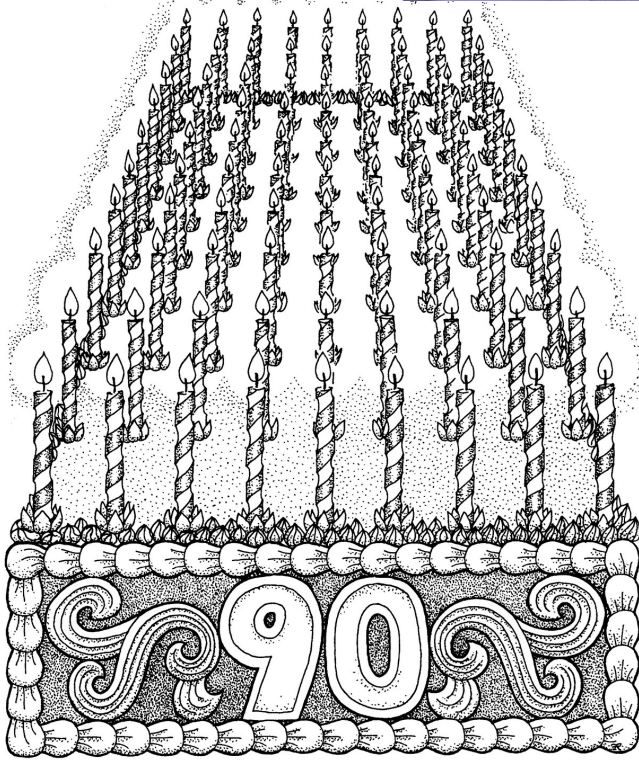


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## June 2016

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

# The Ministry Team

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"My vote in the referendum? That's strictly between me and my conscience... er... and the Bishop..."

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*From Marion*

## **Thanksgiving for 150 years of Readers**

It was on 5th May 1866, at a meeting of the bishops at Lambeth Palace, that the ministry of Readers was launched within the Church of England.

In this 150th anniversary year it's appropriate to reflect on the ministry that Readers exercise in parishes across the Anglican Church. The bishops sought to release lay people in the church to share the ministry of the Word and to take the church's life and witness beyond the walls of its building.

Today there are around 10,000 licensed Readers who lead worship, teach and preach, to build up the Church and make Christ visible. Readers provide a pool of lay people trained in theology and who can bring the gospel to people at work and in the community. In this way, they make vital connections between the church and the world in an attractive and authentic way, as only lay people can.

The biblical mandate for this ministry is well expressed by Paul, when writing to Timothy to encourage him to share the gospel ministry with others: 'You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.' (2 Timothy 2:1,2).

Women were first licensed in the Church of England in 1969 and now make up 46% of all active Readers.

As you know I have been licensed as a Reader within the diocese of Exeter since 2012 and my ministry takes me all over the Ashburton and Moorland Team and occasionally to churches in other parts of our Deanery.

I am privileged to serve all of you, as people of our Benefice, by taking services including funerals, preaching, leading Bible studies and taking home communion to some of our housebound residents including some at St Andrews House. Sometimes it is just being there that is important.

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## Churchwardens

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*from Page 3*

This is a great opportunity to thank you all for your support and encouragement over the years and I will continue to serve you in any way I can in the future.

In this special anniversary year, our prayer is:

Almighty Father, you have called your Church into being in your love and strengthened us for your service. As we give you thanks for 150 years of Reader ministry, guide us, inspire us and make us all a joyful Church, one in heart and mind; for the sake of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With every blessing

*Marion*



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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 June 2016

