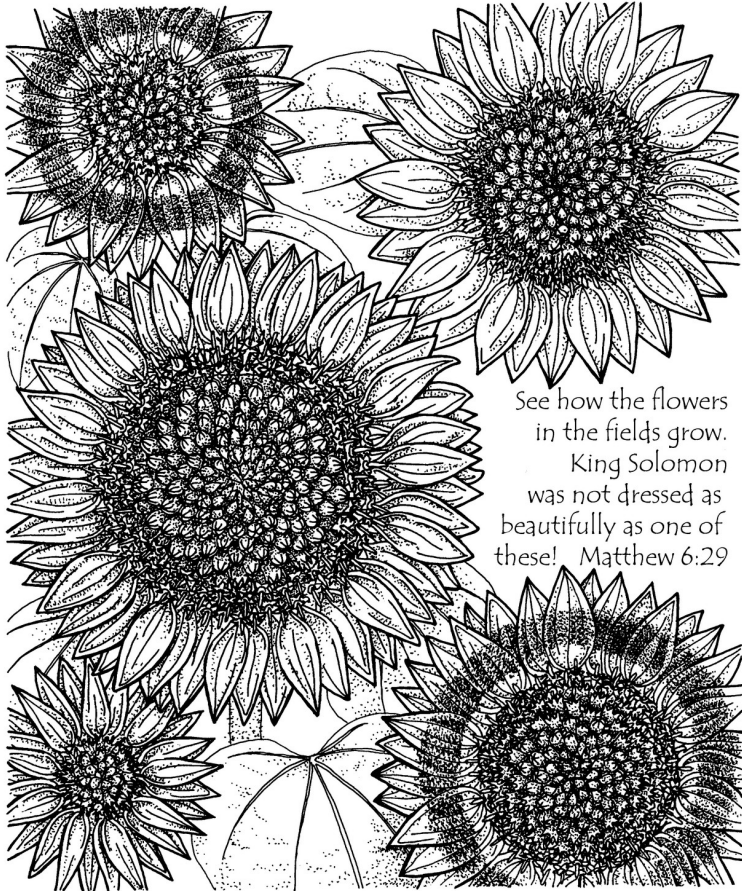


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See how the flowers
in the fields grow.
King Solomon
was not dressed as
beautifully as one of
these! Matthew 6:29

July 2016

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

The Ministry Team

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The vicar's new interest in angling proved to be a real asset when it came to getting more people into church

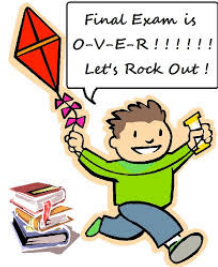
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The Parish Letter

From Geoffrey:

As our young students sit back and relax after their exams, it occurs to me that the school year has always been structured into three phases: lessons and work, revision and exams, and then that blissful period when the exams are over, before the work starts again. (We did have termly exams, but they never had the dread of the summer ones.) And the post-exam state was magic – relaxing, relishing the freedom from intense revision and really enjoying doing some of the things that couldn't be fitted into the previous couple of months without feeling a bit guilty!



The three phases were, I remember, associated with three emotional states which I will never forget. Normal. Panic. Joy. Panic levels at exam time were always high for me, because I was never keen on work. I would always find something more interesting to do, and put work off until some deadline came along.

So, while others were calmly going through their revision notes for the third time, I was frantically flipping through the pages of the exercise books and making random notes on scraps of paper.

And then the evening before an exam was like a deep-sea dive – everything had to be gone through in lots of detail and retained for twelve hours, before making room for the next lot of information. It was in vain that teachers talked about pacing yourself and taking breaks and having a quiet evening off before taking an exam.

Some of you will be saying "I was like that." But probably most will be thinking "I was far more organised". Well, we're all different! But what we were all developing was our approach to the normal ups and downs of all the things that come along in life. Do we put off doing something, or do we just get on with it? How do we behave when life gets tricky, when the pressure is on?

