

# Moorland Parish Link



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Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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# The Parish Letter

Oh My Goodness! I don't believe it! It's gone so quickly!

Yup – it certainly has. It's 'that' time of year. A full twelve months has passed since last year's Advent season, and here we are again, about to do it all one more time.

Personally, I love this season. In our family, it starts with my daughter's birthday at the start of December and just keeps going relentlessly until a few days into January, when I return to work for a rest. And I love (almost) every minute of it.

As a musician, it's always been a busy season with extra concerts and events to prepare for. As a Christian, there is a wide variety of services to attend and organise. As a teacher, there are Christmas displays, parties and many, many carol singing events to attend and organise. As a parent, there are presents to find, meals to prepare and share, and a house to decorate – oh, and an increasingly over-excited child to entertain and 'contain'.

In amongst all of this, 'someone' usually cautions us not to lose sight of what it's really all about. They're right of course, and most of us do know that we need to make time to take time to sit and reflect on the message of the season. In the midst of our preparations for Christmas Day, we already know the Good News of what comes next, the Good News that this season prepares us for.

There is nothing wrong with being busy; there is nothing wrong with buying gifts for our loved ones; there is nothing wrong with preparing a feast for friends and family; there is nothing wrong with celebrating and decorating our homes to share joy and laughter. Jesus celebrated and feasted with friends – there is no reason why we shouldn't take delight in these things too.

My personal mantra at the moment seems to be 'it starts with worship' – 'it' being pretty much everything. Throughout December we are surrounded by Christmas songs and carols – in the shops, on the radio, on TV - so many songs we have known since childhood. We are surrounded by worship music perhaps more now than at any other time of year.

How often do we really reflect on the worship that is contained within those Christmas songs? Setting aside the likes of 'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer' and 'Jingle Bells', when was the last time you actually worshiped God with a Christmas carol? Some Christmas Carols were written to tell the story of that first Christmas and some are outright hymns of praise – but there is so much truth to be found in their lyrics.

So while you are being busy this season, put on a CD of Christmas carols or find a Spotify / YouTube / iTunes playlist and really listen to and reflect on the words as you wrap, stir and stick.

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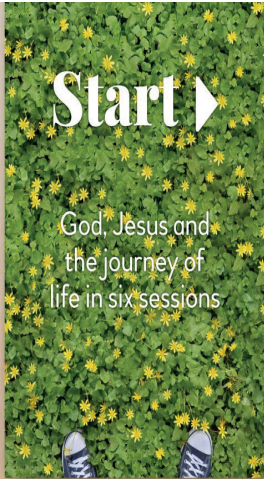
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# Church News & Events



You **ARE** invited to a series of evenings that will give an introduction to the Christian faith and explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus.



Tuesdays: 14th, 21st, 28th January, 4th & 11th February.  
in St, Andrew's Rectory, Copperwood Close, Ashburton.

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## From the Registers

Funeral	Widecombe	28th October	Colin John Irish
Baptism	Widecombe	3rd November	Zara Elizabeth Whitehead
Funeral	Widecombe	7th November	Peter Hicks

## COLIN IRISH

Matthew & Della Irish would like to thank everyone who came to Colin's funeral, The Revd Geoffrey Fenton for the lovely service, Christophers for all the arrangements, all the tributes, cards & letters, donations to the Air Ambulance & finally The Old Inn for a great send off afterwards.

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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

# An hour of quiet reflection

## *Postbridge Church*

**Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 7th January at 7.30pm**

with

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Why not come along to relax, to unwind and to pray?

Meet at Widecombe Vicarage at 6.45 if transport required.

More information from Revd Geoffrey Fenton, Widecombe Vicarage, 01364 621334

### Dates for the Diary

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3rd	Christmas Market, Postbridge	25
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*Portreeve Sunday*

*10.30 am St Andrew's  
Church*

*Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Thurs*

*Messy Church*

*3.30pm St Andrew's  
Church*

*Moor Church 15<sup>th</sup> Dec  
meet Hall Car Park 2pm*

*Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*

*Breakfast @ 9am  
St Andrew's Hall*

*Crib Service*

*Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm  
St Andrew's Church*

*Contact Jane 654 067  
for more info*

## **Next Messy Church**

***Thursday December 12th 3.30pm***

*St Andrew's Church*

Last month we were very privileged to have Heidi taking the celebration at Messy Church. All I heard was that it went extremely well with a Lego power point. I also heard that Geoffrey looked very good in the coat of many colours prepared by the children for him to wear.

