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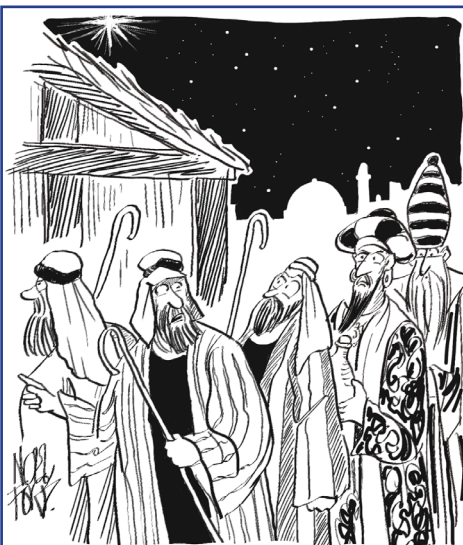
A very  
Happy Christmas  
to you all !



Hope for a broken world

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"Of all the cheek! Rides up on his sleigh in his flashy red suit, pushes to the front of the queue to the stable shouting 'Ho! Ho! Ho!'... who DOES he think he is?!"

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## **From Revd David Sherwood**

For me, 'Silent Night' is perhaps the most evocative of all the Christmas Carols. There are others of course, but they are mostly 'busy' carols, echoing the world as it runs helter skelter through the season of Advent. Those bright and busy carols are the ones that we will hear a hundred times in shops, on television and on the radio during the run up to Christmas Day. And those busy carols will be mixed up with the Christmas songs that today's children often confuse with carols. I like 'Silent Night' because it grounds us - it brings us back to the truth of what Christmas Day is all about.

Silent night, holy night.  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round the Virgin mother and child;  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.



What must it have been like to witness that scene first hand? Knowing that this young innocent girl, a virgin, untainted by man, is holding God in her arms. God, who has come to us in complete vulnerability, totally dependent upon Mary and Joseph for all His needs. Born in a dirty stable in a small backwater town, God comes amongst us in a form that we can accept and enables him to draw us back to himself.

Silent night, holy night.  
Shepherds quail at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia:  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born.



The announcement of his arrival must have been impressive too! Even today when we have the technology to produce spectacular special effects, we would be stunned by the sky filled with God's glory. What must it have been like for those poor shepherds? And that is what we have lost touch with – we don't realise what an awe-inspiring night it must have been.

Silent night, holy night.  
Son of God, Love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace:  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.



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# Churchwardens

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When we see a new baby with its parents we tend to pick up on his or her inherited characteristics, mother's eyes, father's nose, etc. But I suspect that those who saw Jesus that night would have seen something completely different. Mary and Joseph were probably forgotten as the shepherds and others saw something quite unique in his face. They didn't just witness an aura of holiness which pervaded that special night but they saw love as well. A love so deep that it's beyond our comprehension, a love so powerful that it caused God to come amongst us and give so completely of himself that we might be one with him once more.

The other key words in this carol are 'Silent Night' - because it is in silence that God is best able to engage with us. When we are constantly busy, when our minds are so full of daily life and the extra demands that preparing for Christmas brings, we lose that silence and with it our connection to God.

I hope that this Advent and Christmas we will all be able to find space for silence, to allow God to engage with us and to hear again the story of a love so strong that God gave everything so that we could be with him once more. I wish you a holy and peaceful Christmas, surrounded by those that you love and may you know the peace and love of God in Jesus Christ now and throughout the coming year.

