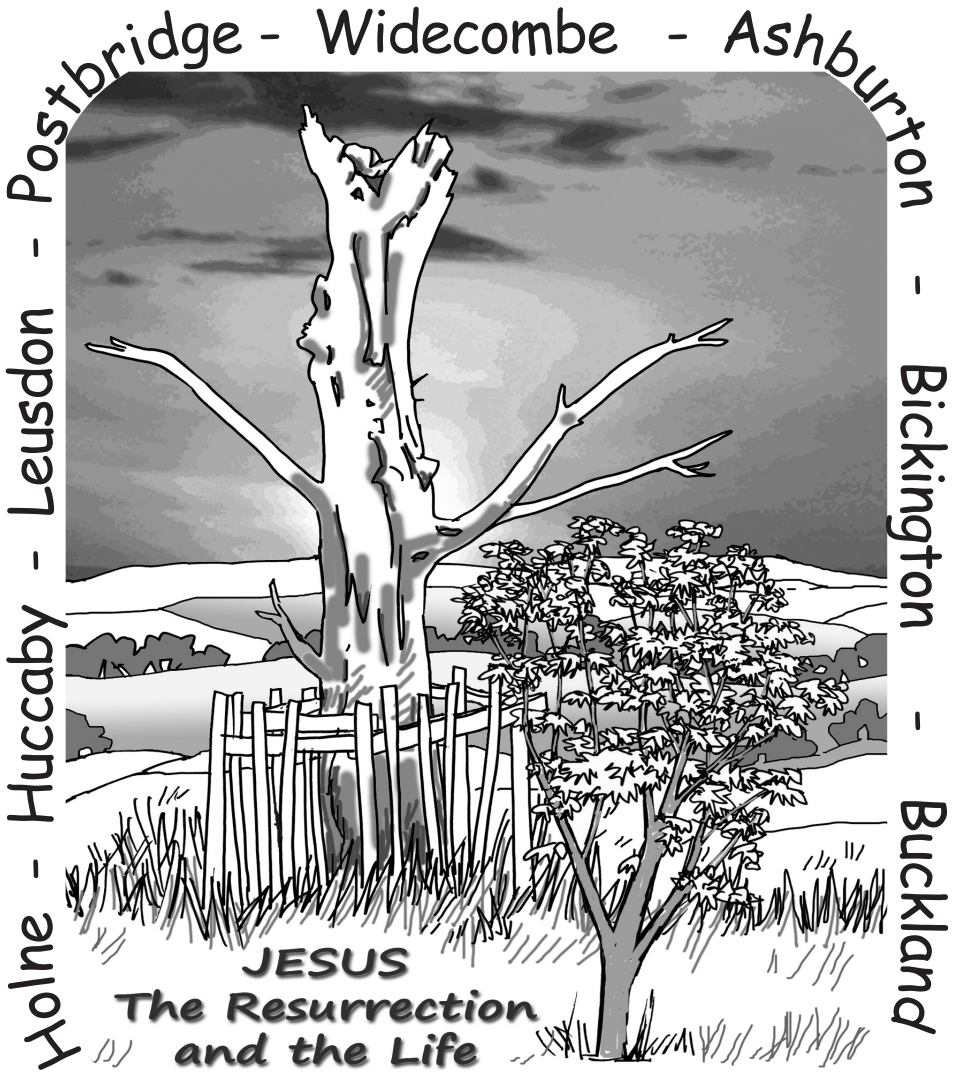


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## April 2020

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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# The Parish Letter

With Coronavirus dominating everything as I write this, I want to share my thoughts and reflections on this world-changing issue. For a start, it is bound to significantly affect our annual celebration of Easter. It is also changing all our social and community lives dramatically. The worldwide spread of the disease has woken everyone, as never before, to the fact that our lives are built around our communities. Communities that we work in, we relax with, friends we invite round for coffee, sporting events that we enjoying being at, shopping and chatting, trips to the hairdresser, holidaying with friends, going to church, being in school – our lives are made as enjoyable as they are, and sometimes as frustrating as they are, by the constant shifts in relationships in the communities that we are part of.

