; Psalm 146: 4 - end</i>                              |       |   |            |                      |                          |
| Widcombe   | 10.30 | Holy Communion                          | Bickington | 09.00                | Village Family Communion |
| Leusdon  | 11.00 | Holy Communion                          | Ashburton  | 10.30                | Parish Communion         |
| Holne  | 16.00 | Christingle Service (including Tea)     | Buckland   | 15.00                | Evening Prayer           |
| Postbridge   | 18.00 | Carol Service (Refreshments afterwards) |            |                      |                          |
| <b>Friday December 18th</b>  |       |   |            |                      |                          |
| Bickington   | 19.00 | Lessons and Carols                      |            |                      |                          |
| <b>December 20th</b>   |       | <b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b>          |            | <b>Purple</b>        |                          |
| <i>Micah 5: 2-5a; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45; Psalm 144</i>   |       |   |            |                      |                          |
| Leusdon  | 11.00 | Holy Communion                          | Ashburton  | 10.30                | Parish Communion         |
| Huccaby  | 15.00 | Carol Service                           | Buckland   | 15.00                | Holy Communion           |
| Widcombe   | 16.00 | Carol Service                           | Bickington | 16.30                | Christingle Service      |
| Holne  | 17.45 | Mulled Wine & Mince Pies                | Ashburton  | 18.30                | Lessons and Carols       |
| followed by  | 18.30 | Carol Service                           |            |                      |                          |
| <b>Monday December 21st</b>  |       |   |            |                      |                          |
| Buckland   | 19.00 | Lessons and Carols                      |            |                      |                          |
| <b>Thursday December 24th</b>  |       | <b>Christmas Eve</b>                    |            | <b>Gold or White</b> |                          |
| <i>Midnight = Isaiah 52: 7-10; Hebrews 1: 1-4; John 1: 1-14; Psalm 98 - please check with presiding Priest</i> |       |   |            |                      |                          |
| Holne  | 16.00 | Crib Service                            | Buckland   | 11.00                | Carols round the Village |
| Widcombe   | 16.00 | Crib Service                            | Ashburton  | 16.30                | Crib Service             |
| Postbridge   | 19.00 | Carols @ The East Dart                  | Ashburton  | 23.30                | Midnight Holy Communion  |
| Leusdon  | 23.30 | Midnight Holy Communion                 |            |                      |                          |
| <b>Friday December 25th</b>  |       | <b>Christmas Day</b>                    |            | <b>Gold or White</b> |                          |
| <i>Isaiah 62: 6 - end; Titus 3: 4-7; Luke 2: [1-7] 8-20 - please check with presiding Priest</i>               |       |   |            |                      |                          |
| Postbridge   | 09.00 | Christmas Communion                     | Bickington | 09.00                | Christmas Communion      |

Christmas Day continued:

|          |       |  |           |       |   |
|----------|-------|--|-----------|-------|---|
| Holne    | 10.30 | Family Worship followed by short service of Holy Communion | Ashburton | 10.30 | Christmas Communion                         |
| Widcombe | 10.30 | Christmas Communion  | Buckland  | 11.00 | Family Worship - ending with Holy Communion |

**Sunday 27th December      Holy Innocents      White**

*1 Samuel 2: 18-20 & 26; Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 41-end*

|           |       |                       |
|-----------|-------|-----------------------|
| Ashburton | 10.30 | Benefice Communion    |
| Leusdon   | 16.00 | Carols by Candlelight |

**Wednesday 30th December**

Ashburton      10.30      NO SERVICE THIS WEEK

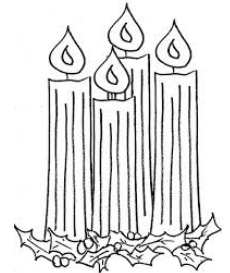
**Church Events**



# Advent

“The Nativity”

BBC production shown a few years ago in the lead up to Christmas.



Each week - Watch an episode (30 mins) then open discussion about how the story of Jesus' birth is portrayed. What can we learn that's new, what provokes us and what helps us to deepen and strengthen our faith.?

