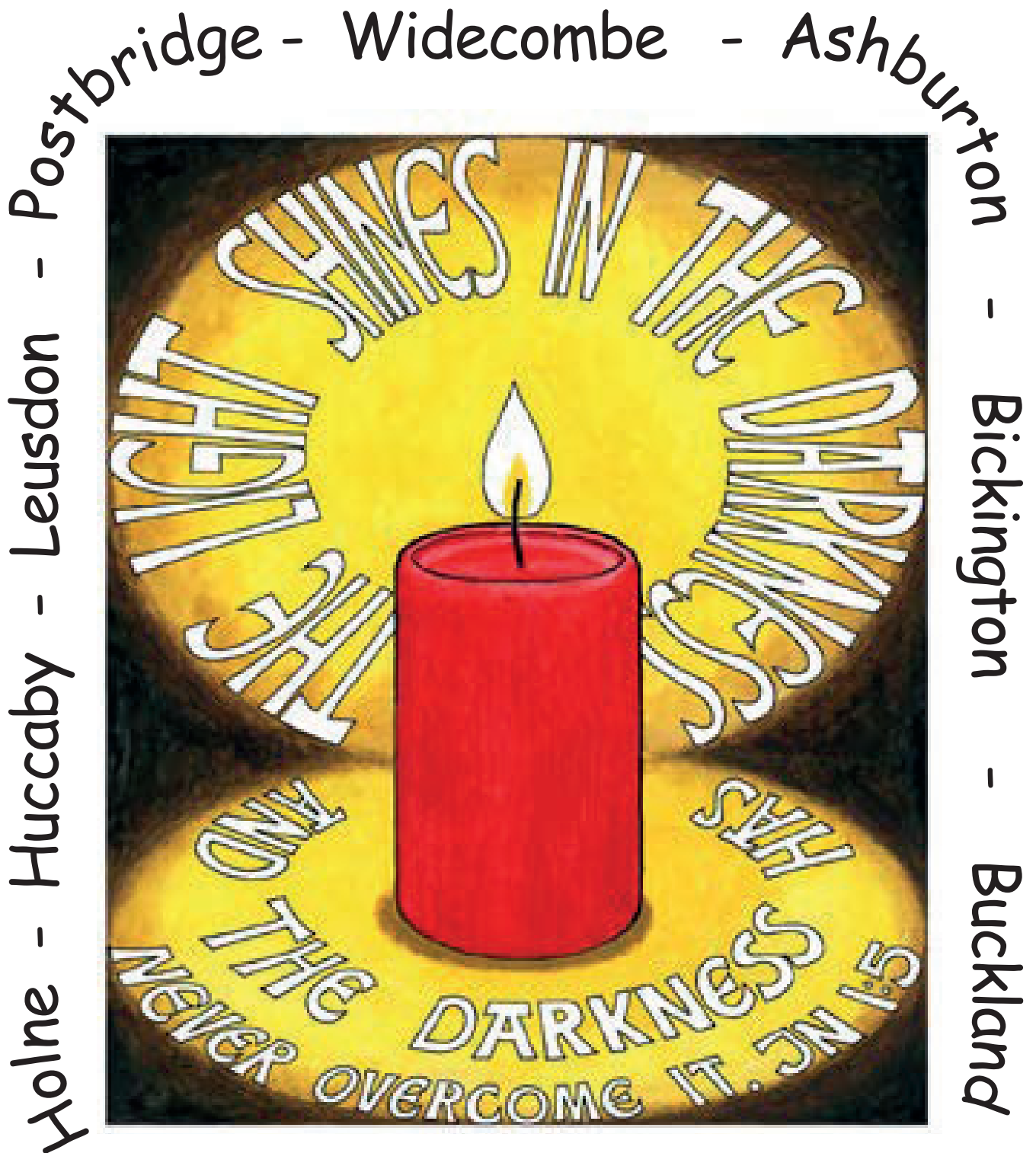


# Moorland Parish Link




*A very happy Christmas to all our readers*

## December 2018

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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## God is now here

December 2018

An atheist was writing an article for Christmas to prove that God did not exist. He wanted to finish it with the sentence: 'God is nowhere!' Unfortunately, the sub editors made a mistake with his copy and so the final sentence read: 'God is now here!'

