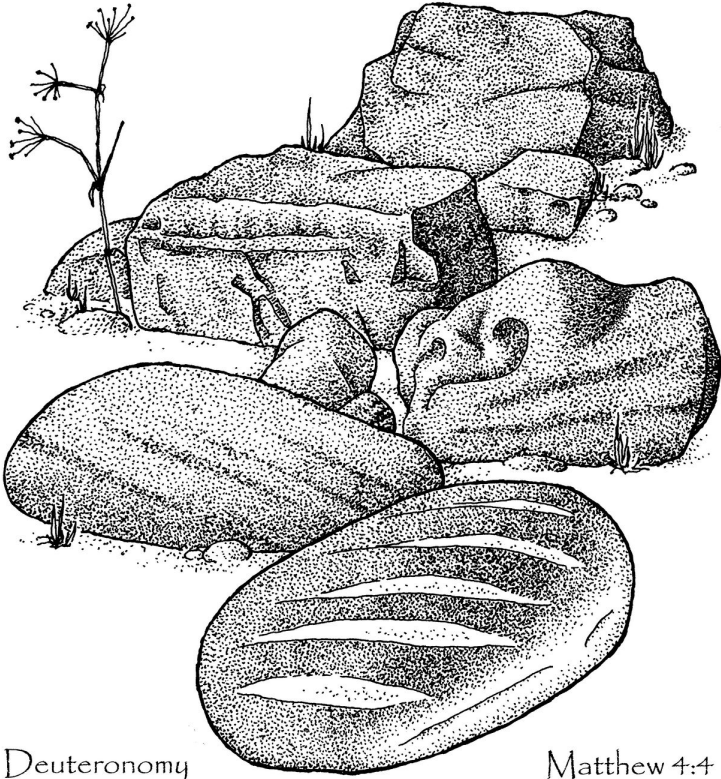


# Moorland Parish Link

Postbridge - Widecombe - Ashburton - Bickington - Bucklang  
Leusden - Huccaby - Hylne



Deuteronomy  
8:3

Matthew 4:4

Bread is not enough to keep us alive;  
we need to feed on every word of God

## February 2016

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

# The Ministry Team

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"It's very good of the vicar, allowing him to use it to supplement his small church-organist's salary in this way."

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From Geoffrey:

As I write this, the forecasters are saying that the weather is about to change from extremely wet and windy to extremely cold! Maybe when you read it we will be under six feet of snow, or maybe we'll be outside sunbathing on the lawn?

There's no doubt the weather is becoming almost impossibly unpredictable, and for many people this has led to the misery of flooding. So, for many farmers and market gardeners there's a real concern about waterlogged fields, poaching (the soil, not the pheasants!) and at the same time, crops growing unseasonably early – daffodils and asparagus in December?

I was reflecting on this during the annual celebration of Plough Sunday in Widecombe last weekend, as the old iron plough was trundled up the nave of the Church, marking the beginning of the farming year. What a difficult start to the year for farmers, with flooded fields, and in some parts of the country flocks and herds trapped on islands as the waters rise.

Whose fault is the flooding? Is it the farmer for not keeping his drains clear and his ditches dug? Or is it his upstream neighbour who has so improved their drainage that all the water runs onto the lower land instead? Or is it the Council who allowed that housing development on the flood plain? Or is it the government for not managing the flood defences? Or is it everyone in the world for generating more and more CO<sub>2</sub> leading to Global Warming and a more and more extreme climate?

Of course farmers are only one of many victims. A flooded field might be a nuisance, but a flooded house is a personal disaster. And a flooded district with bridges and roads washed away and whole villages under water is a national disaster. (Not forgetting international disasters such as when thousands lose their lives in India or Bangladesh during monsoons).

There is no single cause of flooding, and so there is no single solution. Normally there are technical solutions offered by the experts, but often at great cost, and who is to pay for them?

It's at times like these that seeking a personal, selfish solution is inappropriate. The solutions require people to work together. We are all in it together, and the more we co-operate – as neighbours, as communities, and as countries across the world, the better it is for everyone.

And much of the recent coverage does indeed show wonderful generosity with neighbours helping each other, volunteers stepping in, churches offering shelter and

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# Churchwardens

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## From the Editor

Once more Lent is with us, starting on Ash Wednesday 10th February. A time for personal reflection, prayer and perhaps a Lent course to learn something new about God and what he wants for our lives. Throughout the Benefice we are going to study the Psalms, prayers for today's church. A story from one of the sessions sums up what faith is about – not what we do for God but what he has done and is doing for us.