## Ashburton

Monday afternoons at 2pm at the Church Hall

## Holne

Monday evenings at 7 for 7.30pm at the Church House Inn

## Widcombe

Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at the Vicarage

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**4 weeks starting 23rd or 26th November**



# General Team News

## From the Registers

## Dates for the Diary

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|---------------|---|------|
| 2nd           | Leusdon Coffee Morning and Stalls       | 25   |
| 4th           | -5th Postbridge Christmas Tree Festival | 29   |
| 6th           | Shallowford Nativity                    | 13   |
| 7th           | -12th Moorland Merrymaker's Panto       | 11   |
| 12th          | -14th Widecombe Christmaas Tree Fest    | 11   |
| 12th          | Christmas in Widecombe                  | 13   |
| 18th          | Holly Ball at Widecombe                 | 12   |
| 20th          | Carols - Holne, Huccaby & Widecombe     |      |
| 21st          | Children's Craft Morning. Holne         | 20   |

|                     |                               |    |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|
| 21st                | Village Carols in Holne       |    |
| 24th                | Crib Services                 | 6  |
| 25th                | CHRISTMAS DAY services        | 6  |
| <b>January 2016</b> |                               |    |
| 28th                | Start of Postbridge Pantomime | 12 |

## Christmas Prayer 2015

Loving, giving Father,

Thank you for Jesus, Emmanuel. Thank you that he came at Christmas and is alive and just as relevant today as he was all those years ago, and will be forever.

As many of us celebrate your coming to us, with our families, in warm, safe homes, in a democratic country, we pray for everyone who has left their homeland because of persecution, for everyone who is without shelter, or food, or family.

Give us compassionate hearts, like yours, Lord. Help us, as Christ's body here on earth, to love and serve and make room for each other this Christmas.

In Jesus' name. Amen

*By Daphne Kitching*





# Community Events and Notices



## NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS

**DASH** is an independent charity serving patients of the Ashburton Surgery: We

- Take you to any kind of medical appointment, and on occasion, other trips.
- Do your shopping if you are unwell and stuck
- Collect and deliver prescriptions
- Help with forms and letters

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For further information please contact our Secretary on:  
Tel. 01364 654079  
or email [essay.trawets@virgin.net](mailto:essay.trawets@virgin.net)

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|------------------|---------|-----------|
| Local            | £5      | £8        |
| Non-local        | £7      | £11       |

For more details, including other prices and how to book the hall, please see our website:

<http://scoritonvillagehall.org/> email or phone: Maggie Mayes [scoritonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:scoritonvillagehall@gmail.com) or 01364 631658

## Royal British Legion

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Another very successful year for the Poppy Appeal, the local collection including church services totalled £2,564.70 an increase of about 10% over 2014. This year the local Poppy Appeal will benefit by a further £329.30 being part of the retiring collection at the funeral of the late Michael Nosworthy who was a long-standing member of RBL and who had been the local treasurer for many years and President since 2006. The total will therefore be £2,894.

Many thanks to Eileen Nosworthy the Poppy Organiser, to the House-to-House collectors and to those who had boxes at their business premises. Thanks also to Leusdon Memorial Hall and to the churches for buying wreaths.

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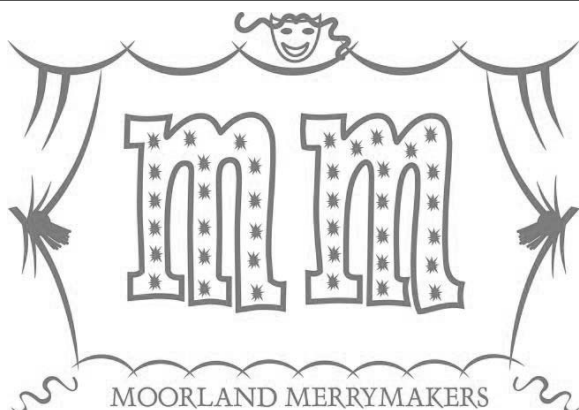
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## Moorland Merrymakers 2015 Pantomime

### *"Wild in the Westcountry"*

*Produced by Anne Rainey, Bernie Lye  
and Jayne Boswell*

Show nights will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday  
12<sup>th</sup> December inclusive  
with shows starting at 7.30pm.