So the hammer-blow that is Coronavirus is affecting all of us by the loss of our supportive networks, and worse than that, by the feeling of fear that we might catch or spread the virus from or to those we hold most dear and close. Fear is a dreadful emotion, and yet it is natural that we think “What about me? How will this affect me?” and even rigorously following the current advice probably doesn’t take away this fear. And self-isolation is a challenging and costly demand. I’ve felt a little of this over the last month as I’ve had to significantly reduce my workload through being unwell.

But when I look at it from a different point of view, I see the whole world and the whole future of our economic well-being for years to come being sacrificed to keep vulnerable people as safe as possible. Enormous cost and massive effort is now directed at saving the lives of the elderly and vulnerable – and this is a wonderful and noble thing. It’s bringing home to everyone how important such people are, and how drastic measures may help them survive. I guess quite a few people reading this are already elderly or vulnerable – indeed sooner or later almost everyone enters this state. And it is to the enormous credit of the world that such people are now the focus of every plan for tackling the virus.

So this Easter is different – perhaps deeper and more challenging. The Easter message is that death is not the end, and that fear, in particular fear of death, should not dominate our lives because death has been defeated by Jesus’ death and joyous resurrection. Throughout the bible people are exhorted not to be afraid – “Do not be afraid!” is a recurring message from God. But it’s easier said than done!

Jesus spent almost all his life among crowds, and yet time and again we read that when life got tough for him, he went into isolation in the desert or up a mountain to be by himself and pray. He went listen to God, and to share his fears and hopes with him, and by so doing he built an ever-stronger relationship with his Father. Here’s a model for us when we have to isolate ourselves – to spend some of the time in reflection and prayer for each other, maybe in daily bible study, maybe by tuning into a service on the radio. To see if we can sense more strongly the love that God wants to pour into our hearts.

# Churchwardens

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# Church News & Events

*(Continued from page 3)*

And do ask for help – at this difficult time I'm so impressed by the way that many people are wanting to help by for example phoning friends and neighbours, leaving shopping on doorsteps and so on. It's a joy to see youngsters looking for ways to help. And we can rejoice that there is a determination to see this through.

With prayers for you all and every blessing

*Geoffrey*

## Coronavirus (COVID19) Advice

If you have health concerns and for the latest health advice, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For the latest Government advice and action plan, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

As things develop we will keep you updated with the most recent guidelines from the Church of England at <https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk>. You can also keep in touch via our Facebook pages: **Ashburton All Age Church** or **The Ashburton & Moorland Team**

The following links contain advice for churches, church-run groups and individuals about the Coronavirus (COVID19) outbreak and the sensible precautions we can take: <https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/coronavirus-guidance>

As a diocese, we are following the official guidance of the Church of England on Coronavirus. You can read the latest guidance, plus helpful FAQs, by following the link below. It contains information about digital worship resources and churches which live-stream services for anyone who is self-isolating: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

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- **Plant shrubs & divide perennials**
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  - Forsythias
  - cut back silver leaved shrubs
- **Plant spuds & sow leeks, fennel**
- **When warmer, plant sweet peas**
- **Feed berries & currants**

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## From the Registers

Marriage	Huccaby	22nd February	Steven Gary Bull & Ann-Maria O'Shea
Funeral	Postbridge	24th February	David John Cooper



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friendship.  
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***April 5<sup>th</sup>***

