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The Parish Letter

As I write this, I am adjusting to life "Post-Widecombe Fair". And what a great Fair it was this year. The weather had been atrocious the day before, with heavy rain and a cold wind. Visions of mud up to axles, brollies and wellies featured large in Widecombe folk that evening as they huddled in the pubs – what would Tuesday be like?

It started grey, and then gradually the clouds dispersed, the sun came out, the people came out, and at the end of the day I heard people saying the Fair was the "best ever". If you weren't there, then you missed the leisurely ferrets strolling through their races, the Peregrine Falcon that refused to return to the falconer but rather preferred the beer-tent roof, the Town Criers, the Terriers charging after the lure after dozens of false starts, the Widecombe Singers, the Grey Mare with Uncle Tom Cobley and all!

It was a wonderful day out, with something for everyone. And as I relished the atmosphere, I was marvelling at the effort that dozens of people put in for weeks and weeks in advance, and the sense of a community united for a single purpose. The enjoyment of everyone chatting away and catching up with friends and acquaintances, the highs and lows of the judge's decisions, the sense of history going back over 150 years.

With such an all-absorbing day, people's thoughts about Brexit were set aside, tiredness was forgotten, and the crowds loved it. But then when the heat and tiredness became too much, people sought sanctuary in the church – resting their feet, lighting a candle, perhaps offering prayers in the stillness.

And my place in this? During the day I reflected many times on where Jesus would have been on such a day. And I reckoned that he would have been out in the thick of the crowds rather than spending the day quietly in the church. Because Jesus spent his days surrounded by crowds. He started his ministry at a wedding, where feasting and drinking ran all day at full-speed. He was accused of wasting time in the pubs. He spent his life mixing with as many people as he could, because, I think, he wanted everyone to see his message that faith in God connected with their everyday lives. He was talking to people, bringing healing and a sense of well-being as mistakes were forgiven and forgotten.

Living lives in holy huddles was never going to really change the world – rather the world had to be entered and enjoyed and questioned and encouraged to change for the better – care for your neighbour, don't just sit at home enjoying your prosperity. Get out and meet the Continued on Page 5

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Church News & Events

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depressed and lonely and upset and hurt and worried people – they won't come to you. Be in the midst of life. For Jesus said of himself that he came that we might have life in all its fullness, abundant life. Jesus reserved his highest praise for people who cared for people's needs in their communities, seeking to comfort the unhappy.

Well, sadly Widecombe Fair is over for another year, and this morning while I was in a local school I saw a poster about "10 ways to look after your mental health". The list was: Talk about your feelings, Keep active, Eat well, Take a break, Drink sensibly, Keep in touch, Do something you're good at, Accept who you are, Ask for help, Care for others. (from mentalhealth.org.uk) And I was fascinated to see how closely this described not just a good day out at Widecombe Fair, but also Jesus' teaching and approach – talk to other people about how you are feeling, care for others around you, ask for help when troubled, not just from God but also from those around you.

Widecombe Fair was such fun, and I was lifted up by the buoyant optimism of so many people enjoying themselves hugely on such a perfect sunny day. Maybe I'll see you there next year?

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Geoffrey

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We had the most amazing Messy Church this month. The families kept coming and we made new friends. Some had been living in Albania for a long time and were adjusting to their strange new life in England. We were learning that we need to listen to each other to understand Jesus' simple message that we should hear God's message like children. Children being in the centre of God's message was illustrated by making Rose

Windows to be windows. So, if Rose in a could be one of Church



displayed in you see a window, it our Messy Families.

The balloon car was a great success with Jenny and Geoffrey very busy helping each child to make their car. The car being filled up with the Holy Spirit representing how we can be powered by God's word throughout our lives

I would like to thank Barbara Dunball for her dedication in the kitchen for Messy Church. She organises the team month after month and this month the team was small, and she still managed.

Next month we are looking at the Jacob and his Multicoloured Coat, a story we have not explored since we started Messy Church some 8 years ago.

I hope we will all celebrate the Baptism and Confirmation at the first Sunday of the month Family Service.