A special matinee performance with priority booking for families will take place  
on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.

The main Ticket Office opens on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November** on **01364 631223** but matinee  
tickets will be available in advance (families only) from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

## Babysitter required

for evenings and  
occasional days  
in the school holidays.

Own transport essential.

Near Holne.

Contact Siobhan  
for more information:  
**07899 790440**

## Childminder in Postbridge

(on the B3212)

### Elizabeth Harris

*Ofsted Registered*

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I have all of my child minding qualifications.

I also have a level 3 Diploma and advanced  
apprenticeship in Health and Social Care.

I have experience of looking after children and I  
have a young son of my own.

*Please contact me for details:*

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**Email: pink\_n\_sparkly06@yahoo.co.uk**



## WIDECOMBE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 12th - 14th DECEMBER



The Christmas Tree Festival returns to Widecombe Church this year between 12th-14th December.  
Entries are free and welcomed from groups, organisations, families or clubs. Prizes will be awarded. Trees  
can be real or artificial and must be decorated to the theme of "Nature at Christmas".

Entry Forms can be collected from the Church, Widecombe  
School, Widecombe Gifts, or the National Trust Shop. This  
details all the "Important Bits", deadline for entries is Sunday  
6th December. We will be collecting donations throughout the  
Festival in aid of the Neonatal/Special Care Baby Unit at the  
RD&E Hospital, Exeter. Help us to make this a real spectacle  
in the Church and a wonderful start to the Christmas  
celebrations in Widecombe.

More information from;

Debbie 621375, Jenny 621333 or Marian 621429





# HOLLY BALL AT THE OLD INN



JOIN US IN WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR  
THIS FESTIVE SEASON

**Friday 18th December - Two course meal**  
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## PHYL'S FOLLIES

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& Leah are  
registered  
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& Care  
Professions  
Council*



# CHRISTMAS IN WIDECOMBE

## SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER

### *THE CHURCH*

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

### *THE CHURCH HOUSE*

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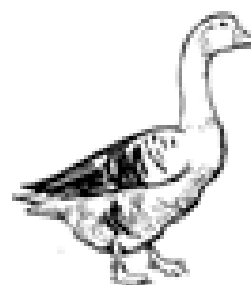


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# Rainfall in October 2015

| Place             | Total Rainfall   | Days with-out rain | Wettest days              |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Widecombe</b>  | 138.5 mm         | 17 days            | 29th 30.7 mm              |
|                   |                  |                    | 26th 25.0 mm              |
|                   |                  |                    | 5th 20.2 mm               |
| <b>Postbridge</b> | 129.7mm (5.1")   | 14 days            | 5th 1.0 ins               |
|                   |                  |                    | Oct 2014 - 228.0mm (8.9") |
| <b>Holne</b>      | 152.7 mm (6.01") |                    | 29th 20.2 mm              |



## Christmas Whist Drives



All start at 7.30pm.

Monday 14th December Leusdon

Tuesday 15th December Postbridge

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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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**Church Services** - see Page 6 for details [www.holnechurch.org](http://www.holnechurch.org)

| Date          | Time  | Sidesperson | Flowers                    |
|---------------|-------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 6th December  | 10.30 | Sue         | NO Flowers - ADVENT        |
| 13th December | 16.00 | Georgina    | NO Flowers - ADVENT        |
| 20th December | 18.30 | Jackie      | On Saturday 19th December  |
| 24th December | 16.00 | Judy        | Everyone to help please !! |
| 25th December | 10.30 | Judy & Sue  |                            |

## CHRISTMAS 2015

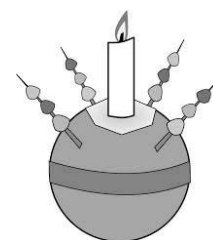


If you live in Holne and surrounding areas, you should have received a leaflet with this Parish Link, detailing all the services and activities that are taking place during December.

*(If by any chance you have not received one and would like one please contact Marion, the Editor and we shall be delighted to get one to you.)*

Although there may be slight differences, everything is taking place as usual so please come and join us. We'll be happy to see you.

