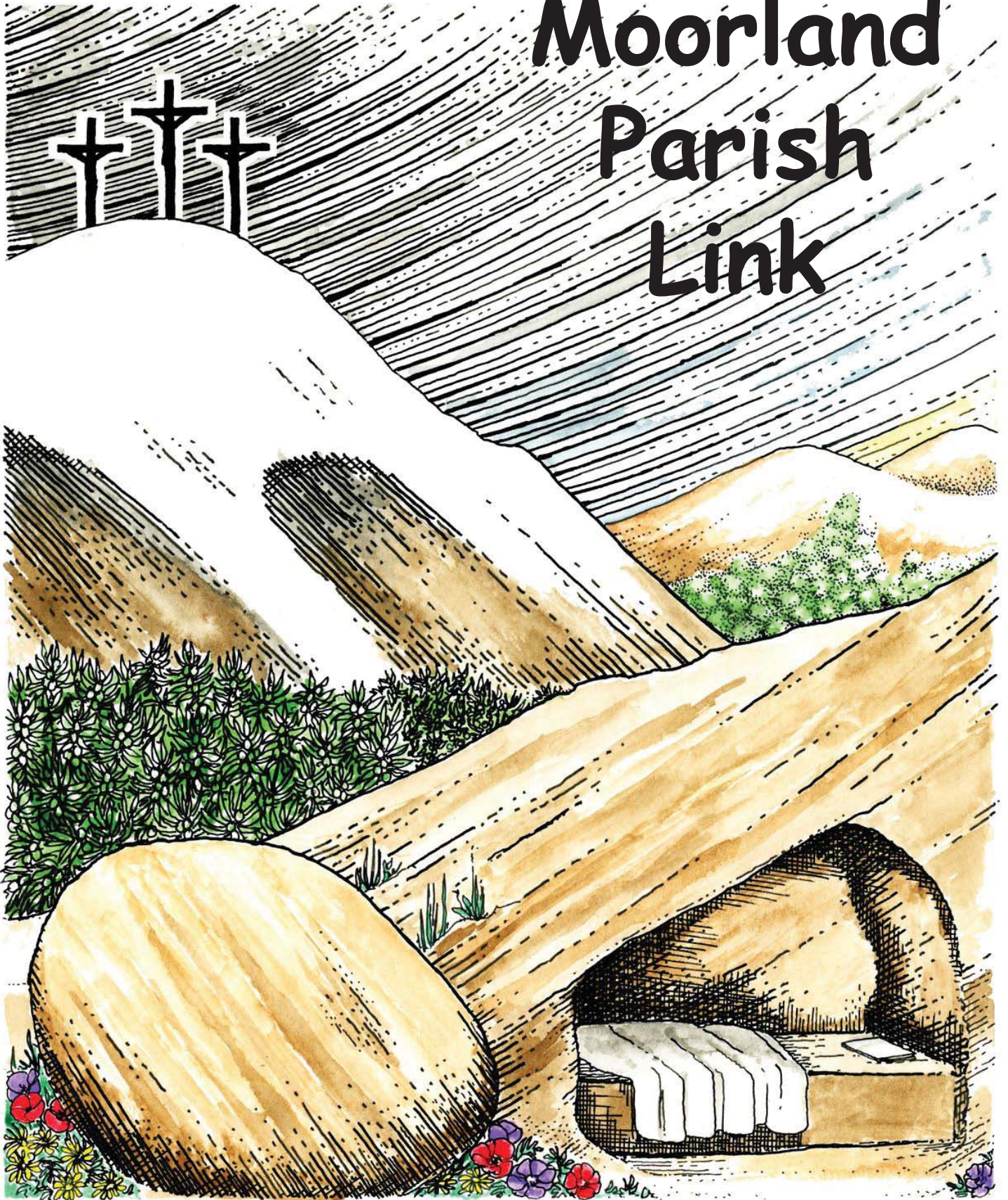


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**March 2016**

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The vicar realised that deciphering and trying to make sense of esoteric texts was still an important part of the job

