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The Parish Letter

Dear Readers

A very happy and peaceful New Year to you, your family and friends.

What are your New Year's resolutions going to be? To cut down on the alcohol; to start a new diet; to go to church (for the first time or more often); to help others; to visit people who are lonely or to make a new start.

Listening to the radio the other day I heard about someone who had been sleeping rough for a long time. He was helped to find accommodation and a job, and he said it was a chance for a really new start to his life.

How many of us need a new start? Perhaps not many; we are very fortunate and have so much – is that why so many people say these days that they don't need God. But

2019: Is it even possible to make a New Start?

The Christian faith teaches that a new start is endlessly possible. It is provided by a personal encounter with the risen and living Jesus Christ. He offers us the opportunity and the resources to make a new start, despite all our circumstances or failings.

The Bible records many encouraging examples of people who were able to start again after encountering Jesus. These include a woman caught in adultery who was facing execution by an outraged community, a hated tax collector named Zacchaeus who had been collaborating with the enemy, and Peter, the close friend of Jesus who publicly disowned him.

God's provision of a new start liberates people from the powerful hold that guilt, fear and memories of failure can have over a human. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus have made a way for humans to find God's forgiveness. A Christian is someone who has accepted God's forgiveness and now has the freedom to reject the old habits of bitterness, anger or revenge, like disposing of a 'shabby old coat'. Many Christians experience this as such a new beginning that they describe it as feeling like a different kind of life.

Forgiveness, however, is not the same as perfection. Although many Christians can look back to a specific time at which they made a decision to make a new start as a follower of the way of Jesus Christ, living up to a new way of being is an ongoing struggle. There is a frequent need to revisit and remember the new start. Church services almost always include a point at which worshippers are encouraged to think about recent failures, confess them, and ask for the mercy of God in absolute certainty that He will forgive.

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The Bible describes God's promises of mercy as 'new every morning'. It is in the gracious nature of God that mistakes and failures are not a stick to be beaten with, but an opportunity to change into something better.

What does God require of us? To do justice, love kindness and to walk humbly with you our God (Micah 6:8)

Let's make a New Start in 2019. May God bless you in this New Year. Marion

Church Events

SAFEGUARDING THROUGHOUT THE BENEFICE

Safeguarding is taken very seriously throughout the Benefice so we are arranging Safeguarding Training for all PCC and DCC members who either do not have access to a computer, or would prefer to do the training "Face to Face". We have



provisionally booked to do this on Saturday 23rd February in Ashburton,

Further details will be sent out next month. If anyone feels they are able to do the training online, please email me for details,iudysouthcombe@yahoo.co.uk



Exploring the Christian Faith

You are invited to a series of evenings that will give an introduction to the Christain faith and explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus

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Church Services for JANUARY 2019

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January 6th			iphan			White	
Readings: Isaiah	60: 1-6;	Psalm 72: 10-15; Ephe	sians 3:	1-12; Matth	ew 2: 1-	12	
Holne	10.30	Parish Communion	JG	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion	MR
Widecombe	10.30	Family Worship	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Family Worship	MR
Leusdon	16.00	Evening Prayer	GF	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer	MK
				Bickington	16.00	Christingle	MR
January 13th		Baptis	m of (Christ		White	
Readings - Isaia	ah 43: 1-	-7; Psalm 29: Acts 8:	14-17,	Luke 3: 1	5-17, 21	1-22	
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion	GF	Bickington	09.00	Parish Communion	JG
Widecombe	10.30	Plough Sunday	GF	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion	JA
Leusdon	12.00	Plough Sunday	GF	Buckland	15.00	Plough Sunday	MK
Holne	18.00	Evening Prayer	JH	1			
January 20th		Epiphany 3	3 / Chr	istian Unit	У	White	
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Mid-week Communion					
Wednesday 9th January	Ashburton	10.30	MR		
Wednesday 16th January	Ashburton	10.30	GF		
Wednesday 23rd January	Ashburton	10.30	MR		
Wednesday 30th January	Ashburton	10.30	MR		

Kev to Service Leaders

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MR	Revd Mark Rylands	JA	Revd John Andrews	SS	Steve Sheldon
AR	Revd Mandy Rylands	JH	Jeremy Howell	KH	Revd Kevin Hooke
GF	Revd Geoffrey Fenton	MK	Marion Kaye		
JG	Revd John Good	WW	William West		

Holy Communion

Midweek & At Home

There is a service of

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Communion at home

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We collected in 2018 £2355 00

In 2017 it was £ 2103.12

Thank you so much for your help and support.

