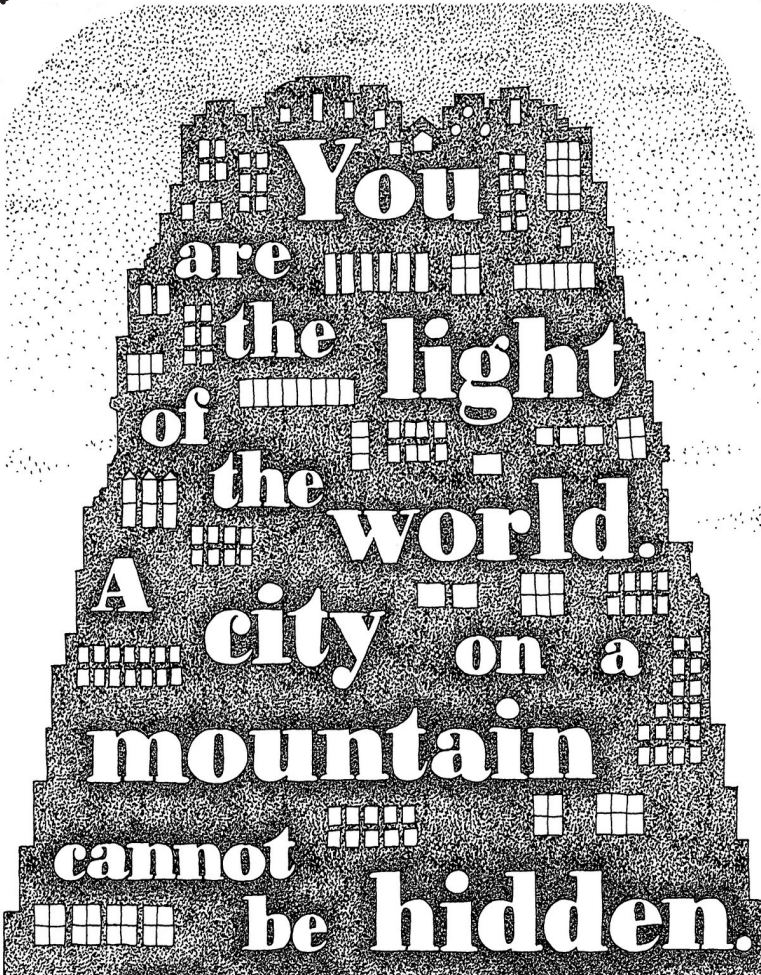


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Holne - Huccaby - Leusden



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are
the light
of
the world.
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city on a
mountain
cannot
be hidden.
Matthew 5:14**

October 2016

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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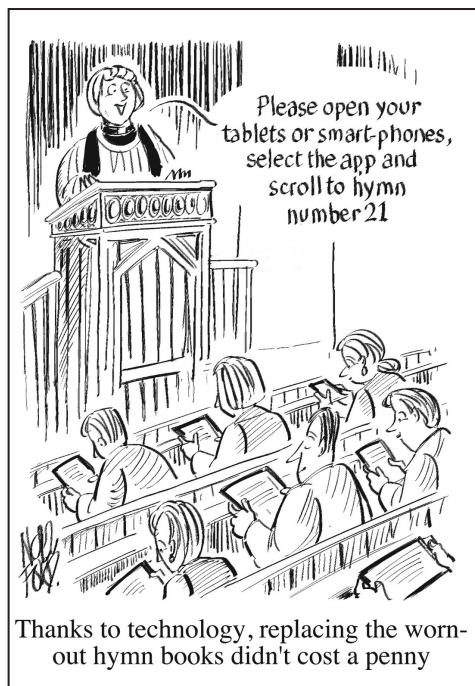


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The Parish Letter

As the days begin to get shorter and Autumn draws near, we start our annual round of Harvest Festivals. It is a time to celebrate all the good things we have, to give thanks for our farmers and fishermen and all who work hard to provide our food. And this started me thinking about how important 'taste' is to us. When we were babies, as soon as we found something new, we put it into our mouth! If it was nice, it stayed there, if not we spat it out! As we grow, we tend to use our hands and eyes more than our mouths but taste still remains important to us. We even use the word to describe our preferences for something: 'I like the way she has decorated her home. She is clearly a woman with taste.' 'He's a nice chap but I'm not sure about his taste in music!' Taste is something which remains an important part of our lives long after we start using our other senses. King David was aware of this and included it when writing in Psalm 34: "O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him."