With all good wishes,

**Revd. David Sherwood.**



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*(see p.2 for contact details)*

# Church Services for December 2016

## December 4th

## Second Sunday of Advent

## Purple

*Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12*

Widcombe	08.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Holne	16.00	An Advent Journey	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	16.00	Christingle Service	Ashburton	10.30	Christingle Service
			Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer

## December 11th

## Third Sunday of Advent

## Purple

*Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm 146: 4-10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11*

Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Holy Communion
Holne	16.00	Christingle Service	Buckland	15.00	Carol Service
Postbridge	18.00	Carol Service			

## Friday December 16th

Bickington	19.00	Carol Service
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## December 18th

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Purple

*Isaiah 7: 10-16; Psalm 80: 1-8, 18 - end; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18 - end*

Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Holy Communion
Widcombe	16.00	Carol Service	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
Holne	18.00	Carol Service	Bickington	16.00	Christingle Service
			Ashburton	18.30	Carol Service

## Friday December 23rd

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## Saturday December 24th

## Christmas Eve

## Purple/White

*see Worship Leader for readings*

Holne	16.00	Crib Service	Buckland	11.00	Carols in the Village
Widcombe	16.00	Crib Service	Ashburton	16.30	Crib Service
Postbridge	20.00	Carols at the East Dart	Ashburton	23.30	Midnight Communion
Leusdon	23.30	Midnight Communion			



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*Christingle  
All Age Worship  
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December 4th  
10.30am*

*Messy Church  
Thursday Dec 8th  
3.30pm  
St Andrew's Hall  
(Second Thursday)*

*Breakfast @ 9am  
Sunday Dec 18th  
St Andrew's Hall*

*Fun Size  
Christmas Party  
Sunday 18th  
4.00pm to 5.30pm*

*Contact Jane 664 067*

## Messy Church (All Age Worship) Thursday Dec 8th - St Andrew's Church Hall

In November, we learnt about the Valley of Dry Bones Ezekiel 37.1-14. The bones represented us when we are dried up. The bones came together and the breath of God was breathed on them. So, we sang, danced and made music with sticks and shakers as we sang to 'Dem Bones'. We made wooden wind chimes to remember not to become disconnected from God and dried up. Geoffrey was brilliant playing the piano for us again. Thank you, Geoffrey.

Next month is very exciting; we start with Christingle on the first Sunday 4th December. This All Age service is in support of The Children's Society's work all around the world. Messy Church is on the 8th and the theme is A Christmas Sale. What does Jesus have to sell if we listen to his message? Basically, I believe we need to be more like Him: gentle, self-controlled, compassionate, humble and very human. Christmas each year inspires us. And we have more to sell than any supermarket ever has.

Please note that Breakfast @ 9am has moved to Sunday 18th before Christmas.

In the afternoon of the 18th, we are having A Fun Size Christmas Party to which all Messy Church Families of all ages are invited. This should be a great lead into The Nine Carols and Lessons in the evening for those who can attend.

During the season of ADVENT, we are going to have a new Advent activity for each day posted on Chloe's Website Ashburton <https://www.facebook.com/Ashburtonallage/>

Lastly, a not-to-miss All Age Service is The Crib Service on December 24th 4.30pm in St Andrew's Church which Marion and Kevin will be leading jointly.

All God's blessing to you and your families, Jane.



### December 25th

*see Worship Leader for readings*

December 25th		Christmas Day	White/Gold	
Postbridge	09.00	Christmas Communion	Bickington	09.00 Christmas Communion
Holne	10.30	Family Worship followed by Holy Communion for those wishing to stay.	Ashburton	10.30 Christmas Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Family Communion	Buckland	11.00 Family Worship followed by Holy Communion by Extension for those wishing to stay.

### Tuesday December 27th

Leusdon 16.00 Carols by Candlelight

# General Team News

## From the Registers

## Dates for the Diary

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2nd	Holne Soup Lunch	23
3rd	Ball in the Hall, Scoriton	11
4th	Winter Willow	21
7th	Buckfastleigh Christmas Fair	17
11th	Postbridge Christmas Tree Festival	29
15th	Dunstone Light Lunch	13

16th	Christmas Quiz/Raffle Postbridge	29
17th	- 19th Widecombe Christmas Tree Fest	8
18th	Christmas in Widecombe	15
<b>January 2017</b>		
26th	Start of Postbridge Pantomime	17

## WIDECOMBE CHRISTMAS 2016

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 17-19th DECEMBER



The Christmas Tree Festival returns to Widecombe Church this year between 17th-19th December, so that the trees will be up for the Carol Service. 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 "A Book".