The date of our next Messy Church is December 12<sup>th</sup>, so we are working out what to do, because the Church Hall is the local polling station. It has led to the exciting opportunity to have Messy Church in the Church. Heidi and I went to Tavistock to see how they organise their Messy Church which is always held in their Church. It was a moving Messy remembrance with older folk telling of their experiences and singing war time songs, making poppies and Christmas decorations. The teatime quiz was interesting...rationing one egg a week? One egg every two weeks or two eggs a week? The younger families took a deep breath in when they discovered the answer. (please see page 13)

This week we will be looking at families and what sticks families together.... love is the superglue that keeps the Messy Church family and our birth families together. We are making lovebug puppets and Geoffrey is making catapults. So, watch out everyone.

We will be making Christmas decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival next Messy Church. So please offer a little prayer for us as we have a change in venue for next month. **Jane**

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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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**Church Services - see Page 20 for details**

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
1st December	10.30	TBC	Advent - no flowers
8th December	15.00	TBC	Advent - no flowers
8th December	16.30	TBC	Advent - no flowers
15th December	09.00	at Huccaby	Advent - no flowers
22nd December	16.00	TBC	Advent - no flowers
24th December	16.00	TBC	Christmas
25th December	10.30	TBC	Christmas
29th December	10.30	Benefice Service Ashburton	

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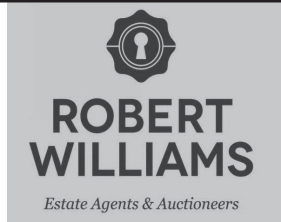
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## HOLNE VILLAGE HALL SOUP & CHEESE LUNCH

Friday 6th December

12.30 - 2pm £5



Soup, bread, cheese with Tea/Coffee

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## Holne Garden Group



Our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday December 18th at Furzeleigh Mill, on the old road between Dartbridge and Ashburton. We meet for lunch at 12:30 for 1:00. Partners are welcome.

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The Christmas menu is now on the web site <http://www.furzeleigh.co.uk/> or you can get a copy from any of the Group organisers. We will be choosing from the main and sweet courses, at a cost of £20. We don't need a deposit, but you must make your menu choices at least a week before, and the sooner the better.

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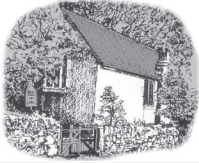
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# St Raphael, Huccaby

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**Church Services - see Page 20 for details**

## **Dedication Service**

On the 24th November a dedication service was held at St. Raphael's to mark the installation of a plaque to the memory of Sir Guy and Lady Sylvia Sayer. The service was conducted by the Revd. Canon Michael Fisher and attended by members of the family.

The name Sylvia Sayer is well known to anyone who loves Dartmoor as she believed passionately in the protection and preservation of Dartmoor. It is therefore fitting that there is a lasting memorial to Sylvia and her husband in this glorious and unspoilt area of the moor.

The plaque has been placed underneath the memorial to Sylvia Sayer's mother, Olive Louise Munday, who had lived at Huccaby House.

## **Carol Service**

Here is the final reminder about the Carol Service which will be held on Friday 20th December at 6pm. This will be a candlelit service together with light and heat from the wood burning stove. The Rt. Revd. Mark Rylands will be leading the celebrations.

As usual, there will be mulled wine and home-made mince pies after the service. 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.

*Gillian*

*(Continued from page 3)*

For sheer exuberant joyfulness check out Rend Collective's 'Campfire Christmas' – traditional carols with a folky twist. Or for tranquility try Matt Redman's 'Christmas Lights'. And for a bit of classical classiness you can't beat King's College, Cambridge for traditional renditions.

Whichever musical genre floats your worship boat, and whatever your family traditions may be, remember: Give Him the glory, give Him the praise. Keep your eyes on Jesus, and just worship.

*Heidi*

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Do you love singing carols? Would you like to join in with the descants?

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# St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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

**Church Services - see Page 20 for details**

Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers - Altar	Windows
1st December	16.00	Christingle at Widecombe		Advent - No flowers	
8th December	12.00	Patrick	Norma	Advent - No flowers	
15th December	12.00	Peter	Shan	Advent - No flowers	
22nd December	16.00	Shan	Norma	Christmas - Everyone please	
24th December	23.30	TBC	-	Christmas	
29th December	10.30	Benefice Service at Ashburton		Christmas	

## Coffee Morning and Stalls

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

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**Wednesday 4th December 10 - 12 Admission £1 (includes tea/coffee etc)**

## Badminton Dates

Leusdon Memorial Hall at 7.30pm  
Mondays 9th and 23rd December  
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At Leusdon Memorial Hall  
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## Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

The Coffee Morning went well again and made a grand total of £273.35.