But there is a problem. As we get older we start using our intellect, allowing it to override our primary senses, making us choose whether we want to taste something or not. I have a relative who hated mushrooms. She had never tasted one - it was simply the thought of them that turned her off. Then one day in her teenage years she lost a bet and was required to eat one. Total revelation! Today she is a connoisseur and an expert in collecting wild mushrooms. "Taste and see..."

Often when we smell (another form of tasting) a familiar aroma, it can bring certain memories flooding back to us, re-enforcing the importance of taste in our lives. When Brian Keenan was held hostage in Lebanon, he was kept in darkened cellars away from all that was familiar. In his book 'An Evil Cradling' he tells how, towards the end of his captivity, his captors brought him an orange. He was so overwhelmed by its beauty, its texture and its scent, that he found himself quite unable to eat it. It remained in his small cell until it eventually rotted away.

Now Brian's experience was clearly unique but how often do we take for granted what we have around us? How often do we 'intellectualise' something to the point that we are no longer prepared to 'taste and see'?

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Aromas stimulate our memories simply because we have tasted. And when we don't taste something, we miss out on so many new experiences and also deny ourselves the memories that will be evoked later in our lives by the same scents and aromas.

Life is so short. Even those who live to ninety or more will say so – and in that short time we have so much to experience and to taste. But how often do we, like Brian Keenan, leave something special to rot away?

As we celebrate this harvest season, giving thanks that we have so much and remembering those who have so little, let's look around us and see what lies undiscovered. And let's recognise that everything around us is a gift from God and as we taste all that he has given us, let's be bold, take it a stage further and "taste and see that the Lord is good."

I wish you all a very happy and adventurous autumn as you 'taste and see...'

With all good wishes,
David Sherwood.



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(see p.2 for contact details)

Church Services for October 2016

October 2nd		Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity		Green	
Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4; Psalm 37: 1-9; 2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10 (Harvest - check with Minister)					
Widcombe	08.00	Holy Communion	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Holne	10.30	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Huccaby	15.00	Harvest Festival	Ashburton	10.30	Family Worship
Leusdon	16.00	Evening Prayer	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
Widcombe	18.00	Harvest Festival			
October 9th		Twentieth Sunday after Trinity		Green	
2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19 (Harvest - check with Minister)					
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Village Family Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Holy Communion	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
Holne	18.00	Harvest Festival + Bring & Share Supper			
October 16th		Twenty First Sunday after Trinity		Green	
Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5; Luke 18: 1-8					
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			
October 23rd		Last Sunday after Trinity		Green	
Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19- end; Psalm 84: 1-7; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14					
Holne	09.00	Holy Communion	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Holy Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Morning Prayer	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer
Postbridge	18.00	Evening Prayer			
October 30th		Fourth Sunday before Advent		Gold/White	
Isaiah 1: 10-18; Psalm 32: 1-8; 2 Thessalonians 1; Luke 19: 1-10					
Holne	10.30	Benefice Holy Communion			



From Revd David Sherwood

As most of you will know, I have been on extended sick leave following a back injury. At the beginning of September, I returned to work on a restricted timetable and, by the time you read this, I hope to be back to pretty much full time work again.

My illness has placed huge pressure upon my colleagues who have had to step into the breach and care for the benefice in my absence. The largest burden has fallen on Revd Geoffrey Fenton and Marion Kaye and I am sure that you are all aware of the huge amount of work they have undertaken. For this they deserve the gratitude of the whole community. But others have also stepped in to help with services as required: Archdeacon Douglas Dettmer, Rural Dean Simon Franklin, Revd John Andrews, Revd Tom Benson, Revd Marisa Cockfield, David Harwood, Lionel Holmes and Hilda Flint are those whom I have heard about so far.

Then there are the churchwardens who have had to keep things on an even keel and of course the church communities who have had to put up with last minute changes, as well as those who have gone the extra mile working hard behind the scenes. All of which leaves me with a huge debt of gratitude to everyone who has played a part in caring for the churches and communities over the past months. Thank you to each and every one of you for all that have done and continue to do. I am humbled by your willingness and commitment, and I ask God to richly bless you all.

I am also grateful for the many cards and 'get well soon' messages that I have received and would like to thank you all for your kindness and encouragement. And that encouragement was crucial for me. Virtually everyone has a time of illness and confinement, even if it was just chicken pox or measles as a child. Illness can be very isolating and acute back pain is particularly debilitating. I have also discovered that emotion and pain are both processed in the same part of the brain, with inevitable results! During this time, I have gone from feeling on top of the world and fit enough to do anything, to acute pain, complete exhaustion and the depression of not knowing when this will end – all in the space of a few hours in any given day. It has been your encouragement and prayers, along with the love and support of my family that has seen me through - and for that I am eternally grateful.

