

Moorland Parish Link



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Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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Choose Life!

March 2019

My Dad tricked me. Aged seven, it was my first trip to London and we went to Madame Tussaud's. Seeing that I needed the lavatory, he told me to ask the attendant at the foot of the stairs where to go. When I asked him, the attendant didn't answer. Only by touching his cold hand and turning to see my father grinning, did I realise he wasn't alive, only a wax dummy.

Dead or alive? Response or non-response is the test. Why are so many people only half-alive? Why is it that children seem to be more vividly alive than their parents?



I like the seaside - the beach, the sea and the rock pools - but I didn't realise how dull I had become to its wonder until I enjoyed it with a toddler. To walk twenty yards along the beach could take half an hour because every pebble, every bit of shell, every dry twig or bit of seaweed was an object of such wonder and awe that you had to squat and examine and squeal with delight. Heaven lies about us in our infancy and even a trek across the beach can become the golden journey to Treasure Island. Where did it go, that intensity of response? How comes it that most of us lose the gift of seeing the ordinary as extraordinary? This is why Jesus said that the Kingdom of God is for the childlike, for it is the Kingdom of the fully alive. The unaware and the half-dead have no place in it because they have no feeling for it.

There is a frustrating amount of deadness around- the sleeping sickness, apathy and lack of response. Perhaps its fear that does it. We shrink from the pain of being fully awake. The child who is so intensely alive to the wonder of each shell and pebble quickly discovers that she can't tunnel that vision so as to be aware of only the beautiful and happy things. Eyes that remain open to the glory of the world must see its ugliness as well. So growing up is usually a process of closing up. Awareness makes demands. Awareness hurts. So we begin to grow a protective shell and become a bit blind, a bit deaf, a bit dead.

The word, 'Lent', comes from an old English word meaning spring season and in many ways this special period of observance is the perfect time for a spiritual spring clean – to check our priorities, our vital signs of life. There are courses being run in the Moorland Team to help you explore your spiritual side. Please check them out and consider joining one.

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Church Events

In the gospels, Jesus is portrayed as a person totally alive to God: supremely aware and responsive. He noticed the unattractive small character perched in the sycamore tree and he heard the cry of the blind beggar above the noise of the crowd. 'In him was life and the life was the light of all people' (John 1:4). On the cross, the aliveness of Jesus Christ went down under the deadness that is our sickness and sin. Surrendering himself to death, he drew it into himself and absorbed it. Our sin was absorbed in Christ's forgiveness. Jesus has opened up a way for us. He transformed death into life.

At Communion we remember that he died to bring us new life. The bread is broken as he was; the wine is poured into the cup as his life was poured out. 'Because I am alive, you shall be alive also'. God transforms bread because he wants to transform us. We are blessed to be a blessing to others, to make a real difference.

The invitation is there. It's not forced on anyone but neither can you receive by sitting back and doing nothing. He says: Ask. Come. Take. His aliveness is on offer. Choose life!

Mark



*God's vision,
our mission.*

From Vision to Action

**Saturday 9th March
9.30am - 2pm**

at Scoriton Village Hall (plenty of parking)

A day for everyone in the Ashburton and Moorland team of churches.

Exploring God's Mission to the world,
seeking his direction and seeing where we can play
our part here on Dartmoor.

The morning will include worship, prayer, teaching, conversation and learning together. Lunch will be provided.