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A Happy Christmas to you all.

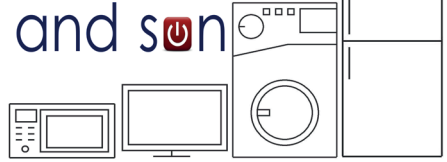
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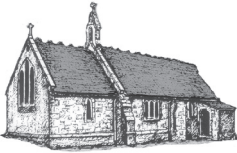


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# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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## Princetown History Club

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

**3rd December AGM and Christmas Meeting**

**7th January The Duchesses of Bedford**  
with Geri Parlby

For further information, please phone  
Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573  
or email [jlissenden@talktalk.net](mailto:jlissenden@talktalk.net)

## Postbridge Coffee Mornings

Held between 11 am - 12  
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**Monday 9 December**  
at Rundlestone Lodge,  
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with Shirley Agness

**Monday 16 December**  
**Christmas Lunch** at Furzeleigh  
Mill, Buckfastleigh 12 for 12.30

## Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall

**Tuesdays 10th & 17th (Grand Christmas Whist - see below) December 2019**

**Start time - 7.30 pm**

**No Whist in January**

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Contact: Jackie Gee, Bungalow 2, Dartfordleigh, Postbridge, Yelverton, PL20 6TJ. Tel: 01822 880224



## GRAND CHRISTMAS WHIST

**Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm**

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# Church Services for December 2019

<b>1st December</b>				<b>Advent 1</b>				<b>Purple</b>			
<i>Readings - Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44</i>											
Widecombe	08.00	Holy Communion BCP	GF	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion BCP	JA				
Holne	10.30	Parish Communion	JG	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion BCP	MR				
Widecombe	16.00	Christingle	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Portreeve	MR				
				Buckland	15.00	Christingle + Baptism	MR				
<b>8th December</b>				<b>Advent 2</b>				<b>Purple</b>			
<i>Readings - Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12</i>											
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion BCP	GF	Bickington	09.00	Parish Communion	MR				
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion	MR				
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	GF	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer	TBA				
Holne	15.00	Mini Messy Advent	HL								
Holne	16.30	All Age Service	HL+ MR								
<b>13th December</b>											
				Bickington	19:00	Carol Service	MR				
<b>15th December</b>				<b>Advent 3</b>				<b>Purple</b>			
<i>Readings - Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55 [CCP Canticle 37]; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11</i>											
Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR	Ashburton	10:30	Christmas Tree Festival All Age Communion	MR				
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	GF	Bickington		No Service					
Widecombe	18:00	Carol Service	GF	Buckland	15:00	Carol Service	MR				
<b>20th December</b>											
Huccaby	18:00	Carol Service	MR								
<b>22nd December</b>				<b>Advent 4</b>				<b>Purple</b>			
<i>Readings - Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43</i>											
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	MR	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	GF				
Leusdon	16:00	Carol Service	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	GF				
Holne	16:00	Carol Service	MR	Buckland	15:00	Evening Prayer	MK				
Postbridge	18.00	Carol Service	GF	Ashburton	18:30	Carol Service	MR				
<b>24th December</b>				<b>Christmas Eve</b>				<b>Purple</b>			
<i>Readings - 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8:11-16; Psalm 89:19-27; Acts 13:16-26; Luke 1:67-79</i>											
Holne	16:00	Crib Service	MR	Buckland	11:00	Village Carols	MR				
Widecombe	16:00	Crib Service	GF	Ashburton	16:30	Crib Service	AR+ KH				
Leusdon	23:30	Midnight Communion	GF	Ashburton	23:30	Midnight Communion	MR				

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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)

### Mid-week Communion

Wednesday 4th December	Ashburton	10.30	GF
Wednesday 11th December	Ashburton	10.30	MR

### Key to Service Leaders

MR	Revd Mark Rylands	SS	Steve Sheldon	JA	Revd John Andrews
AR	Revd Mandy Rylands	DW	Revd David Witchell	HL	Heidi Lewis
GF	Revd Geoffrey Fenton	SLW	Simon Le-Pine Williams	KH	Revd Kevin Hooke
JG	Revd John Good	WW	William West	MK	Marion Kaye