Entry Forms from the Church, Widecombe School, the Kiosk on Widecombe Green or from: [judysouthcombe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judysouthcombe@yahoo.co.uk)

These detail all the "Important Bits". Deadline for entries is Sunday 11th December.

**Help us to make this a real spectacle in the Church  
and a wonderful start to the Christmas celebrations in Widecombe.**

*More information from Judy 01364 621520 or Mary in the Kiosk on Widecombe Green.*



# Community Events and Notices



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## Buckland Healing Service

It is a number of years since Buckland church has held a healing service and so on Sunday 16th October we celebrated St Luke, the patron saint of healing, whose feast day was in the following week.

Marion, who led the service, reminded us in her address that healing is not restricted to physical conditions and that just as we all need forgiveness of sins, we also need to be made whole again through the healing power of our Lord.

Mending the brokenness of individuals is the first step in healing a broken world and we sang hymns and prayed specifically for both these types of healing.

Those attending the service were invited to complete cards with the names of people who had asked for healing and each card was prayed for individually as part of the intercessions.

Well over half the congregation came to the altar for laying on of hands at the end of a very moving service.

Thank you Jane for organising the service and to Marion for leading it.





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## Holne Village Hall - Michaelmas Fair



Thanks to everyone involved for helping to make the Michaelmas Fair (Oct 1st) such a success. Smiles on faces and favourable comments received this year reaffirmed the Fair's community feel. Although the weather was slightly against us, we were able to take full advantage of the decision to extend further out into the car park with additional stalls; and extra events in the church and village.

We are particularly grateful to Ian Hunter for his organ recital; and to Stuart Edmondson who made a generous donation to the proceeds on the sale of his painting from the art exhibition.

Our aim following last year was to include the whole village: a new concept but one on which we'll build for 2017.

Net profit was down from last year, at just over £650. We will be passing £100 on to Holne PCC for a charity of their choice.

We already have a date in our 2017 diary - Saturday, October 7 - when we plan on an even better event!

Any feedback on this year's event would be welcome to [holnevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:holnevillagehall@gmail.com)

For all the photos from the event, including the scarecrow entries, look at the Holne Village Hall and/or Holne Village page on Facebook (and 'like').

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**Local Dartmoor Artist**, Rosemary Bonney is currently exhibiting her work at the newly reopened North Street Gallery in Ashburton (22 North Street). The gallery is now being run by a group of local artists as a cooperative and the arrangement will be on going. Rosemary's work will be in the gallery until the end of November and possibly throughout December.

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			15th 13.1 mm
			23rd 11.2 mm
<b>Postbridge</b>	51.5 mm (2.0")	18	(October 2015 - 129.7mm (5.0"))
<b>Holne</b>	66.5 mm (2.62")		23rd 16.4 mm



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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
4th December	16.00	Judy	Advent - NO flowers
11th December	16.00	Georgina	---"---
18th December	18.00	Joe	Flowers for Christmas
24th December	16.00	Judy	---"---
25th December	10.30	Judy	---"---

**Prayer Group**  
 Thursday 1st December  
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**Whist Drives**  
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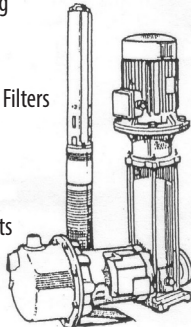
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Our next meeting will be the AGM, quiz and plant show on January 18th in Holne Village Hall, already in planning and expected to be as much fun as this year.

*For more details, to join the group and to book outings, contact  
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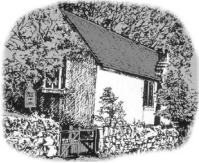
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# St Raphael, Huccaby

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

## **Carol Service**

First a reminder about the Carol Service on Friday 23rd December at 6pm. This will be a real candlelit service together with light and heat from the wood burning stove.