A man died and St Peter met him at the pearly gates. St Peter said 'Here's how works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done and I give you points for each item. If you reach 100 points, you get in'.

'Okay', responded the man, 'I worked hard all my life to give my family a happy secure home'. That's great said St Peter, 'that's worth one and a half points'.

A bit shaken, the man went on, 'Well, I attended church all my life and supported it's ministry with my money and my time'.

'Terrific' said St Peter, 'that's certainly worth another full point'.

'Only one point?' exclaimed the hapless man, scratching about in his memory.

'How about this then: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless people'. Fantastic, that's good for two more points' said Peter

'TWO POINTS!!' cried the man in dismay 'At this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God!'

'WONDERFUL!' Responded St Peter, 'You've hit the jackpot. Come on in! Welcome to the exciting life of heaven'.

*From 'Lord....Help my Unbelief' by Canon John Young.*

Do come and join a group (see p 9). You will be most welcome. These groups are informal, friendly and fun. Looking forward to seeing you.

*Marion*

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## Holy Communion

## Midweek & At Home

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in Ashburton

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### **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 February 2016

<b>February 7th</b>		<b>Sunday before Lent</b>		<b>Green</b>	
<i>Exodus 34: 29-end; 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2; Luke 9: 28-36; Psalm 99</i>					
			Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Holne	10.30	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Family Worship	Ashburton	10.30	Family Worship
Leusdon	16.00	Evening Worship	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday February 10th</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		<b>Purple</b>	
<i>Joel 2: 1-2; 2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6: 10; Matthew 6: 1-6 &amp; 16-21</i>					
Ashburton	10.30	Holy Communion			
Ashburton	19.30	Holy Communion with Ashing			
<b>February 14th</b>		<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>		<b>Purple</b>	
<i>Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Romans 10: 8b - 13; Luke 4: 1-13; Psalm 91: 1-11</i>					
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Village Family Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
Holne	18.00	Evensong			
<b>February 21st</b>		<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>		<b>Purple</b>	
<i>Genesis 15: 1-12 &amp; 17-18; Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1; Luke 13: 21 - end; Psalm 27</i>					
Holne	10.30	Family Worship	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Bickington	10.30	Family Worship
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
<b>February 28th</b>		<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>		<b>Purple</b>	
<i>Isaiah 55: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-9</i>					
Huccaby	10.30	Benefice Communion			



## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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### **Family Service**

**St Andrew's Hall**

**February 7th 10.30am**

### **Messy Church**

**February 11th**

**St Andrew's Church Hall**

### **Fun Size Church**

**St Andrew's Hall**

**February 21st 4.00pm**

### **Breakfast @ 9am**

**February 28th Town Hall**

**Contact Jane 654 067**

## **Messy Church**

### **Thursday February 11th**

#### **St Andrew's Church Hall**

**Spring is coming?** I have seen blossoms out and some daffodils in bloom. Today though the snow has just arriving on the Moor; what a peculiar month January is this year. This term at Messy Church we are "Choosing God's Way". This can be equally peculiar, we looked at, in January Messy Church, the Pharisee and the Tax collector. The obvious sinner we are told is right with God not the pious man!! Thought provoking for all; two modern scripts highlighted that pride comes before a fall and showing off doesn't impress anyone especially God. The craft great success was the elephant with a party blower through the nose to remember to be humble. We sang songs about JOY reinforcing the order to follow when we pray Jesus / Others / Yourself.

**Coming up next month** we are looking at "temptation" or things we know we shouldn't try or do. I ask myself when I am hungry do I give into the temptation of being grumpy or intolerant? What would I do if my children were hungry? During Messy Church in February we will be thanking God for helping Jesus to resist the temptations and asking for his help to be strong like Jesus.

**Fun Sized Church** will be looking at "Being Helpful". Please come and join us on the third Sunday of the month at 4pm if you have a primary aged child in the family. All God's blessings on you and your families. Jane

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food. Communities coming out at their best when working for the common good.

There's a famous poem by John Donne written in 1624 which seems to me to capture this so well:

No man is an island entire of itself;  
every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main;  
if a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less,  
as well as if a promontory were,  
as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were;  
any man's death diminishes me,  
because I am involved in mankind.  
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;  
it tolls for thee.

Or, as Jesus puts it, love your neighbour as yourself.