Well, when I was at school, I discovered a new source of joy – not unlike the end of exam feeling, but one that I might experience at any time. I became a Christian, bought a bible and underlined my favourite bits. The two verses I underlined most heavily were from Chapter 4 of Philippians.

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Churchwardens

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“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

I found that Christian friends, times of prayer and singing songs from “Youth Praise” gave me a new dimension in life. Instead of having to handle everything myself, I could ask for God’s help. And when things went well, I could thank him. And when I felt I had really messed up I could share it with him and receive forgiveness and, best of all, a fresh start.

God didn’t change my way of often leaving things until a deadline comes along – at least he hasn’t yet – but I cannot now imagine life without a sense of being cared for and loved by our Saviour, who accompanies me through all downs and ups.

Thanks be to God!

With every blessing, Geoffrey



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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 July 2016

| July 3rd | | Sixth Sunday after Trinity | | Green | |
|--|-------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Isaiah 66: 10-14; Galatians 6: 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11 & 16-20; Psalm 66: 1-8</i> | | | | | |
| Holne | 10.30 | Holy Communion | Ashburton | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| Widecombe | 10.30 | Animal Service | Bickington | 09.00 | Holy Communion |
| Leusdon | 16.00 | Pet Service | Ashburton | 10.30 | Family Worship |
| | | | Buckland | 15.00 | Evening Prayer |
| July 10th | | Seventh Sunday after Trinity | | Green | |
| <i>Deuteronomy 30: 9-14; Colossians 1: 1-14; Luke 10: 25-37; Psalm 25: 1-10</i> | | | | | |
| Postbridge | 09.00 | Holy Communion | Bickington | 09.00 | Village Family Communion |
| Widecombe | 10.30 | Holy Communion | Ashburton | 10.30 | Parish Communion |
| Leusdon | 12.00 | Holy Communion | Buckland | 15.00 | Evening Prayer |
| Holne | 18.00 | Evensong | | | |
| July 17th | | Eighth Sunday after Trinity | | Green | |
| <i>Genesis 18: 1-10a; Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-end; Psalm 15</i> | | | | | |
| Huccaby | 09.00 | Holy Communion | Ashburton | 10.30 | Parish Communion |
| Widecombe | 10.30 | Holy Communion | Bickington | 10.30 | Morning Worship |
| Holne | 10.30 | Family Worship | Buckland | 15.00 | Holy Communion |
| Leusdon | 12.00 | Holy Communion | | | |
| July 24th | | Ninth Sunday after Trinity | | Green | |
| <i>Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2: 6-15; Luke 11: 1-13; Psalm 138</i> | | | | | |
| Holne | 09.00 | Holy Communion | Bickington | 09.00 | Holy Communion |
| Widecombe | 10.30 | Holy Communion | Ashburton | 10.30 | Parish Communion |
| Leusdon | 12.00 | Holy Communion | Buckland | 15.00 | Evening Prayer |
| Postbridge | 15.00 | Dog/Pet Show + Service | | | |
| July 31st | | Tenth Sunday after Trinity | | Green | |
| Widecombe | 10.30 | Team Communion Service | | | |



Sunday July 31st at Widecombe
1030 Team Communion Service

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Church Events



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July 3rd 10.30am

Messy Church
July 14th
St Andrew's Hall
(Second Thursday)

Fun Size Church
St Andrew's Hall
July 17th 4.00pm
(Third Sunday)

Breakfast @ 9am
July 31st St Andrew's Hall

Contact Jane 654 067
All offers of help welcome.

Messy Church (All Age Worship)

Thursday July 14th

St Andrew's Church Hall

"PICK UP YOUR MAT AND WALK!"

Last month I expected we would be washing feet and learning to help each other. I said I had just found "Pay it Forward" as a way of illustrating The Servant King to children. Now we never did do "Pay it forward", but we did sing "Pass it on" to the Frere Jacques tune. We did wash feet after making certificates with painted feet. We played with goo and washed our hands and made wonderful wooden spoon puppets which turned from a servant into a king.