***Palm Sunday  
Family Sunday***

***10.30am***

***St Andrew's Church***

***April 10<sup>th</sup>***

***Good Friday***

***Fun for all the family  
Around St Andrew's  
Church Hall  
Times TBC***

***April 16<sup>th</sup> Thurs***

***Messy Church  
3.30pm St Andrew's C.H.***

***April 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday***

***Breakfast@9am  
St Andrew's C.H.***

***Contact Jane 654 067***

### **Next Messy Church**

***Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm***

***St Andrew's Church Hall.***

**Please note the date is April 16<sup>th</sup> a week later than usual** as the usual date would be in the middle of Holy Week on Maundy Thursday. As we are having a family fun day on Good Friday, I felt it would be too much one day after another. There is so much to do in Holy Week remembering how our Lord died for us all. Messy Church on March 12<sup>th</sup> was eventually cancelled as a number of the helpers were unable to come due to many different reasons. I also had a number of our families ringing worried that they had picked up a nasty cold from their school or nursery and did not want to infect our older helpers. So, number 103 Messy Church did not happen!

The theme was based on part of the Sermon on the Mount "Do not Worry". This is very apt with the Corvid 19 virus threatening us all. Jesus reminds us that no amount of worrying will bring us an extra hour. It is hard enough to do today what I need to do to follow Jesus and do his will here on earth. I know I waste energy worrying about tomorrow. It is today that I need to wash my hands and clean down surfaces, so I don't pass on Corvid 19, but it is so easy to forget. I pray to God to help me make this routine. At Messy Church we were going to show the children alternative ways of praying such as spinning top prayers or parachute prayers or string payers which all help us to concentrate when we pray. I need these aids myself to help me "Not Worry" about Corvid 19.

All best wishes to you and all your family. Jane



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## Eddie Sinclair 3.8.56 – 30.1.20

Many in our Benefice churches know and have appreciated the work of Eddie Sinclair who sadly died recently.

Eddie began her conservation training at Exeter Cathedral in 1979, working on the west front, training as a conservator, mason and carver.

As an accredited conservator, Eddie juggled many different projects including the conservation of the rood screen and pulpit at St Mary the Virgin, Holne and the screen in St Peter's Church, Buckland, which is a particularly rare survival, retaining early 16th century paintings on both sides. She was employed extensively by the Church Conservation Trust and worked throughout our Devon Churches.

Eddie was a keen ballet dancer when young and continued with all forms of dance, in her final years particularly loving flamenco dancing! She had a vibrant personality and contributed much to the life of our churches.

Some in the Benefice fortunate enough to know Eddie, attended the celebration of her life and her funeral in Exeter in February.



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# St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
5th April	10.30	<p><b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice.</b></p> <p><b>The church building is now closed.</b></p>	
10th April	14.00		
12th April	18.00		
19th April	09.00		
26th April	17.00		

As part of the drive to make our churches more welcoming and involved with the community, we hope you will see some positive changes over the coming months. The very long process of getting the necessary permissions and contractors to do work inside the church as a Grade 1 listed building, is picking up pace. Realistically, it will still be several months before any work can be started. The initial plans have been modified so that now we will be replacing radiators, repairing the plasterwork and the ceiling, redecorating throughout and putting in a new lighting scheme which will be more energy efficient, flexible and show off our lovely church to best effect!

At the 2020 Vision Meeting in the Village Hall, there were proposals to plant lavender bushes along the front wall to attract pollinators and to create areas in the old graveyard that can be left wild to attract insects and wildlife. We look forward to turning these ideas into reality.

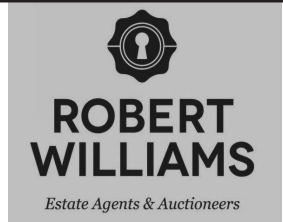
Attracting visitors to the church has potential benefits for both the pub and community shop as well as the church itself. We intend to make signage more welcoming and informative and use social media to attract and inform visitors about the building and accessibility (including the limited parking!).

One idea is to have a publicly available plan of the churchyards to help families find their relatives' graves. Such a plan already exists for the new churchyard, but we need a volunteer who would like to draw a plan of the old churchyard with the named graves marked.