All God's blessing to you and your families. Jane







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6th October	10.30	Joe Croy	Ann R
13th October	18.00	Georgina/Judy	Judy
20th October	09.00	At Huccaby	Judy
27th October	17.00	Ann	Katie T

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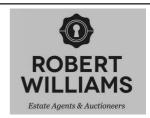
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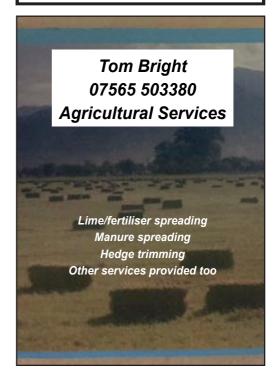
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St Raphael, Huccaby

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Devon Historic Churches Day - September 14th 2019

It was a beautiful September day for those who chose to visit churches in Devon. Although there were many other events happening on the same day, there were a sprinkling of visitors to St. Raphael's, some of whom partook in the refreshments which had been laid on. Those that didn't, missed a great treat – especially Anne Hibbert's lemon cake!

A few pounds were raised for the Devon Historic Churches Trust and the Chapel and we enjoyed the opportunity to sit in the sun whilst waiting for customers.

It is amazing what you see when you take time to look at something even if you think you are very familiar with it.

My RE (Religious Education) teacher told us a story about an elderly lady who would regularly visit her local church and just stare at one of the beautiful stained-glass windows.

One day, the priest asked her what she was actually doing whilst staring at the window. Her reply was quite simple, but very profound – "I looks and I looks and then I sees."

The conductor Sakari Oramo in his speech at the Last Night of the Proms, made a similar point. He said that in a world where some people seemed to have lost the ability to concentrate for any length of time, it was important that events like the Promenade concerts continued in order to encourage audiences to listen and to really get the most out of the music.

Sometimes, it is easy to gloss over passages of the Bible that we think we know so well. But if we take the time to look, listen and think about the familiar, new lessons or truths can be revealed to us

Harvest Festival

At the time of writing, Harvest Festival at St. Raphael's has not yet taken place and I'm hoping that my deliberate mistake in the September Link in respect of the date, did not confuse too many people.

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13th October	12.00	Peter	Shan	Penny/Norma	Diana
20th October	12.00	Liz	Norma	Penny/Norma	Diana
27th October	12.00	Shan	Liz	Nicky	Jane
3rd November	16.00	Norma	-	Nicky	Jane

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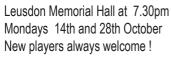
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Leusdon Memorial Hall Update Dog Show in August

A massive thank you to all that supported the dog show, we raised £226.94

Bingo - Friday 29th November

Eyes down at 6pm all ages welcome.

Church Services for October 2019

6th October		T	rinity	16		Greer	1
Readings - Haba	kkuk 1:1	1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2	Timoth	ny 1:1-14; Lu	ke 17:5	-10	
Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion BCP	JA	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR
Widecombe	10:30	Family Worship	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Service of Confirmation and Baptism	MR
Holne	10:30	Parish Communion	AR	Buckland	15:00	Harvest	MR
Leusdon	16:00	Evening Prayer	GF				
13th October		Т	rinity	17		Green	
Readings - 2 Kil	ngs 5:1-	-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 T	imothy	2:8-15; Lui	ke 17:1	1-19	
Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	GF	Bickington	09:00	Parish Communion	MR
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	MR
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	15:00	Evensong	MR
Holne	18:00	Harvest	MR				
20th October		T	rinity	18		Green	
Readings - Gen	esis 32.	:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Tin	nothy 3	8:14-4:5; Lui	ke 18:1	-8	
Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR	Bickington	10:30	Family Worship	SS
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	MR	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	TBC
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	MR	Buckland	15:00	Healing Service and Eucharist	MR
27th October		T	rinity	19		Green	
Readings - Eccle 18:9-14	esiasticu	s 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14	!:7-10, °	19-22; Psaln	1 84:1-7	; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; L	.uke
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	GF	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	MR
Holne	17:00	Memorial Service	MR+ HL	Buckland	15:00	Evening Prayer	JH
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer	GF				
3rd November			aints	_		Greer)
Readings - Eccle	esiastes	10:12-18, Psalm 112; Heb		3:1-8, 15, 16	; Luke 1	4:1, 7-14	
Widecombe	10:30	All Saints and Souls	GF	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR
Holne	10:30	Parish Communion	TBC	Ashburton	10:30	All Saints and Souls	MR + HR
Leusdon	16:00	All Saints and Souls	GF	Buckland	15:00	Evening Prayer	WW
				Bickington	16:00	All Saints and Souls	MR + HL

There is a service of

Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.30

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Communion at home

If you are unable to get to church because of ill health or loss of mobility and would like to receive communion at home please contact a member of the Ministry Team. (see p.2 for contact details)

