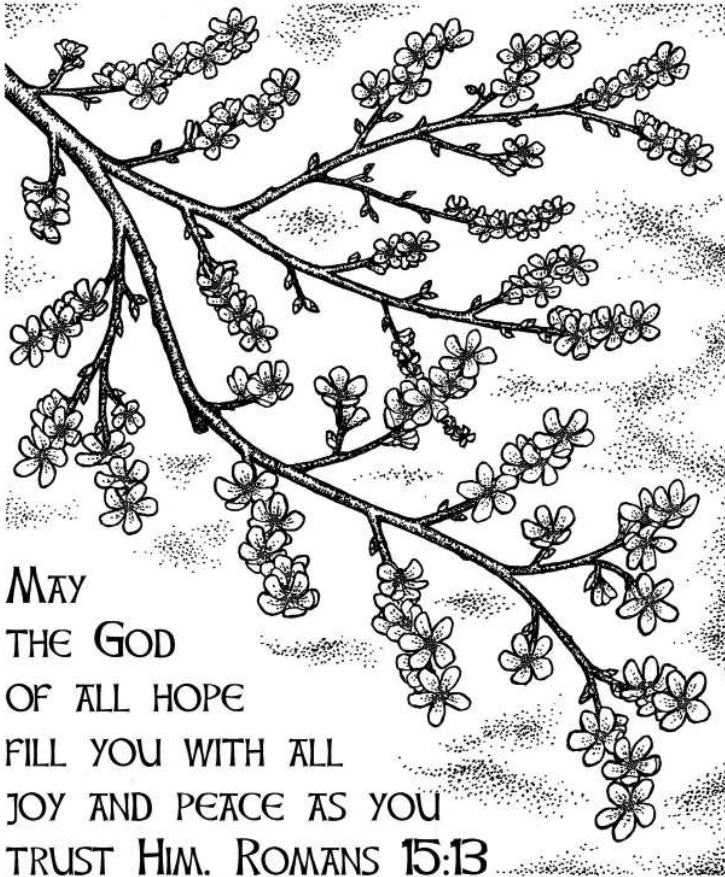


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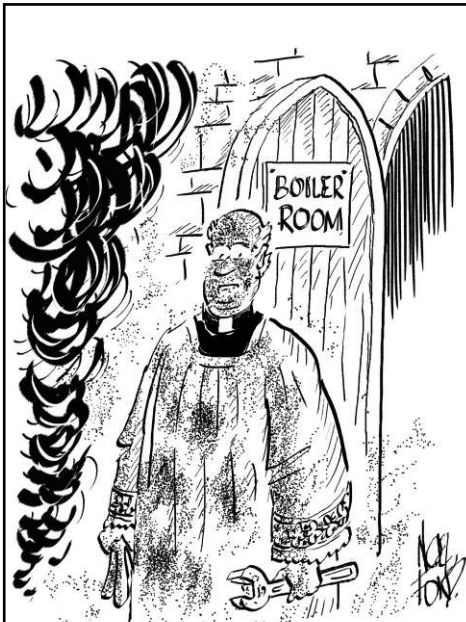
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The church heating fund could only stretch
to buying a copy of
"Boiler Repairs for Dummies"

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From Geoffrey:

Last summer was hot, if you can remember back to those balmy days, and lawns dried out and went brown, and some plants died of drought, but there was an extra special event in our greenhouse that delighted us all through the year – our *Furcraea* burst into flower. What is that, you may be asking! Well, about twenty years ago we picked up some little bulbs in the Isles of Scilly, and put them in pots, and this one had sat skulking in a corner getting a bit bigger and spikier each year – a bit like a green hedgehog – but then in the spring it started sending up a flowering shoot – and it grew and grew – hitting the top of the greenhouse before it stopped. And then from little branches came most beautiful creamy flowers with a sweet scent – hundreds of flowers all up the stem (a bit like a very tall *Yucca* if you know them – *Yuccas* being source of *Aloe vera*!). And we thought that was it, but then small bulbs started growing where the flowers had been, until the whole stem was weighed down with these little bulbs, its children – a bit like onion sets. Sadly now the stem is dying back, and the whole plant is dying, but its children are its future. So we've kept a few little bulbs to grow ourselves, starting the cycle again, and we took the rest (a hundred or more) to a local nursery last week for them to grow on.