This is the heart of the Christmas good news. We celebrate that God came to us in human form, as a vulnerable baby to a young woman called Mary. In very ordinary circumstances, Jesus was born in a particular place- the small town of Bethlehem on the edge of the Roman Empire and at a specific time – when Augustus was Emperor. St John says: 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us'. St Matthew retells the words of the prophet: 'the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall name him Emmanuel' which means 'God is with us'. God is now here.

For many this is unbelievable. Surely if God was to reveal himself to us he would just rend the heavens and come down. Indeed, a philosopher said: 'some people seem to think that it would help if one day there was a large banner displayed in the sky saying, 'I'm up here, you idiots.' However, God seems to work not by breaking into the world but by embracing the world from within. In Charles Wesley's carol, 'Hark the herald Angels sing', we sing the lines: 'Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel'. Take away the traditional 'man' language and we see that it is saying that God delights to be human alongside human beings. This carol tells of a God who does not have to be lured down from heaven by us being very polite to him or behaving extra well. We are dealing with a God who can't help pouring himself out for the world that he has made. This is a God who doesn't have to be persuaded to be interested in us.

Perhaps a first practical exercise in prayer is to approach God with this in mind: he is interested in us. Christmas teaches us to dispel the idea that God is essentially bored with us, rather removed from us and always in need of being kept sweet. He does not have to be persuaded to be on our side. As a former Archbishop of Canterbury said, 'You might as well try to persuade a waterfall to be wet.'

In Bethlehem, God comes to us in the weakness of a baby. A lifetime later, at Calvary, he appeals to us in the helplessness of a man nailed to a cross. In Jesus, God beckons to us not by force or command but in solidarity and by identifying with us. He longs for us to recognise him and go to him.

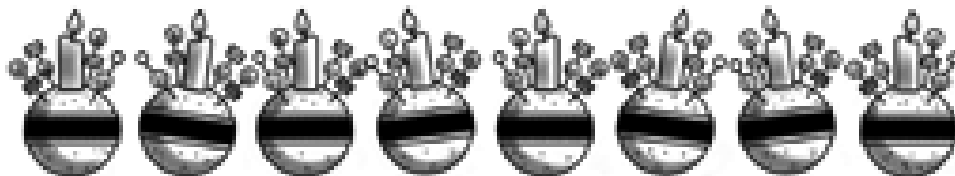
God is now here. He values our humanity beyond all imagining. He shares our struggles as well as our joys. 'Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.' God is with us. God is for us. May you know the blessing of his presence this Christmas.

+Mark

# Churchwardens

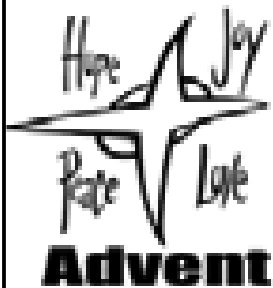
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## **Advent Reflections 2018**

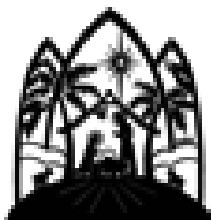
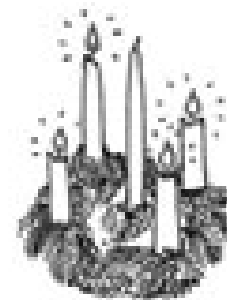
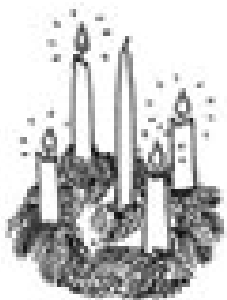
**Three groups meeting during December  
for Meditation and a Quiet time**

Ashburton Monday Mornings December 3rd, 10th, 17th  
10.30am Ashburton Church *led by Marion Kaye*

Widcombe Monday Evenings December 3rd, 10th, 17th  
7.30pm Widcombe Vicarage *led by Revd Geoffrey Fenton*

Ashburton Wednesday Evenings December 5th, 12th, 19th  
7.30pm Ashburton Church *led by Rt Revd Mark Rylands*  
*Refreshments served at all group meetings*

