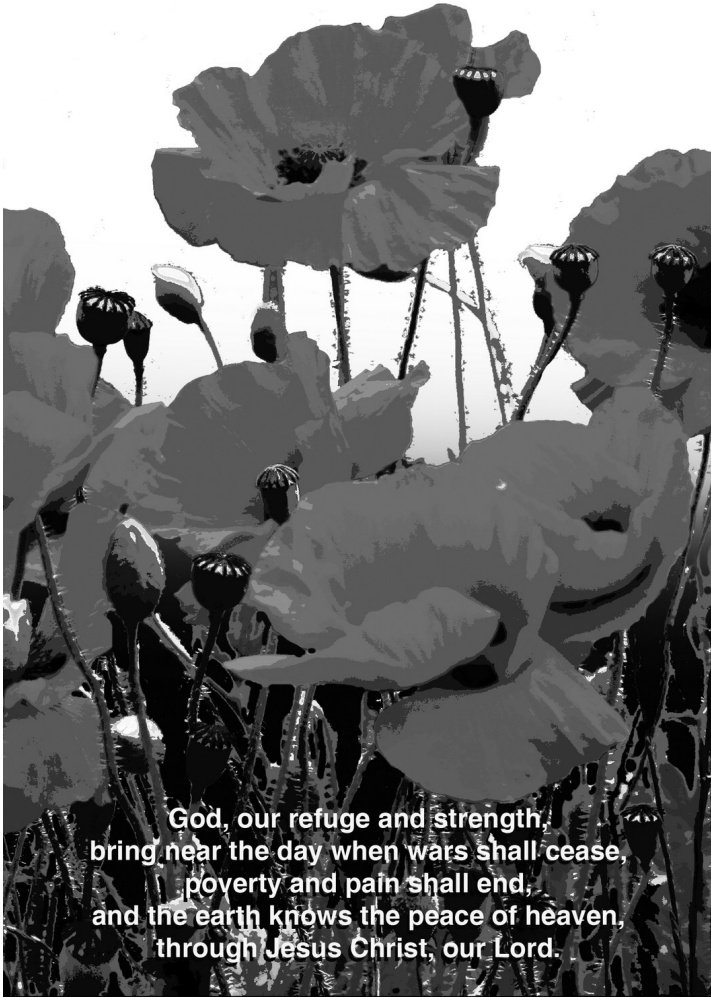


Moorland Parish Link

Holne - Huccaby - Leusdon - Postbridge - Widecombe - Ashburton - Bickington - Buckland



God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease,
poverty and pain shall end,
and the earth knows the peace of heaven,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

November 2016

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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The vicar got a little carried away with the church's new state-of-the-art PA system

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The Parish Letter

From Geoffrey:

Some of you will be familiar with the story of Town Mouse and Country Mouse, where the Country Mouse couldn't enjoy the luxuries of the town because he was scared stiff by the cat that interrupted the feast laid on for him, while the Town Mouse was terrified by cows and country noises, and couldn't get on with the simple food. Each to their own!



Mr. Town Mouse

Well, I'm a Country Mouse! I've always lived in or just outside villages, I may be a bit scared of horses, but I love the beauty of the country and waking up to the sound of the river and birdsong, with not a car to be heard. No pavements, no street-lights – not everyone's cup of tea.



Mr. Country Mouse

In recent years the Country mice, or, more to the point, country churches, have often been told that they are unimportant, that they are in a terminal decline, and we might as well close them all! So it was with enormous pleasure that I went to a thoroughly enjoyable meeting in Bicton College last weekend about rural churches. We were told that small rural churches with small congregations numbering less than thirty, were some of the fastest growing churches in England. That rural church communities had enormous positive impact on country life, that people in country villages really value their churches and that the level of goodwill towards the church is very high. As this echoed exactly what I feel, it was lovely to have it affirmed.

During the day we talked about the way that rural communities and churches work. About how there are so many good things going on in small churches all across Devon. There were sixty of us all enthusing about what a privilege it is to be ministering in the countryside, and about how important village communities are. What was most appreciated was the strength and resilience of country communities, despite enormous pressures on housing, employment, farming, medical provision and so on and so on.