An additional service to be held at Holne will be the Christingle on Sunday 13th December. Come for tea and cakes before a short service when we shall light our Christingles, before taking them home.



## RETIRING COLLECTIONS OVER CHRISTMAS

All of our collections in Church over the Christmas period and from our Village Carol Singing will be given to help the people of Nepal.

There was great need for the communities of Nepal even before the terrible earthquake earlier this year. We are so fortunate in our community of Holne and the PCC felt that we should support the work being done.



**Holne Prayer Group** We meet every Thursday morning 0930-1000. New Venue to be arranged. Please contact Marion (643330) or Judy (631461). New members welcome. All information will be treated with strict confidentiality within the group.



# Children's Christmas Craft Morning



Come and  
join in!

**10am-12.30pm Monday 21st December  
in Holne Village Hall**

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## Holne Parish Council

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There is currently a vacancy for the position of Parish Councillor in the parish of Holne.  
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If you are interested in being involved in the community and would like to contribute  
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Suzanna Hughes, 16 Westwood Cleave, Ogwell, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6YE.

Tel. 01626 330311 or email [suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com](mailto:suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com)

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month (except August) at 7.30pm.

## Holne Garden Group **Wednesday December 16th** **Christmas Lunch at the Dartmoor Lodge 12 for 12.30**

The Lodge Christmas menu offers choices for two courses for £17.50.



Choose any two of the courses on offer. They would like us to confirm final  
numbers by end November, with menu choices and payment by December 10th,  
so if you haven't already booked, please contact Judy H to do so as soon as possible.

We will meet at the Lodge. Come early and have a drink beforehand.

For more details, to join the group and to book outings, contact  
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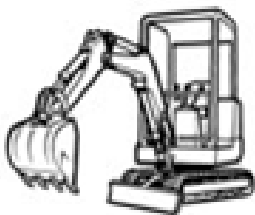
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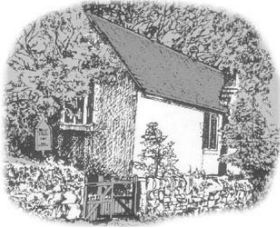


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# St Raphael, Huccaby

*For contact information, ministers and church officers see front of the Link*

**Church Services** - see Page 6 for details

## Carol Service

Our Carol Service is planned for 3pm on Sunday 20th December. This is a lovely occasion with the Chapel lit with candles and the wood-burning stove a-blaze. Everyone is welcome so please make a note in your diary and encourage friends and family to come. There will be mulled wine and mince pies as usual.

If you would like to do a reading or make a musical contribution, please let me know.

## Sustaining Rural Churches

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**Church Services** - see Page 6 for details

| Date          | Time    | Reader                       | Teas                  | Flowers   |
|---------------|---------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
|               |         |                              |                       | Altar     |
| 6th December  | 4pm     | Widcombe Christingle Service |                       | Advent    |
| 13th December | 11am    | Norma                        | Norma                 | NO        |
| 20th December | 11am    | Peter                        | Liz                   | FLOWERS   |
| 24th December | 11.30pm | Shan                         | Midnight Communion    | Christmas |
| 27th December | 4pm     | 9 Readers needed             | Carols by Candlelight | Christmas |

**Wednesday**  
**24th December**  
 at 1130pm  
**Midnight**  
**Holy Communion**

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**Sunday**  
**27th December**  
 at 4pm  
**Carols by**  
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**Big Choir,**  
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Memorial Hall update - see over page

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## Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

The November Coffee morning was enjoyed by all and £138-60 goes into the Memorial Hall funds.

Dont forget that the December get together is on the 2nd, we will have a selection of Christmas Fayre, ie Puddings and mince pies. See you there.

### CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like to come and help arrange flowers contact Penny on 01364 631451 - all very welcome !!



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## Whist Drive Dates

At Leusdon Memorial Hall

Mondays 14th and 28th

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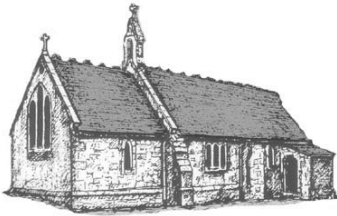
will be held on the  
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Postbridge Village Hall

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning for Children in Need in Postbridge Village Hall.