It was a lovely day and we were outside with the tables of craft spread around. Let's hope the weather is kind to us in July and we are half outside again. We will be talking about the power of Jesus to heal us and the story of "pick up your mat and walk"

I would like to thank Christina's continued support making our wonderful hot meal. It is so wonderful to sit down and share a meal with all our Messy Church friends. I always look forward to Breakfast with everyone and tea at Fun Size Church. Fun Size is growing now and families that can't make the second Thursday after school are now managing to come on a Sunday afternoon.

Joshua the Mighty Wall Crasher is the subject this Sunday. I think this could mean some noise?

So do come to our All Ages' Worship and find out all about the different services.

All God's blessings on you and your families. *Jane*

Open wide

A lady was very nervous about her appointment at the dentist. She sought courage from her Bible. The verse her finger landed on was Psalm 81:10 'Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.'



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| Baptism | Widcombe | 17th April | Aubrey David John Newing |
| Baptism | Leusdon | 17th April | Harry James Castleman |
| Baptism | Leusdon | 17th April | Lily Paris Roe |
| Wedding | Leusdon | 2nd April | Mark William Fawcett & Rachel Elisabeth Wetten |
| Wedding | Huccaby | 15th April | Richard Langstone & Suzanne (Suzy) ane Bingham |
| Wedding | Postbridge | 4th June | James Patrick Lacey & Michaela Rose Hennessy |
| Funeral | Leusdon | 24th May | Joanna Margaret Radford |
| Funeral | Widcombe | 27th May | Gillian Ann Allchin |
| Funeral | Holne | 6th June | George Stuart Ingram (Stuart) |

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| 6th | Leusdon Coffee Morning & Stalls | 25 |
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| 9th | Widcombe History Group BBQ | 37 |
| 14th | Messy Church in Ashburton | 7 |
| 15th | Coffee Morning for Marie Curie | 37 |
| 16th | Ashburton Singers Concert | 7 |

| 17th | FINAL COPY DATE | |
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| August 2016 | | |
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Community Events and Notices



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A new vision for Dartmoor's woodlands
Dartmoor, beautiful as it is, would naturally be much more wooded. Only fragments



of the forest that once covered the moor still remain. Moor Trees' vision is to restore some of the lost forests of Dartmoor by creating new woodlands and supporting their creation by individuals and communities: woodlands that coexist with farming, archaeology and recreation, that connect people to their woodland heritage, offer environmental benefits and new livelihood opportunities.

Moor Trees has been planting native trees in and around Dartmoor since 2001. In 2015, we celebrated the creation of 66 hectares (nearly 40 football pitches) of native woodland using over 60,000 trees, mostly nurtured and grown in our own nurseries from locally collected seed. All this has been achieved by a dedicated team of volunteers, supported by students from Plymouth University, local conservation groups, company team building days and many local families – a true community-led venture.

We have planted on the fringe of the open moor at Scorriton and have increased the woodland cover of the Avon valley. We have supported over 40 landowners who have made the lifelong commitment to create a native forest that will only mature beyond their lifetime, a truly visionary choice.

We understand the long history of Dartmoor and the part it has played in human endeavour. We understand that residents and visitors alike cherish the open landscapes with far reaching views but there is also growing enthusiasm for more native woodland on Dartmoor among both urban and rural communities. We believe that there is plenty of space for both.

Dartmoor has lost most of its original woodland cover. Yet woodlands are our heritage. To restore woodlands to Dartmoor is to restore ourselves. More natural landscapes offer a way of understanding and reinterpreting our relationship with the natural world. The restoration and regeneration of just some of the Dartmoor woodlands would help the return of natural environments to one of the few remaining areas in southern England where this could be possible, restoring forest in a way that takes account of the needs and aspirations of local and regional communities.