Please pray for our morning together and consider joining us

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



Church Services for MARCH 2019

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			
Wednesday March 6th		Ash Wednesday		Purple	
Ashburton	19.00	Holy Communion with Ashing		MR	
March 10th		Lent 1		Purple	
<i>Readings - Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13</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 SLW
Holne	18.00	Evening Prayer	JH		
March 17th		Lent 2		Purple	
<i>Readings - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35</i>					
Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion	MR	Ashburton	10.30 Parish Communion AR
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion	GF	Bickington	10.30 Family Service MR
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	GF	Buckland	15.00 Holy Communion MR
March 24th		Lent 3		Purple	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9</i>					
Holne	10.30	Holy Communion	JG	Bickington	09.00 Holy Communion GF
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	10.30 Parish Communion JA
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	GF	Buckland	15.00 Evening Prayer MK
Postbridge	18.00	Evening Prayer	GF		
March 31st		Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday		Purple	
<i>Readings - speak to Minister for these</i>					
Widecombe	10.30	Mothering Sun (Family)	GF	Bickington	09.00 Family Communion MR
Leusdon	12.00	Morning Prayer	GF	Ashburton	10.30 Family Communion MR
Holne	16.00	Mothering Sunday	MR	Buckland	11.00 Mothering Sun Service AR
Postbridge	18.00	Mothering Sun (Family)	GF		
April 7th		Lent 5		Purple	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8</i>					
Widecombe	08.00	Holy Communion	GF	Bickington	09.00 Holy Communion MR
Widecombe	10.30	Family Worship	GF	Ashburton	10.30 Parish Communion JA
Holne	10.30	AGM Parish Communion	MR	Buckland	15.00 Evening Prayer MR
Leusdon	16.00	Evening Prayer	GF		

There is a service of

Holy Communion every Wednesday 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)

Mid-week Communion

Wednesday 6th March	Ashburton	10.30	MR
Wednesday 13th March	Ashburton	10.30	MR
Wednesday 20th March	Ashburton	10.30	MR
Wednesday 27th March	Ashburton	10.30	MR
Wednesday 3rd April	Ashburton	10.30	MR

Key to Service Leaders

MR	Revd Mark Rylands	JA	Revd John Andrews	SS	Steve Sheldon
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GF	Revd Geoffrey Fenton	MK	Marion Kaye	KH	Revd Kevin Hooke
JG	Revd John Good	WW	William West	SLW	Simon Le-Pine Williams

From the Registers

Baptism	Widecombe	3rd February	Alex Peter Owen
Funeral	Widecombe	18th February	Colin Slade
Interment of Ashes	Widecombe	21st December	Sheila Jean Perkins

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 1st MARCH AT 2PM at WIDECOMBE Parish Church

This year the Service is prepared by the women of Slovenia entitled

'COME EVERYTHING IS READY'



General Team News

Dates for the Diary

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1st	Wolmen's World Day of Prayer	7
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3rd	Huccaby Snowdrops & Cream Tea	27
6th	Leusdon Coffee and Stalls	29

9th	From Vision to Action	5
11th	Lent Courses Start	8
17th	Moor Church	11
22nd	Widecombe Sailing Club Gig	14
23rd	Concert at Holne Church	11

Courses for LENT

Monday Mornings 10.15 for 10.30 at St Andrews Church

11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st and 8th April

The Final Week

Looking at the people, places and decisions along the journey to the Cross



Monday Evenings 7.30pm at Widecombe Vicarage

11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st and 8th April

The Mystery of God

Following the Lent Course for Churches Together In Britain and Ireland 2019

Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm at St Petroc's

13th, 20th, 27th March and 3rd and 10th April

Encountering Christ in Scripture

Looking at the previous Sunday's bible readings – Lectio Divina

Thursday evenings 7.30pm at Ashburton Rectory

14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th and 11th April

Pilgrim Course: Exploring the Lord's Prayer

(NB: This course is specifically for Enquirers and those very new to the Christian Faith)



Benefice Magazines Review

Dear reader,

As published last month we are interested in developing the Benefice magazines, and we have now started on this task.

We want to keep everyone updated about the whole process and this is by means of our first stage report. Thank you to those readers who have already responded by email to February's publication.

The first meeting of our Review Steering Group has been held. We are fortunate that we now have Chloe Axford from Ashburton, the new Director of Communications for the Exeter Diocese, joining us in our deliberations – welcome Chloe!

Nationally, the role and function of Church magazines has been subject to much debate in the last 10 years or more. Our desk top research has thus far identified what Church magazines could or should be doing for our Parishes and the Benefice.

The fundamental questions appear to be:

Who are the printed magazines for? (Any internal/external targets?)