<b>June 5th</b>		<b>Second Sunday after Trinity</b>		<b>Green</b>	
<i>1 Kings 17: 17-end; Galatians 1: 11-end; Luke 7: 11-17; Psalm 30</i>					
Widcombe	08.00	Holy Communion	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 + Baptism
<b>June 12th</b>		<b>Third Sunday after Trinity</b>		<b>Green</b>	
<i>2 Samuel 11: 26- 12: 10 &amp; 13-15; Galatians 2: 15- end; Luke 7: 36- 8:3; Psalm 32</i>					
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Village Family Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Civic Service Queen's 90th
Holne	15.00	'Thank You' Tea followed by service to celebrate Queen's 90th birthday	Buckland	15.00	Songs of Praise
Widcombe	18.00	Songs of Praise for Flower Festival celebrating the Queen's 90th			
<b>June 19th</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>		<b>Green</b>	
<i>Isaiah 65: 1-9; Galatians 3: 23- end; Luke 8: 26 - 39; Psalm 22: 19-28</i>					
Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Bickington	10.30	Morning Worship
Holne	10.30	Family Worship	Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion			
<b>June 26th</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>		<b>Green</b>	
<i>1 Kings 19: 15-16 &amp; 19-end; Galatians 5: 1 &amp; 13-25; Luke 9: 51- end; Psalm 16</i>					
Holne	09.00	Holy Communion			
Ashburton	10.30	Benefice Worship	Re-dedication of the floor		see Page 7

## Prayer of thanks for the Queen

Father, We thank you for our Queen, for her ninety years of life – and still counting!

Thank you for her example of commitment and service; for her perseverance through sunshine and storm. Most of all thank you for the wisdom she has to know that her security and significance come from you alone. You are her Lord and King and Saviour – and you are ours.

May we all, Sovereign or Subject, put our trust in you and walk more closely with you day by day, in thankfulness for Jesus Christ, who makes that relationship possible. Amen.

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Fun Size Church  
St Andrew's Hall  
June 19th 4.00pm

Breakfast @ 9am  
June 26th  
St Andrew's Hall

Contact Jane 654 067  
*All offers of help welcome.*

**Messy Church (All Age Worship)  
Thursday June 9th St Andrew's Church Hall  
THIS MONTH'S THEME SERVANT KING**

In May we looked at Psalms and about Psalm 15 David's Song. The adults were decorating a surround for a modern version of the song and concentrated very hard while the children made a bat and ball that did not let the words of the psalm fall to the ground. We listened to Bono and U 2 perform '40' which is based on Psalm 40 has has been sung by thousands of people at their concerts over the years.

I would like to thank Christina's for their excellent hot jacket potatoes, which we all ate with cheeses and salad. The children with Joan's help made traffic light fruit kebabs for our pudding. This Sunday we are going to enjoy Fun Size Church and learn about Esther. I don't know the story myself; so I will be listening hard. Then we will have Breakfast @9. I know Kevin will be starting his sabbatical, but I am sure Jane, Norma and Monica will do us proud.

Next month at Messy Church our theme is The Servant King. So I expect we will be washing feet and learning to help each other. I've just found "Pay it Forward" a way of illustrating The Servant King to children. So do come to our All Ages' Worship and find out all about it.

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

# General Team News

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July 2016		
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## Our SERVANT QUEEN

The whole country will this month be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. She has splendidly fulfilled the promise made on the day when her father, King George VI, died and she came to the throne at the age of 27. On that day she dedicated 'the rest of my life, whether it be long or short' to the service of the nation and the Commonwealth. She has certainly proved that she meant what she said. Hers is already the longest reign of any British monarch.

Those years have seen huge changes in the world: the end of apartheid in South Africa, the transition of scores of countries to independence within the Commonwealth, the advent of space exploration and men on the moon, the arrival of the computer and the internet, social media, Twitter and so on. Through it all she has remained a calm, reassuring figure, head of state to 12 different prime ministers and leader of a resilient and growing Commonwealth of Nations.

The Queen has quietly moved with the times. And through it all she has openly acknowledged that her own Christian faith is the bedrock of all that she is and has done. In recent years she has been more willing to talk about that faith, notably in her Christmas messages.