From the ladies who made the cakes to all who came on the day.

We raised  
**£254.00!**





# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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**Church Services** - see Page 6 for details

## Church Cleaning Rota

December Annie & Wendy



## Postbridge Whist Drives

Whist Drives are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on

**Tuesdays 8th & 22nd December**

Learners are especially welcome. Entrance fee of £2.50 to include refreshments and prizes.



## Coffee Mornings

Held between 11am - 12 noon at different venues around the area

**Monday 7th December**

Christmas Lunch at Two Bridges Hotel

**Monday 16th November**

at Rundlestone Lodge, Princetown with Shirley Agness



## Postbridge Village Hall

### Hot News!

Postbridge Village Hall Committee have gained Hallmark Awards at Levels 1 and 2.

The Hallmark Award scheme aims to recognize the good work undertaken by volunteer management committees in achieving good practice in the operation and management of their Village Hall.

Hallmark Aims are:

- To encourage, establish and reward good practice
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**Well done the Postbridge Village Hall committee !**



## Postbridge Christmas Tree Festival

**Postbridge Village Hall**

**Sat 5th – Sun 6th December, 1-5pm**

'Our first Christmas Tree Festival'

Come and see the trees, browse the stalls at the Christmas Market on the Saturday or the Book stall on the Sunday

Enjoy a glass of mulled wine, or tea & mince pie

Guess the weight of the Christmas cake

And not forgetting..... The Raffle

Entry is free so come and see.



### 'Post Christmas Tree Festival'

On the evening of Sunday 6th December at 7pm the Village Hall in Postbridge will be hosting a free 'bring and share supper'.

There is no need to book at all, just turn up and have a good pre-Christmas get together.

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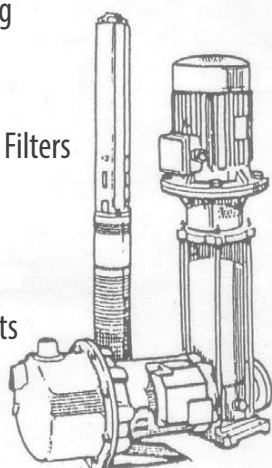
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## Saint Gabriel's Parish Church Postbridge - Remembrance Sunday



Saint Gabriel's had a truly memorable Remembrance Service this year. I will tell you why. During the past twelve months myself, Mr John Vale of Postbridge and a very talented lady from Princetown called Christine Faulkner set about the task of researching the history of the men from Postbridge who lost their lives during the two wars. When this was completed a suitable design was planned for a brass plaque to be erected in their memory in Postbridge church, as, up until November 8th their names were only recorded on the memorial in Princetown and called out each Remembrance Sunday.

The relatives of these men were contacted and invited to come along to the service where the plaque would be unveiled in their honour. Relatives came from as far away as Bristol, Bideford, Looe, Torrington and of course Postbridge itself.

The service, in which over 62 people attended was wonderful. Revd. Fenton did us proud. When the plaque was unveiled the faces on the relatives told a million stories. After a lovely service, lots of photographs and tears, a cream tea was organised in the village hall where John Vale had displayed all the details of each man for the relatives to see. This was a chance for all these relatives to share in one cause, and that was to honour their loved ones together. Fascinating information.

The names of the men who lost their lives:

1914-18 R J Coaker - Royal Devon Yeomanry  
R C A French – Devonshire Regiment  
G James – Army Service Corps  
J Webb – Devonshire Regiment  
W G Webb – Oxf & Bucks

1939-45 L A Webb – Royal Navy

**We will remember them.**



### PRINCETOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Is available for hire, it provides two halls depending upon the size of your event. A large kitchen, disabled toilets and changing rooms with showers are also available. Only £10 per hour (£7.50 per hr for residents of Princetown).

Call Wendy Stones on 01822-890345 or Ian Morgan on 07812-023642.

## Princetown & District History Club

meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at Princetown Community Centre at 7 for 7.30pm.