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25th December			Christmas Day				White	
<i>For readings ask Service Leader</i>								
Postbridge	09:00	Family Communion	GF	Bickington	09:00	Family Communion	MR	
Widcombe	10:30	Family Communion	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Family Communion	MR	
Holne	10:30	Family Communion	AR	Buckland	11:00	Family Communion	MK	
29th December			Christmas 1				White	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23</i>								
				Ashburton	10:30	Benefice Communion	MR	
5th January			Epiphany				White	
<i>Readings - Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12; Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21 [CCP Canticle 28]; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:[1-9] 10-18</i>								
Widcombe	10.30	Family Worship	GF	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion BCP	MR	
Holne	10.30	Parish Communion	TBC	Ashburton	10.30	Christingle	MR+	HL
Leusdon	16.00	Evening Prayer	GF	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer	TBC	
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All are welcome to the annual Princetown Community Carol Service which will be held on Monday 16th December at 18:00 in the Church of St Michael & All Angels, Tavistock Road, Princetown, Devon, PL20 6QD

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 the local 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.

Thanks everyone for your support

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After two days, they eat vegetables never tasted before and are asking for seconds! We have a chance to open a door to new worlds. To inspire curiosity, to make real the senses that screen games only allude to. And fear..... discomfort.....are faced and overcome, building resilience whilst nurturing a sense of 'can-do' in adverse circumstances.

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**Church Services - see Page 20 for details**

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
1st December	08.00	-	-	Advent - no flowers
1st December	16.00	TBC - Christingle	-	Advent - no flowers
8th December	10.30	Dawn Nosworthy	Penny Whale	Advent - no flowers
15th December	18.00	Ronnie & Peter Blood	PCC Team	Advent - no flowers
22nd December	10.30	Beth Fenton	Jenny Pascoe	Advent - no flowers
24th December	09.00	The flower ladies, all help from 9.00am please		
24th December	16.00	TBC - Crib Service	-	Christmas
25th December	10.30	Clare Born	-	Christmas
29th December	10.30	Benefice Service at Ashburton		Christmas

## “Love Comes” – an Advent Course at Widecombe Vicarage

Monday evenings at 7.30, starting on November 25th.

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Contact Geoffrey Fenton for more info – 01364 621334 Widecombe Vicarage, Widecombe, TQ13 7TF

## WIDDYTOTS

Widdytots is our local toddler group for children from 0-3 years. It runs on a Wednesday from 9.30-11am in the Church House, Widecombe-in-the-Moor.

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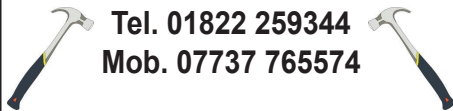
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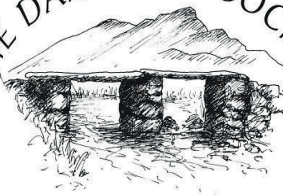
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There will be no meetings in January and February but we will continue with the monthly luncheons.

For more details phone Rose  
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 4th** History Group discussion

**Jan 8th** Christmas Party & Photo Quiz

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Walk to Sharp Tor, Yar Tor & finally Corndon Tor to complete the list of 119 Tors in this fundraising challenge.

Celebrate with mince pies and mulled wine after finishing.

Please let Gail know if you'll be joining her so we can make sure there are enough refreshments for all!

Call: 01364 631282 or email the Community Hall team using the address below.

If you're unable to join the walk but would like to sponsor Gail, please visit our website and see the 'Make a Donation' page for details. Cash / cheques can also be given to Gail or any member of the committee.

Date for your diaries – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm. Quiz & Supper Night.

Thank You and Merry Christmas!

[www.widecombecommunityhall.org](http://www.widecombecommunityhall.org)

Email: [info@widecombecommunityhall.org](mailto:info@widecombecommunityhall.org)

**Widecombe Church House Management  
Committee** Chairman - Mike Pascoe

To book the Hall please contact Rose Mortimore  
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**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.

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



**WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR**

**CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE**

**Wednesday 18th December**

**at 7.30pm**

**in the Church House**



## News from the East Shallowford Trust

October was a month that flipped from fantastic open skies luring us all into a sense of warm bliss, as we wandered gently through the deep darkening bracken, to biting mizzle that made us all want to scuttle in doors and hunker down around a warm fire, shrouded in a thick, heavily woven blanket.

