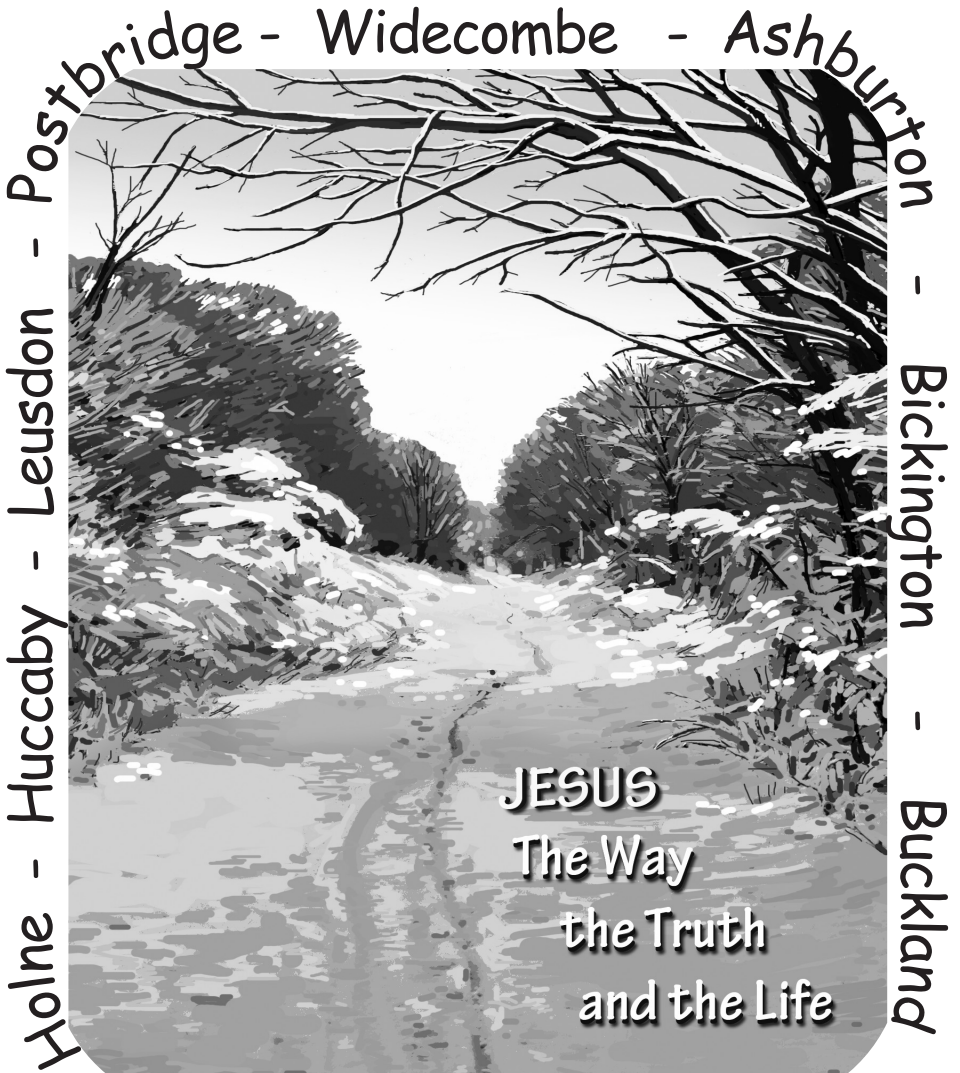


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## Be mine, Valentine!

This is the time of year when the days start to get longer, when birds start to pair off and when we remember how Valentine was faithful in his love and witness for Jesus Christ, even to death. 14th February has become a date for romance rather than martyrdom (the birds win here!) and the seven days leading up to Valentine's Day are marked as National Marriage Week when couples are encouraged to renew their marriage vows and give thanks for the love they share.