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## HOLNE VILLAGE HALL SOUP & CHEESE LUNCH

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has been cancelled**



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Enquiries:  
 Judy Henderson: 01364 631461



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### EVENT POSTPONED

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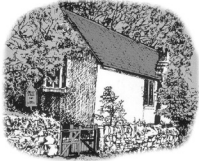
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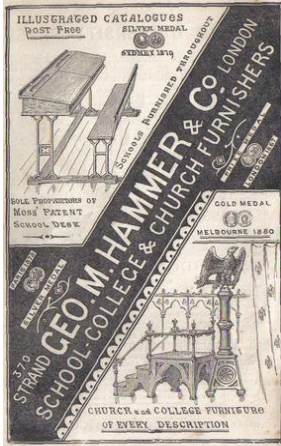
# St Raphael, Huccaby

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

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

## Pew News?

Most are aware of the history of St. Raphael's as a Chapel and a Village School. Congregations and visitors often comment upon the remarkable Victorian engineering that went into the desks that became pews on a Friday! The desk/pews were made by Geo. M Hammer & Co. The Strand, London.



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## From Visitors to Pilgrims: update

Representatives of all four parishes of the Benefice met up at Scorrilton at the end of February to take a fresh look at the welcome we offer to the visitors to our eight churches and to hear about the developments of a walking trail between all the Churches. (It's approximately 40 miles by car!)

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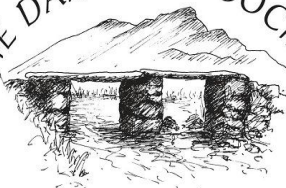
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We have begun by asking people who attend our churches regularly and visitors, to comment on the Churches and the welcome they experience. We have already received over 50 responses – with many views!

Four walking routes have been developed with another four to go. We also want to create 'options' for those who don't want to walk what is approximately 5.5 miles between Churches, so that they can take a shorter or even less strenuous option. Further details on the walks will be given next month.

We are also securing some funding or sponsorship so that the Churches' welcome packs are professionally produced and have a Benefice corporate feel to them – while emphasising each church is uniquely different.

One of the great values in progressing this initiative is the process it involves. Working together we can contribute much to the 'Growing the Rural Church' project launched by the Diocese of Exeter.

### **Cream Tea**

Thank you to everyone who came for a cream tea on 7th March. Lots of good conversations and lovely scones!

*Gillian*

## **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 February meeting we were introduced to Willow Weaving and spent an enjoyable evening chatting and learning a new skill.

Fund raising for our 2020 Pensioners Christmas Lunch in Princetown, got off to a good start with our Bingo Evening and we will be continuing our efforts to raise funds by providing refreshments and cakes for various community events during the summer.

On 1st April we will be holding our AGM and visitors are always welcome

**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](mailto:hellyhtsn@hotmail.com) or follow us on Facebook: High Moorland Women's Institute.**

# Church Services for April 2020

5th April		Palm Sunday				Purple	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16, [17-18]; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54</i>							
Widcombe	10:30	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice</b>	GF	Ashburton	08:00	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice</b>	MR
Holne	10:30		JG	Bickington	09:00		MR
Leusdon	16:00		GF	Ashburton	10:30		CA+MR +HL
Postbridge	18:00		GF	Buckland	15:00		MR
9th April		Maundy Thursday				Purple	
<i>Readings - Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35</i>							
				Ashburton	19:30	<b>Service cancelled</b>	MR
10th April		Good Friday				Purple	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42</i>							
Leusdon	13:00	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice</b>	GF	Ashburton	10:00	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice</b>	MR+HL
Holne	14:00		MR	Ashburton	12:00		MR+HL
Widcombe	15:00		GF				
12th April		Easter Day				White	
<i>Readings - Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10</i>							
Widcombe	10:30	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice</b>	GF	Bickington	09:00	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice</b>	MR
Leusdon	12:00		GF	Ashburton	10:30		MR
Postbridge	15:00		GF	Buckland	15:00		MR
Holne	18:00		MR				
19th April		Easter 2				White	
<i>Readings - Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21; Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31</i>							
Huccaby	09:00	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice</b>	MR	Bickington	10:30	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice</b>	SS
Widcombe	10:30		GF	Ashburton	10:30		MR
Leusdon	12:00		GF	Buckland	15:00		MR
29th April		Easter 3				White	
<i>Readings - Zephaniah 3:14-20; Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35</i>							
Widcombe	10:30	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice</b>	GF	Bickington	09:00	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice</b>	MR
Leusdon	12:00		GF	Ashburton	10:30		MR
Holne	17:00		HL+MR	Buckland	15:00		MK
Postbridge	18:00		GF				