Our vision is that in 250 years' time, there will be a Wild Heart of Dartmoor: a core zone of native woodland of approximately 10,000 hectares, maintained through low density grazing by cattle and ponies. Full public access would allow people to enjoy this Wild Heart.

We want to start by helping to establish a network of community woodlands and nurturing the native woodland regeneration that is taking place in some areas on Dartmoor.

We welcome enquiries, both for a copy of our Vision leaflet or about creating native woodlands. *Graham Burton – Director Moor Trees* (graham@moortrees.org)

New funding available for Dartmoor Communities



Dartmoor National Park Authority has opened its Communities Fund 2016/17 for applications and is calling for community organisations on Dartmoor to come forward if they have a project that needs funding. The Dartmoor Communities Fund offers up to 50% grant funding for capital projects that support existing valued community facilities and services, or create new community infrastructure to meet identified community needs.

The Fund is supported by the New Homes Bonus from West Devon Borough, Teignbridge and South Hams District Councils and this year there is just over £90,000 in the pot. So if you have plans for your village hall, are thinking of setting up a new community shop or want to make the most of a valued local heritage asset the Dartmoor Communities Fund may be able to help!

Last year successful projects included the renovation of a stunning medieval rood screen in St Peters Church, Buckland in the Moor, new hot water showers for Chagford's idyllic outdoor swimming pool and the development of the new community bike initiative at South Brent.

The Fund is open to applications during June and July, but you are encouraged to submit your project ideas early. Successful projects will be announced in September 2016.

New for this year and sitting alongside the main grants scheme, is the 'Just Do It' community action small grants pot, where applications for less than £500 will be determined within a month. This 'quick win' grant scheme is aimed at environmental works and is ideal for when communities just need a small amount of cash to do works themselves to maintain or enhance their community.

The New Homes Bonus is a Government scheme encouraging local authorities to grant planning permission for the building of new houses in return for additional revenue. The support for Dartmoor Communities Fund is in recognition of Dartmoor National Park's role as a planning authority.

More information about both grants and how to apply can be found at www.dartmoor.gov.uk/livingin/grants or by contacting Jo Rumble, DNPA Communities Officer on: jrumble@dartmoor.gov.uk or 01626 831024.



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| Place | Total Rainfall | Days with-out rain | Wettest days |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Widcombe | 73.2 mm | 15 | 20th 16.5mm |
| | | | 12th 12.4mm |
| | | | 11th 9.9mm |
| Postbridge | 85.4mm (3.4") | 13 | 20th 0.9" |
| | (May 2015 - 138.2mm (5.4")) | | |
| Holne | 86.8 mm (3.41") | | 20th 27.8mm |



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| Date | Time | Sidesperson | Flowers |
|-----------|-------|--------------------------|----------|
| 3rd July | 10.30 | Judy | Judy |
| 10th July | 18.00 | Georgina | Judy |
| 17th July | 10.30 | Jackie | Georgina |
| 24th July | 09.00 | Sue | Georgina |
| 31st July | 10.30 | Team Service at Widcombe | Marion |



Prayer Group

Thursday 7th July
 at 9.30 am in Holne Church.

Quiet time for Prayer and Reflection

Whist Drives

are held in the Village Hall
 every Thursday evening from
 7.15 - 9.30pm All welcome.



Coffee Mornings in Holne Tea Room

Thursdays from 11am
Do come and join us.

Holne Garden Group

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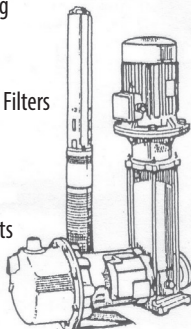
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July 23rd

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The evening gets under way at 6pm with activities, games, storytelling and pizza for our younger residents to be held at the Tea Room.

We're hoping also to be able to stage a cross-country race - watch for further details. From about 7.30 the focus will switch to the Hall where we will be entertained by bands Hoarse J and Go Tell Alice.

Admission is FREE - the Revel was always an event put on for the benefit of the community. Special numbered programmes will be on sale (with a draw prize) and these will also give the first clue to a Treasure Hunt!