Gardening is so rewarding – for me it's the incredible variety of plants in God's creation with all their different colours and scents that makes gardens so special, though sadly we'll never be able to re-capture the beauty and innocence of the Garden of Eden; and we may not even have a garden of our own, but gardens are a source of refreshment and joy and beauty to all. There's a wonderful poem by Rudyard Kipling called the *Glory of the Garden* which ends:

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray
For the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away!
And the Glory of the Garden it shall never pass away!



Do look it up the poem if you don't know it – it has many splendid lines such as

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made
By singing:- "Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade!

Every garden is different, with all sorts of different plants in it –

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Church Events



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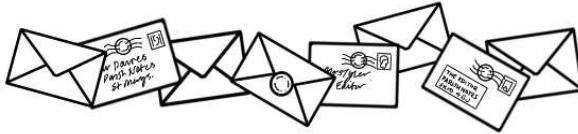
The Safeguarding module, C0 will take place in Ashburton Church Hall on Saturday 23rd February, starting at 9.30 am with coffee and biscuits, ending at approximately 12.30 pm with a light lunch.

This training is for ALL PCC and DCC members who have been unable to do the training online but is also open to EVERYBODY else who would like to do the training "Face to Face".

"The Church requires that all welcomers, refreshment helpers, bell ringers, choir members, caretakers, employees of Diocesan Board of Finance/Board of Education, servers, shop staff, vergers and sidespersons should do this training." The C0 training is also recommended as a basic training for those people who need to do the training module C1. We will be running C1 later in the Spring.

I would be very helpful if you would let me know if you are able to attend, preferably by email judysouthcombe@yahoo.co.uk, but if not my 'phone no. is 01364 621520. This will allow us to write the names on the certificates prior to the training. If you do feel able to complete the training online, please email me for details.

Judy Southcombe (Benefice Safeguarding Officer)



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Sign-up sheets will be put in the back of each church.



Church Services for FEBRUARY 2019

February 3rd		Candlemas/Presentation of Christ				White	
<i>Readings - Malachi 3:1-5; Psalm 24:[1-6] 7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40</i>							
Widecombe	08.00	Holy Communion	GF	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion	JA
Holne	10.30	Parish Communion	AR	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion	MR
Widecombe	10.30	Family Service	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Family Service	MR
Leusdon	16.00	Evening Prayer	GF	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer	MR
February 10th		4th Sunday before Lent				Green	
<i>Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-end]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11</i>							
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion	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	JH
Holne	18.00	Evening Prayer	MR				
February 17th		3rd Sunday before Lent				Green	
<i>Readings - Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26</i>							
Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion	MR	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion	GF
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion	MR	Bickington	10.30	Family Service	SS
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	MR	Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion	GF
February 24th		2nd Sunday before Lent				Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25; Psalm 65; Revelation 4; Luke 8:22-25</i>							
Holne	10.30	Holy Communion	DW	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion	JG
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion	JG
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	GF	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer	MK
Postbridge	18.00	Evening Prayer	GF				
March 3rd		Sunday next before Lent				Green	
<i>Readings - Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]</i>							
Bickington	10.30	Benefice Eucharist					



Key to Service Leaders

MR	Revd Mark Rylands	JA	Revd John Andrews	SS	Steve Sheldon
AR	Revd Mandy Rylands	JH	Jeremy Howell	DW	Revd David Witchell
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JG	Revd John Good	WW	William West		

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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 6th February	Ashburton	10.30	MR
Wednesday 13th February	Ashburton	10.30	MR
Wednesday 20th February	Ashburton	10.30	GF
Wednesday 27th February	Ashburton	10.30	JA

maybe tall trees, shade-bearing shrubs, flowering borders, rose-beds, vegetables. rock gardens and so on. And it's the mixture of plants that make it so rewarding – imagine a garden that only had one type of plant in it – say your favourite plants were delphiniums – no-one would plant a garden just of delphiniums, it would be so boring! A garden needs lots of variety – and the secret of gardening is to ensure that each plant flourishes without being dominated by its neighbours and being shaded out. Some are shy, some are vigorous, some are showy, some are delicate. Some need pruning, others need feeding. A well-tended garden is where all different plants have their places and contribute to the whole so there is a variety of scent and colour and texture, and in each season there is interest and beauty.