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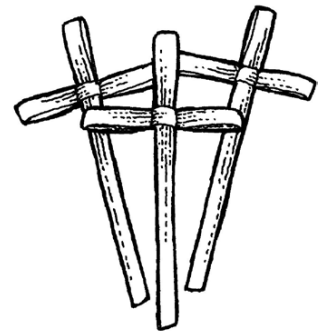
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# The Parish Letter

I am writing at the beginning of February but by the time you read this, we will be well into Lent and approaching the beginning of Spring. Both of these seasons are times of preparation and renewal. In Lent we draw closer to God, learning more about him and preparing to celebrate the joy of Easter Day and all that Jesus has done for us. And Spring is the natural season of renewal when we welcome the longer days and the opportunity to get back outside and nurture our gardens back to new life. Not that they need our help, they are quite capable of doing it all on their own! But, we have our own ideas about how they should look and will hack, prod, dig and mow them into submission – because we are the ones in control and want it done our way.

This spring season of renewal is not just about nature refreshing itself, it's also an opportunity for us to be refreshed too. Part of that refreshment will come from moving from the bare season of winter into the splendour of spring and the joy it brings to our senses. But what about our internal refreshment? What about spring cleaning the baggage we all carry around with us? That's what Lent is all about and I'd like to share this short piece by Frances Copsey which looks at our internal refreshment from God's point of view.

'I know you are angry', says God.  
So get real,  
be your hidden self with me;  
the one that is not nice, not nice at all.  
Don't be embarrassed, bawl if you want to.  
Rage.  
Sulk.  
Kick and pout like a child; I like children.  
Yes, poo, tantrums and all, since you ask.  
So when someone says, 'Let us pray...'  
Knot your arms and mutter 'Shan't!'  
If it helps,  
it's where you are now.  
And where you are is exactly where I want to be too.  
With you.' \*



We are all like that, at least some of the time. To say that we aren't, is to deny our humanity. And our humanity is important to God. He wants us to enjoy it. He wants us to flourish naturally, like our gardens, so he doesn't hack, prod and dig us into submission. He wants us to have control over our own lives but at the same time, to allow him to be there with us.

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During Lent and Easter, we remember that Jesus came to reacquaint us with God and that through the mystery of his death and resurrection, has freed us from the fear of death and opened the way for us to be with God forever. Jesus said, 'I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.' But we can't have that fullness of life unless we ditch the 'baggage' first.

So,  
'Don't be embarrassed, bawl if you want to.  
Rage.  
Sulk.  
Kick and pout like a child.'



Tell God how you feel, invite him to come and sit beside you, complain about the things that are bugging you, get it off your chest! Then have a conversation with his Son. Tell Jesus how you feel too, thank him for setting you free and invite him to be part of your new, abundant life. And he will, bringing the Holy Spirit to guide and support you and to help develop that eternal relationship between you and God.

I do hope that these seasons of Lent and Spring will bring you refreshment and renewal and that you will know the love and peace of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always.

With all good wishes, **David Sherwood.**

*\*Frances Copsey. p103 'Eggs & Ashes'. Wild Goose Publications*

**HAPPY EASTER**

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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 March 2016

<b>March 6th</b>		<b>Mothering Sunday</b>		<b>White</b>	
<i>1 Samuel 1: 20-end; 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7; Luke 2: 33-35; Psalm 127: 1-4</i>					
Widcombe	08.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Holne	10.30	Mothering Sunday Service	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Mothering Sunday Family Worship	Ashburton	10.30	Family Worship
Leusdon	16.00	Evening Worship	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer for
Postbridge	18.00	Mothering Sunday Service + Bring & Share Supper			Mothering Sunday
<b>March 13th</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>		<b>Purple</b>	
<i>Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8; Psalm 126</i>					
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Village Family Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Holne	18.00	Evensong	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
<b>March 20th</b>		<b>Palm Sunday</b>		<b>Red</b>	
<i>Liturgy of the Palms - Mark 11: 1-11</i>					
<i>Liturgy of the Passion - Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 14: 1 - end ch15 [or] Mark 15 1-39 [40 - end]</i>					
Holne	10.30	Holy Communion by Extension	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday March 24th</b>		<b>Maundy Thursday</b>			
<i>Exodus 12 1-4 &amp; 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 1-17 &amp; 31b - 35;</i>					
Holne	19.30	Agape Meal	Ashburton	19.30	Holy Communion + Watch
<b>Friday March 25th</b>		<b>Good Friday</b>		<b>Bare</b>	
Widcombe	15.00	Worship at Widcombe following a Walk from Leusdon - 1.30	Ashburton	12.00	Witness & Worship Churches Together
Holne	18.00	Evening Devotion	Ashburton	18.00	Evening Devotion
<b>March 27th</b>		<b>Easter Day</b>		<b>White</b>	
<i>Isaiah 65: 17 - end; Acts 10: 34-43; John 20 1-18 [Please check readings with Worship Leader]</i>					
Holne	09.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Huccaby	10.30	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
Postbridge	15.00	Holy Communion			
Holne	18.00	Easter Songs of Praise			