***Please come and join us - you will be very welcome.***

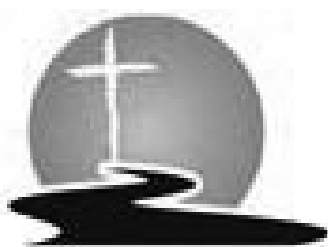
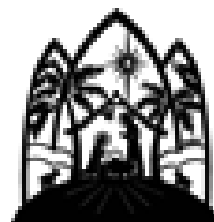


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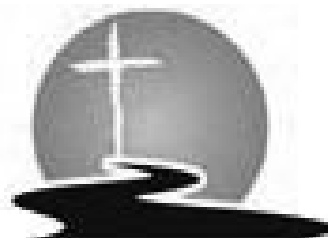
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# Church Services for DECEMBER 2018

## December 2nd

## Advent Sunday

## Purple

*Readings - Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36*

Widcombe	08.00	Holy Communion	GF	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion	JA
Holne	10.30	Parish Communion	GF	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion	JG
Widcombe	16.00	Christingle Service	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Portreeve Service	MR
				Buckland	15.00	Christingle Service	MR
				Ashburton	17.00	Christingle Service	MR

## December 9th

## Advent 2

## Purple

*Readings - Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4; Cantic: Benedictus; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6*

Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	GF	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion	MR
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion	MR
Holne	16.00	Christingle Service	MR	Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion	AR
Postbridge	18.00	Carol Service	GF				

## Friday December 14th

Bickington	19.00	Carol Service	MR
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## December 16th

## Advent 3

## Purple

*Readings - Zephaniah 3:14-20; Cantic: Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18*

Holne	10.30	Family Worship	MK	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion	GF
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Holy Communion	JA
Widcombe	18.00	Carol Service	GF	Buckland	15.00	Carol Service	MR
				Ashburton	18.30	Carol Service	MR

## Friday December 21st

Huccaby	18.00	Carol Service	AR/ MR
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## December 23rd

## Advent 4

## Purple

*Readings - Micah 5:2-5a; Magnificat or Psalm 80:1-8; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]*

Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	MR	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion	MR
Leusdon	16.00	Carol Service	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Holy Communion	GF
Holne	18.00	Carol Service	MR	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer	JH

## December 24th

## Christmas Eve

## White

*Readings - Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]*

Holne	16.00	Crib Service	AR	Buckland	11.00	Carols round Village	
Widcombe	16.00	Crib Service	GF	Ashburton	16.30	Crib Service	MR
Leusdon	11.30	Midnight Communion	GF	Ashburton	23.30	Midnight Communion	MR

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# Church Events

## December 25th

## Christmas Day

## White

*Readings - Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]*

Postbridge	09.00	Family Communion	GF	Bickington	09.00	Family Communion	MR
Widcombe	10.30	Family Communion	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Family Communion	AR
Holne	11.00	Family Communion	MR	Buckland	11.00	Family Communion (by Extension)	MK

## December 30th

## Christmas 1

## White

*Readings - 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52*

Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion	Service for the Benefice	MR/AR/MK
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## WIDECOMBE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year's festival will be open from Friday 14th until Friday 21st December  
09.30 - 16.30 each day

### This year's theme is "A CHRISTMAS SONG"

As usual, entry to the Festival is free, but we do hope that visitors will make a donation to this year's charity, which is Young Minds



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Judy tel 01364 621520 or email judysouthcombe@yahoo.co.uk

## Key to Service Leaders

MR	Revd Mark Rylands	JA	Revd John Andrews
AR	Revd Mandy Rylands	JH	Jeremy Howell
GF	Revd Geoffrey Fenton	MK	Marion Kaye
JG	Revd John Good		



## Holy Communion

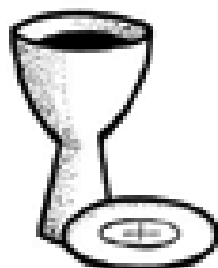
## Midweek & At Home

There is a service of

**Holy Communion  
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at 1030**

at St. Andrew's Church  
in Ashburton

You will be most welcome!



### **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)

# General Team News

## From the Registers

Funeral      Leusdon      16th November      Audrey Eileen Davis

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<b>January 2019</b>		
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### INVITATION FROM St. Peter's, Buckland in the Moor

You are invited to St Peter's Church, Buckland in the Moor,  
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On **Sunday 2 December** at 3.00pm a Christingle service with candles and oranges with the collection for The Children's Society. Cake and tea after service. This short enjoyable service is very suitable for the young folk as well as those of mature years.