There will be mulled wine and mince pies after the service and we hope that many people will be able to join us in this wonderful start to the Christmas weekend.

If you would like to read a lesson, we are always looking for volunteers, so please let me know. (Churchwarden details at front of magazine).

## **Good News**

At long last, thanks to the award of a grant of £2,675 from the Dartmoor Communities Fund, there is enough money to proceed with the installation of the compost toilet.

The next stage is to agree the timing with the builders, Perretts, and place the order with the supplier. Everyone has been extremely helpful through this process even though at times I thought it would not happen.

Once again, thanks to all those who have contributed to the project, details of whom are on our website.

## **More thanks!**

Many thanks to Julian Greatrex, who following a plea for a keyboard to replace the old one belonging to the church, kindly loaned us his keyboard. It has served us well and has been much appreciated.

However, thanks to Pam Cantor who has donated her keyboard to St. Raphael's, the one loaned to the church has been returned to Julian. The replacement instrument had its first outing at the wedding of Tracy and Shaw on 29th October.

## **And finally....**

Although we are still awaiting recommendations from the inspection by the Diocesan Architect, we know that we have a piece of cast iron drain pipe to replace and some work on our lovely wood burning stove to be done.

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**Book Wednesday 1st February**

**Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.**





# St John the Baptist, Leusdon

For contact information, ministers and church officers see front of the Link  
**Church Services** - see Page 6 for details

Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers
4th December				Advent - NO flowers
11th December	12.00	Geoff	Norma	---"---
18th December	12.00	Shan	Shan	---"---
24th Decemeber	23.30	-	-	Christmas Flowers
27th December	16.00	Various	Norma etc.	Christmas Flowers

**St John the Baptist Church  
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## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**Tuesday 27th December  
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### on Christmas Eve

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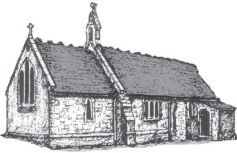
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## Coffee Mornings

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### Monday 5th December

Christmas Lunch at Two Bridges Hotel

### Monday 12th December

at Rundlestone Lodge, Princetown  
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## Postbridge Christmas Tree Festival

**Sunday 11th December**  
**11am-5.30pm and 7pm-8pm**  
**Postbridge Village Hall**

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## Postbridge Whist Drives

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### **Tuesdays December 6th**

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## Grand Christmas Whist Drive

### **Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm**

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## Dartmoor Forest Parish Council– Extracts October 2016



**Parish Clerk:** Steve Cox. **Telephone:** 01822 258549

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

**Dartmoor Classic Cycling Sportive – Parish Survey** In September 2016 a short survey was hand delivered to the 533 households in the Parish to gauge opinion and seek feedback from residents, both positive and negative about the event. 101 surveys were completed demonstrating that there is considerable strength of feeling about the event. Equally, that some 400 households did not respond could also indicate that many households do not have strong views either way on the event. However, what the survey showed is that of those who did complete the survey fall broadly in to two distinct groups; those who are very supportive of the event and believe it encourages visitors and business to the Parish and those that do not support the event and believe it is very disruptive and brings little benefit to the Parish. The challenge for the Parish Council is to determine what course of action can represent both groups of residents, and in particular take forward the views of those who remain very concerned about the impact of the event. The Council have therefore co-opted Princetown resident Steve Richards, a retired Royal Marines Lieutenant Colonel, to act as a volunteer event organiser to liaise between the Parish and event organisers, such as the Mid-Devon Cycling Club, to minimise the negative impact of large events where possible. The full survey results and report can be found at

<http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/dartmoor-classic-survey.html>

**Proposed Removal of BT Public Phone boxes – Postbridge and Bellever** the Parish Council have submitted formal objections to the removal of both public phone boxes that are under consultation in the parish. Tavistock Times featured our press release on the front page which then led to a BBC Spotlight article with Cllr. Alison Geen and BBC Radio Devon interview with Gerald Smerdon of Postbridge Stores. BT verbally committed, on air, to Gerald to keep and repaint both boxes on BBC Radio Devon. We are waiting to receive official confirmation that these phone boxes are no longer under consultation. Thank you to both Gerald and Alison for helping remind the wider audience of the importance of public payphones to rural communities.