With every blessing,

Geoffrey

# General Team News

## From the Registers

Widecombe	Baptism	3rd January	Wilson James Stokes
Postbridge	Wedding	21st December	Lee Steven John Smith & Natalie Leanne Jackson
Postbridge	Funeral	16th December	Brenda Jean Martin
Holne	Funeral	19th January	Margaret Ethel Crocker

## Dates for the Diary

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3rd	Leusdon Coffee Mornign & Stalls	23
8th	Holne Playpark AGM	18
11th	Start of Widecombe Lent Course	9
11th	Messy Church in Ashburton	7
12th	Widecombe Soup Kitchen	35
12th	Postbridge Quiz Night	29
15th	Start Ashburton & Holne Lent Course	9

17th	Start Ashburton Evening Lent Course	9
17th	Holne Garden Group AGM	17
17th	Japanese Tea Party	13
March 2016		
2nd	Leusdon Coffee Morning & Stalls	23
4th	Women's World Day of Prayer	6
11th	"A Talented Murder" Postbridge	27
16th	Widecombe Parish Council Ann Mtg	33

## Prayer on Prayer

Dear Father,

Thank you that you want us, your children, to connect with you in prayer. Thank you that we can come to you, rest in your presence and spend time with you, either quietly or crying out our thoughts and concerns from open hearts.

Help us to trust you; to be confident that you hear us and will answer our prayers, in the right time and in the right way for us, even if we don't always understand.

Thank you for the sustaining privilege of prayer,

In Jesus name. Amen.



*By Daphne Kitching*



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2. Out of the depths have I cried (Psalm 130)
3. How long, O Lord? (Psalm 13)
4. You spread a table before me (Psalm 23)
5. Unless the Lord builds the house ... (Psalm 127)



**Monday afternoons at Ashburton Church Hall** 2pm starting 15th February

**Monday evenings at Church House Inn, Holne** 7 for 7.30pm starting 15th February

**Wednesday evenings at St Petroc's, Ashburton** 7.30pm starting 17th February

**Thursday evenings at Widecombe Vicarage** 7.30pm starting 11th February

*For more details contact: Revd David Sherwood, Revd Geoffrey Fenton, Keith Miller or Marion Kaye*

## Giving up for Lent

At the end of the vicar's pre-Lent sermon he suggested, as an example to the rest of the community, that the congregation should worship in an unheated church for the whole of Lent.

As they made their way into the chill Sunday air the vicar addressed one member of the congregation, asking what she had decided to give up for Lent. "Church," she replied firmly.



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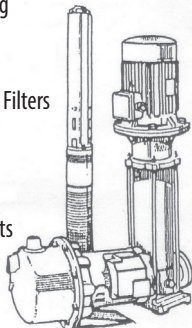
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# Rainfall in December 2015

Place	Total Rainfall	Days with-out rain	Wettest days
<b>Widcombe</b>	286.3 mm	2 day	30th 34.2 mm
			29th 25.8 mm
			23rd 20.8 mm
<b>Postbridge</b>	323.3 mm (12.7")	None	30th 1.3 ins
			Dec 2014 - 173.4 mm (6.8")
<b>Holne</b>	367.6 mm (14.47")		30th 41.8 mm



## Buckland Whist Drive



**Saturday February 6th**

Village Hall - start at 7.30pm.

£2.50 including draw & refreshments

### Total Rainfall - Postbridge

2015	1885.5 mm	74.2 ins
2014	2007.1 mm	79.0 ins

### Total Rainfall - Holne

2015	1889.7 mm	74.4 ins
2014	2210.0 mm	90.2 ins



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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
7th February	10.30	Judy	Marion
14th February	18.00	Jackie	<b>LENT - NO FLOWERS</b>
21st February	10.30	Jackie	↓
28th February	09.00	Sue	

## Holne Garden Group

**Wednesday February 17th our AGM  
will be held in Holne Village Hall at 2:30**

(please note the time – my apologies for the error in the last notice).

There will be a fun flower show with classes for :

A flower arrangement entitled “The Flood” maximum size 12x12x12 inches,

A potted plant entitled “The Most Neglected Plant”

A miniature flower arrangement maximum 3x3x3 inches entitled “Devon Spring”

Also our usual Quiz with plenty of silly questions.

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For more details, to join the group and to book outings, contact  
Judy Henderson 01364 631461 or Judy Le Marchant 01364 644099



Your contributions at the Michaelmas Fair and our Christmas service collections allowed us to hand over **£524.76** to our special charity -

Laxmi support - run by Alex and Sam Salmon of Holne.