So, as I move from the isolation and 'dislocation' of sick leave, I look forward to being with you all again over the coming days and weeks.

With grateful thanks and all good wishes,

David Sherwood.

General Team News

From the Registers

Funeral	26th August	Holne	Hazel Gwendoline Nosworthy
Funeral	31st August	Holne	Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Lane
Baptism	3rd September	Postbridge	Claire Joan Sophia Thomas

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November 2016		
5th	Spiritual Companions Conference	13
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Prayer of trust in God's Word.

Father,
 Thank you for your written Word to us in the Bible,
 inspired and interpreted by your Holy Spirit. Thank
 you that from beginning to end it reveals Jesus, the
 living Word, sent by you to rescue us from the mess of
 selfishness and disobedience. May we treasure your revelation to us and allow
 you to guide us by it through the confusion and pain of this world, confident
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In Jesus name,
 Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



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Trick, Treat – or Truth?

At the very end of this month, and just into the first two days of November, we shall endure the annual nonsense of 'Hallowe'en'. The supermarkets will be full of revolting ghost masks and children will be practising scaring the living daylight out of their friends and, worse, their elderly relatives with screeching imitations of hag-ridden spoons.

Somehow this annual business, complete with 'Trick or Treat', has tied itself to the Christian festivals of All Saints and All Souls. Insofar as it has any rationale at all, it is based on the idea that at that time of the year lost souls excluded from heaven appear on earth to remind us of their fate.

I've just published a book on heaven (Heaven's Morning), so I've spent the last couple of years researching what the Christian faith really does say about death and the hereafter. I can confidently say that there is no known version of the Christian faith (or, so far as I know, any other recognised religion) that endorses this weird scenario. I don't want to stop innocent fun, but let's be clear that those we have known and loved who have died are not destined to be ghosts, nor are they coming back to haunt anyone.

by David Winter



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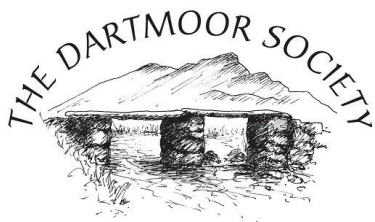


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APOLOGY

From the Editor

My sincere apologies for not
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Artists Network Open Studios Event
at Hanging Gate, Michelcombe
Lane, Holne (TQ13 7SR).

Also:

As part of the Michaelmas Fair
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So sorry. Marion.



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This year's event will be expanded beyond the hall to include the wider village. New features include an art exhibition in the church for which several local artists have already signed up to display their work. Further entries are invited (up to three pieces) and information is available from Jeni Evans on 01364 631542

We're very pleased to announce an organ recital by a former Director of

Music at St Paul's Cathedral Prep School, Ian Walsh MA. He promises a light-hearted rendition of various well-known pieces, scheduled from approximately 2.30 - 3.15pm. We also welcome back our local story-teller, Caspar Walsh.

Outside get involved in spinning, willow weaving, making a bog garden with Dartmoor Conservation Gardens and crafts with the DNPA to name a few. There is to be a small display of vintage tractors and hopefully West Webbern Alpacas will bring a couple of animals along too.

A variety of interesting local crafts will be for sale, as well as cakes, preserves and more. It's a great opportunity to get ahead with buying gifts for the other celebration later in the year (it's too early to mention it by name).

The village wide scarecrow competition for Holne residents is officially launched; and new this year - a Gnome/Pixie Hunt! Entry forms will be available in the village shop.

Contact holnevillagehall@gmail.com for more information or if you would like to take a table.

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Place	Total Rainfall	Days with-out rain	Wettest days
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			19th - 22nd 27.5 mm
Postbridge	101.9 mm (4.0")	12	1st 1.75"
	(August 2015 - 179.1mm (7.0"))		20th 0.6"
Holne	88.3 mm (3.48")		1st 37.4 mm



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

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
2nd October	10.30	Judy	Georgina
9th October	18.00	Georgina & Jackie	Everyone please - Harvest
16th october	10.30	Joe	Marion
23rd October	09.00	Judy	Marion & Audrey
30th October	10.30	Gillian & Marion	Brenda Best



Prayer Group

Thursday 6th October
 at 9.30 am in Holne Church.

Quiet time for Prayer and Reflection

Whist Drives

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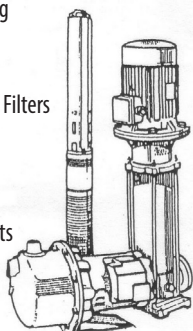
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This is also the location of the National Trust Carriage Museum, home to over forty vehicles ranging from elegant coaches used for state occasions, to humble carts used to carry servants.