On **Sunday 16 December** at 3.00pm a Carol service - sing all those well known and much loved carols, with the collection being sent to our local Fremlington (Barnstaple) Children's Hospice Southwest. Suitable refreshments to follow service. An enjoyable start to the Christmas season.



# Community News and Events

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Wednesday 19th December

Methodist Church

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Thursday 20th December

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Ashburton

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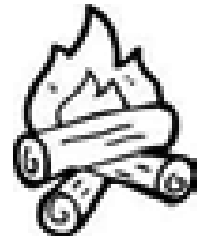
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on Saturday 8th December at 5pm



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Please contact: [serenawalcot@gmail.com](mailto:serenawalcot@gmail.com) or Tracey 01364 621 475 to help us with numbers expected. Everyone welcome - Free entry but donations for charity welcome - Light refreshments. Tracey's books, calendars and cards will be available for purchase on the night.



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**Dec 2nd Sunday**

**The Christingle Service  
5pm St Andrew's Church**

**Dec 13th Thurs**

**Messy Church  
3.30pm St Andrew's Hall**

**Dec 16th Sunday**

**FunSize Church  
4pm St Andrew's Hall**

**Dec 24th Monday**

**The Crib Service 4.30pm**

**Dec 30th Sunday**

**Breakfast @ 9am  
St Andrew's Hall**

**Contact Jane 654 067**

**Next Messy Church**  
**Thursday Dec 13th 3.30pm**  
**2nd Thursday St Andrew's Church Hall**

November has been a very reflective time. Like so many, my grandfather was in the merchant navy during the First World War and he never talked about it, nor was he the “same” as before the War - who could be?

Our Family Service was full of memories of everyone's lost loved ones. A sharp reminder of how the whole nation would have felt at the armistice. It is so important that we teach our children not to forget the sacrifice of so many for our future.

In between these Sundays we had Messy Church, where we learnt to be ready all the time to meet Jesus and let the Holy Spirit fill us like the oil in the Bridesmaids' lamps. It is up to us to think and keep Jesus' light burning brightly in us every day. See the picture opposite where we are waving our flags and singing.

In December we are having our Christingle Service at 5 pm on Dec 2nd. We will have oranges and the lights reminding us of God's love for the whole world raising funds for The Children's Society that works with vulnerable children. I am proud to announce that we have raised over £210 for Send a Cow which will buy a cow locally for an African family.

At the December Messy Church, each of us will be making their own cribs. I am hoping we will also ask families to bring their family cribs in to be blessed. The all-important Crib Service, in which we dress up and become part of the Christmas Story, will happen on Christmas Eve.

A very Happy Christmas to you all. Jane

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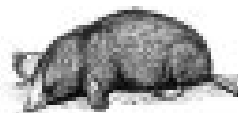


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Currently, we have two office posts that need filling as soon as possible. One is for a Book-keeper/ administrator, which would suit a retired book-keeper with knowledge of the software 'VT transactions' and PAYE would be helpful. Half a day a week would be ideal for the book-keeping and optionally an additional half-day or more for administration.

If you are interested, please contact Tim Imrie [admin@stonelanegardens.com](mailto:admin@stonelanegardens.com) 01647 433771

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# Rainfall in October 2018

Place	Total Rainfall	Days with-out rain	Wettest days
Postbridge	142.5 mm (5.7")	13	12th 2.1"
	(October 2017 - 121.2 mm (4.8"))		11th 1.5"
Holne	141.6 mm (5.57")		11th 62.6mm



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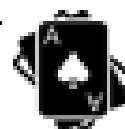
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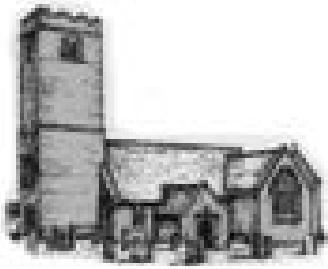
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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Church Services - see Page 6