And for me this is an image that illustrates perfectly God's vision of people in our towns and villages living and working together in community, and building his Kingdom – the Kingdom of God. A Kingdom where all are welcome, each has their place – whether shy, outgoing, vigorous or slow to mature, all kinds of people being affirmed. And growing and flourishing together, being encouraged and loved, and each one being individually cared for by God, the Great Gardener.



With every blessing

Geoffrey

General Team News

From the Registers

Interment of Ashes Widecombe 21st December Sheila Jean Perkins

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**Feb 3rd Sunday
Family Service
10.30 am St Andrew's Church**

**Feb 14th Thurs
Messy Church
3.30pm St Andrew's Hall**

**Feb 17th Sunday
FunSize Church
4pm St Andrew's Hall**

**Feb 24th Sunday
Breakfast @ 9am
St Andrew's Hall**

Contact Jane 654 067

**Next Messy Church
Thursday Feb 14th 3.30pm
St Andrew's Church Hall**

I believe we have had an exciting start to 2019. We had the Family Service on Jan 6th and Mark illustrated to us that the Three Kings are really important. They remind us to think ahead and aim for the stars literally. We need to plan for the New Year but reminds us that our future is in the hands of our Lord.

At Messy Church we learnt about Ecclesiastes 3 1-11. The Old Testament poem about "The time for everything." Our children mimed the emotions associated with each line. If you want to see some photos of this look on our website www.moorlandteam.org.uk. We had great fun unravelling knitted jumpers and starting new knitting. We used old patchwork pieces and made new mats. "A time to keep and a time to throw away". God was the original recycler and the original person who advised people to de-clutter.

As I write this, we have not had our FunSize Church yet. But we are going to make some bread. I do hope Chloe is better at making bread than I am, because I can't do it. With help from Chloe maybe I will succeed this time.

Our theme for Messy Church this spring term is "Jesus is with us" and in February we will be thinking about The Wedding at Cana which Jesus attended. How wonderful to think Jesus is at all our weddings when we invite him. As Jesus turned the water into wine at the wedding, his first miracle, we remember how Jesus pours out his love for each of us, forever and ever.

All God's blessings for 2019, Jane



Benefice Magazines Review

Dear reader,

We have 8 churches and 4 Parishes within the Ashburton and Moorland Team Benefice. Currently we publish two Parish Magazines monthly: the Moorland Parish Link and the Parish News.

We are interested in developing the magazines and whether our communication with you through this media is valuable to you.

To this end we have formed a small group, representative of all the Parishes, to survey and discover what our readers think! For example, what do you most enjoy about the current content of the magazines, and how, if at all, do you use the content; or what more, if anything, you would like to see included?

We plan to start this review of the magazines in February and will keep everyone updated about the process. This is a completely open and transparent way to ensure we capture the views of everyone.

The assurance of the whole review group to you, is that there is no hidden agenda – we will be informed by readers and significant contributors to the content, production and printing/distributing of the magazines.

So, even at this early stage, if you have anything you would like to contribute – or indeed you would like to be more fully part of the review just let us know!

You can do this by email to: beneficemagazinesreview@gmail.com or contact the editors – their details are in the magazines.

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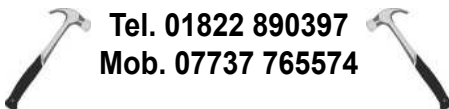
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Place	Total Rainfall	Days with-out rain	Wettest days
Postbridge	272.3 mm (10.7")	3	6th 1.3"
	(December 2017 - 256.5 mm (10.1"))		15th 1.0"
Holne	304.6mm (12.0")		15th 40.3mm
2018 Total = Postbridge 1908.6mm (75.1")		Holne 2016.6mm (81.16")	



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10th February	18.00	Georgina	Hannah Best
17th February	09.00	at Huccaby	thebestscabin@hotmail.com
24th February	10.30	Judy	for details

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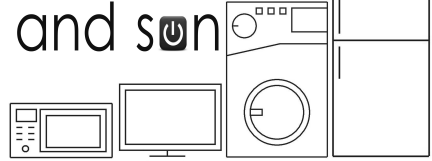


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Holne Garden Group

Our next meeting will be our

AGM on February 20th at 2:30 in Holne Village Hall.