And the exciting thing was that the Church of England is providing real resource and input and energy into growing ministry in rural areas, exploring creative ways in which ordained and lay people in different denominations can work

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together to live and pass on the Gospel. And this is mostly about the church engaging with the community. Our churches are full on many occasions, being the heart of Christmas and Harvest, and at the key life moments of baptisms, weddings and funerals. But for many who haven't found coming to regular church services of value, they show their support in many other ways such as arranging flowers, bell-ringing, cleaning and so on and so on.

At a meeting later in the week we met Bishop Sarah, the Bishop of Crediton, and she was also really encouraging, saying exactly the same things, summed up by her as "The thing about country people is that they only come to church at Christmas and Easter and Harvest and Plough Sunday and Rogation and Pet Services and Remembrance and Weddings and Funerals and Baptisms. And that's wonderful – church is there for all the important moments of their lives."

I am passionate about being a Country Mouse, and it's a delight to be amongst so many others of a like mind here in the Moorland Benefice.

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 October 2016

November 6th Third Sunday before Advent Green

Job 19.23–27a, Psalm 17.1–9, 2 Thessalonians 2.1–5, 13–17, Luke 20.27–38

Holne	10.30	Holy Communion	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	All Souls service	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12.00	All Souls service	Ashburton	10.30	Family Worship
			Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer

November 13th Remembrance Sunday / Second Sunday before Advent Red

See Worship Leader or Malachi 4: 1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19

Leusdon	10.30	Remembrance (Memorial Hall - Church)	Ashburton	10.00	War Memorial - Church
Holne	10.50	Remembrance Service			Remembrance Service
Widcombe	10.50	Remembrance Service	Bickington	10.50	Remembrance Service
Postbridge	18.00	Remembrance Service	Buckland	15.00	Remembrance Service

November 20th Christ the King Red

Jeremiah 23.1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1.11-20, Luke 23.33-43

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			

November 27th First Sunday of Advent Green

Isaiah 2.1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13.11-end, Matthew 24.36-44

Holne	09.00	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Porttreeve's service
Leusdon	12.00	Morning Prayer	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
Postbridge	18.00	Evening Prayer			

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Bring and Share Supper at Widcombe Vicarage

Wednesday 30th November 7.30pm

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and turn up then!



Advent courses

Ashburton Church Hall - Mondays 2-4 pm
21st, 28th November, 5th, 19th December

Widcombe Vicarage - Tuesdays 7.30pm
29th November, 6th, 13th, 20th December

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Contact details - see page 2*

Also

at Holne Church

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More details next month

or from
Revd Marisa Cockfield
(contact details Page 2)



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Family Service

St Andrew's Church
November 6th
10.30am

Messy Church

Thursday 10th 3.30pm
St Andrew's Hall
(Second Thursday)

Fun Size Church

Sunday 20th
4.00pm to 5.30pm

Breakfast @ 9am

Nov 27th
St Andrew's Hall

Contact Jane 654067

Messy Church (All Age Worship) Thursday Nov 10th from 3.30pm St Andrew's Church Hall

We started Messy Church this month remembering that we should “not worry about life” and trust in God and not ourselves.

Our Worldwide family was our theme this month. We learnt that Messy Church has spread already to 17 different countries and as Paul encouraged us we prayed for Messy Church families in different situations. We made a smiling world with google eyes and long legs to remind us that with Jesus spreads love around the world through us. We aimed high and made a shuttle to spread the world of Jesus to the universe. We also made different fruit people, we played world games, made our Messy Church Family Tree with hearts on the tree to make it grow and hand prints on the ground to represent our efforts to make Jesus' tree spread.

I would like to thank Christina for her continued support of Messy Church, by producing our hot meal each month. This month we had sausage casserole, vegetables and apple crumbles - it was delicious.

Next month we are thinking about the Valley of Dry bone Ezekiel 37 1-14. We can in our lives be going down dead ends and the Holy Spirit can breathe new life into us. I think we will be dancing with joy during the session don't you?

Fun Size Church will be on Sunday November 20th. 4.00pm Ruth the original Cinderella was last month. I wonder which superhero it will be in November.