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
2nd December	10.30	Joe	No flowers - Advent
9th December	16.00	Judy	No flowers - Advent
16th December	10.30	Judy	No flowers - Advent
23rd December	18.00	TBA	Everyone please
24th December	16.00	TBA	Christmas
25th December	11.00	TBA	Christmas

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Friday 7th December

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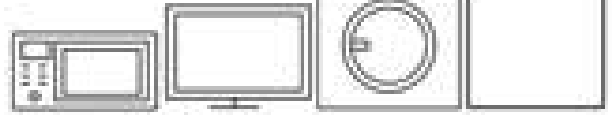


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**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December: closed**

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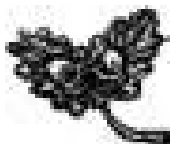
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  - Feed the birds
  - Insulate garden taps
  - Clean moss & lichen from paths
  - Prune deciduous trees, shrubs & tall bush roses
  - Don't forget to have a very merry Christmas!

Andy



# St Raphael, Huccaby

*For contact information, ministers and church officers see front of the Link*

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

## There But Not There

Fittingly for such a significant anniversary year, Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day coincided. A poignant and evocative addition to the usual display in St Raphael's, was a seated Perspex silhouette donated by Dartmoor Forest Parish Council. This silhouette represented a Mr F Cleave, named on the war memorial at Princetown, and whose address at the time of his death was The Forest Inn, Hexworthy.

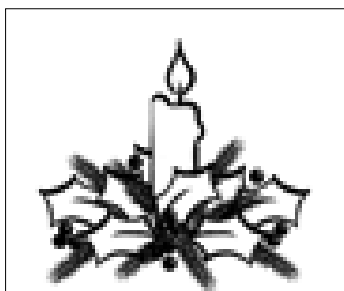
These 'Tommy' silhouettes were sold as commemorative installations to the fallen of the First World War and all profits go to the various charities which support veterans and their families.

## Carol Service

Final reminder about the Carol Service on Friday 21st December at 6pm. This will be a candlelit service together with light and heat from the wood burning stove. Mark and Mandy Rylands will be leading the celebrations.

There will be mulled wine and home-made mince pies after the service and we hope that you and your friends and family will be able to join us in this wonderful start to the Christmas weekend.

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



## Christmas Presence

The children are tucked up in bed  
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To us on Christmas morn.  
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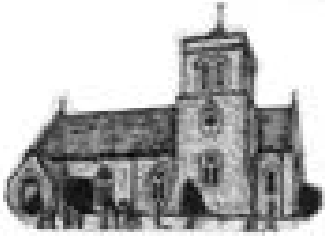
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# St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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

Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers - Altar	Windows
2nd December	16.00	Christingle at Widecombe		Advent - No flowers	
9th December	12.00	Peter	Norma	Advent - No flowers	
16th December	12.00	Patrick	Norma	Advent - No flowers	
23rd December	16.00	TBA	TBA	Christmas - Everyone please	
24th December	23.30	TBA	TBA	Christmas	
30th December	Parish Communion at Asburton			Christmas	

## Coffee Morning and Stalls

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### Weds 5th December

10 - 12 Admission £1 (includes tea/coffee etc)

## Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

November coffee morning made £157.75

Norma's Teas made £288.50

Many thanks to Norma and her Team..

Next s Wed 5th December (see above)

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Please be aware that the church is not heated so make sure you are dressed warmly!

After the service, refreshments will kindly be provided by High Moorland WI.

*There will be a raffle on the evening to raise money for the work of the Churches Conservation Trust (who make it possible for us to use the church) so please do bring some money with you if you would like to participate in that.*



## Dartmoor Forest Parish Council – Extracts October 2018



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

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

**Provision of local housing in Princetown** Alex Rehaag, West Devon Borough Council (WDBC), updated the meeting on the potential of affordable, housing development for local people on the old stores site near Moorland View, Princetown. This is at an early stage of discussion and would require community support and an updated housing needs survey, to determine what kind of housing would be required. The development could be for around 12 dwellings and for low rent or purchase and limited to those with a strong connection to Princetown. Concern was raised from some members of the public about potential access and parking issues due to the narrow road leading to the site.