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

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



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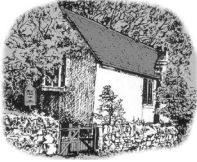
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Church Services - see Page 6 for details

Autumn and Harvest

It will not be long before we are clearing leaves from around the Chapel and putting the heating on for the services. Our Harvest Festival takes place on 2nd October and hopefully we will have our usual good turnout!



All fresh produce donated for the Harvest Festival can be taken away for a small donation, whilst tinned and dried produce will be taken to the Ashburton Food Bank. Sadly, there is still a considerable demand for the services of the food bank. Any donations can be left in the Chapel from the morning of Saturday 1st October onwards.

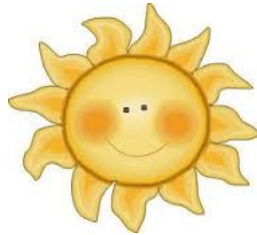
Please take the opportunity not only to celebrate harvest time and our farmers, but to meet your neighbours and share a cream tea afterwards.

Everyone is welcome.

Autumn Sun

Gregarious redwings rustle now
Who crowd the rowanberry bough.
And opportunist robin stalks
The sustenance beneath my fork.
Jackdaws crack amongst the pots
And almost seem as if they ought
To bring their sticks and moss
And take no notice of the frost.
But all who in the moorland dwell
Know this perfidious sun too well.
'Tis naught but winter's wont to say
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Many thanks to everybody who ran stalls, donated items and came along to support the August church Funday.

The weather was very kind (for a change !!) with a great community effort of helpers coming in from all over the Moor.

We raised just over £1,000 which will nearly cover the annual insurance premium, a vital element in keeping our church open !

Norma will hold the usual Christmas themed 'Coffee Morning & Stalls' in November and December in aid of Leusdon Memorial Hall funds, so if you are turning out your Christmas decorations, unwanted items, toys etc please leave them at the back of the church or under cover behind the hall.

Once again thank you so much for all your support.

Penny , Norma & Leusdon Church PCC

thank
you!



St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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Church Services - see Page 6 for details

Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers
2nd October	16.00	Norma	Norma	Norma
9th October	12.00	Shan	Liz	Norma
16th October	12.00	Peter	Shan	Norma
23rd October	12.00	Paula	Paula	Shan
30th October	10.30	Benefice Service at Holne		Shan

Coffee Morning and Stalls

We hold our Coffee & Stalls on the first Wednesday of every month.

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St Gabriel, Postbridge

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CHURCH CLEANING

October cleaning will be done by
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Thanks to all those who have cleaned
the church in the past few months.

Postbridge Village Hall Committee

The constitution of the village hall
allows committee members to
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only. Subsequently, a break of 12
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reconsidered for membership again.

Approximately one third of the
present committee, including the
Chairman, will be moving into their
12 month 'break' period during the
2017.

Postbridge residents now have an
opportunity to join the committee
for a maximum three year term
only. Several residents have
already expressed an interest but
a limited number of vacancies still
remain. If you feel that a place on
the committee might be something
which would interest you then you
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Coffee Mornings

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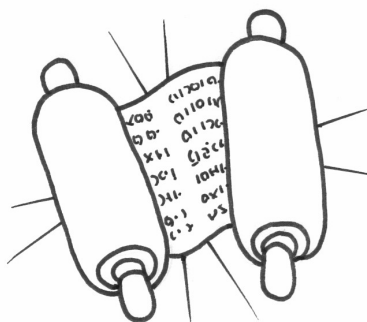
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Monday 17 October

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Monday 31 October

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Oct 4th Ford Park Cemetery
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Dartmoor Forest Parish Council– Extracts August 2016



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

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

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service. The trial of the Rapid Intervention Unit at Princetown Fire station is progressing well with members of the crew being involved in some live fire trials, using the actual vehicle to prove its capability. The staff at Princetown have assessed the equipment it can have on board at their drill night in August. From this it was agreed to sort out the stowage and provide additional seating. Councillors will then see the vehicle first hand to understand its capabilities and agree the evaluation criteria for the pilot.

Dartmoor Classic Sportive Cycling Event. The Parish Council have developed a short survey which will have been distributed across the Parish to find out how you feel about the event. This is so we can talk to the organisers on behalf of the whole Parish and represent all your views. Please complete the survey if you have not already done so or contact the Clerk for more information.