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*(see p.2 for contact details)*

### Mid-week Communion

Wednesday 15th April	Ashburton	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice</b>	JA
Wednesday 22nd April	Ashburton		MR
Wednesday 29th April	Ashburton		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
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JG	Revd John Good	WW	William West	MK	Marion Kaye
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**Following the Prime Minister's announcement of 23rd March, the Archbishops have written to clergy in support of the measures, requiring that churches must now close both for private worship and public services.**

**Our church buildings are therefore now closed.**

## Dates for the Diary

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<b>There are no events to report in April 2020</b>	


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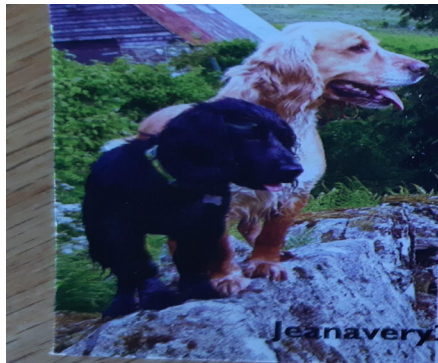
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# St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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

Church Services - see Page 20 for details

Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers - Altar	Windows
5th April	16.00	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice.</b>  <b>The church building is now closed.</b>			
12th April	12.00				
19th April	12.00				
26th April	12.00				

## Coffee Morning and Stalls

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

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**The April Coffee Morning has been cancelled**

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## Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

The March coffee morning raised a grand total of £236-90.

Many thanks to all our supporters.

**The April Coffee Morning has been cancelled. Watch this space for May.**

**Hope you all keep safe.**

Leusdon Memorial Hall will be holding an event on May 8th to celebrate V.E day. Watch this space for further information.



## Whist Drive Dates

At Leusdon Memorial Hall

**All Whist Drives are cancelled until further notice.**

## Bingo - Friday 3rd April 7.30pm

**The event has been cancelled**

Contact Amanda on 01364 631432

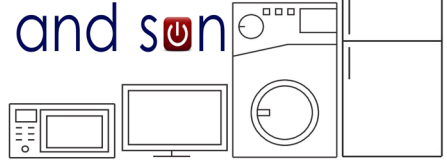
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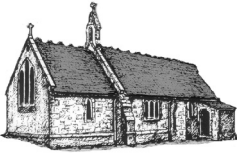
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# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

## Princetown History Club

Regrettably, the 7 April talk by Terry Faulk on the Holy Wells of Cornwall and Devon, and the 5 May talk by Tim Jenkinson on the Dave Brewer Archive have been cancelled as too many of our members, while young at heart, fall within the vulnerable age and health demographic for coronavirus. The June, July and August walks remain in the programme as do the autumn speaker meetings but we may have to review this if official advice on coronavirus/Covid19 changes.