Why do we need them?

How often do we need them if there is an identified need?

What should the content be if there is a need?

And how much do they cost – what is the cost benefit analysis?

Some Church magazines are held up as good practice because they concentrate upon three or four priorities as functions of what they do – but of course every Parish is different. We are sure our Benefice is an exemplar of this reality!

Please remember you can contribute to this review with your own thoughts on the Benefice Magazines. This can be done in confidence - by email to:

beneficemagazinesreview@gmail.com or contact the editors – their details are in the magazines.

Tony Parker

Grannie



After church, the mother asked her young son if he had enjoyed Sunday School. “Oh yes,” he replied. “My new teacher is pretty cool – she is Jesus’ grand-mother.” Startled, his mother asked what made him think that. “Obvious, she never stops talking about Jesus,” he replied.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances Ashburton Log Services has had to close due to a sudden loss of storage space for my logs with no warning. I would like to thank all my customers over the years I shall still be supplying a Log Splitting service along with domestic garden fencing, please call me for recommendations of log supplies.



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volunteer, please call 01364 653335**

"Moor Church : Sunday 17th

'Moor Church' is part of the pattern of family-friendly church activities and services organised by the Anglican and Methodist Churches in Ashburton, working in partnership. Moor Church takes place four times a year (in 5 Sunday months!), at different locations on a Sunday afternoon. The next one will be on Sunday 17th March at 3pm, starting at Combestone Tor and walking for about 1km, and will feature activities, reflection, singing and prayers on a Lenten theme. If you fancy trying worship outdoors, linking spirituality with the moorland, being a part of family-friendly church, or are just curious about what we get up to, you will be very welcome!"

The Chagford Singers

"A Night at the Opera " on Saturday 6th April 2019

The Chagford Singers will be presenting Puccini's *Messa di Gloria*, a selection of opera choruses and more, supported by the Dartmouth Orchestra in the Jubilee Hall Chagford on the evening of 6th April. It will be a night of verve and fun. Please reserve the date in your diaries and bring your friends. Doors will open by 7pm for a 7.30 start. More information will be on our website on

thechagfordsingers.co.uk .

Tickets will be available online shortly.

Concert in Holne Church

Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm

The St. David's Singers from Exeter will be giving a concert in Holne Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 23rd March.

The choir consists of about 30 singers who enjoy singing challenging music from a wide range of composers, periods and styles.

They sing sacred and secular music, normally a cappella, in and around Devon, usually for charities.

Entry will be £10 to include refreshments and all proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the church.

Prayer for help and healing

Father, You are always loving, always generous and kind to your children.

Please have mercy on us as a nation at this time of turmoil and division.

Help us to be tolerant and understanding of those who have different, sincerely-held opinions.

And guide our leaders so that your will be done in our country and in our relationships with each other and with Europe and the rest of the world.

Lord, have mercy on us, forgive us and heal us.

In Jesus name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

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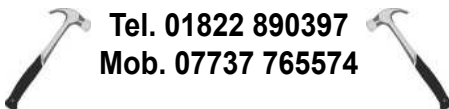
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Come and be inspired! DATES: 27th March, 24th April, 22nd May and so on.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

ZUMBA GOLD classes at Holne Village Hall



Gentle dance-fitness classes on Tuesday mornings in Holne Village Hall.

9.15 - 10.15am VERY gentle class - plenty of time to take it at your own pace!

10.30 - 11.30am Gentle class with some quicker steps

Both classes improve cardio-vascular health, balance and co-ordination.

We dance to a selection of uplifting, happy music from around the world.

Tea and cake 10.15 - 10.30am.

It's a great place to have a chat and make friends, as well as keep fit and mobile!

For more information please contact Pip on pipjones6@gmail.com or 07946 615808.





Widecombe Sailing Club presents:

Jim Causley & Bill Murray

Friday 22 March at 6.30

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or 07957 280129

www.widcombesailingclub.org.uk

Hon. Rear Admiral: Steve Knightley

News from Rotary Club of Yelverton.