Mid-week Communion					
Wednesday 2nd October	Ashburton	10.30	MR		
Wednesday 9th October	Ashburton	10.30	MR		
Wednesday 16th October	Ashburton	10.30	GF		
Wednesday 23rd October	Ashburton	10.30	MR		
Wednesday 30th October	Ashburton	10.30	JA		
Wednesday 6th November	Ashburton	10.30	MR		

Key to Service Leaders

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

Dates for the Diary

Octo	October			
1st	Princetown History Club	23		
2nd	Widecombe History Group	29		
2nd	Leusdon Coffee Morning & Stalls	19		
4th	Widecombe Singers Concert	34		
4th	Holne Soup & Cheese Lunch	13		
5th	Holne Michaelmas Fair	13		
9th	Dunstone Charity Lunch	35		

10th	Widecombe Ladies Social	29
11th	Widecombe Fair Annual Dinner	27
17th	Edgelarks Concert	34
18th	Zulu Tradition Concert	37
19th	Wild Goose & Skylark Concert	34
19th	Chagford Singers Workshop	34
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26th	Halloween Comes To Holne	15

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Church Services - see Page 20 for details

Postbridge Whist Drives Held in the Village Hall



Tuesdays 1st, 15th & 29th in October 2019

Start time - 7.30

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

Princetown History Club

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

1st October Devon Wildlife Trust 50 Nature Reserves with Matt Boydell

5th November A Tale of a Settlement with Richard Sandover

For further information, please phone Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573 or email jlissenden@talktalk.net Web Site: princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com

Postbridge Coffee Mornings

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



Monday 30 September at 26 Badgers Way Bovey Tracey with Ann Murphy

Monday 14 October at 3 Valley View Chagford with Spud Owen

Monday 28 October at Durnford Cottage Postbridge with Jean Legate

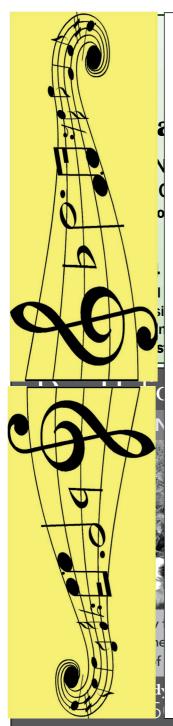
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it was lovely to be part of such a Wonderful Village

We also thank all those who helped us move and everyone who helped and came to our Leaving Party. It was a truly AMAZING NIGHT with so much love in the room. Also thank you for the gifts – we were so overwhelmed.

The Memories Book is so special and will be lovely to look back on. We wish Paul, Rebecca, Amy and the girls all the best in their new future.

Once again, thank you all for always being there.

Love

Annie, Gerald and Family XXX

High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown

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 Community Centre small hall Princetown. It will cost you £3. 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.

At our September meeting we had great fun making Christmas Puddings in preparation for the festive season.

Members continue raising money for the 2019 Pensioners Christmas Lunch in Princetown by selling refreshments at the Princetown Arts and Crafts Fair in August.

On 2nd October Jim McNeil will be providing a talk on the work and adventures of Ice Warrior Expeditions.

If you would like to know more about High Moorland Women's Institute or details of the events listed above, please drop Helly an email on hellyhtsn@hotmail.com or follow us on Facebook: High Moorland Women's Institute.

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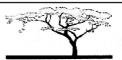


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Rates of Hire (Local Events)

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All Day £20.00

These rates are for local non commercial events only. For other rates please ask the bookings secretary.

Payment by cheque is preferred. Cheques to be made payable to Widecombe Church House Fund and sent to Sarah Reeve, Bonehill Cottage, Bonehill Lane,

Widecombe-in-the-Moor, TQ13 7TD

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

Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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

Church Services - see Page 20 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
6th October	10.30	Audrey Mortimore	Marcia & Judy	Jenny Pascoe
13th October	10.30	Clare Born	Brenda Boston	Mary-Lou Matson
20th October	10.30	Dawn Nosworthy	Wendy Beard	Mandy Robertson
27th October	10.30	John Born	Clare Born	Mandy Robertson

Widecombe Fair - Annual Dinner

Friday 11th October at 7-30pm in the Cafe on the Green Tickets £17 Email Margaret at phipps.m1@sky.com for a booking form

Widecombe Fair - Pasty & Pint Night

The Pasty & Pint night for the committee and helpers of the Fair will be held on Friday 27th September in the Old Inn. please email Margaret at phipps.m1@sky.com if you are coming.