*For further information, please phone Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573 or email [jlissenden@talktalk.net](mailto:jlissenden@talktalk.net) Web Site: [princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com](http://princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com)*

## Postbridge Coffee Mornings

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**Monday 20 April**

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**Due to the circumstances we will inform at a later date if the Coffee Morning is to go ahead on 20 April.**



## Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall

**All Whist Drives are cancelled until further notice.**

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# St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

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Church Services - see Page 20 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
5th April	10.30	<b>Public worship services are suspended until further notice.</b> <b>The church building is now closed.</b>		
12th April	10.30			
19th April	10.30			
26th April	10.30			

## Widecombe Parish Council CASUAL VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy for the position of Parish Councillor in the parish of Widecombe-in-the-Moor.

If you are interested in being involved in the community and would like to contribute to the way the Parish Council functions, or would like an informal chat about the position, please contact the clerk:

Suzanna Hughes  
16 Westwood Cleave, Ogwell, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6YE.  
Tel. 01626 330311

or email [suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com](mailto:suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com)

The Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm with additional meetings as required.

## WIDDYTOTS

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## Widecombe & District Ladies Social Group

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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.

**All Widecombe & District History Group meetings are cancelled until further notice.**

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Class 4	3 Carrots, trimmed and washed
Class 5	3 Beetroot, trimmed and washed
Class 6	Six Runner Beans
Class 7	A Giant Vegetable
Class 8	Any Vegetable not mentioned in the Schedule
Class 9	Any Squash or Courgette
Class 10	A collection of 5 different Vegetables in a standard Veg Box (12"x16")
Class 11	4 Tomatoes
Class 12	4 Varieties of Culinary Herbs in a Jar of Water
Class 13	A Plate of Berry Fruit - one Variety
Class 14	3 Dahlias
Class 15	Single Rose
Class 16	Single Stem any Flower
Class 17	Pot Plant - in Flower or just Foliage
Class 18	A Vase of Mixed Flowers (9 stems - 3 of each Variety)

### HOME PRODUCE - LOCAL ENTRANTS - for the Rose Bowl - Made to own Recipe

Class 19	A Decorated Chocolate Sponge
Class 20	A Homity Pie
Class 21	A Plate of 9 Biscuits – 3 each of 3 Varieties
Class 22	A Rich Fruit Cake
Class 23	Traditional Meat Pasty.
Class 24	4 White Rolls
Class 25	A Pot of Homemade Marmalade (Any Citrus Fruit)
Class 26	A Jar of Homemade Chutney
Class 27	A Bottle of Homemade Drink. Wine/Beer/Cider/Cordial
Class 28	6 Newly Laid Eggs

### CHILDRENS CLASSES FOR TAME AND HUTCHINS CUPS

*ALL CLASSES 16 yrs and under. Please state your age*

Class 29	A Painted Pebble
Class 30	A Decorated Hard Boiled Egg
Class 31	A Garden on a Plate
Class 32	A Lego Model
Class 33	A Mini Pizza Face (6"/150mm Base)
Class 34	An Edible Insect

### ART AND CRAFT - CLASSES OPEN TO ALL - Gordon Daw Memorial trophy

Class 35	An arrangement of flowers and foliage in an unusual container
Class 36	A flower arrangement in a teacup
Class 37	A flower arrangement not to exceed 30 inches in any dimension
Class 38	Patchwork or Quilting
Class 39	A Pencil Sketch
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Class 41	Pebble Craft
Class 42	Jewellery. Any Medium
Class 43	Any craft work item not mentioned in the schedule
Class 44	Made from wood!
Class 45	A Short Poem
Class 46	A Photograph – My Favourite View in Devon

## News from the East Shallowford Trust

Weather – are the British defined by the weather? Certainly our activities are and more generally or not, our moods are firmly shoved in one direction or another by the insidious slip of a cold drop down a back before a hood is pulled up, or by the prickly over heating that is caused when climbing a hill and the lungs start screaming under that extra layer of clothing that was diligently pulled on before leaving the house. Trapped internal sweat is about as cheerful and enjoyable as icy rain seeping in.