Don't miss it... *Info from: Suzy Bingham email: jollymustard@gmail.com
Carol Harper email: carolharper@me.com*



HOLNE REVEL
23 July

SATURDAY, 23 JULY 2016
6 – 8pm
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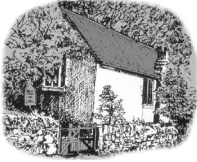


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Summer at last

Having been out of the country at the end of May, we were delighted to return to summer on Dartmoor. Everywhere looked green and fresh and it was warm enough to sit outside, enjoy the evening sun, the twittering of the swallows and the blackbird's song. Dartmoor is a beautiful place and we are very fortunate to live here.

At St Raphael's, nature had taken advantage of our absence and despite Mike Mudge having cut the grass, the hedges, weeds and nettles had grown like Topsy. As we were looking forward to the visit from the Archdeacon, Tony was duly despatched with strimmer, shears and pruners to restore order. I followed up with a broom and wheelbarrow which if nothing else, is good exercise.

Sustaining Rural Churches

The use of our churches and declining attendance continues to occupy the thoughts and prayers of those closely involved with the Church of England.

Many organisations, like the Church of England, such as Rotary and Lions Clubs who contribute so much to the community, are also in decline as far as active membership is concerned. But in the Church's case it is not just a lack of interest in attending services, it is a lack of interest or knowledge about the Christian message and what God can bring to our lives. That is a real challenge for the Church to take on.

On the use of buildings, The Dartmoor Forest Parish Council held their meeting at St Raphael's last month. Once again their support is much appreciated, especially given the uncomfortable seating for such meetings!

Planning permission has been granted for the installation of the compost toilet and a grant of £1,000 has been received from the All Churches Trust. This Trust is part of our insurers, Ecclesiastical, who also provide useful advice on maintaining church buildings.

Perrett builders will be doing the work and we are grateful to them for some flexible thinking in terms of getting some of the equipment needed into the church grounds.

We still have about £6,000 to raise but there are two outstanding grant applications which if successful, will bring us very close to the target. Hopefully next month I will be able to report more good news on this subject.



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| | | | | Altar | Windows |
| 3rd July | 16.00 | Geoff | All help | Jane | Nicky |
| 10th July | 12.00 | Norma | Liz | Jane | Nicky |
| 17th July | 12.00 | Peter | Shan | Diana | Tanya |
| 24th July | 12.00 | Paula | Norma | Diana | Tanya |
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Leusdon Memorial Hall Update



Coffee Mornings

Thanks to all who came to the Coffee Morning in June and to all who donated the plants for sale. We had such wonderful support for this and £245-50 was raised for hall funds.

Afternoon Tea at The Memorial Hall on Friday the 22nd July - 3pm to 5pm.

Sandwiches, cake, scones and something savoury.

Do come and relax and enjoy your tea.

Church Fete and Funday on Widecombe Green

If anyone can help at the church fete and Funday on Tuesday 9 August on Widecombe Green please contact Penny on 631451 or Norma on 631565.

Our small fund raising team need people to help us set up from 8.30am , run stalls , wash up or pack up again at 4pm !

This event is vital in helping to keep our church open by raising funds towards the annual £1,300 insurance premium .

So if you can give a couple of hours, please come along and join a friendly team for a great day - hopefully in the sunshine !! (lunch provided)

Any items that you can donate for the event, especially toys, DVD's, CD's etc can be left under cover behind the hall or at the back of the church . Sorry we cannot take duvets, TV's , video tapes or recorders.

See Page 27 for Details of the Funday

Many thanks Penny & Norma.



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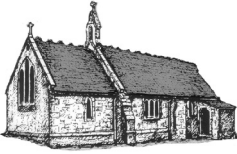
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Dartmoor Forest Parish Council– Extracts May 2016



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New Parish Clerk.