They were very pleased with the result as were the PCC and we hope this helps them in their work in Nepal.

*With many thanks, Holne PCC.*

## Responsibilities for Watercourses – Polite Reminder

Holne Parish Council would like to politely remind landowners of their responsibilities to keep their watercourses clear. If you live or own a property that is next to any watercourse, including streams, culverts, leats & drains (other than a highway drain), or you have a watercourse that flows through your property, you are a 'riparian landowner' and you have 'riparian' rights and responsibilities which have been established in common law for many years. A riparian owner is responsible for accepting water from their upstream neighbour and transferring this, along with any existing drainage from their own property, freely, to their neighbour downstream. Responsibilities also include maintenance of the bed and banks of the watercourse and for clearing debris even if it did not originate from their land and removing obstructions.

For more information, the Environment Agency has published a guide - 'Living on the Edge' – which can be downloaded free of charge from [www.gov.uk/government/publications/riverside-ownership-rights-and-responsibilities](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/riverside-ownership-rights-and-responsibilities)

Our vision is to protect and enhance the future of the Playpark in Holne, as a recreational facility for all members of the local community and visitors.

Notice of Meeting (all welcome including anyone wishing to help and/or come on the committee)



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the [5th] Annual General Meeting of Holne Playpark charity will be held at the Church House Inn, Holne at 8pm on the 8 February 2016** to transact the following business.

- (1) Present/apologies
- (2) Approve minutes from last meeting
- (3) Finance Report
- (4) Chairman's report
- (5) Election of Trustees
- (6) Constitution

To consider and vote upon keeping the existing Constitution and The Objects therein with no changes.

- (7) Any other business

Anniversary – May 2016 of new playpark - event  
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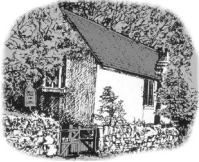
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## **Belated thanks...**

to Dave Mudge for a beautiful Christmas tree. Dave provides a tree free of charge every year for St Raphael's, which we really do appreciate

## **Snowdrop time**

The unseasonably mild weather over Christmas and the New Year led to the daffodils in the churchyard appearing before the snowdrops. At the time of writing we are keeping our fingers crossed that the rain has not adversely affected the annual display as we plan to make potted snowdrops available in the Chapel as usual.

The snowdrops make a lovely gift whether it is for Valentine's Day or any other reason. But whether or not you want a snowdrop in a pot, please come and visit the Chapel and see the snowdrops in all their glory.

## **Sustaining Rural Churches**

Progress is being made in respect of the composting toilet with planning and grant applications in progress. Even without a toilet, if you are interested in keeping this beautiful Chapel alive for local worshippers and our visitors and you need a venue for an event please contact the Churchwarden.

## **Archangel Raphael**

I am Raphael, that is to say;

God heals. I am the angel at your side by day and night, at home and abroad, in sorrow and illness, in loneliness and pain, in persecution and sadness, in living and dying.

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# 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
				Altar
7th February	16.00	Norma	-	Norma
14th February	12.00	Shan	Norma	LENT - NO FLOWERS
21st February	12.00	Liz	Liz	
28th February	10.30	Benefice Service at Huccaby		

*Thank you so much for all the help we are given with flowers, it is much appreciated and for all the other help given during the year. Leusdon Church P.C.C*



As announced last month, Rev. Geoffrey Fenton now has pastoral responsibility for the parish of Leusdon as well as for Widecombe and Postbridge.

He aims to conduct most of the services in Leusdon over the coming months so as to get to know the congregation and the community.

In order to make this possible the pattern of services at Leusdon will change slightly, so that on the first Sunday in the month the service will remain at 4pm and on the second, third and fourth Sundays the service will be an hour later at 12noon. Mrs Beth Fenton (who already runs the choir) will be the organist at these services.

It is hoped that these new arrangements will attract parishioners to our services, details of which can be found in the Parish Link.

## Coffee Morning and Stalls

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**Items Wanted please** - The Leusdon Fund raising team are collecting items to sell at the monthly hall Coffee mornings and the church Family Funday and Fete in August. All proceeds go towards the upkeep of Leusdon Memorial Hall and the church annual insurance premium which is over £1,000 .

We need bric a brac, books, CD's, DVD's, toys, clothes, and any unwanted new items that can be used for prizes etc.