As we left Dunstone Chapple with a young teenage group the other week, we checked everyone for wellies, extra coats, gloves, hats and hoods. Was everyone ready? ‘Yes’ came the enthusiastic resounding cry, as we slammed the mini-bus door shut, the last lad snapped the poppers tightly on his green jacket and off we launched ourselves, up the not very long, but steep path towards Wind Tor.

Very predictably, about half-way up, someone always says, ‘How far is it? Are we there yet?’ It makes me smile. We are obviously breeding children who are not used to expanding their lungs, heaving and gasping for air, legs become heavy and clumsy after a few meters of a good walk up to a tor. ‘Nearly there’ says I, as the group starts to elongate, some trailing behind as their bodies refuse to cooperate whilst others like mountain goats leap and spring ahead.

But this week, what had started as mizzle, within minutes became an arctic nightmare. Saying it was grim is an understatement. The wind had a devious and petulant snarl. It picked up rain and hurled it at us, as flint tipped arrows piercing any exposed cheek. Having painfully stung, that evil arrow instantly melted to trickle down a neck as an icy snake. One lad could barely make it. The snapping, battering wind yanking off hoods that each child tried to grasp. Some foolishly pulled off gloves to hold hoods tight, only to find their fingers turning to red useless stumps with numbing speed. Lungs gasping to find air somewhere near the top of this hill. I yelled for those ahead to wait, but the wind in its miserly trickery just tossed the words away, lost in the ferocious whipping.

I have bought a special coat at great expense. It’s my bright red coat, affectionately known as the, ‘You can see me anywhere’ coat. But heads were down. The need to keep everyone together was critical. One child stumbled forward, nearly landing in some gorse, as I grabbed him just in time by the scruff of his jacket, snapping open the poppers to prevent his face being planted in prickles that would scar more effectively than the hard pelts of rain.

No one was concentrating. The moors we so boggy if felt as if it would suck us up, never to be seen again. We had no choice but to continue on the widest path right on the very exposed top. I dared not risk taking us down the side path, which although a shorter route, would have their wellies sucked off in seconds. I splatteringly ran to the front, waving my arms so everyone could see me. Grabbed our slowest child by the arm, tucking it under own to balance and cajole him forward. Heads so far down we could not see each other as we





## 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  
except 12th April  
5th April

9.00am  
8.30am  
3.00pm

**Public worship services are suspended  
until further notice.**

### MONTHLY CHARITY LUNCH

**The Monthly Charity Lunches are cancelled until further notice.**

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

### News from Dunstone and Poundsgate Methodist Churches

The following news for April is correct as I write it, though of course things may change as the coronavirus situation develops. Please feel free to contact me (Kevin) on [hookekp@hotmail.com](mailto:hookekp@hotmail.com) if you want to confirm the details nearer the time.

At Poundsgate, our guest at the monthly service will be Anne Kenyon from Buckfast. Anne is the person who sorts out our palm crosses every year - they come from a project in the Gambia, which Anne has visited frequently over the years. This service will take place on Sunday 5th at 3pm.

At Dunstone, you are welcome to join us at our informal breakfast worship any Sunday at 9am (though don't worry if you are a few minutes late, Dunstone seems to run on its own time!). The one variation from this is on Easter Sunday, April 12th, when we'll have communion at 8.30am, following a 6am service to celebrate the son-rise (and hopefully the sunrise!) at Buckland Beacon. The regular community lunch will be on Weds 8th April from 12 noon.

I gather that this magazine also makes its way to Scorrison, so let me also let you know that at Scorrison Methodist Church on Easter Sunday there will be a special family service at 3pm which will feature egg-rolling - once again, you are warmly invited to come along (I am sure the Lord won't mind you crossing an ecclesiastical boundary if you live in Holne or elsewhere!).