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.

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Forthcoming public events:

The Secret Life of Dartmoor Birds: Science for Survival?

Ashburton Arts Centre on Saturday 12th October.

Conservation Grazing with Dartmoor Ponies

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Regular Bookings: Tuesday & Thursday: Tennis Adults (16+) 6.30 Under 16's with ability are welcome to these sessions with a parent who is also playing.

For 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.

For more information about WDSG visit www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/sports_group/ Thank you and enjoy your sports area.

Widecombe Pre-School

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Tues 9.15am - 3pm Weds 9.15 - 12.45pm Fri 9.15am - 3pm

Tel: 01364 621273

Widecombe & District Ladies Social Club October Meeting

Thursday 10th October at 7.30 pm at the Church House, Widecombe

The speaker will be Tich Scott on "Dartmoor Adventures".

Admission £2 - Everyone Welcome

Tea & Biscuits. Draw

For more details phone Rose 631238

Widecombe & District History Group

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

Oct 2nd Stover Canal - Roger Harding

Oct 5th Self-drive visit to Stover Canal John Ellis

Nov 6th Secret Wildlife on Dartmoor Paul Rendell

Contact:

Helen Barrow - helenagsec@gmail.com

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The Secret Life of Dartmoor Birds: Science for Survival?

Ashburton Arts Centre on Saturday 12th October.

What birds are found on Dartmoor and what measures are being taken to protect them? Come along to this event, hosted by the Dartmoor Society where scientists and enthusiasts will present their current research and ideas.

The Dartmoor Society is a charity whose aim is to safeguard the essential qualities of Dartmoor. Each year we hold a debate to look closely as some aspect of Dartmoor life or in this case its wildlife. *The Secret Life of Dartmoor Birds* will be held in Ashburton, in the marvellous former Methodist church, now the Arts Centre; a listed building with a grand entrance and a curved balcony and a perfect place to hold such an important day in the Dartmoor Society calendar.

In the Chair is Alison Kohler, Director of Conservation and Communities at Dartmoor National Park. All the speakers work on Dartmoor and are passionate about its ecology and its birdlife. Some names may well be familiar to Moorland Link readers as long standing residents of Dartmoor and members of its birding and wildlife community.

Fiona Freshney, Dartmoor Moorland Bird Advisor
Mark Lawrence, B.T.O. Nest Recorder and Ringer
Charles Tyler, Professor of Environmental Biology at the University of Exeter
Malcolm Burgess, Senior RSPB Conservation Scientist
John Walters, Field Naturalist, Wildlife Artist and Author
Naomi Oakley, Dartmoor Farmer, Environmentalist and advisor to Natural England
Peter Reay, Devon Local Organiser for the Wetland Bird Survey
Sara Zonneveld, Ecologist at the University of Exeter

This day long event includes a delicious buffet lunch and afternoon tea/coffee and cake and all for the modest cost of £20. For full details and to book online, (by 7th October please) see the Dartmoor Society website www.dartmoorsociety.com or phone Caya Edwards 07971 916662



Widecombe Fair Dog Show

The 2019 Widecombe Fair Dog Show was a huge success.

Thank you to all the owners and dogs who joined in the fun.

A special thank you to our judge, Pam Whiteside, who had the challenging task of judging a grand total of 280 entries. Her Best in Show was "Grace" owned by Sharon Stone and Reserve Best in Show was "Glen" owned by Ann Burrow.

£280.00 was raised for the Widecombe Fair charities.



Widecombe Community Hall Update

Our GRAND CHARITY AUCTION raised a marvellous £4.000 which means we have now achieved 45% of our local fundraising target - this will help to strengthen our ability to apply for major grants for the total project costs. Thanks to all those who donated lots, bid on lots and helped us make this event so successful.

Gail is completing the All Tors Challenge and would welcome sponsorship in aid of our project. Check our website or contact Gail on 01364 631282 to find out more.

Our Design Sub-committee have been working hard to finalise plans ready to submit to DNPA. These have been on display at Widecombe Fair and our own events and we hope you agree that they are ambitious but also realistic and sensitive to the surrounding area.

www.widecombecommunityhall.org

Email: info@widecombecommunityhall.org



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Saturday 5th October 2019, from 10:00am until 4:00pm, Main car park (coach park)

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ROADSIDE HEDGE AND TREE MANAGEMENT

Who is responsible for their maintenance?