Widecombe District Poppy Appeal Honorary Organiser.

General Team News

From the Registers

Funeral	Holne	27th November	Mary Christabel Wright
Memorial Service	Holne	1st December	Anne Bouverie Mortimore

Dates for the Diary

January		
10th	Exploring the Christian Faith (1)	5
13th	FINAL COPY FOR FEBRUARY LINE	<
24th	Mother Goose at Leusdon	8
25th	Widecombe Winter Regatta	7

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6th	Leusdon Coffee Morning & Stalls	21
23rd	Safeguarding Training Ashburton	5

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LOVE Devon's Walk for Widecombe raises over £5,100 for the Widecombe Village Hall fund

The LOVE Devon Walk for Widecombe fundraising event has raised over £5,100 for the Widecombe Village Hall fund after its successful fundraising event in September. More than £4,300 has been raised so far and the total is set to increase further with the addition of gift aid, which is expected to bring the amount to over £5,100.



Walk for Widecombe was organised by Devon Communities Together, the independent community development charity behind the LOVE Devon fundraising brand, which supports community projects and services throughout Devon. Elaine Cook, Chief Executive, commented: "We're thrilled that this first LOVE Devon fundraising event was such as success and we have been able to help the community of Widecombe kick start their fundraising campaign.

out to other community projects that local fundraising can work and it's given us all some exciting ideas for the future. It was a fantastic team effort so well done all!"

The village volunteers did a wonderful job organising the fun day including a dog show, pony rides, tractor rides, a vintage vehicle parade and much more. Yvette Elliott of the Widecombe Village Hall committee, added: "This event has been a fantastic way of kick-starting the fundraising for our project at the same time as bringing the community together and having lots of fun.

Our thanks go to the LOVE Devon team for helping to make this possible."

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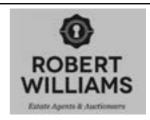
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Rainfall in November 2018

Place	Total Rainfall	Days with- out rain	Wettest days
Postbridge	309.6 mm (12.2")	5	9th 1.8"
	(November 2017 - 140.2	mm (5.5")	27th/28th 1.4"
Holne			



MONTHLY CHARITY LUNCH

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Church Services - see Page 6

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
6th January	10.30	TBA	Ann R
13th January	18.00	TBA	Ann R
20th January	-	-	Georgina
27th January	10.30	TBA	Georgina

Coffee Mornings - Holne Tea Room

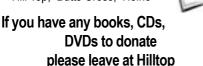
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Holne Garden Group

There will be no meeting in January.

February will be our annual meeting, quiz etc on February 20th in Holne Village Hall. Details to follow in the next issue.

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.

Rainbow Tai Chi classes in Holne

On January 7th we continue with a new cycle of Rainbow Tai Chi & Chi Kung classes in the Village hall of Holne.

Classes are for all ages and all levels of fitness. We focus on improving our health and wellbeing on 'heart, body, mind and spirit' levels, in a light hearted and fun way. Spaces available! Price is £7 per class or £30 for a cycle of 6 classes.

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Church Services - see Page 6 for details

In Quietness and in Confidence

The start of a New Year means an opportunity for new beginnings in many ways. Following the gift of God's Son at Christmas, we can look forward to the year ahead with new hope.

After a busy year at St. Raphael's with weddings, exhibitions, services of celebration and the arrival of Mark and Mandy, we could be hoping for a more settled year. For the visitors to the Chapel and the congregation, hopefully that will be the case. However, 2019 will see the start of several changes across the Benefice and Deanery.