One group of London Mothers arrived with their children in a cheerful bright red bus. One Mother had visited the farm as a child and recanted tale after tale, stating categorically, that her BEST childhood memories were at the farm, moving sheep, trying to catch piglets and playing in dung heaps. Each to their own! Now a vegan to try and detox her daughter who had recurrent skin problems, Serena's innovative cooking skills were fully tested. Delicious soups, fresh vegetables and delightful deserts abounded as healthy, fast moving children darted around the farm, puddle splodging, peering at different plants, poking the trees and trying to understand dripping lichen and spongy moss.

We truly did test a youth group from London. On arrival at the farm, they all clambered into the sitting room, snuggling down into the well worn armchairs around the crackling fire. First question! 'What is different about this room?' ..... 'There is no TV!' ..... 'there is a fire' ..... 'It's old' ..... and so the history comes tumbling out. A house built without bricks. A house that is possibly 600 years old (well – 'ish'), originally heated by cows, pigs and sheep ..... are we lucky to be alive now? It's a good argument. A good return to reality when frustration at having the wrong coloured plate, or not sitting in a favourite place at the table leads to spitting, stamping, yelling and slamming shut the ancient door. Who are you in a house so old to be so demanding? 'Sorry. I will be more respectful.' Is the meek reply, once the heaving chest of anger and frustration has finally calmed.

Three sisters had never visited before. Never been to the moors and rarely out of London. It was howling. The sky opened with relentless, sheets of persistent cold rain for two days. So we took the group to Hembury woods! Leaping and bouncing through the trees we peered at the differences branch formations, collected colourful leaves, carefully negotiated ridges where one slip would have tumbled everyone into the speeding Dart. So we laughed, sang and walked ..... and walked ..... and then more rain and yet more. By the time we reached the fort, Serena and I had one girl each by the hand and had to sing, clamber distract and virtually haul them up the hill amid snuffles of, 'I'm cold .....I want to go home!'

Slipping, scampering, we finally made it to the road and spoddle plashed, running to the van. With the pigs to feed, muck out and bedding to be laid, warmth was soon pumped back into everyone's arms and legs ..... and exhausted but grinning children devoured every morsel of food. Funny how children arrive being very particular and picky about their food.

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## Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369

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

### Poundsgate and Dunstone Chapels

Every Sunday	9.00am	Breakfast Worship at Dunstone Chapel, all welcome
Sunday 1st December	3.00pm	Advent Sunday at Poundsgate
Tuesday 17th December	6.30pm	Carol Service at Dunstone Chapel
Thursday 19th December	7.30pm	Carol Service at Poundsgate Chapel

### MONTHLY CHARITY LUNCH

The next lunch to be held at Dunstone chapel will be on **Wednesday 11th December**

Do come and join us, we serve home cooked food from 12 noon until 3pm

### News from Poundsgate Methodist Church

At Poundsgate our regular monthly service will take place on Sunday 1st December at 3pm, and will be followed as usual by coffee and cake. At the moment the theme is unknown, so you are welcome to turn up for a surprise! We are currently working on a programme for the first few months of 2020.

At Dunstone Methodist Church, just outside Widecombe, our weekly informal times of prayer and worship over breakfast continue at 9am every Sunday, do come and join us, everyone is most welcome. There is also a monthly community charity lunch on the second Wednesday of every month from 12 o'clock onwards - please drop in as and when you can. The next one will be on Wednesday 11th December.

Both chapels will have their own carol services in December: the one at Dunstone will be on Tuesday 17th at 6.30pm, traditionally attended by the Widecombe Singers, and followed by a hot meal, whilst Poundsgate's will be on Thursday 19th at 7.30pm and will include songs sung by Nancy Day.

Both churches send their greetings for a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

Rev Kevin Hooke  
Minister, Poundsgate Methodist Church

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## Rainfall in October 2019

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	314.9 mm (12.4")	4	25th 68.58 mm (2.7")
	(October 2018 - 143.5 mm (5.7"))		
Holne	343.2 mm (13.51")		25th 57.2 mm



# Other Community News & Events

## WIDECOMBE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year's festival will be from **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** until **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.

The trees will be put up on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Entries are free and welcomed from groups, organisations, families and individuals.

This year, as last year, we will be having a class especially for small trees as well as the usual classes for adults and children.



This year's theme is "**SEASONS**" which, as usual, can be interpreted any way you like!



Entry forms are available from the Church, Widcombe Gifts and The Kiosk.

We will have a collection for the charity "**Together for Short Lives**", charity no. 1144022, during the festival.

Help us to make a wonderful spectacle in the Church and a great start to the Christmas Celebrations.