**HAPPY EASTER** 

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE MOORLAND CHURCHES

To be held this year at Holne Church on Friday 4th March at 3pm  
and comes from Cuba this year.

Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement that invites women, from a different part of the world each year, to prepare a worship service through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the whole world in prayer.



On Friday 4 March an estimated 3 million people in over 170 countries and islands will gather to observe the day of prayer, using an order of service written by Christian women in Cuba and translated into over 60 languages and 1000 dialects. In the British Isles alone over 6,000 services will be held. The day begins as the sun rises over the island of Samoa and continues until it sets off the coast of American Samoa, some 35 hours later.

The theme, 'Receive children, Receive me' reflects St Mark's Gospel, Chapter 10 verses 13-16, which is the focus of the service and a reminder that everyone is a child of God and equally worthy of our love and respect

The Republic of Cuba is the largest Caribbean island, located at the entrance of the Gulf of Mexico and called the 'Key to the Gulf', Politically at odds with the USA, Cuba suffered greatly due to the economic embargo imposed upon it in 1960 but has found strength within itself to move on and overcome many of its problems.

This is not a day of prayer just for women – everyone is welcome to attend the service and for further information and resources, together with the details of services in your area, please see the WWDP website: [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

## The PSALMS - prayers for today's church LENT COURSE for 2016

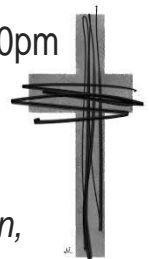
*Monday afternoons at Ashburton Church Hall 2pm*

*Monday evenings at 4 Buckfast Close, Buckfast TQ11 0EW 7 for 7.30pm*

*Wednesday evenings at St Petroc's, Ashburton 7.30pm*

*Thursday evenings at Widecombe Vicarage 7.30pm*

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



# General Team News

## From the Registers

Holne	Funeral	19th January	Margaret Ethel Crocker
Widcombe	Funeral	10th February	Anthony Ernest Beard

## Dates for the Diary

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15th	Widcombe Annual Parish Meeting	37
26th	Easter Egg Hunt, Holne	18
<b>April 2016</b>		
12th	Holne Annual Parish Council Meeting	17



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**Family Service St Andrew's Hall  
March 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**

**Messy Church March 10<sup>th</sup>  
St Andrew's Church Hall  
(Second Thursday)**

**Fun Size Church St Andrew's Hall  
March 20<sup>st</sup> 4.00pm  
(Third Sunday)**

**Breakfast @ 9am March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Town Hall**

**Contact Jane 654 067**

### Messy Church Thursday March 10th St Andrew's Church Hall

We have just had **February's Messy Church**. It was great we had lots of fun and singing. My favourite sight was Kevin and the desert sand pictures. He was up to his elbows in glue, sand and paint thoroughly enjoying himself with messy children. The second highlight was Courtenay and Kevin playing the parts of Jesus and the Devil. We all laughed and learn how persuasive the Devil can be and how to resist him. We also described modern day scenarios that a child could relate to like taking a pencil that did not belong to them or watching too much TV.

I would also like to thank Christina's for making our food again - we do appreciate their reliable and delicious food that they provide for us and thank also the whole of the kitchen team who work so hard to give us a delicious hot supper.

**In March** we will be talking about "Loving Easter" a familiar story to us, but a difficult one for the children. I hope you will pray for us as we simplify the story so children can understand the concrete certainty that Jesus died for us so he could be with us all, all of our lives.