Mark has brought with him fresh eyes and an enthusiasm which is making us think about what we are doing, why we are doing it and how are we going to make the Church more relevant to everyone in our communities.

At the same time, work is going on to remodel our Deanery (which stretches from Moretonhampstead to Holne), to accommodate a future reduction in paid clergy posts.

For some, the changes that are needed may be seen as a threat. To others, this is an opportunity to do things differently, to look outwards, rather than inwards and take up Bishop Robert's exhortation "to serve the people of Devon with joy".

As we begin on the path of change, however difficult or impossible things may seem, we can draw on the word of the Lord in the book of Isaiah - "in quietness and confidence shall be your strength". In a rural community such as ours where peace and tranquillity are valued, we will move forward quietly but steadily, with the confidence that God will show us what we should be doing that will best meet the future needs of our communities and our churches.

Snowdrops

One thing that we can guarantee will be the same every year, is the display of snowdrops in the grounds of the Chapel. From mid-February there will be snowdrops in pots available to take away for a donation in the Chapel.

Following the success of offering cream teas during snowdrop time last year, we will be stoking up the wood burning stove and putting the kettle on again.

Dates for the cream teas will be available through either of the local church websites – www. moorlandteam.org.uk or www.straphaelhuccaby.org.uk. The Moorland Team website gives details of services at all the churches in the Benefice as well as links to other useful information.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported the Chapel during 2018 and a happy and healthy New Year to you all.

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St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers - Altar	Windows
6th January	16.00	Norma	-	Norma	-
13th January	12.00	Liz	Shan	Norma	-
20th January	12.00	Peter	Norma	Penny/Norma	-
27th January	12.000	Shan	Liz	Penny/Norma	-

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

December Coffee Morning made £276-00 for Hall funds.

Many thanks to everyone.

The next Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 6th February 10-12

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you All

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For more information or booking

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Amanda on 01364 631432

Whist Drive Dates

At Leusdon Memorial Hall Mondays 31st Dec, 14th & 28th January WHIST.

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Leusdon Memorial Hall at 7.30pm Mondays 7th and 21st January New players always welcome!

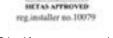


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Dartmoor Forest Parish Council – Extracts November 2018

Parish Clerk: Steve Cox. Telephone: 01822 258549

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

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Representatives of the service attended the meeting including Group Commander Dale Durante, Group Manager Mike Porter and Paul Hawke, Risk Manager to update council on Rapid Intervention Vehicle (RIV), and in particular to respond to council's concerns about reliability, lack of long ladder and 4 x 4 capability. The officers advised the council that a longer ladder had been installed, further comprehensive testing of the vehicle had been undertaken and 4 x 4 capability was being investigated for the whole of the Devon & Somerset area. Concern was raised about access on some of the narrow bridges in the parish. Officer Paul Hawke asked councillors and members of the public to contact him directly to ensure that the service was aware of these locations. It was also noted that Princetown fire station is recruiting retained firefighters and help with recruitment would be welcome. The RIV was parked outside and councillors and public were encouraged to view it and see its capabilities. The Chair thanked the officers attending and explaining the position of the fire service.

<u>Public toilets costs – Princetown</u> West Devon Borough Council (WDBC) have confirmed the decision that they are asking parish councils to assume responsibility for the public toilets in their area, including assuming responsibility for the freehold or leasehold or to make a contribution towards the running costs of 75% in the next financial years, increasing over the following 3 years to 100%. In addition, WDBC have discussed this with Dartmoor National Park Authority and they have confirmed they will not be putting any further funds into public toilets.

The Clerk presented an estimate of the potential for the parish council to run the toilets. This increased the precept by almost £13K and was an overall cost to the parish of approximately £16.5K. However, this was an estimate and further analysis was required of the potential costs and risks. WDBC had requested a decision by 14th December, however Cathy Aubertin, the lead officer for WDBC present at that meeting, confirmed that a decision could be provided after the next meeting of the council on 20the December 2018. It was therefore resolved to defer the decision to the next meeting to enable a fuller analysis of the potential in-house costs to be completed and shared to the council.