Towards the end of last year we were busy preparing Santa's sleigh for our village and shop Christmas collections. A full paint job was needed together with a refurbishment of the lighting system. Along with Santa the sleigh brought a lot of pleasure to the children of the villages. The collections themselves, door-to-door in Horrabridge and Princetown, at Tesco in Roborough and Tavistock, and at Yelverton shops were very successful – raising £1500.

This money, together with the £400 raised from our Barn Dance in October will be used to support our Memory Café in Yelverton, Rotary Foundation which amongst other things is working on Polio eradication, Shelter Box, and a variety of local charities (including St Luke's and Dartmoor Search & Rescue).

As you might expect, the last few months of the year have been fairly quiet. Some of our members took part in a ghost walk in Tavistock just before Christmas, and we recently lost our skittles match against a team from Rotary Club of Saltash but an enjoyable evening was nevertheless had by all.

Our planned visit to the new Water Treatment Works at Roborough has been postponed from January until April so that building work will be more complete and there will be less need for protective 'gear'

We're planning a Quiz evening in Yelverton War Memorial Hall on Saturday 23rd February, so look out for the posters.

There will be a Rotary Club 'open evening' at 7.30pm on the 13th March this year at our usual meeting place in Moorland Gardens Hotel Yelverton. Please come along and meet us and find out what Rotary's about and, in particular, what the Rotary Club of Yelverton is about. It's not exclusively for Yelverton residents – we have members from Bere Alston, Yelverton, Tavistock, Roborough, Princetown, Postbridge and Mary Tavy. The evening will be rounded off with a talk entitled 'Out on a Limb' by Professor Roland Burns of the University of Plymouth. This is on the fascinating subject of control of artificial limbs, particularly artificial hands.

Married

I married an Irishman on St Patrick's Day."

"Oh, really?"

"No, O'Reilly!"



March 17th



St Patrick's Day



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	Description	Description
VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS - LOCALLY GROWN		
- Hermon French Silver Salver		
		<i>Get yourself ready !</i>
1	Three coloured potatoes washed	
2	Three white potatoes washed	
3	Three onions, grown from sets	
4	Three carrots, trimmed and washed	CHILDREN'S CLASSES for
5	Three beetroot, trimmed and washed	TAME AND HUTCHINS CUPS
6	Six runner beans	ALL CLASSES 16 yrs and under
7	Longest runner bean	Please state your age
8	Any vegetable not mentioned in schedule	28 A home-made Greetings Card
9	Any squash or courgette	29 A pasta collage
10	A collection of 5 different vegetables, any variety in a standard veg box 12" x 16"	30 A garden on a plate
		31 A lego model
11	Four tomatoes	32 Four decorated cup cakes
12	Four varieties of culinary herbs in a jar of water	33 A fun Mr Potato Head
13	A plate of berry fruit - one variety	
14	Three Dahlias	ART and CRAFT OPEN TO ALL
15	Single rose	Gordon Daw Memorial trophy
16	Single stem any flower	34 Arrangement of flowers and foliage in an unusual container
17	Pot plant - in flower or just foliage	
18	Vase of mixed flowers (9 stems, 3 of each variety)	35 A flower arrangement in a teacup
HOME PRODUCE - LOCAL ENTRANTS Rose Bowl Made to competitors own recipe		36 A flower arrangement not to exceed 30 ins in any dimension
19	Ginger cake	37 A home-made toy - any material
20	A savoury flan - ingredients of own choice	38 A pencil sketch
21	4 Cheese Scones	39 Painting - Any subject, any medium
22	A traditional Victoria sponge	40 A needlework item
23	Traditional Meat Pasty	41 A knitted, woven or crocheted article
24	A rustic brown loaf	42 Any craft work not mentioned in schedule
25	A pot of homemade jam	43 Made from wood!
26	A jar of homemade Chutney	44 A short poem
27	A bottle of homemade drink - beer/cider/wine/ cordial	45 A photograph - Dartmoor Wildlife



Widcombe Fair Donations and 2019 Dates

WIDECOMBE FAIR



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The Fair Committee is pleased to announce that donations to local charities of nearly £5,000 were made from the surplus funds from the 2018 Fair, with the primary beneficiary being the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI). The primary beneficiary of any surplus from the 2019 Fair will be Rowcroft Hospice and any other local organisations that Liz and Francis Partridge want to support in memory of Simon.