*Rev Canon David Winter*

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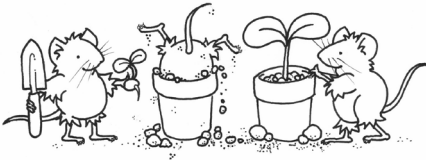
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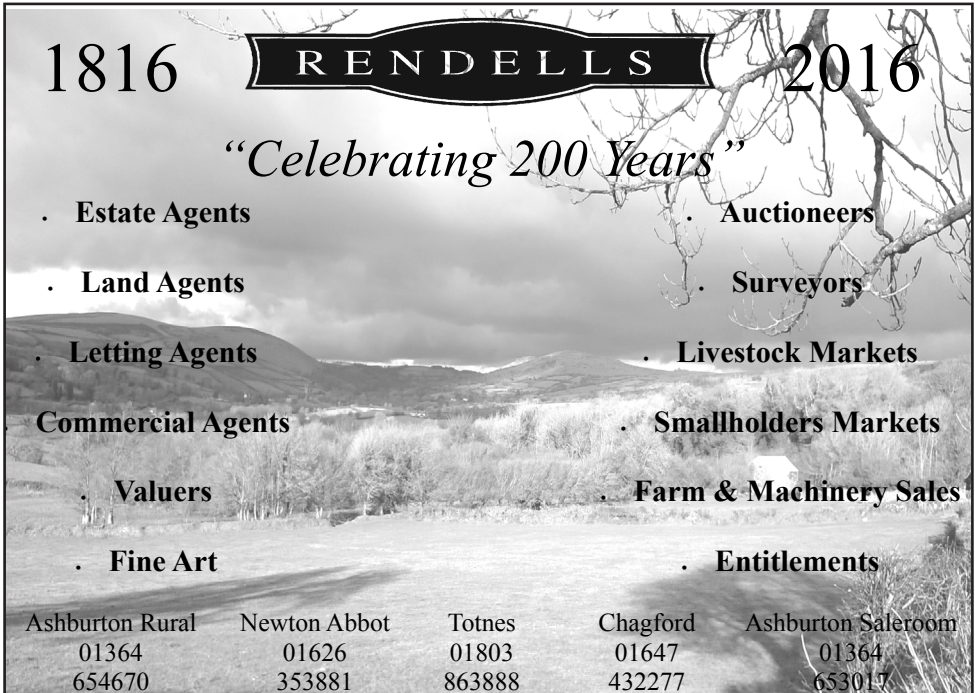


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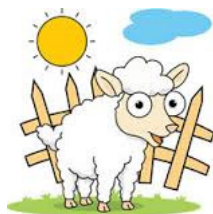
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## Our next hymn



A visiting minister, seeing the list of hymns chosen for the Sunday service, sent a message to the organist to say that the last hymn (519) did not suit his sermon, and so he wanted it replaced by 213.

The organist's message replied: 'In this church the organist chooses the hymns and I will play 519.'

The minister shot back: 'At this service I announce the hymns and I shall announce 213.'

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Thank you so much to all the lovely people who came to my Garden party and Plant sale on the 7th May at our home Wellpittton farm in aid of HOSPISCARE.

As you know it was a fabulously glorious day when the sun just kept on shining. I was overwhelmed by the amount of support and over £1200 was raised for this great charity that provides specialist nursing care to people and their families facing a terminal illness in the heart of Devon.

I had many helpers who I would like to thank and especially my family and friends who came from far and wide.

Also our incredible singers, Tony Lewis who is Ashburton's Portreeve and the Singers Unstairs led by the wonderful, Vicky Hadland.



Thanks again,

Heatherbelle Bates  
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			4th 9.8mm
			3rd 7.2mm
<b>Postbridge</b>	60.4mm (2.4")	6	
			(Apr 2015 - 33.7mm (1.3"))
<b>Holne</b>	67.9 mm (2.67")		14th 18.7mm




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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

For contact information, ministers and church officers see front of the Link  
**Church Services** - see Page 6 for details [www.holnechurch.org](http://www.holnechurch.org)

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
5th June	10.30	Judy	Audrey and Marion
12th June	15.00	Georgina	Audrey and Marion
19th June	10.30	Jackie	Sue
26th June	09.00	Sue	Brenda B + Hannah



## Prayer Group

Thursday 2nd June at 9.30 am  
in Holne Church. All welcome!

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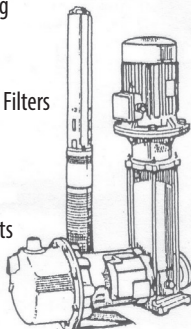
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## Holne Garden Group



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This is Mother Nature's garden at its best in a beautiful valley setting.

We will be organising car share and plan to arrive there at 2:00.

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

### Coffee Mornings

Thursdays from 11am

### Holne Tea Room

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## **Holne Fete - change of date..**

### **And recreate - the Revel**

Anyone who's been even remotely connected to the running of Holne Fete over the past few years will know that, come this time of year there's an element of Schrodinger's cat about it: is it alive or dead?