Moorland Community Speedwatch. Cllr. Gregg Manning has established a specific website www.dartmoorspeedwatch.co.uk to report and promote the project. This site details the results of the Speedwatch sessions and also enables Gregg as the scheme coordinator to communicate effectively with the volunteers. Sadly, the number of animal deaths across the Moor continues to rise. A further meeting is being held on with Dartmoor National Park Authority to discuss the Vehicle Activated Signs that the Parish Council would like to install. The Community Speedwatch scheme would welcome extra volunteers to support the scheme and help increase the number of sessions and locations covered. This is especially important due to the increasing number of animal deaths and visitors to the Moor. This is not an onerous commitment and is a great contribution to protecting the communities we live in. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

Central White Lines on Rural Roads. The Parish Council are concerned at the loss of central white line marking on certain rural roads across the moor, especially when driving in fog and poor visibility. In addition, many new vehicles are fitted with 'lane control' software to aid driving which will not work if the central line has been removed. The Council are compiling a list of roads where the central white lines have been removed and the impact of this to then follow up with Devon County Council Highways to ask why they have been removed and ask for their reinstatement.

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 22nd September 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>

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.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 5th October: This month we are being treated to a talk by Jon Burchell, a local man, who will be giving us an insight into 'Keeping Bees on the Moors'. Hope there will be honey for sale.

Forward planning: The Arts and Crafts will be on again during the October half term, the dates of which are: 24-29 October.

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

Princetown United Church. Sunday worship 11am. For other activities see noticeboard or Princetown page of www.westdartmoorbenefice.co.uk

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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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Church Services - see Page 6 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
Oct 2nd	18.00	Dawn Nosworthy & Judy Southcombe	Bring & Share Supper	Everyone please !
Oct 9th	10.30	Beth Fenton	Brenda Boston	Harvest 2
Oct 16th	10.30	Clare Born	Clare Born	Mandy Robertson
Oct 23rd	10.30	Wendy Beard	Wendy Beard	Mandy Robertson
Oct 30th	10.30	Benefice Service at Holne		



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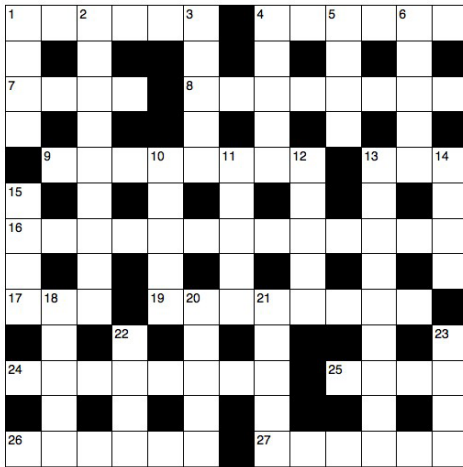
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Across

1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)

4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)

7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)

8 See 19 Across

9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)

13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)

16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)

17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)

19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)

24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)

25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)

26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)

27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)

2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had avision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)

3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)

4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5)

5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)

6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)

10 Ruses (anag.) (5)

11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)

12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)

13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)

14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)

15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)

18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)

20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)

21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)

22 Bats (anag.) (4)

23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

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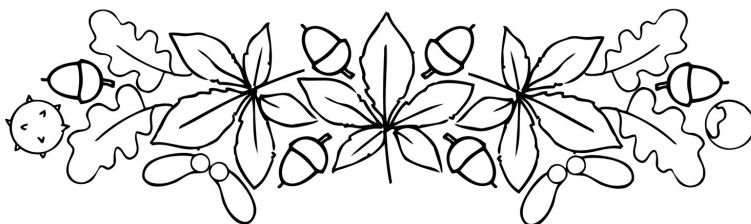
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Meetings are held at the Church house in Widcombe on the 1st Weds of each month at 7.30pm.

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Significance of the town as a World Heritage Site

October 8th 2pm Walk around Tavistock with Andrew Thompson

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS:

1, Deacon. 4, Appear.
7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument.
13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted.
17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle.
25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

DOWN:

1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon.
3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey.
6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod.
12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body.
15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle.
21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

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Unfortunately due to the bad weather forecast our 10 mile walk was reduced to 5.5 miles. But we completed it in blustery conditions. It was an enjoyable occasion, for a good cause and very well organised. So with our sponsor money and the coffee morning we raised £1320.00 between us.

Thank you all very much again.





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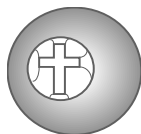
Church contactS: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

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Every Sunday 9am Breakfast and Worship at Dunstone Chapel

First Sunday in Month 3pm Service at Poundsgate Chapel



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Best wishes

Marion

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