**Fun Size Church** is entitled 'The Great Big Party Invite'. So do come and find out what this means.

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



# Community Events and Notices



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Our morning session will look at some of the Parishscapes projects which are helping local communities explore their landscape heritage. There'll be guest speakers and it includes lunch. Places are limited please book.

The afternoon session is open to everyone to drop in throughout the afternoon. There will be information and updates from all the projects being undertaken and a chance to discuss what has happened, find out how you can get involved and discover how the scheme is helping to conserve Dartmoor. We'd also love to hear your views on the scheme

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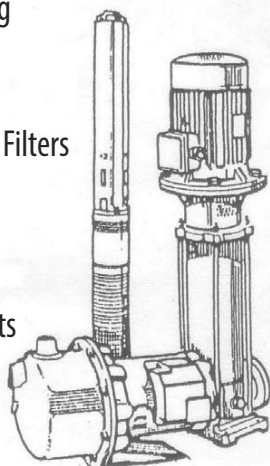
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Sorry everyone, I had a Senior Moment (one of many) and forgot this last month (Ed)

**THANK YOU!**  **WIDECOMBE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2015**  **THANK YOU!**

The Christmas Tree Festival 2015 was very successful with beautifully and creatively decorated trees on the theme of "Nature at Christmas" filling the Church. Huge thanks to the groups and individuals who worked so hard on producing the trees, and to all those who visited the Church and voted for their favourite tree. The results from 368 votes were as follows:

**Adults**

1<sup>st</sup> - Widecombe Bellringers

2<sup>nd</sup> - Jenny Hockin

3<sup>rd</sup> - Widecombe History Group

Special Awards: Judy Southcombe, Widecombe Kiosk, Rugglestone Inn and Widecombe Sewing Circle

**Children's**

1<sup>st</sup> - Widecombe Primary School

2<sup>nd</sup> - Widecombe Pre School and Widdyots

3<sup>rd</sup> - New Beginnings Group



We are delighted to report that the Festival week end raised an incredible £430 for the Neonatal (Special Care Baby) Unit at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital, However, when combined with the Christmas collections from Widecombe Church we have been able to send the Neonatal Unit an amazing

**£1200**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**



We have received the following response from Sue Prosser, Senior Nurse, Neonatal Unit

*"Thank you so much for this amazing donation, the funds raised will be put to good use.*

*The families whom we support are always very grateful for the additional comforts that the charitable fund enables us to provide as these go a long way to helping make a stressful and worrying time, just that little bit easier.*

*Please pass on our thanks to all those involved."*

**Friends of Widecombe Primary School**

**Bingo Night**

**Friday 11th March**

**Widecombe Church Hall**

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Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest days
<b>Widcombe</b>	340.3 mm	2 days	1st 51.6 mm
			26th 50.9 mm
			17th 29.1 mm
<b>Postbridge</b>	369.6 mm (14.6")	2 days	26th 2.5 ins
			Jan 2015 - 267 mm (10.5")
<b>Holne</b>	419.5 mm (16.52")		26th 65.2 mm




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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
6th March	10.30	Georgina	Lent - No flowers
13th March	18.00	Judy	↓
20th March	10.30	Sue	
24th March	19.30	Judy	
25th March	18.00	Jackie	
27th March	09.00	Sue	
	18.00	Jackie	FLOWERS - Everyone please on Saturday 26th March

## Special Services in March

### 6th March - Mothering Sunday 10.30am



*followed by tea/coffe and biscuits/cake  
Flowers for all Mothers, and more.*

### 24th March - Maundy Thursday 7.30pm



Remembering the Last Supper  
*Service of Holy Communion with Supper*



### 25th March - Good Friday 6pm

*Quiet meditation, prayers, hymns*

### 27th March - Easter Day



*Holy Communion, Holne 9am*

*Holy Communion,  
Huccaby 10.30am*

### Songs of Praise for Easter 6pm

Hymns and Readings for the  
Day of Resurrection

## HOLNE'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**12th APRIL 7.30pm**

Our speaker is Matt Barrow, Engagement Officer for Connecting Devon and Somerset, who will be giving an overview about the delivery of superfast broadband on Dartmoor by Worcester-based Airband, a specialist in high speed wireless broadband for rural areas. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the project and ask Matt any questions.