Earlier this year, the remaining organizers invited the village to give the box a shake and a few stalwarts decided there was perhaps another life left in the old cat.. but in spite of the willingness of a few, all things considered it's now been decided to let it rest for this year. So in Plain English - there will be no Holne Fete, as we knew it, this year: but read on..



**A new event**  
**Holne Revel**  
**is planned on**  
**Saturday, July 23rd**  
**from 6pm to late.**



In essence it's the fete's evening event and more.

Holne Revel was a traditional event held in May in Playpark.

It involved activities which would probably be illegal nowadays: but there was dancing, revelry, cider drinking and - central to the whole thing - a ram roast.

We thought it would be fun to revive the Revel, complete with ram roast!

The event will be held centrally in the village.

We'll be getting further details out to you very soon.

In the meantime, book the date in your diary.



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# Holne community Shop and Tearoom

## **New Garden Opening**

Last year we laid the side hedge, topped the back hedge and removed the oak, allowing more light into the tearoom and views from the terrace. Recently we have imported masses of soil, levelled and turfed the garden and banks.

The new garden will be opening for your enjoyment from Spring Bank Holiday weekend, Come, bring your friends, enjoy a meal or cream tea among the foxgloves!

## **Thanks**

The garden has been created with the help of volunteers. Our grateful thanks to Mike and David Mudge for soil & transport; Bo Hansen, Mike Cuniam, Richard Langston, Edgar Woodhall-Wright for long hours of hard labour; Susie Langston for weeding; Ru Roberts for chippings and other for supply of boards and equipment.

Many thanks from Ross Gray.

## **Help**

Against the odds our Community Shop & Tearoom has proved a great success. Success means more customers and the need for more volunteer helpers.

New to the area? Can you spare a few hours for the community? Please join the team! Experienced old hands returning are very welcome too, so please come back.

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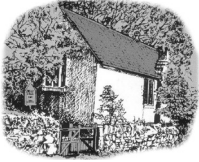
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# St Raphael, Huccaby

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

## **Messages from Heaven**

Anyone who regularly travels past St Raphael's, will hopefully notice the occasional, uplifting message on the church sign board. They are intended to make you think and sometimes to amuse.

Recently, a visitor decided to 'enhance' the original message which was "Prayer – Free WiFi access to God" by adding: "Password – Psalm 145 verse 18". Go on – look it up!

## **Archdeacon's visit**

On the subject of messages from Heaven, we are delighted that on Sunday 19th June, the Archdeacon of Totnes, The Venerable Douglas Dettmer will be taking our service of Holy Communion at 9am. Although he is not expecting a church full of people, it would be lovely if the small, regular congregation were supplemented by some additional worshippers.

The service usually lasts 45 minutes, so it is not a big chunk out of the day and at this time of year, Huccaby is particularly beautiful.

## **Parish Meeting**

In May, Alison Geen, our Parish Councillor, together with Dave and Shirley Mudge, organised a meeting of residents and other interested parties in respect of the future of The Forest Inn. There was such interest that it was decided to use St. Raphael's for the meeting.

Many thanks to Dave for supplying the wood for the stove and for ensuring the church was warm and to Shirley, Jan and Nicky for providing the refreshments.

Whilst the meeting was inconclusive, it provided Alison with a chance to gauge local feeling to feed back to the Parish Council to inform their discussions. Hopefully, we will see some developments soon.

## **Compost Toilet**

The planning application was submitted, representatives of the Dartmoor Forest Parish Council have visited and the results of grant applications are awaited. Success with grant applications is by no means guaranteed and so we are still looking for donations to support this venture which in turn will make the building much more useful for meetings, concerts and other events.

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# St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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

Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers	
				Altar	Windows
5th June	16.00			Norma	Shan
12th June	12.00	Please speak to Shan		Norma	Shan
19th June	12.00			Ella	Penny
26th June	Benefice Service at Ashburton			Ella	Penny

## Coffee Morning and Stalls

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## Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

### Coffee Mornings

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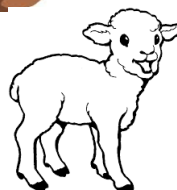
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### **New Parish Clerk.**

Steve Cox will be taking over as Parish Clerk at the end of May following Nigel Tigwell's retirement on health grounds.