**Public toilets costs** Cllr. Annabel Roberts, West Devon Borough Councillor for Dartmoor ward, updated the meeting on WDBC's recent plans on how to manage public toilet costs and its potential impact to Princetown and Dartmoor Forest Parish Council. WDBC had agreed that Parish and Town Councils are requested to either assume responsibility for the public toilets in their area, including a transfer of the freehold or leasehold property, or to make a contribution towards the cost of running public toilets equivalent to 75% of all direct costs (which includes staff and management costs). This is with effect from the next financial year. It was also resolved that the 75% contribution be increased over the following three years to reach a point where full costs are covered by Town and Parish Councils. This could result in the DFPC precept increasing by £13,496 on 2018/19, a 78.11% increase. The Clerk presented some approximate estimates on the impact to each individual household in the parish; in 2018/19 the precept would increase from £44 to £80, rising to £106 in 2022/23 if the council assumed 100% of service costs. WDBC are investigating the introduction of 'paddle gate' or turnstile type entry, which should increase the revenue of the facility and therefore reduce the running costs. However, no estimates of the potential impact of this were available at the meeting. The council resolved to communicate to West Devon Borough Council that they are not supportive of their proposal, for the public toilet in Princetown to be transferred to the parish council OR for the parish council to increase its contribution to 75% of all direct costs, increasing over the following three years to reach a point where full costs are covered by the council. The council resolved that Dartmoor National Park Authority, as the freeholders of the toilets in Princetown, should be responsible for paying the running costs of the facility and request that West Devon Borough Council raise this directly with them.

**Minutes of Parish Council Meetings.** These are available to view at <http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/2018.html>

**The next meetings of the Parish Council will be 19:30 on Thursday 20 December and Thursday 24 January both 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>



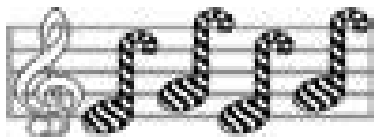
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**Church Services - see Page 6 for details**

## Saint Gabriel's Postbridge is 150 years old!

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to come and sing some carols at the  
Carol Service on

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**Would be great to see you all.**

## Coffee Mornings

Held between 11 am - 12 noon  
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area



### Monday 10th December

at Rundlestone Lodge, Princetown  
with Shirley Agness

### Monday 17th December

Annual Christmas Dinner to be held at  
Furzeliagh Mill, Buckfastleigh  
at 12.30 for 1pm

## Postbridge Whist Drives

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



**Tuesdays 11th December**

Learners are especially welcome.  
Entrance fee of £2.50 to include  
refreshments and prizes.

## The Postbridge Grand Christmas Whist Drive

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Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Homemade soup and roll  
Mince pies  
Mulled Wine

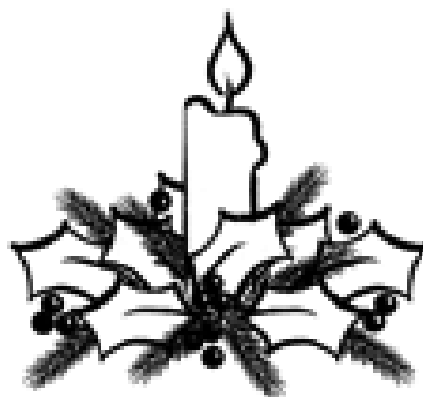
Short FUN QUIZ  
Raffle

All welcome 7.30pm

Please phone 01822 880395 for catering needs

**The Quiz Night  
at The Warren House Inn  
raised £620 for the  
Devon air ambulance**

**A huge thank you for  
everyone's support**



## Princetown History Club

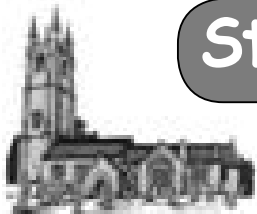
meets 1st Tuesday of each month at Princetown Community Centre at 7 for 7.30pm.