Dates for 2019

The important one first....Widcombe Fair is on Tuesday 10th September

Directors' Meetings

It is planned to hold these meetings on **11th March, 15th April (flexible) & 12th August**. These are the 'behind the scenes' meetings, usually held in the Old Inn, looking after the annual accounts, Companies House requirements, risk assessment, budgetary control and the like. A formal call notice and relevant papers will be sent to the Directors in advance of these meetings. It is all very democratic so feel free to come along, but please be aware we work to a fixed agenda and any input to this agenda should be sent to the Co Sec at least three weeks before the Meeting. In short, these are not 'join in talk about anything' sessions!

The Traditional 'Second Tuesday' Planning Sessions / Get-Togethers

It is planned to hold these more fun, informal sessions on **12th March, 9th April, 14th May (including the AGM), 11th June, 9th July, 13th August and 3rd September**. These are very much 'joining in talk about anything' sessions focusing on making the Fair a success and ensuring the overall programme works. These get-togethers will always be at 7:30 in the Church House and everyone is welcome....the more the merrier.

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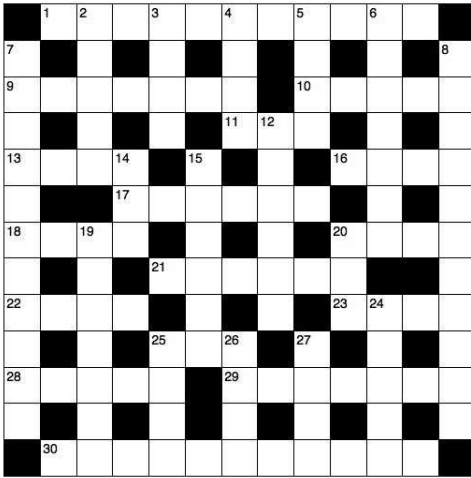
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Crossword Clues Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)

- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been —, he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Clues Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1)
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you' (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — —' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

Answers on Page 13

Rainfall in January 2019

Place	Total Rainfall	Days with-out rain	Wettest days
Postbridge	120.1 mm (4.7")	10	31st 1.2"
	(January 2018 - 254.0 mm (10.0"))		26th 0.9"
Holne	101.4 mm		18th 21.9mm



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St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
3rd March	10.30	Benefice Service at Bickington	Ann R
10th March	18.00	Georgina	LENT
17th March	09.00	at Huccaby	LENT
24th March	10.30	Judy	LENT
31st March	10.30	Gillian	LENT

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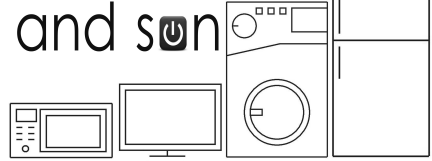


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As there is limited parking, visitors normally have to travel by public transport and on foot, so this is an opportunity to be driven all the way to the car park, where there is a buggy to the house for anyone with difficulty walking.

We leave Holne, Church House Inn, 10:00, Ashburton, Dartmoor Lodge, 10:15. For more details, to join the group and to book outings, contact

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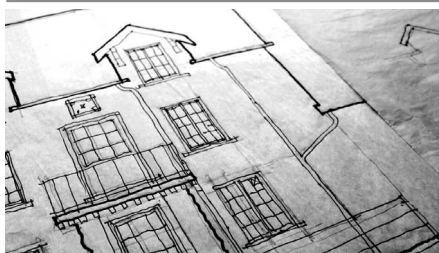
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- Prune ..
 - bush & shrub roses
 - renovate climbers
- Plant & divide perennials
- Plant early spuds & onion sets
- Prepare seed beds & sow herbs

Andy



St Raphael, Huccaby

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Snowdrop time

The snowdrops in the Chapel grounds have been looking lovely since the beginning of February and hopefully will last into March. As usual there have been plenty of visitors and we are grateful for all the donations we have received for the snowdrops in pots.