### **Livestock Straying onto Roads.**

There have been several instances of field gates being deliberately left open, resulting in livestock straying onto roads; and access information signs being removed or destroyed. If you see anything suspicious, please report it to the Police on 101, the Parish Clerk at [clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net](mailto:clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net) or your local Councillor.

**Help Develop the Future of Dartmoor Forest.** Places are available on the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to define the planning and development priorities for housing and business opportunities in the parish for the next 15 years. If you are interested, contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net](mailto:clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net) or your local Councillor.

**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](http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/volunteer-with-us)

**Lengthsman Services.** The Dartmoor Forest Parish Council now retains a fully qualified lengthsman for roadside maintenance. This is a free service in Dartmoor Forest Parish but the Lengthsman is also available for hire to other Parish Councils, businesses and individuals. If you are aware of any blocked gullies, ditches, culverts or other issues, please contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net](mailto:clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net).

**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.

**Crime.** Ben Frost is subject to a Criminal Behaviour Order banning him from Princetown until 9 February 2018. If seen in the village, please contact the Police on 101 or Crime-stoppers on 0800 555 111.

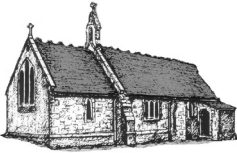
**Vandalism.** Princetown residents are urged to lookout for young vandals. Please report any suspicious activity to the Police on 101 or the Neighbourhood Watch Team.

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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 26 May 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>



# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

## Postbridge Whist Drives

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**Tuesdays June 7th & 21st**

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**June 7th** "Carvings in Postbridge Church"  
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**July 5th** Stone Rows in the Meavy Valley  
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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 Village Hall Website

Postbridge Village Hall has its own website, stay in touch by visiting it for everything you

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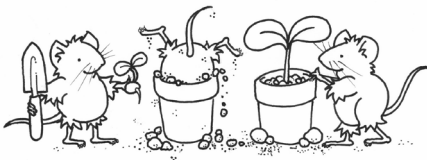
Moving on, future meeting planned:

### **Wednesday 1st June.**

Bunty Baxter and Corinne Shutt, two of our members recently went on a weekend visit to the prestigious WI Denman College in Oxfordshire, where they learnt the art of quilting.

At this meeting they will be giving us an inside look at what they did and help us to 'create' a masterpiece of quilting.

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](mailto:susanjhammett@hotmail.co.uk).



## **PRINCETOWN ACTIVITIES**

Princetown United Church. Sunday worship 11am. For other activities see noticeboard or Princetown page of [www.westdartmoorbeneifice.co.uk](http://www.westdartmoorbeneifice.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
June 5th	10.30	Dawn Nosworthy	Jenny Pascoe	Penny Whale
June 12th	10.30	Debbie Dracup	Joint Effort	Everyone for Queen's 90th
June 19th	10.30	Judy Southcombe	Alison Whale	Mary-Lou Matson
June 26th	10.30	Benefice Service at Ashburton		Mary-Lou Matson

## 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)

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## GILLIAN ANN ALLCHIN

Gillian sadly lost her battle to cancer on the 13th May 2016.

Founder and Co Owner of The Café on the Green in Widecombe.

Gillian will be sadly missed by her sister Sheila, Family and Friends.

Funeral in Widecombe Church on Friday 27th May at 12 noon.

## 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.*



## Widcombe Ladies Social Group

An outing on Thursday, 9th June at 7.00 pm to

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**July 6th** The Bicentenary of Dartmoor Prison *with Simon Dell*

**July 13th** A tour of Princetown's Church, Prison Museum, French & American cemeteries  
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Contact : Marcia Babington (01364) 661263 or email at [m.babington7@btinternet.com](mailto:m.babington7@btinternet.com)



# **FLOWER FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE THE QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY**

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**Saturday June 11th until the end of the week**

## **SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE**

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**Sunday 12th June at 6.00 p.m.**

There is still time for anyone ( individual, family or  
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Please contact Jenny Pascoe 01364 621333

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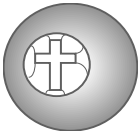
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Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369 & Rev'd Jon Doble 07973 443080  
Church contactS: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

You are welcome to come to services and any special event taking place at the chapel.  
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First Sunday in Month    3pm              Service at Poundsgate Chapel



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