Steve Cox has taken over as Parish Clerk from the beginning of June following Nigel Tigwell's retirement on health grounds. The Parish Council thank Mr. Tigwell for his service and hope that the Council would be able to continue to draw on his knowledge in the future.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting held on the 12th May again testified to the active and vibrant community life of the Parish. Reports were received from many of the voluntary groups including the very popular Pavilion Youth Club, the thriving High Moorland Women's Institute and on the invaluable work of the Dartmoor Hill Farm Project. The Duchy of Cornwall reported that the majority of units have been re-let in the Duchy Square unit and an official relaunch is planned for June. They are also progressing re-letting and redeveloping the former Moor Beads and Lords Restaurant units which will also accommodate the Princetown Charity Shop.

Moorland Speedwatch

The Parish Council is continuing to progress a number of initiatives to ensure that drivers adhere to the 40mph limit and that people and livestock are not endangered by careless driving. This is especially important considering the increases in large animal deaths caused by drivers. From 2013 to 2015 over 230 animals were sadly killed on moorland roads. Training of volunteers for Community Speedwatch was held on the 4th June and the Council is working with a number other parishes and the Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society to try and get Vehicle Activated Signs installed across the moor. **Remember – Kill Your Speed: Not a Lamb, Calf or Foal.**

Volunteers Sought. There are opportunities to help your local community by volunteering with Dartmoor Forest Parish Council. These range from activities that need physical strength and fitness; communication skills; and simple clerical work. Current opportunities are at: www.dartmoorforestpc.net/volunteer-with-us

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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 23rd June at St Raphael's Church, Huccaby.** 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.

During May, Sue and Catherine were present at the Dartmoor Forest Council Meeting to give our report on what we have been doing during the last twelve months. This was received favourably by all present.

Our meeting in June was a fascinating talk on a quilting experience at Denman college, Oxfordshire, owned by the WI. Bunty Baxter and Corinne Shutt, two of our members went on a quilting course there and could not speak highly enough of the college and what it has to offer.

Moving on, next meeting planned:

Wednesday 6th July. This is to be a meeting with a difference. It will take the shape of a summer Christmas party! Christmas attire is optional but should be good fun.

If you would like any information on High Moorland Women's Institute or details of the events listed above, please give me a call 01822 880395 or email susanjhammett@hotmail.co.uk.

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Church Services - see Page 6 for details

| Date | Time | Sidesperson | Coffee | Flowers |
|-----------|-------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| July 3rd | 10.30 | Beth Fenton | Penny Whale | Jenny Pascoe |
| July 10th | 10.30 | Clare Born | Dawn and Betty | Wendy Beard |
| July 17th | 10.30 | Marcia Babington | Mandy Robertson | Wendy Beard |
| July 24th | 10.30 | John Born | Sue Eveliegh | Marion Constant |
| July 31st | 10.30 | Peter Dracup | Joint Effort | Marion Constant |

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.

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For more information, phone

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St Pancras Church Widecombe

Would like to say a huge thank you to all those who helped in any way to make the Flower Festival celebrating the Queens 90th birthday such a wonderful occasion.

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

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. Don't forget our Boules area is available any time.

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.



Sunday 3rd July at 10.30am

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July 13th A tour of Princetown's Church, Prison Museum, French & American cemeteries
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August 3rd "Lost Devon" *with Felicity Goodall*

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

Widcombe Ladies Social Group - Men welcome too !

An outing on Thursday, 14th July at 7.00 pm
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A 10 mile trek across the moors starting at 10pm, on Saturday 20th August in memory of Arch Mortimore.

Please come along to our Coffee Morning and show your support.





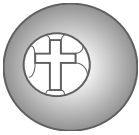
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Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369 & Rev'd Jon Doble 07973 443080
Church contactS: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

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

Every Sunday 9am Breakfast and Worship at Dunstone Chapel

First Sunday in Month 3pm Service at Poundsgate Chapel



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Take care and come back safely.

God Bless you all

Marion

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