<u>Local Elections 2019</u> Please note both West Devon Borough Council and Parish Council elections are being held on May 2nd 2019. If you would like to know more about the role of the parish councillor please contact the Clerk.

<u>Minutes of Parish Council Meetings</u>. 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 24 January at Princetown Community Centre and Thursday 28 February at Princetown Community Centre. Members of the public are welcome and may speak during the public sessions. The agenda will be published at http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/next-meetings-agenda.html



St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

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Postbridge Whist Drives

Please note:

Whist Drives in January will be held at The Brake, Postbridge at 7.30pm on



Tuesdays 8th and 22nd January

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 7th January

at Beechwood, Postbridge with Sarah Drew

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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.

Firstly may we at High Moorland wish you all a very happy new year. May it bring you good health, happiness and a membership of High Moorland WI.

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.

Sermon

A boy was watching his father, a minister, write a sermon and asked how he knew what to say. 'Why, God tells me,' replied his father contentedly.

'Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?'



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 Web Site: princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com







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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
6th January	10.30	Dawn Nosworthy	Penny	Jenny
13th January	10.30	Peter Dracup	Wendy Cruze	Jenny
20th January	10.30	Peter Blood	Kriss & Peter Blood	Kriss
27th January	10.30	Judy Southcombe	Dawn	Kriss

PARTRIDGE Simon James

The Partridge family would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support over the loss of Simon James.

Collections for Rowcroft amounted to £4484.39, £2400 raised at the charity clay Pigeon shoot arranged by the Partridge Family and £2084 collected at the funeral.

Francis also raised £6729.84 with the generous support of the Widecombe Fair committee which has been donated to the charities that have supported us as a family and continue to do so -

The Lodge, a cancer support unit linked to Torbay Hospital and the Injured Jockeys Fund.



Widecombe Village Hall Steering Group (WVHSG) has been receiving business development support and we are well on our way to creating a formal business plan at the same time as applying for further grants to support our work in the coming year.

Design work continues and we hope to be submitting preapplication plans to DNPA in the new year for their feedback. We will then be in a position to finalise our proposals and a formal planning application will be made.

www.widecombevillagehall.co.uk Email: info@widecombevillagehall.co.uk

Chair: Yvette Elliott Secretary: Sarah Reeve

Treasurer: Richard Casey Membership Officer: Evie Edworthy

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.

Morning Tea

A vicar in a small country church was looking forward to an important visit from his bishop, which would involve the bishop staying overnight at the vicarage after the service. His young son became very excited, as he had never spoken to a bishop before.

The vicar decided that his young son should be allowed to knock on the bishop's door in the morning and take him in his morning tea.

His father gave him instructions: "First, knock on the door of the bishop's room and then say loud and clear: "It's the boy, my Lord, it's time to get up."

The young son was very excited and rehearsed his lines, repeating them over and over. Finally, the bishop came and spent the night. Next morning the young lad went to the door and knocked. He cried loudly: "It's the Lord, my boy, and your time is up!"





Widecombe & District Sports Group

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

Thursday: Tennis Adults + competent teenagers 6.30 onwards.



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.

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Church House Management

Committee Chairman - Mike Pascoe

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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 01364 621218

Widecombe Ladies Social Club

There will be

NO MEETING

in

JANUARY or FEBRUARY

If anyone wants more details 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.

Jan 9th New Year's Party

Feb 6th The History of the Duchy and its Dartmoor Estate

with Tom, Stratton

Contact : Marcia Babington (01364) 661263 or email at 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



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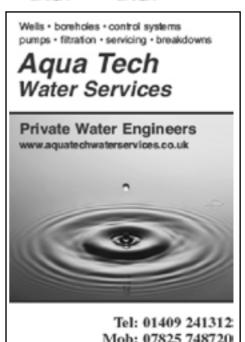
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