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

General Team News

From the Registers

Baptism	Widcombe	11th September	Hollie Jo-Ann Jenkin
Baptism	Widcombe	11th September	Jamie Michael Jenkin
Baptism	Postbridge	19th September	Amy Sian Louise Jones
Baptism	Widcombe	9th October	Arthur James Spencer Bartlett
Wedding	Widcombe	24th September	Gareth Graham Tristram Burton and Ezra Zoe Avery
Funeral	Holne	23rd September	Luke Churchouse

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2nd	Leusdon Coffee Morning and Stalls	27
4th	Holne Soup Lunch	23
5th	Ashburton Sale Day	8
5th	Scoriton Fireworks + entertainment	11
10th	Messy Church in Ashburton	7
10th	Ninebarrow Concert - Buckland	15
11th	Fundraising Whist Drive Widcombe	8
18th	Coffee and Cakes Postbridge	29

18th	Warren House Inn Charity Quiz	29
25th	Widcombe Fair Annual Dinner	37
26th	Murray Lachlan Young Entertainment	15
26th	Board Game evening, Holne	21
30th	Leusdon Christmas Coffee Morning	27
December 2016		
1st	Widcombe Sailing Club Event	14
3rd	Ball in the Hall, Scoriton	11
7th	Buckfastleigh Christmas Fair	17

Fundraising Whist Drive

Friday 11th November

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Entry Forms from the Church, Widecombe School, the Kiosk on Widecombe Green or from: judysouthcombe@yahoo.co.uk

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

**Help us to make this a real spectacle in the Church
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More information from Judy 01364 621520 or Mary in the Kiosk on Widecombe Green.

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Bonfire lighting 6.30pm

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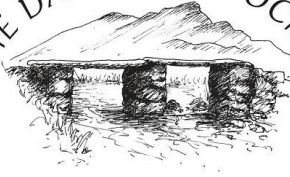
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Thousands of visitors later and the work is still progressing. Elizabeth passed away in 2013, but the work has continued, and even now Trustees are planning for the future. The recent celebrations on the last weekend in September were principally about reflecting on the past. Many visitors from down the years came to represent their peers. Two of them had as young people been on the very first minibus to come to the farm, and reported that this was their best weekend for a very long time. Visitors camped, stayed in the farmhouse or in local B&B.

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The event will take place between 4.00 – 8.00pm in the heart of Buckfastleigh, with late evening shopping and over 40 street stalls selling a wide range of seasonal goods and food, ideal as gifts or for the Christmas table .

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			3rd 18.3 mm
			9th 12.2 mm
Postbridge	130.1 mm (5.1")	6	24th 1.2"
	(September 2015 - 98.4mm (3.9"))		3rd & 9th 0.8"
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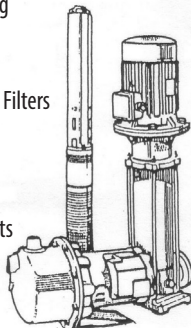
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St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Church Services - see Page 6 for details www.holnechurch.org

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
6th November	10.30	Judy	Brenda Best
13th November	10.50	Georgina	Poppies for Remembrance
20th November	10.30	Joe	Poppies
27th November	09.00	Judy	Advent - NO flowers



Prayer Group

Thursday 3rd November
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Also the Christmas menu will be available, for people to book lunch (on December 14th at the Dartmoor Lodge) and choose their meal.. If you are not coming on this outing please contact us this month to book and arrange to pay the £10 deposit.

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

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"Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services."

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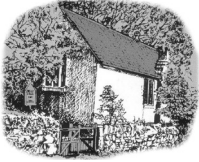
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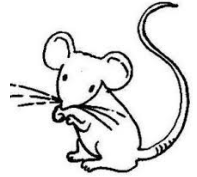
St Raphael, Huccaby

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Harvest Festival and Furry Friends

A celebration of harvest took place on 2nd October with a wonderful display of flowers and donated goods. Many thanks to all of you who attended, donated produce and dried goods and purchased the fresh items after the service.



As usual there was a lovely display of bread for the altar – thanks to Peter Way - and a cream tea afterwards. The service was conducted by Marisa and the three bible readings delivered by Peter Coaker, Andy Bradford and Marilyn Wells.

The one absentee was a mouse which had chosen to make itself known to the inspecting architect on the day of our Quinquennial Inspection. I'm sure it is still in the church somewhere and it is more welcome than the hornet that landed in front of the altar during the service. All God's creatures.....