Cream Tea

A final reminder about the cream teas which be available in the Chapel from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Sunday 3rd March.

The wood burner will be lit and even if the weather is bad, come and enjoy a chat as well as the delicious scones.

A view from abroad

Having recently had the opportunity to travel to Kolkata and North East India, visiting places of worship as diverse as The Mother House, (Mother Teresa's base in Kolkata), Hindu temples, monasteries, mosques and churches, several things were very striking.

The first was the number of worshippers regardless of time of day and day of the week. Even in the most rural of areas, a constant stream of people were wanting to worship or receive blessings from the nuns or the myriad of priests and holy men who inhabit the temples.

The second was the devotion that people were showing to their faith, regardless of their position in society, wealth or otherwise.

Finally, we visited villages where people of all faiths and ethnic origins peacefully co-exist. We were overwhelmed by the welcome we received and by the willingness of people to share their stories and their religious practices with us.

Whilst some may ridicule the beliefs and practices of the 'non-Christian' religions, there are things we could learn or at least aspire to.

For example, wouldn't it be wonderful if there were queues of people outside our churches and chapels? And what a great lesson in encouraging visitors who may be new to church and all its rituals, to feel comfortable and welcome.

It may be colder and less colourful here on Dartmoor, but each of our Christian communities has a great message to offer to visitors and locals alike. Let's make the most of it and who knows what may happen.

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St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers - Altar	Windows
3rd March	10.30	Benefice Service at Bickington		Norma	
10th March	12.00	Liz	Norma	LENT	
17th March	12.00	Peter	Shan	LENT	
24th March	12.00	Shan	Liz	LENT	
31st March	12.00	Geoff	Norma	LENT	

Coffee Morning and Stalls



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Weds 6th March

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Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

Greetings to our loyal supporters of the monthly Coffee Morning,

Norma and the team (well most of them) were back in action to make the morning another success, £166-70 was raised for Hall funds, many thanks to all .

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Dartmoor Forest Parish Council – Extracts January 2019



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

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

Planning Sam Hill, Dartmoor National Park Authority, presented the proposed plans for the redevelopment of the Visitor's Centre in Postbridge. The council resolved to support this application.

Princetown Public Toilets It was noted that WDBC are likely to reject DFPC's offer of continuing the contribution towards the cost of the public toilets and these will be closed. However, as this decision has not yet been made it was resolved approve v0.2 of the budget and request a precept of £17,975.

Dartmoor Local Plan It was agreed that the following points should be submitted to the consultation:

- Princetown Settlement Profile – lists a bank. However, this closed here many years ago.
- Postbridge settlement profile – the parish council would welcome some form of protection and recognition of the value of the post office & village store which is the only such amenity for a large geographical area.
- Hexworthy – is recognised as open countryside, however there still remains some need for local, affordable housing for the farming community to be sustainable. The plan should recognise this.

Councillor Recruitment Cllr Davies resigned in December 2018 and Cllr. Colton is due to stand down before the May 2019 elections. Nigel Tigwell, former clerk to the parish, has indicated his interest in standing for council. National Association of Local Councils have produced posters to promote standing for council. It was resolved that this are circulated around the parish.

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 March at and Thursday 25 April 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>





St Gabriel, Postbridge

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Hair-cut

A minister, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man leave during the middle of his message.



The man returned as the service concluded. Afterwards the minister asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a hair-cut," was the reply.

"But," protested the minister, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

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

Our first meeting of the 2019 WI year was well attended by existing members and three new members. Welcome to Gill, Verity and Lesley. We hope you enjoy being with us.

At this meeting we all made wooden boxes, and it is hoped that the said boxes will be entered into our little competition at the April meeting, decorated of course. Our leader for this session was a Mr David Vincent of Tavistock, brilliant.