Please leave undercover on the table behind the hall or at the back of the church . Sorry we cannot take duvets, TV's or video players/tapes.

We also take items to St Petroc' s in Exeter 4 times a year, who support homeless people in Devon. They need clean sleeping bags, thermos flasks, waterproofs, boots & jeans & warm clothing.

### INFORMAL HYMN SINGING

at Leusdon Hall, 7.30pm on WEDNESDAY evenings. Anyone, of any standard, is very welcome and the more that come the better the harmonies! Men are especially welcome!

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### Whist Drive Dates

At Leusdon Memorial Hall  
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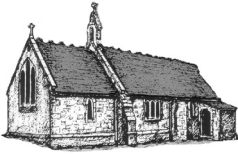
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## St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

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### Coffee Mornings

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**Monday 1st February**

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*with Terri Fisher*

**Monday 15th February**

**at East Dart Hotel, Postbridge**

*with Rosie*

**Monday 29th February**

**at the Old Parsonage, Postbridge**

*with Maureen Seabrook*



### Postbridge Coffee Mornings

Saint Gabriel's DCC would like to thank all ladies from Postbridge and surrounding areas who help to make the coffee mornings so successful by baking, hosting and of course turning up in all weathers. If you would like to be part of it, see above The brilliant sum raised last year for our church was £645.50. Thank you so much

### Postbridge Village Hall

The Postbridge Village Hall AGM 2016 will be held at the village hall on Thursday 7th April at 7.30pm.

This is very much an 'open' meeting and all Postbridge residents are welcome to come along to what promises to be an informative evening lasting around an hour. Please make a note in your diaries now and come along on Thursday 7th April at 7.30pm.

The meeting will briefly reflect on the past twelve months' activity of the hall and its committee. The Treasurer will give a brief financial report. New committee members will be proposed and elected.

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

## Postbridge Whist Drives

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

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## Dartmoor Forest Parish Council– Extracts December 2015



**Parish Clerk:** Nigel Tigwell. **Telephone:** 01822 890274

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

**Dartmoor Forest Neighbourhood Plan.** The Parish Council will be developing a Neighbourhood Plan in 2016 to help set future policy on new housing, economic growth and social wellbeing in the Parish. If you wish to assist in committee work or have views you wish to be taken into account, please contact Nigel Tigwell at [clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net](mailto:clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net) or use the contact form on [www.dartmoorforestpc.net](http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net).

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**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 28 January at Princetown Community Centre**. Members of the public are welcome and may speak during the public sessions.



## High Moorland W.I.

As this is my first entry for 2016, may I wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year filled with lots of fun and laughter, particularly if you come to WI meetings?

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 first meeting of the year is to be on Wednesday 3rd February at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, Tor Royal Lane. At this meeting we will be collecting annual fees for the year. Our guest speaker is Emily Harding of Postbridge.

Emily is a renowned actress, specialising in Shakespearian 'one woman performances'. Details will be available of the very last Play/Supper evening in Postbridge, scheduled for March.

Looking ahead to March. We shall be having a fascinating and informative evening on Reporting Hate Crime. It is hoped that during this month we will be able to visit a local farm to view lambing live as it happens. No further information is available yet but nearer the time it will all become clear.

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

## 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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# St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
February 7th	10.30	Dawn Nosworthy	Alison Whale	Jenny
February 14th	10.30	Marcia Babbington	Audrey Mortimore	LENT - NO FLOWERS
February 21st	10.30	Judy Southcombe	Rose Mortimore	↓
February 28th	10.30	Benefice Service at Huccaby		↓

## 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-in-the-Moor's Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Widecombe Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 16th March at 7.00pm in Church House to which everyone is invited. There will be a presentation and discussion about the possibility of developing a new village hall in the parish. The Church House Committee is becoming increasingly aware of the limitations and safety issues associated with a listed building owned by the National Trust which has prompted the Committee to start thinking about more appropriate facilities for the future. Anyone interested in finding out more with a view to being involved in taking the project forward is particularly encouraged to attend the meeting.