Many hedges and trees grow on the edge of the highway and mark its boundary with private property. In such cases it is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner or occupier to properly maintain them. This also applies to trees that overhang the highway or those which may fall on to it.

Legal Requirements for Maintenance

The Highways Act 1980 (Section 154) empowers the County Council, as the Highway Authority, to protect the safety of highways users by ensuring that owners and occupiers carry out their legal duties in respect of roadside hedges and trees.

Owners and occupiers are required to:

- Trim hedges and trees to ensure growth does not obscure the view of road signs
- Trim roadside hedges to maintain visibility for road users, particularly at junctions and on the inside of bends
- Trim and hedge that directly abuts a road, footway, cycleway or public right of way so that growth does not prevent the passage or affect the safety of the highway user, including cyclists and pedestrians.
- Remove dead or decaying trees and other growth that may fall across the highway.
- Remove branches and other growth that may prevent the passage of high sided vehicles or obstruct light from a public lamp (street light).
- Ensure the highway (including the footway and drainage features) is left clear of debris from the cutting operations (Section 148, Highways Act 1980)

Who undertakes the work?

It is easier for all concerned if landowners/occupiers maintain their own trees and hedges to a good standard.

What if the landowners/occupier fails to undertake work?

The County Council makes every effort to encourage owners and occupiers to cut their hedges, and will work closely with Parish Councils and local people to identify occupiers who neglect this work and to remind them of their responsibilities. Where roadside growth is becoming a problem the County Council may serve a notice on the owner/occupier requiring the necessary work to be completed within a stated period. Failure to comply may result in the Council undertaking the work and claiming back the cost incurred.

For further information about hedge and tree management go to https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/factsheet/hedges-and-verges/maintaining-hedges-and-trees/

Suzanna Hughes

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Saturday 19th October 2019 from 9.30am to 4.45pm

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Chagford Primary School

Registration online www.thechagfordsingers.co.uk or through Janet Jeffery 01647 24414







Dunstone & Poundsgate Methodist Chapels

Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369 Church contacts: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

Poundsgate and Dunstone Chapels

Every Sunday	9.00am	Breakfast Worship at Dunstone Chapel, all welcome
Friday 4th October	7.30pm	Widecombe Singers at Poundsgate Chapel
Sunday 6th October	3.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving at Poundsgate Chapel
Sunday 20th October	3.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving at Dunstone Chapel
Tuesday 17th December	6.30pm	Carol Service at Dunstone Chapel

Contact: 01364 631279 for more details

MONTHLY CHARITY LUNCH

The next lunch to be held at Dunstone chapel will be on **Wednesday 9th October**Do come and join us, we serve home cooked food from 12 noon until 3pm

News from Poundsgate Methodist Church

Our monthly services continue at Poundsgate Methodist Church with a variety of different themes and speakers. This last month we heard from one of the local Police Chaplains about his role.

In October we have two special occasions. On **Friday 4th at 7.30pm** we are hosting a concert by the Widecombe Singers, who are promising us a range of Folk Songs, Spirituals, Harvest Songs and World Music. There will be refreshments afterwards and a retiring collection, which will help offset the cost of the roof repairs which were carried out in the spring.

Then, on **Sunday 6th at 3pm** we will have our annual celebration of Harvest, when we will be joined by Clare Densley, the bee-keeper at Buckfast Abbey. I shall be interviewing Clare in the service to find out more about her work, the importance of bee-keeping, and about her harvest.

Our acts of worship are always informal and engaging and our church always welcoming, so we would like to invite you to join us for both of these special occasions, and of course to any of our services on the first Sunday afternoon of the month.

Rev. Kevin Hooke Minister, Poundsgate Methodist Church

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Rainfall in August 2019

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest days
Postbridge	167.7 mm (6.6").	10	16th 43.18 mm (1.7")
	(August 2018 - 1		
Holne	170.5mm (6.71")		8th 48.8mm



Other Community News & Events



"Adrian - The Alternative Pantomime"

Produced by Jo Hellier

Show nights will be on Monday 9th to Saturday 14th December inclusive 7.30pm start

A special matinee performance with priority booking for families will take place on Saturday 7th December at 5pm

The main ticket booking office opens <u>8am Friday 1st November</u>.

Please ring Caroline on **01364 652415** or email <u>booking4merrymakers@gmail.com</u>

Matinee tickets will be available in advance (families only) from

<u>8am Friday 25th October</u>.

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