Our usual format with competitions: "an unusual Pot Plant", "a Flower Arrangement, any size, entitled Winter Wonderland" and a Quiz
The quiz this year will be something entirely different – bring your thinking hats!

The AGM will discuss vital subjects such as the November speaker and our planned outings. And there will be a Raffle, Refreshments, and Prizes. Don't miss this one.

For more details, to join the group and to book outings, contact Gill Gray gill@priddons.co.uk 01364 631111 or Judy Le Marchant judylemarchant@btinternet.com 01364 644099.

Holne Community Shop and Tearoom.

see also Page 13

The Tearoom will be closed, including weekends from Monday 14th January for refurbishment. It will then re-open for the weekend Saturday 16/Sunday 17 February, at the start of half term. **The shop** will be open as normal 11-5 daily.

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- Check garden equipment
- Get weeding & digging!
- Apply organic fertiliser
- Prune ...
 - overgrown evergreens & hedges
 - late flowering shrubs
- Mulch fruit trees
- Enjoy your garden - get some help!

Andy



St Raphael, Huccaby

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

Church Services - see Page 6 for details

Snowdrop time

The weather conditions before Christmas were such that the snowdrops were already starting to bloom in the Chapel grounds. The mild weather in December was followed by a colder spell in January and we expect to see the usual wonderful display in the grounds.

Starting on Friday 8th February, there will be snowdrops in pots available in the Chapel which make a lovely gift, whether it is for Valentine's Day or any other reason. But even if you don't want a snowdrop in a pot, please come and visit the Chapel and see the snowdrops in all their natural glory.

Cream Tea

Following the success of the cream tea afternoons held in the early part of last year, there will be cream teas available in the Chapel from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Sunday 3rd March. Last year, the best part of the afternoon, was seeing visitors sitting around the wood burning stove with their tea, enjoying conversations with friends and strangers alike. Please do come and join us.

Peace and Tranquillity

I have written several times about visitors' appreciation of the peaceful surroundings and tranquillity within the Chapel itself and I make no apology for repeating this item from The Times newspaper which highlights the importance of providing opportunities for people to take time out and communicate with God. The writer describes his experience of entering a London church as follows:

"I found myself in a vaulted space of quiet reverence. A large painting of the Last Supper was behind the altar, leading the eye towards a magnificent stained-glass window. Behind, the gilded pipes of the organ soared towards the ceiling like prayers. The pews were wooden and perfectly aligned. Isn't it wonderful that so many churches open their doors to the public? It is not just that these buildings are among the most precious jewels in our architectural heritage, but that they offer a moment or two of silent contemplation for religious and non-religious alike. I walked back into the mayhem of Oxford Street with a spring in my step. It was probably the most life-affirming ten minutes of the day."

Apart from being a beautiful piece of prose, this description of the impact of being in a holy place is something that many visitors to St. Raphael's will recognise, even though the interior is not as grand as that of the London church!

If you need some time and space to reflect and refresh your body and spirit, please call in at the Chapel or any other of our many lovely churches. All are welcome.

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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
3rd February	16.00	Norma	-	Shan	
10th February	12.00	Geoff	Norma	Shan	
17th February	12.00	Patrick	Shan	Jane	
24th February	12.00	Shan	Norma	Jane	

Coffee Morning and Stalls

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

It is a great opportunity for a community to get together for a couple of hours, and buy our homemade preserves including Marmalade, Jam and Chutney. Also great selection of paperbacks for just 40p, puzzles, bric a brac and nearly new clothes. Raffle. Local meat stall from 'Meat Dartmoor'.



Weds 6th February

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

Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

The next Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 6th February 10-12
A Happy New Year to you All

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Whist Drive Dates

At Leusdon Memorial Hall
Mondays 11th, 25th February
at 7.30pm. All very welcome !



Badminton Dates

Leusdon Memorial Hall at 7.30pm
Mondays 4th, 18th February
New players always welcome !