**More details from Mary in the Kiosk tel.07980312307 or**

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

### THREE DAFT MONKEYS 'Year of the Clown'

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One of the 'Highlights of Glastonbury Festival' on BBC TV - Mark Radcliffe

**SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER @ 7.30pm**  
**BUCKLAND IN THE MOOR COMMUNITY HALL**

Tickets £9 (£5 child) from David Burke 01364 653525 or davidburke9@icloud.com

Refreshments and Raffle

A VILLAGES IN ACTION EVENT

### The Chagford Singers' Winter Concert Musique de Minuit

Morten Lauridsen: Lux Aeterna and  
Marc-Antoine Charpentier: Messe de Minuit

**7.30pm on Saturday 7th December 2019 at St Michael's  
Church, Chagford.**

Tickets £10 (£5 concession students and under 18s) from  
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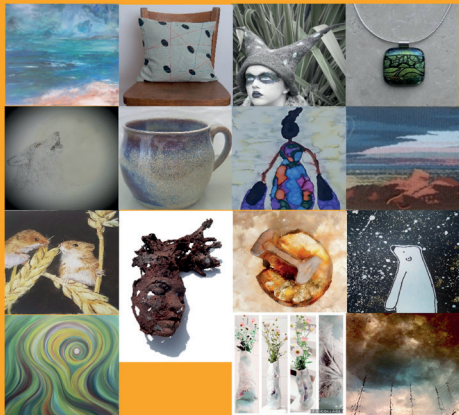
Meet your local Makers and Artists

Buckfastleigh Christmas Fair 2019

4<sup>th</sup> December, 3-8pm Longwood Court

through an open way before the Valiant Soldier

Parking - head towards the Victoria Woodholme Car Park TQ11 0BD



Lucy B, Benjamin Clegg, Paula Woodwards, Laura Courtneay, Angie Seaway, Bev Knowlden, Susan Hamston, Jane Culey, Cheryl Tipple-Tepat, Emily Billing, Lili John, Joanna Marzec, Buckfastleigh Tapestry Weavers

Living Spit

present

Swan Lake

Scoriton Village Hall

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

Tickets £10 adult / £7 child / £30 2+2 available from 01364 631288 or  
[www.villagesinaction.co.uk](http://www.villagesinaction.co.uk)

Swan Lake. The most famous, magical water-based avian ballet ever performed. But expensive, high-brow and normally only at a big city theatre miles away from where you live.

Well, not anymore! Theatre Orchard and Living Spit have teamed up to make the smallest ballet ever performed (probably). With Howard & Stu joined on stage by two real-live, professional ballet dancers this is a proper ballet in miniature. The dynamic duo have promised to leave the tutus at home but promises are made to be broken...

This promises to be the funniest, danciest, water-fowllest microballet the world has ever seen.



**Warren House Inn**

Postbridge 01822 880208

**Charity Quiz and  
Christmas Raffle**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
7.30pm**

Quiz £3.00 per person.  
Raffle 50p a square on sale at the  
bar now and up until the event

Please join us if you can - everyone welcome

All proceeds in aid of [www.wildtracksbelize.org](http://www.wildtracksbelize.org)

## Buckland-in-the-Moor

Whist 2020



Start 7.30pm

January 4<sup>th</sup>

February 29<sup>th</sup>

April 25<sup>th</sup>

June 20<sup>th</sup>

August 15<sup>th</sup>

October 10<sup>th</sup>

February 1<sup>st</sup>

March 28<sup>th</sup>

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

July 18<sup>th</sup>

September 12<sup>th</sup>

November 7<sup>th</sup>

Other Community News & Events

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As the year comes to an end, we are celebrating the Link's continuing existence, and, dare we say it, flourishment? (Not sure if that's a word!) It's been amazing to continually re-discover the vital role our magazine has in linking so many people together, and helping to keep our communities alive. We are greatly encouraged by all the support and the encouragement that we receive from our readers, so thank you for your feedback.

However we are continually disheartened by the tardiness of some of our regular contributors, and we are also we are puzzling over better ways of getting the Link to the widest possible audience. Having slaved away to get it back from the printers on time, it seems that in some places it never arrives, and some people who are used to receiving a copy are not receiving it. Sorry about this. From our Ivory Tower this is not always apparent, so could you please let us know if you hear about someone who used to get a Link and now doesn't? And there are places, like B&B's, where we'd like to get a copy into every room. Printing more copies is no problem, but we could do with more distributors. If you'd like to help in the distribution, please let one of us know. Thanks.

Finally, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas!

*Peter, Geoffrey, Tony, Susan, Daf and David*

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