**Dec 1st** AGM and Christmas Meeting at the Prince of Wales Pub

**Jan 5th** Dartmoor Prison, from May to December *with George Blake*

**Feb 2nd** The Riding For the Disabled Association *with Lynn Pidgeon*

*For further information, please phone Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573 or email [jlissenden@talktalk.net](mailto:jlissenden@talktalk.net)*

## Dartmoor Forest Parish Council– Extracts November 2015



Parish Clerk: Nigel Tigwell. Telephone: 01822 890274

Email: [clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net](mailto:clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net). Website: [www.dartmoorforestpc.net](http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net)

### Planning Applications.

|      |                             |                             |
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|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|

**Princetown Village Centre.** The Parish Council is closely engaged with the Duchy, County Council, Borough Council and the National Park to develop a plan to regenerate Princetown village centre. It is clear there is no quick fix. The action we need will require the co-ordinated activity of multiple agencies, each with separate approvals processes and priorities. A new page is being established on the Dartmoor Forest Parish Council website to keep people informed of what is happening, although commercially sensitive information will not be included.

**Moorland Community Speed Watch.** A successful inaugural meeting was held on 11 November in Princetown. We have 18 volunteers so far. The Police side of setting up the scheme is quite bureaucratic and time consuming, but it is a legal process. We anticipate operating on the moor in February. Additional volunteers are welcome, please contact the Speed Watch Coordinator, Gregg Manning on 01822 890072

**Broadband on Dartmoor.** For those who missed the recent presentations on the wireless 'Airband' at Parke and Postbridge there are further presentations in Bittaford Village Hall on 17/11/15; Whiddon Down Village Hall on 01/12/15; and Lee Moor Village Hall on 09/12/15. All sessions are 1900-2100.

**Princetown Snow Wardens.** Winter is approaching and the annual recruitment of Snow Warden volunteers is underway. If you are interested in helping keep Princetown's pavements and side roads open and are fit for moderately hard work, please contact Cllr David Worth on 01822 890487.

**Tough Choices.** Cllr John Hart, Leader of Devon County Council will host a presentation on future spending and services at Tavistock Town Hall at 1900 on 9 December 2015.

**Moorland Roads.** The speed limit is 40mph. **Kill Your Speed: Not A Lamb, Calf Or Foal.**

**Recycling and Refuse Collections.** Please put out your recycling and refuse by 0730 on the day of collection and NOT the night before to prevent animals scattering litter.

**Vandalism.** Princetown residents are urged to be on the lookout for young vandals. Please report any suspicious activity to the police or the Neighbourhood Watch Team.

**Potholes and Other Road Defects.** Please report potholes and other road defects directly to DCC using their website [www.devon.gov.uk](http://www.devon.gov.uk) on the Transport & Roads page.

**Minutes of Parish Council Meetings.** These are available to view at <http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/2015.html>

**The Next Parish Council Meeting** will be at **1930 14 December at Princetown Community Centre.** Members of the public are welcome and may speak during the public sessions.



*If you would like to be a part of a hugely respected organisation during centenary year, come*

*along to one of our monthly meetings for a taster to see if WI is for you, you would be more than welcome. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Hall on Tor Royal Lane, Princetown. It will cost you £1. We are a fun group of mixed age range ladies and we do have a good laugh.*

Our last meeting was really good fun. Such a lot of lively banter from members whilst decorating tea lights under the expert guidance of Pam.

On a very wet and windy day last Sunday 8th November, members of HMWI paraded through Princetown with many members of other organisations within the village to pay their respects to those who gave their lives for us in the two world wars. A wreath was laid in their honour by Sue.

**Next meeting:** Our meeting planned for 2nd December is in two parts. Firstly we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies at the carol service at St Michael's, 6pm. then when all is finished we will be going to have our own Christmas party at the Prince of Wales in Princetown at 8pm.

**Looking ahead:** Seniors Christmas Lunch, members please arrive by 12.00 noon if you are planning to help at this event. Prince of Wales is the venue.

As the party is our final gathering for 2015, all that remains for me to say is 'High Moorland Women's Institute wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmastide'.