In addition, the Chairman will give a report of the Parish Council's activities and the clerk will give a summary of its finances. The meeting also gives electors the opportunity to raise any general parish issues they may have.

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you on 12 April.

# Holne Garden Group

## March 16th Coach Outing to Saltram House



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We leave Holne, Church House Inn, 10:00, Ashburton, Dartmoor Lodge, 10:15

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

### Whist Drives

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



### Coffee Mornings

Thursdays from 11am  
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### Easter Egg Hunt



2.30pm Sat 26<sup>th</sup> March

### Holne Playpark

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Fri 25th to Mon 28th March

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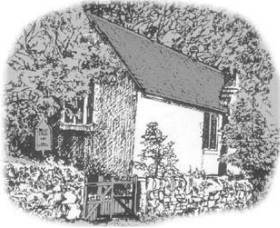
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# St Raphael, Huccaby

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## Snowdrop update

Despite our concerns that the wet weather would affect the display of snowdrops in the churchyard, the snowdrops have somehow fought against the odds and made their glorious annual appearance. We should have had more faith in the Creator!



Even the visitors don't seem to have been put off by the weather judging by the Visitors' Book and donations. Of course some of this is due to the new signage directing walkers and drivers towards the Chapel. We know that a number of people have discovered St Raphael's for the first time this year, despite being regular visitors to the area.

Many thanks to Annie Way and Tony for the seemingly endless task of potting up snowdrops and keeping the supplies going.

Our only sadness was the death of Tony Beard, who did so much to promote the snowdrops on his programme on Radio Devon over the last three years. We were always grateful for his support and send our condolences to his family.

## Sustaining Rural Churches

We were delighted to host the Revd. Kevin Hooke and our Methodist friends at St Raphael's on the 24th January. The weather was kind but it was still an excuse to light the wood burning stove which makes the Chapel cosy.

After sharing some fellowship around Huccaby Bridge, the group returned to the Chapel for a short service and refreshments. The presence of young people, the singing, homemade cakes and hot drinks, made it a lovely occasion and we look forward to further such events.

## Weddings

In the space of a few days, the Chapel was booked for two weddings this year, which is great news. One is planned to take place in April, the other in October.

## Church website

Two years on and I still need some help with the website. If there is anyone out there with IT skills who can help me update it, please let me know. This is just a short term requirement, as once the current problem is resolved, I will take over the updating.

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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
				<i>Altar</i>
6th March	16.00	Norma	Norma	LENT - NO FLOWERS
13th March	12.00	Shan		↓
20th March	12.00	Geoff		
25th March	13.30	Walk of Witness to Widecombe		Please can everyone
27th March	12.00	Patrick		help on Saturday 26th



from  
**ENA**

Ena Smerdon would like to say thank you to her family and friends for all the cards, flowers and presents she had for her 90th birthday.

## INFORMAL HYMN SINGING

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### Coffee Mornings

Thank you all for supporting the Feb coffee morning.

We raised £125-40. See you all on Wed 2nd March

**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.

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### Badminton Dates

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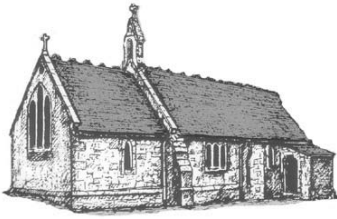
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At 6pm

Sunday 6th March

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## Coffee Mornings

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

**Monday 14th March**

**at Durnford Cottage,**

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with Jean Legate



**Only one Coffee morning this month due  
to Easter**

## Postbridge Whist Drives

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

**Tuesdays March 1st, 15th & 29th**

Learners are especially welcome. Entrance fee  
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Preliminary Notice

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## Postbridge Village Hall

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The Postbridge Village Hall AGM 2016 will be held at the village hall on that date.

This will be very '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 Thurs 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.

A progress update on the funding application to the Big Lottery Fund will be given as well as an opportunity to review the existing alteration plans for the hall.