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forged forward. One scream so loud even the evil wind could not bury it as one lad had slipped..... landing sideways in a massive pool of icy water. Hand came to grab him and we leant into the wind, faces numb, no choice, no mini bus to rescue us for the few meters till we reached the road. Then turn left..... down the hill. 'Walk backwards if you can' I yelled, only for the words to be whipped away as wind enjoyed it's game of agony.

We did reach the farm of course. Passed our good neighbour pollarding trees..... those few meters off the top of the tor are the difference between being battered within what feels like an inch of your life and being able to tend to the needs of an Ash tree suffering from die-back! The smiling face was much appreciated!

Down the children ran..... towards a hot crackling fire, warm cosy slippers and mugs of steaming chocolate – a small reward for their determination!

Over lunch at the end of their fourth day, I asked 'what had been their favourite activity?' Was it, plating the tail and main of Serena's pony and mare? Had it been making fish from willow, cleaning out the pigs or sorting sheep with Will, playing cards or helping to prepare meals for each other in the kitchen? 'Oh..... it was putting make-up on!' The boys had made up the girls and the girls did the boys. It had been a matter of trust and the boys had been fair..... The girls looked very mature. The boys had looked a little like ghouls from one of our bedtime stories, but they had not seemed to mind. A little pampering in bad weather, is not such a bad idea after all! However, perhaps we need these extremes to appreciate comforts? The moors will provide!

*Julia*

### **East Shallowford Farm**

Looking for volunteer cleaners and gardeners to help with the arrival of groups throughout the spring to autumn period.

If anyone is interested, please contact:

**East Shallowford Farm: 01364 621 392 Or e-mail: [julia@shallowfordfarm.co.uk](mailto:julia@shallowfordfarm.co.uk)**

### **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

We will be holding a bible study group each Thursday evening 7-9pm

The venue is Higher Foxworthy, Poundsgate

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	(February 2019 - 116.8 mm (4.6"))		
Holne	544.0 mm (21.42")		15th 122.7 mm



## Other Community News & Events

### **SOCIAL ISOLATION SUPPORT IN AND AROUND WIDECOMBE**

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### **ROTARY CLUB OF YELVERTON SPRING UPDATE**

Planning has started in earnest for our busy programme of Spring and Summer events – the first of these will be assisting with the Lambing Live event at Greenwell Farm, closely followed by the Spring Tea Party that we organise for the older residents of our community. This is held in Yelverton but we provide transport in TASS mini-buses from other villages. Our summer events include Buckland Summer Fair & Meavy Oak Fair, a couple of Car Boot Sales, the Dog Show at Postbridge, Harrowbeer Open Day, and a repeat of our August school holiday Fun Day which was so successful last year.

The programme for Members includes a Quiz Night, talks about Mercy Ships and the Fire Service, a visit to Moretonhampstead Motor Museum and an evening playing Croquet at Plymouth Croquet Club. We've also got at least one more fixture in the inter-District Skittles Championship having seen off both Tavistock and Plymouth Clubs. Earlier this year we visited the Robey Trust in Tavistock which restores and preserves Steam Engines and will be supporting their programme to further restore 'Stumbles', the engine that used to sit in the Meadows.

Please look on our Facebook page for details of these (and other) events as they emerge - [Facebook@yelvertonrotaryclub](https://www.facebook.com/yelvertonrotaryclub)

To find out more about Yelverton Rotary Club:

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Reading the Link will feel very different this month, with so many things not happening even if they are advertised - please check with the organiser before setting off for any event or meeting.

Instead of bemoaning the frustration, here's a challenge to occupy you – how many phone numbers are there in the Link? You can spend an idle moment counting them up and seeing if there are more than 40. If so, how many more? And maybe you'll spot one or two that belong to friends you haven't seen or spoken to for a while. So, while you are staying safe at home, why not give them a call and have a chat? And then perhaps look through your phone book and see if there are other people you could contact?

The Link is all about keeping our communities flourishing. While community life pauses, keep those phone-lines busy!

And please keep yourselves safe .....

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

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