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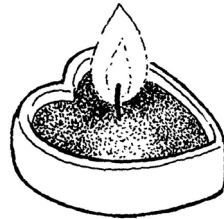
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### Widcombe & District History Group

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

**Feb 3rd**      Armageddon:      *with Robert Hesketh*  
*How some Devon newspapers reported the outbreak of the 1st World War*

**Mar 2nd**      How the Devon History Society works      *with Phillippe Planel*

**April 6th**      Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team      *with Alan Pewsey*

For more information, please contact Mr Anthony Beard on 01364 621246

# Widcombe Fair - Tuesday 13th September 2016

## Produce Show Schedule

*Get planning !*



Cls	Description	Cls	Description
<b>VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS</b>			
<b>- Hermon French Silver Salver</b>		<b>CHILDREN'S CLASSES</b>	
1	Three coloured potatoes washed	<b>Aged 7 and under - Tame Challenge Cup</b>	
2	Three white potatoes washed	28	A homemade greetings card
3	Three onions, grown from sets	29	A vegetable animal
4	Three carrots, trimmed and washed	30	A garden on a plate
5	Three beetroot, trimmed and washed	<b>Aged 8 to 11 years - Hutchins Cup</b>	
6	Six runner beans	31	A 'Lego' model
7	Longest runner bean	32	A decorated cake
8	Any vegetable not mentioned in schedule	33	A flower arrangement in an unusual container
9	Any squash or courgette	<b>ART &amp; CRAFT - OPEN YO ALL AGES</b>	
10	A collection of 5 different vegetables, any variety in a standard vegetable box 12"x 16"	<b>- Gordon Daw Memorial Trophy</b>	
		Under 16s to be judged separately	
11	Four tomatoes	34	An arrangement of grasses, twigs, ferns and berries (NO FLOWERS)
12	Four varieties of culinary herbs in a jar of water		
13	A plate of berry fruit - one variety	35	A flower arrangement in a teacup
14	Three Dahlias	36	A flower arrangement not to exceed 30 inches in any dimension
15	Single rose		
16	Single stem any flower	37	A decorated hat
17	Pot plant - in flower or just foliage	38	A pencil/charcoal drawing
18	6 Eggs - all one colour	39	Painting - Any subject, any medium
<b>HOME PRODUCE competitors own recipe Rose Bowl</b>		40	A needlework item
19	A family fruit cake	41	A knitted, woven or crocheted article
20	An open fruit tart - your choice	42	Any craft work item - not mentioned in the schedule
21	4 Cheese Scones		
22	A traditional Victoria Sponge	43	Made from wood!
23	Traditional Meat Pasty	44	A limerick
24	Speciality Bread of your own choice	45	A photograph - 'Through all wind and weathers'
25	1 lb pot of homemade Jam		
26	A jar of homemade Chutney		
27	A bottle of homemade drink - beer/cider/wine/cordial	<b>Get planning !</b>	

## Widcombe-in-the-Moor Rural Housing Needs Survey 2016

Widcombe-in-the-Moor Parish Council wishes to establish the demand for low cost affordable homes for local people in our area. The last time this was undertaken was in 2011. The best way to identify the requirements is to carry out a Parish Housing Needs Survey. Members of the Council have distributed a questionnaire, in partnership with Devon Communities Together, to every household in the parish and we would be very grateful if you could spend just a few minutes filling in the form. The more people who complete the forms, the more accurate a picture we will obtain.

Alternatively the form can be downloaded from [www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com](http://www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com) and returned direct to [Janice@devoncommunities.org.uk](mailto:Janice@devoncommunities.org.uk). If you know of someone not currently living in the parish but with a desire to do so, please direct them to this link to enable them to complete and return the form also.

We should like to stress that individual responses are not seen by any member of the Parish Council, so local privacy is ensured. We shall see only the statistical results.

We would be grateful if you could complete and return the form by 8th February 2016 in the envelope provided (no stamp is needed).

If you require assistance in completing the form, or have any questions regarding affordable housing, please contact Janice Alexander, Rural Housing Enabler, on 01392 248919 or any member of the Parish Council.

## Widcombe & District Sports Group

### Regular Bookings:

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

**Widcombe Tug of War Club** Training 7.15 – 9.15

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

**Widcombe 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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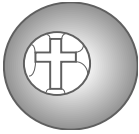


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Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369 & Rev'd Jon Doble 07973 443080  
Church contact: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

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The services for **FEBRUARY** are as follows :

- Sunday 7th 9am Breakfast meeting at Dunstone  
3pm Service at Poundsgate led by Rev'd Kevin Hooke
- Sunday 14th 9am Breakfast meeting at Dunstone  
3pm Service at Dunstone led by Rev'd Jon Doble
- Sunday 21st 9am Breakfast meeting at Dunstone
- Sunday 28th 9am Breakfast meeting at Dunstone



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