Dartmoor Forest Parish Council – Extracts December 2018



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

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

Public toilets costs – Princetown for several years Dartmoor Forest Parish Council has made significant donations to help fund the public toilets in Princetown. The parish council have been paying West Devon Borough Council approximately £3,500 each year to ensure the toilets were cleaned and maintained. This arrangement was unique in West Devon and no other parish council has been making donations of this level to fund the public toilets in their parish. The parish council were therefore surprised and disappointed at West Devon Borough Council's proposal to increase this contribution to almost £20,000 each year. At its meeting on 20th December the parish council voted unanimously to reject this proposal. In addition, the council rejected unanimously the request for the parish council to take over the lease, maintenance and cleaning of the toilets. Although there was some support for the council to take over the toilets and reduce the opening hours in winter. Dartmoor Forest Parish Council had called upon Dartmoor National Park Authority to run the toilets, which are based in the car park next to the Dartmoor National Park Visitor Centre in Princetown and are owned by the National Park and leased to West Devon Borough Council. However, this had been rejected by Dartmoor National Park. Although West Devon Borough Council wanted to increase the contribution to almost £20,000 each year, the parish council have offered to continue to pay £3,500 each year, as they have done in previous years. Councillor Paul Turnbull explained the reason behind the decision; "The parish council felt that as a gesture of goodwill and compromise we are asking West Devon to look at this again and keep the public toilets open. We will continue to make a significant donation towards their costs."

Princetown Primary School Council resolved to support proposal for school to join An Daras Multi Academy Trust. It was reported that there been a significant improvement at the school since they had joined with An Daras and that once formally joining the academy the head teacher would be committed to the school for at least 3 years.

Dartmoor Local Plan Cllr. Geen reported on the recent workshop held by DNPA and the requirement for the council to review the settlement profiles to ensure they are accurate by the end of the consultation period. Comments must be received by 5pm on Monday 4 February 2019 to be taken into consideration.

Local Elections 2019 Please note both West Devon Borough Council and Parish Council elections are being held on May 2nd 2019. There are expected to be vacancies on the parish council, therefore if you would like to know more about the role of the parish councillor and the work of the parish council please contact the Clerk.

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 28 February at Princetown Community Centre and Thursday 28 March at Postbridge Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome and may speak during the public sessions. The agenda will be published at <http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/next-meetings-agenda.html>



St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

Postbridge Whist Drives

Held in the Village Hall

Tuesdays 5th and 19th February



Learners are especially welcome.

Entrance fee of £2.50 to include refreshments and prizes.

Coffee Mornings

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



Monday 4th February
at Greyhound, Postbridge
with Rose Williams

Monday 18th February
at Postbridge Village Hall
with Sue Martin & Wendy Watson

POSTBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

Jumble Sale, Table Top Sale & Raffle

Saturday 23rd February @ 2pm

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Jumble can be brought to the hall on the Friday evening 7pm

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Annie 01822 880201

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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.

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. You are welcome to attend two meetings as a taster. We are a fun group of mixed age range ladies and we do have a good laugh. Do come and see what we get up to.

We have many exciting things happening within our Institute during the next twelve months, so come and check us out.

Our first meeting of 2019, which will be our Registration meeting for the coming year will be on Wednesday 6th February. 7.30pm. We shall be doing some hands-on wood work at this meeting with Dave Vincent a local craftsman.

Look forward to seeing you.

If you would like to know more about 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.



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5th February Building the Kariba Dam *with David Lemon*

5th March Winter on Dartmoor *with Paul Rendell*

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

or email jlissenden@talktalk.net

Web Site: 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
3rd February	10.30	Dawn	Val & Richard	Pam Coaker
10th February	10.30	Marcia	Debbie Sandels	Pam Coaker
17th February	10.30	Clare	Rose Mortimore	Judy Southcombe
24th February	10.30	Rose McAfee	Penny	Judy Southcombe

WIDECOMBE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2018

The Christmas Tree Festival was once again a great success, with people from all over the world coming to see it! A new idea this year was a "Prayer Flag Tree", all the flags being made by our Churchwarden, Penny Whale. Visitors were invited to take a Prayer Flag back home with them, so now there are little reminders of Widecombe as far afield as China, Japan, Canada, USA and New Zealand and Australia, as well as lots of places in between!



With the Christmas Services collections as well as the collection from the Festival itself, we were able to send the magnificent sum of £1,121.55 to Young Minds(charity no.1016968)

A Huge THANK YOU to everyone who took part,(it was especially good to see several new people and groups taking part for the first time),helped with stewarding & especially to David, who locked and unlocked the Church every day and turned all the tree lights on and off!