Next month, Wednesday 6th March sees us out of our comfort zone and heading for the dizzying heights of the 'Shard' of Plymouth. It is the tallest building in Plymouth, Discovery Heights, where we will have a talk on nutrition and health by Georgie Hunt.

Moving on, April 3rd is our AGM.

We 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.



Princetown History Club

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

5th March Winter on Dartmoor *with Paul Rendell*

2nd April Butterflies of Dartmoor *with Megan Lowe*

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Web Site: princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com



St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
3rd March	10.30	Benefice Service at Bickington		Jenny Pascoe
10th March	10.30	John Born	Debbie Dracup	LENT
17th March	10.30	Ronnie	Alison Whale	LENT
24th March	10.30	Beth	Audrey Mortimore	LENT
31st March	10.30	Judy and Marcia	Judy and Marcia	LENT



Widecombe Village Hall Steering Group (WVHSG) has started the year with several success stories and secured new grants to move our work forward. Evie's Race Night in February raised an impressive £580 which brought the total raised locally to almost 20% of our community target of £50,000.

A pre-app submission has been made to DNPA's planning authority and Tozers Solicitors are supporting us in applying for registered charity status.

Lots more events are being organised, so keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for up-to-date info.

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Widcombe & District Sports Group

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

Thursday: Tennis Adults + competent teenagers 6.30 onwards.

Widcombe 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.

Widcombe Pre-School

At Widcombe Church House, established since the 1970's, our OFSTED inspected and highly rated sessions are designed to prepare your child for an easy and happy introduction to school. Through qualified and trained staff, we provide a safe and stimulating environment.

Tues 9.15am - 3pm

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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 Widcombe Church House Fund and sent to Sarah Reeve, Bonehill Cottage, Bonehill Lane, Widcombe-in-the-Moor, TQ13 7TD

For all other matters relating to the Church House please contact Diana Cameron on 01364 621218

Widcombe Ladies Social Club

Meeting at Church House
on Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm

Talk by Andy Bailey

“Moor than meets the Moor”

Admission £2

Coffee & biscuits and Draw

For more details phone Rose 631238

Widcombe & District History Group

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

Mar 6th “My Friend Fred”
with John Lowe

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Contact : Marcia Babington (01364) 661263
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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 & District History Group

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

Is there anybody who would feel that they could hold the post. Just phone David Ashman and have a chat. His telephone no. 621672 or email david.ashman87@gmail.com

Thank you .

WIDECOMBE FAIR COMMITTEE COMPANY LIMITED

FAIR FIELDS GRASS KEEP and MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS 2019

Tenders are invited for a) Grass Keep for sale; and b) Field Maintenance works, both on approximately 6 hectares of the Fair Fields in Widecombe-in-the-Moor.

Anyone interested should apply for further information, which will set out the full terms and conditions (T&C's) and tender forms, to the Company Secretary via peteroldham131@btinternet.com

It is possible that the 2019 T&C's may have to be amended because of revised Ministry Vet requirements and thus the submission date has been extended slightly for 2019.

Tenders must be submitted by no later than noon on 19th March 2019.

There is a thought that a three year contract (or an agreement to three consecutive contracts) rather than an annual contract might be more appropriate from 2020 onwards. Please let the Co Sec have any views via the email address above.



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

“News from Poundsgate Methodist Church

At Poundsgate we continue to have an act of worship at the Methodist Church on the first Sunday of the month, at 3pm. These tend to be informal services, with a talk or interview rather than a sermon, and the opportunity to ask questions or comment. Afterwards there is almost always tea and cake! For example, this last month we had an interview with Elly Moseley, who is training as an Anglican Lay Reader. For our March service (Sunday 3rd), one of our Methodist Local Preachers, Margie Wilson, will be telling us about her visit to the Hillcrest Aids Centre in South Africa.

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March is a very busy month

1st St David's Day
5th Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day
6th Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent
17th St Patrick's Day
25th Lady Day: The Annunciation
31st Mothering Sunday

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