**Dartmoor Local Plan – Preparing Dartmoor Forest Parish Council’s response** the Parish Council agreed to organise a small working party to consider the impact of Dartmoor National Park’s Local Plan and prepare a response to the consultation. The Parish Council urge all residents to get involved in the discussion that could shape our communities for years to come. <http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/planning/pl-forwardplanning/local-plan-review>

**Minutes of Parish Council Meetings.** These are available to view at

<http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/2016.html>

**The Next Parish Council Meeting** will be at **1930 24<sup>th</sup> November at Princetown Community Centre**. Members of the public are welcome and may speak during the public sessions. The agenda will be published at <http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/next-meetings-agenda.html>



If you would like to be a part of a hugely respected organisation, 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 proved to be very popular with lots of interaction between members whilst making Christmas Wreaths. Thanks go to Mary Henson for her expertise.

**Next meeting:**

Wednesday 7th December: This month will be having our own Christmas party in The Plume of Feathers. Details of this will be sent to members separately.

**Saturday 10th December:** we will be hosting the State Pensioners Christmas lunch, again in The Plume of Feathers. This is always an event we enjoy doing for the community at large. If you are in possession of a State pension and live in the Dartmoor Forest, please get in touch with myself or Catherine Fildes (01822 890293) to have your name added to the list.

Lastly, it only leaves me to wish everyone who reads this magazine a very happy Christmas from all at High Moorland Women's Institute and a big thank you to all who have supported us in many ways during the year.



**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.

Our first meeting of 2017 will be on the first Wednesday in February when we will be looking forward to receiving Scott Lester as our first speaker of the year, who will enlighten us on his knowledge of wolves and hopefully will be bringing two 'wolf dogs' to the meeting.

Look forward to seeing you.

If you would like any information on High Moorland Women's Institute or please give me a call 01822 880395 or email [susanjhammett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susanjhammett@hotmail.co.uk)

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

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
Dec 4th	16.00	Dawn Nosworthy	Ann Murphy	Advent - No Flowers
Dec 11th	10.30	Clare Born	Jenny Pascoe	--"--
Dec 18th	16.00	Wendy Beard and Marcia Babbington		--"--
Dec 25th	10.30	Penny Whale	23rd 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)



## No room

The Sunday School teacher was telling the story of the Nativity, and had just finished the part about there being 'no room at the inn'.

A small voice piped up: 'I blame Joseph. He should have booked.'



## Widecombe Ladies Social Group

Christmas Luncheon at Furzeleigh Mill Buckfastleigh on Thursday, 1st December . Please ring me on 631238 if you want to come. Rose.

## 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

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**December 7th** 'Dartmoor by the Sea'  
*the Archaeology of the Isles of Scilly*

*with Tom Greeves*

**January 4th** New Year's Party

Contact : Marcia Babington (01364) 661263 or email at [m.babington7@btinternet.com](mailto:m.babington7@btinternet.com)



## Widcombe & District Sports Group

**Regular Bookings: Tuesday:** Tennis Adults (16+) 6.30 onwards.

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

**Widcombe Tug of War Club** Training **Tuesdays & Thursdays** 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. The court is available for members to use outside of these times, there is no longer a booking system so just turn up and play.

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## Careful driver ?

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At the railway crossing he stopped, looked and listened.

All he heard was the car behind him smashing into his boot.





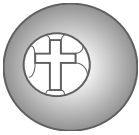
## Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369 & Rev'd Jon Doble 07973 443080  
Church contact: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

You are welcome to come to services and any special event taking place at the chapel.  
The services for **the month** are as follows :

Every Sunday                      9am              Breakfast and Worship at Dunstone Chapel

First Sunday in Month    3pm              Service at Poundsgate Chapel



Come and join us for these services as everyone is most welcome.  
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**January 2017**

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