Following the service, most of the dried and tinned goods were left in St. Andrews, Ashburton for the Foodbank. The remainder were donated to the Bere Alston Foodbank which is in desperate need of those particular goods.

Looking Ahead

This year we are holding our Carol Service on Friday 23rd December at 6pm. This will give us an opportunity to hold a real candlelit service together with light and heat from the wood burning stove.

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

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



Local poetry Many thanks to Ru Roberts who has published a book of poems and donated them to local churches to raise funds. Copies are in the church £4.50.

St. Raphael's Website

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then one on Wed 30th with a special Christmas theme where you will be able to buy your Christmas puddings etc

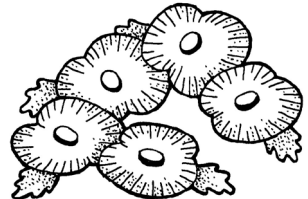
Norma thanks everyone who supported her afternoon teas in the Hall.

The last one for this year raised £212.



Remembrance Sunday

13th November



We shall gather at 1030am on Sunday 13th November at Leusdon Memorial Hall for the wreath-laying ceremony as in previous years.

The Remembrance service will start in Leusdon church at 1050am.



St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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

Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers
6th November	16.00			Ella
13th November	10.30			Remembrance
20th November	12.00			Remembrance
27th Novemeber	12.00			Advent - No Flowers

Coffee Morning and Stalls

We hold our Coffee & Stalls on the first Wednesday of every month. 10 - 12noon

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Weds 2nd November

**Weds 30th November
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Dartmoor Forest Parish Council– Extracts September 2016



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

Email: clerk@dartmoorforestpc.net. **Website:** www.dartmoorforestpc.net

Proposed Removal of BT Public Phone boxes – Postbridge and Bellever. BT posted consultation notices on 7th September on both the phone box in Postbridge and at Bellever advising that as the phones have had little use over time that they are proposing to remove them. There is a consultation period of 42 days from the date of posting for the consultation period. The Parish Council has raised its objections, through Dartmoor National Park, to the phones being removed as they are vital for safety reasons, especially as the mobile phone signal is poor or non-existent in those areas.

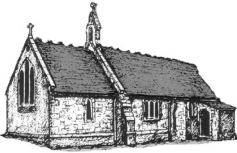
Princetown Distillery. It was reported that some changes have been made to the planning application. Environmental reports are currently being audited. Cllr. Worth was asked to consult with Parish Council on certain of the old buildings that are on the proposed site. Parish Council agreed that would like plans to keep old generating building, which used to be Princetown Power Station before connection to the National Grid. Council also agreed that when application came before council, due to the amount of local interest this would generate, that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council would be held.

Anti-Social Behaviour and Policing Levels. The Parish Council had written again to the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable and to Geoffrey Cox MP about the ongoing issues with anti-social behaviour and policing levels in Princetown. Geoffrey Cox MP had discussed the issue with Inspector Sloman, responsible for policing West Devon who provided reassurances that the concerns were being taken seriously by Devon & Cornwall Police. Inspector Sloman was due to speak at the Southern Links meeting of the southern West Devon Parishes and meet with our representative Cllr. Suzanne Davies there.

Play Area Improvements Phase 3. The Parish Council are progressing seeking funding for Phase 3 of the Princetown Play Area development, however it is expected that this could take several months. The Council agreed to opt for the 4m 'Space Net' instead of the higher 6m version as this was more cost effective and would have required planning permission.

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 27th October 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

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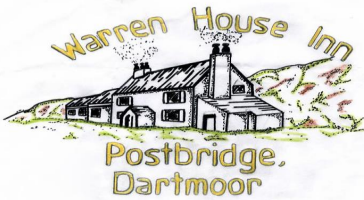
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Many thanks to all who came to contribute to the memories, to serve the visitors or simply to support us.

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Our last meeting 'keeping bees on the Moors' was a huge success. Such a fascinating subject. Our speaker, Jon Burchell, a local man to Princetown, was so informative and enthusiastic we could have listened to him all night. Suffice to say, he has kindly offered us a bee experience next spring when we will be allowed to go and don the special suit and headwear to see how it feels to have bees swarming around us.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 3rd November: This month will be a hands on session. Mary Henson, a 'crafty' member is going to host a craft evening when members will be able to try their hand at 'all things crafty'. Do come and support her.