Moreover, if you would like to join our very active committee for a maximum term of three years then please feel free to give me a call on 01822 880395

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## Dartmoor Forest Parish Council– Extracts January 2016



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

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

**Anti-Social Behaviour by Some Snow Tourists**, Snowfall is time for family fun, but not at the expense of nuisance to parishioners through inconsiderate, anti-social or criminal behaviour as happened on the weekend of 15 January. The Parish Council is working to raise the profile of the problems caused by snow tourism and educate the public on how to behave in snow. If you witness any of the above in snow please report it to the Police on 101, or if the circumstances merit, on 999 immediately, record the log number and then tell your local councillor at a convenient time.

**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 in serving current and future the community in this way contact Nigel Tigwell on [clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net](mailto:clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net) or 01822 890274 or your local Councillor.

**Casual Vacancies on the Parish Council.** There are two vacancies for the Princetown Ward (Powdermills to Whiteworks and Merrivale to Two Bridges). If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, contact Nigel Tigwell on [clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net](mailto:clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net) or 01822 890274. Selection will be on 25 February 2016.

**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 Parish Council now retains a fully qualified lengthsman. If you are aware of any blocked gullies, ditches, culverts or other issues, please contact Nigel Tigwell at [clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net](mailto:clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net).

**Thank You.** A big thank you goes to all volunteers who helped with the Parish Council Christmas Tree, that looked particularly impressive this year.

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

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

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

**Potholes and Other Road Defects.** Please report potholes and other road defects at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> or 0345 155 1004.

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

## High Moorland W.I.

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.

First meeting of the year was a success, with many existing members re-joining and some new faces who would like to join. So a warm welcome to those ladies and hope to see you at our next meeting, which is:

**Wednesday 2nd March 2016:** – a fascinating and informative evening on Reporting Hate Crime. Also on Wednesday 23rd March we will be able to visit a local farm to view lambing live as it happens. Contact Sue for more information.

**Friday 11th and Saturday 12th March** is the very last play/meal in Postbridge. Called 'A talented Murder'. Please come and support this if you can. Details can be found on the poster in the Post Office in Princetown.

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

### Princetown History Club

For information see over on Page 32 for details of forthcoming meetings.

## 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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**Mar 1st** Ticks on the Leat  
with Keith Ryan

**April 5th** Legends  
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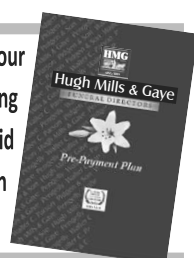


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# St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
March 6th	10.30	Ann Murphy	Judy & Marcia	LENT - NO FLOWERS
March 13th	10.30	Clare Born	Many Robertson	↓
March 20th	10.30	Debbie Dracup	Debbie	
March 25th	15.00	Good Friday Worship following Walk of Witness from Leusdon		
March 27th	10.30	Beth Fenton	Jenny & Clare	26th Decorating for Easter

## 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*

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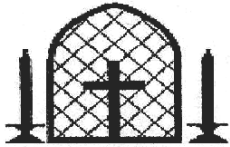
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## Widecombe Ladies Social Group

Thursday, 10th March at Church House, Widecombe at 7.30 pm .

The speaker will be Alison Thomas from Sigford  
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### Widecombe & District History Group

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

**Mar 2nd**      Foundations of Archaeology      *with Phillippe Planel*

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

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

# 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</b> competitors own recipe <b>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>	

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

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm**

The Annual Meeting of Widecombe Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

As usual, reports will also be given by community groups and there will be an opportunity to raise any general parish issues.

## Easter

The miracle of Easter, so old yet ever new,  
brings its special blessing of happiness to you.  
And as the coming Springtime  
adds new beauty to each day,  
May God look down and bless you  
in a very special way.

*Author unknown*



## Widecombe & District Sports Group

### Regular Bookings:

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

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

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

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

Queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

Please remember to wear soft soled shoes and to leave the court tidy with the net replaced.

Report any damage immediately to Claire Partridge (Secretary) on 621468. Close all gates and replace the keys.

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.*





## Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

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

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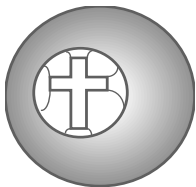
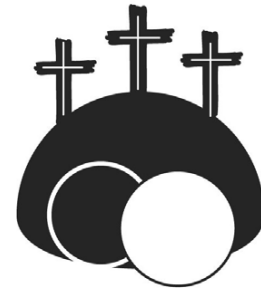
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