Our first meeting is not until February 2016. *Details in next issue.*

*Look forward to seeing you, but if you need any further information please do give me a call on 01822 880395. Sue Hammett*

## PRINCETOWN ACTIVITIES

Princetown United Church. Sunday worship 11am. For other activities see noticeboard or Princetown page of [www.westdartmoorbeneffice.co.uk](http://www.westdartmoorbeneffice.co.uk)

### Credit Union

The Plough & Share Service point is located in the new Princetown Village Centre and is open every Wednesday between 11.00am and 1.00pm. The Credit Union is non-profit making and is run by volunteers. It is an ideal way to save regularly. Once you are a regular saver you will be eligible for a low cost loan at only 1% interest. We can help with those unexpected bills, or just save for Christmas or holidays. Children can save too! For more information, ring Mike on 01822-890799



### Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

The Princetown Group is open to all retired people living on Dartmoor. The aim of the Fellowship is to relieve loneliness and isolation by caring & sharing friendship. We encourage an active social programme and organise day trips every month April to October. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the restaurant of the Prince of Wales public house, Princetown at 12.30pm. For more information ring Mike on 01822-890799.



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For contact information, ministers and church officers see front of the Link

**Church Services** - see Page 6 for details

| Date          | Time  | Sidesperson                     | Coffee      | Flowers               |
|---------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 6th December  | 4pm   | Christingle - Penny Whale       |             | No flowers            |
| 13th December | 10.30 | Dawn Nosworthy                  | John Powell | Advent                |
| 20th December | 4pm   | Carol Service - Debbie Dracup   |             | 23rd December         |
| 25th December | 10.30 | Christmas Day - Judy Southcombe |             | Flowers for Christmas |

## NEW BEGINNINGS CLUB

For children of Primary School age, we meet each

**Wednesday during term-time  
from 5.45 to 7.00 pm at  
"The Vicarage", Widecombe.**

We aim to have a fun time with a mixture of art and craft, games, songs and stories with a Christian theme.

New members will be very welcome.

For more information, phone Beth (01364 621334) or Penny (01364 621411)



## Church House Management

**Committee** Chairman - Rodney Cruze

To book the Hall please contact Rose Mortimore 01364 631238.

**Rates of Hire** (Local Events)

Daytime £3.50 per hour

Evenings £5.00 per hour

All Day £20.00

These rates are for local non commercial events only. For other rates please ask the bookings secretary. Payment by cheque is preferred.

Cheques to be made payable to Widecombe Church House Fund and sent to Sarah Reeve, Bonehill Cottage, Bonehill Lane, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, TQ13 7TD

*For all other matters relating to the Church House please contact Diana Cameron on 01364 621218*

## Widecombe & District History Group

Meetings are held at the Church house in Widecombe on the 1st Weds of each month at 7.30pm.

**Dec 2nd** RNL Arctic Cycle Challenge 1999 *with John Lowe*

**Jan 6th** New Year's Party

**Feb 3rd** Armageddon: *with Robert Hesketh*

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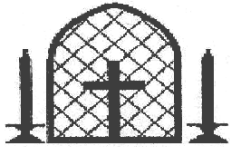
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### **Widecombe Tug of War Club**

Training 7.15 – 9.15

**Thursday:** Tennis Adults + competent teenagers 6.30 onwards.

### **Widecombe Tug of War Club**

Training 7.15 – 9.15

Queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

Please remember to wear soft soled shoes and to leave the court tidy with the net replaced. Report any damage immediately to Claire Partridge (Secretary) on 621468. Close all gates and replace the keys.

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**Merry Christmas**

**and a**

**Happy New Year**

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Email: [suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com](mailto:suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com) Tel. 01626 330311

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Church contactS: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

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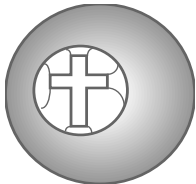
There will be no services at Dunstone during December due to repairs & redecoration.

Sunday 6th December 3pm service at Poundsgate led by Revd. Kevin Hooke

Sunday 6th December 6.30pm Outdoor Nativity held at East Shallowford Farm



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