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.

PRINCETOWN ACTIVITIES

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Church Services - see Page 6 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
Nov 6th	10.30	Audrey Mortimore	Val & Richard	Poppies
Nov 13th	10.50	Peter Dracup	Wendy Cruz	Poppies
Nov 20th	10.30	Judy Southcombe	Debbie Sandels	Jenny Pascoe
Nov 27th	10.30	Peter Blood	Judy & Marcia	Advent (No flowers)

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)



Widecombe Ladies Social Group

will be gathering at the Church House, Thursday 10th November at 7.30 pm.

The Speaker will be Russel Ashford.

"Voluntary trip to Uganda"

Admission £2 with tea. Draw .

Details - Rose Mortimore 631238

Church House Management

Committee Chairman - Rodney Cruze

To book the Hall please contact Rose Mortimore 01364 631238.

Rates of Hire (Local Events)

Daytime £3.50 per hour

Evenings £5.00 per hour

All Day £20.00

These rates are for local non commercial events only. For other rates please ask the bookings secretary. Payment by cheque is preferred. Cheques to be made payable to Widecombe Church House Fund and sent to Sarah Reeve, Bonehill Cottage, Bonehill Lane, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, TQ13 7TD

For all other matters relating to the Church House please contact Diana Cameron on 01364 621218

Widecombe Luncheon Club

will be at

The Cafe on the Green
on Thursday 17th November at 12.45 pm.

If you would like to join us
phone Rose on 631238



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 Fair Produce Show

A record number of entries received this year, so a big thank you to everyone who entered exhibits in the produce show. It was again a spectacular display of village skills.

Well done to the trophy winners who were:-

Di Cameron - Veg and flowers

Dawn Cleave - Home produce

Simon Tame - Best Vegetable exhibit

Jenny Hocking - Art & Craft.

Ivy Elliot - children 7 and under

Jack Avery - Children 8-11

A new schedule will be published early next year so you can plan ahead for the fair on Sept. 12th 2017.

The produce secretary.



Widcombe Pre-School

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Tues 9.15am - 3pm Weds 9.15 - 12.45pm

Fri 9.15am - 3pm

Tel: 01364 621273 (session times only)

WIDECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Widcombe Parish Council is purchasing a Defibrillator for the Village.

A representative from Teign Heartbeat is coming to give a short talk about the defibrillator at the beginning of the next Parish Council Meeting on Thursday the 3rd November at 7.30pm.

Please do come along and find out more about this lifesaving equipment.

Widcombe & District History Group

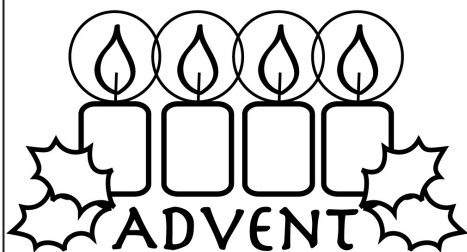
Meetings are held at the Church house in Widcombe on the 1st Weds of each month at 7.30pm.

November 2nd 'Stepping out of the Stone Age' *with Mick Powe*

November 16th 2pm Guided visit to Kent's Cavern

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

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



Widcombe Fair Annual Dinner

Friday November 25th

Café on the Green £16

All details from Margaret Phipps
email Phipps.m1@sky.com
Tel 01626 834737



Remembrance

On Friday 11th November at 11am the Two Minute Silence will again be observed in Widcombe Square. This year it will be under the auspices of Widcombe and Leusdon Churches.

It is hoped that pupils from Widcombe School and children from the Pre-School will attend.

Everyone is invited to take part in this simple but poignant ceremony which is repeated at the same time across the nation.



Ronnie Constant says THANK YOU

to the many wonderful people who sent messages of concern and get well cards to him during the weeks that he was in hospital.

Ronnie is now back home. He will be out and about again in due course and wants everyone to know how much he appreciates the support of his lovely friends in Widcombe and the wider community.

Thank you all so very much.



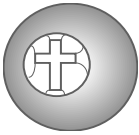
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Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369 & Rev'd Jon Doble 07973 443080
Church contactS: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

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

Every Sunday 9am Breakfast and Worship at Dunstone Chapel

First Sunday in Month 3pm Service at Poundsgate Chapel



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