Widecombe Village Hall Steering Group (WVHSG)

has been planning fundraising events to continue working towards the local target of £50,000 for a new community hall.

Evie is running a 'Race Night' on Saturday 9th February at 7.30pm, Leusdon Memorial Hall. Tickets (£8 per person) must be booked in advance and include a 2-course supper. Bring your own drinks. Call Evie to book on 01364 652007.

Easter Duck Race down the leat at Old Walls Hydro and BBQ at Waterleat Lodge – Sunday 7th April, 2.30pm onwards. Save the date – more details to follow!

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East Ogwell, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6YE

Email: suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com Tel. 01626 330311

Please state in your application your bid and the purpose for which you intend using the field and that you will be able to show evidence of insurance to indemnify the Parish Council against all third party liability and keep the field in good order including a lock to the gate.

The Council will consider all applications at its meeting on 7 March 2019.

Widcombe & District History Group

We are looking for a Secretary and a Treasurer in the History Group and a Widcombe Fair Co-ordinator for the History Group Marquee.

We were just wondering if anybody would feel that they could hold the post.

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WIDECOMBE CHRISTMAS TREE RESULTS



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- 2nd Widecombe Primary School "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"
- 3rd McFee & Drawing Kids "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
- Specials Widdyots "O Come all Ye Faithful, Sing Choirs of Angels"
- Team Chinkwell "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer"
- Shallowford Farm "Away in a Manger"

ADULT'S TREES

- 1st Judy Southcombe "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In"
- 2nd Widecombe Bellringers "Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star"
- 3rd National Trust Shop "Driving Home (From Widecombe) for Christmas"
- Special Widecombe Sewing Circle "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (and Washed Their Socks!) by Night"

Also Thanks to:

- St, Gabriel's Church, Postbridge "The Holly and the Ivy"
- Heatree Activity Centre "Go Tell it on the Mountain"
- Leusdon Church "The 12 Days of Christmas"
- Friends of the Dartmoor Hill Ponies "Jingle Bells"
- Widecombe History Group "A Christmas Alphabet"
- The Old Inn "Santa Baby"
- The Cafe on the Green "Partridge in a Pear tree"
- Widecombe Kiosk "Mistletoe and Wine"



ADULT'S SMALL TREES

- 1st Mike "The Post" Productions "Merry Christmas Everyone"
- 2nd Janet Anderson "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"
- 3rd Ann Murphy "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"
- Special Aileen Carrett "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In"

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.



WIDECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Grant applications invited

Widecombe Parish Council has allocated funds in its budget under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. This section allows local councils to incur expenditure which, in their opinion, is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants and for which no other legislation can be applied.

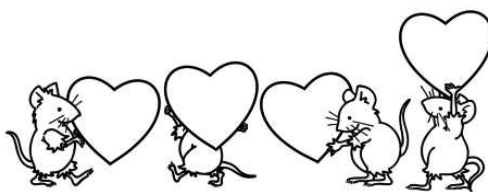
If you are a community group wishing to be considered for a small grant, please submit an application in writing to the clerk: Suzanna Hughes, 16 Westwood Cleave, Ogwell, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6YE or suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com

Applications should be submitted by **1 March 2019** for consideration in the March Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council reserves the right to verify the details supplied in any application. The grant of an award is entirely at the discretion of the Parish Council whose decision is final. The Parish Council will not enter into any correspondence regarding any decision made.



Valentine's Day
Thursday
14th February



Widcombe & District Sports Group

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Thursday: Tennis Adults + competent teenagers 6.30 onwards.

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Widcombe Ladies Social Club

There will be
NO MEETING
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FEBRUARY

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Widcombe & District History Group

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

Feb 6th The History of the Duchy and its Dartmoor Estate
with Tom, Stratton

Mar 6th "My Friend Fred"
with John Lowe

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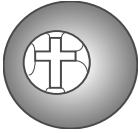
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Every Sunday 9am Breakfast and Worship at Dunstone Chapel

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.

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Get prepared for Shrove Tuesday
on March 5th. Make sure you have the
ingredients to make your pancakes

Meanwhile, I hope the weather is not too
bad for us here in Devon.

All the best *Marion*

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