**4th December** AGM and Christmas Meeting

*For further information, please phone Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573*

*or email [jlissenden@talktalk.net](mailto:jlissenden@talktalk.net)*

*Web Site: [princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com](http://princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com)*



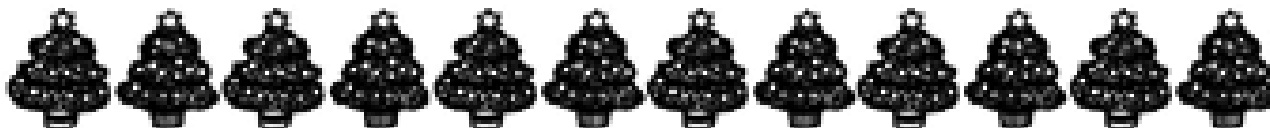
# St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
2nd December	16.00	Beth Fenton	-	Advent - No flowers
9th December	10.30	Peter Blood	Kriss and Peter	Advent - No flowers
16th December	18.00	Dawn & Ronnie	PCC Team	Advent - No flowers
23rd December	10.30	Clare Born	Jenny Pascoe	22nd at 0930 Flower Ladies
25th December	10.30	Penny Whale	-	decorate for Christmas

## THANK YOU from Di Cameron

Di Cameron would like, very belatedly, to thank the many people who sent cards and offered so much help and support following the tragic death of Richard. Such warmth and friendship is of great comfort and will always be remembered. To everyone my sincere and heartfelt thanks.



**Widecombe Village Hall Steering Group (WVHSG)** has been successful in its application to the Bright Ideas Fund for business development support and work has commenced with the Plunkett Foundation.

Our website has several updates and copies of meeting minutes can also be accessed here – do take a look.

We are putting together a calendar of fundraising events over the next 12 months to help us reach our local target of £50,000 with plans including bingo nights, open gardens, evening presentations on various topics, crazy golf, quiz and race nights, a duck race and ceilidh. Watch this space!

[www.widecombevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.widecombevillagehall.co.uk)

Email: [info@widecombevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:info@widecombevillagehall.co.uk)

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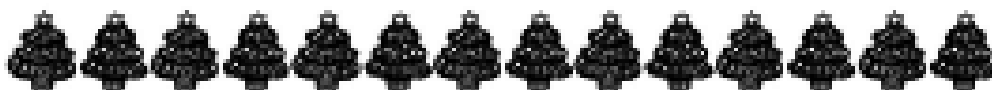
## WIDDYTOTS

Widdytots is our local toddler group for children from 0-3 years. It runs on a Friday from 1.30-3pm in the school hall; except on the 3rd Friday of the month when we join the preschool at Church House.

Widdytots is a relaxed, informal parent and toddler group where you can turn up and chat with other parents whilst your children play. We provide hot drinks for parents and snacks for the little ones. Everyone is welcome.

Your first session, and any when your child is under 6 months, are free and then from 6 months to 3 years it is £1.50 per child and 50p for siblings.

For more information please call the preschool on 01364 621 273, or find us on our Widdytots facebook page.



Come and join us

# Dunstone Chapel Carol Service

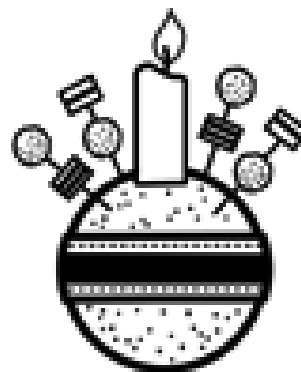
*(nr Widecombe-in-the-Moor)*

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
6:30pm


*ALL WELCOME*

*Supper afterwards*

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## Widecombe & District Sports Group

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

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

**Widecombe 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.

### Widecombe Pre-School

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Fri 9.15am - 3pm

Tel: 01364 621273

### Church House Management

**Committee** Chairman - Mike Pascoe

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 Ladies Social Club

**The Christmas Luncheon is at  
Furzeleigh Mill, Buckfastleigh**

on Thursday 13th December  
at 12.30pm

If anyone wants to come  
phone Rose on 631238

### Widecombe & District History Group

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

**Dec 5th** *Recreating the Domesday parishes of Eastern Dartmoor and special reference to Widecombe*

**Jan 9th** *New Year's Party*

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



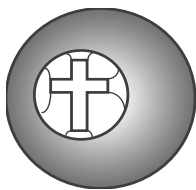
# Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369  
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. Even if you have never been to a service before, you will find a very warm welcome awaits you and there will be tea and cakes afterwards.



**See Page 31 for details of Carol Service**



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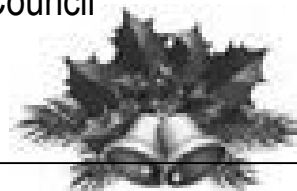
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