On Valentine's Day, a few years ago, Mandy and I enjoyed an evening by candlelight, toasting crumpets in front of a log fire with a bottle of claret. This, however, was chiefly because there was a power cut and we couldn't watch TV. OK, so I'm no romantic. I proposed to Mandy at Strensham Service Station on the M5 (southbound, if you're interested) in the car park on the cold, wet, grey morning of 5th January 1986. Then we went inside to have a cup of coffee to celebrate. Well, it's true that Strensham may not be the most romantic place or name; but as we have travelled up and down the M5 in the last 34 years, that motorway service station has been a reminder to me of how lucky I was to find Mandy and how fortunate I have been to receive her love and company in marriage.

When we come to renew marriage vows, we do it in the presence of God because we are only too aware of how we mess up or have fallen short and need forgiveness. Marriage is like discipleship. I may not be the brightest disciple but one of the things I have learnt in my 45 years as a follower of Jesus is that Jesus forgives sinners and he loves us. As he said repeatedly from the cross, 'Father, forgive them. They know not what they do.'

Marriages and all relationships, at their best, have the potential to be a reflection of God's response to us and his creation. Through them we can learn about unconditional love and forgiveness. Certainly, being married gives us plenty of opportunity to say, 'Sorry!' and 'I love you.' It's just a pity if it is always said in that order!

If you or someone you know has recently become engaged, then please do be in touch with me or the Team Vicar to explore a wedding in Church. A marriage ceremony in Church is open to everyone, not just churchgoers. Geoffrey and I would be delighted to hear from you.

+ Mark (Team Rector)



## **VISION TO ACTION 'TOURISTS TO PILGRIMS'**

Saturday 29th February—9.30am -2pm  
Scoriton Village Hall  
Lunch provided at 1pm.

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or sign up on the sheets at the back of Church

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# Church News & Events

## Growing in Prayer

Embracing the Exeter Diocese vision 'Growing in Prayer', St Andrew's will be holding a monthly time for Reflection, Contemplation and Prayer for Others.

**Starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> February at St Andrew's 6:30 to 7:15pm and then every third Wednesday of the month.**

All are welcome. Our time will be spent in sharing readings, a period of silent prayer and a time of collective prayer for others.

Meeting this way will also offer support for us all in our own prayer life and the life of the church by providing a space to share and learn from each other.

This time will be guided by Mark Rylands and Alan Altoft. (07586102315)



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## From the Registers

|          |           |               |                       |
|----------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Funeral  | Holne     | 9th December  | Mark Neill            |
| Funeral  | Widecombe | 23rd December | Phyllis Doreen Pascoe |
| Memorial | Leusdon   | 11th January  | Rose Partridge        |

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- Apply organic fertiliser
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- overgrown evergreens & hedges
- late flowering shrubs
- Mulch fruit trees
- So much rain but the days ARE getting longer!

Andy

# An hour of quiet reflection

## Postbridge Church

Tuesday 4th February at 7.30pm

Monday 2nd March at 7.30pm

with

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Meet at Widecombe Vicarage at 6.45 if transport required.

More information from Revd Geoffrey Fenton, Widecombe Vicarage, 01364 621334

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7pm

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## PRAYER IN A SECULAR AGE: FINDING THE SECRET OF PRAYER IN THE EARLIEST TEACHERS

TALK BY LAURENCE FREEMAN OSB

Laurence Freeman OSB is Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM), a global, inclusive contemplative community.

The talk will provide an introduction to Christian meditation, suitable for all who are new to meditation as well as those with more experience. It will be followed by a period of meditation.

A writer and international teacher, Fr Laurence is the author of many books including 'Light Within: Your Daily Practice' and his latest book 'Good Work: Meditation for Personal and Organizational Transformation'. He collaborated with the Dalai Lama on many dialogues and the ground-breaking book 'The Good Heart'.

There is no charge for this event and there is no need to book. However, a donation of £5?? is suggested to cover costs. There is disabled access, but limited parking in the Church car park.

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*Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
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*Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Thurs  
Messy Church  
3.30pm St Andrew's C.H.*

*Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
Breakfast@9am  
St Andrew's C.H.*

*Contact Jane 654 067  
for more info*

**Next Messy Church**  
**Thursday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm**  
St Andrew's Church Hall.

We are now well and truly in 2020. We had the most amazing Messy Church session yesterday when we fed over 50 people. We were celebrating God's wonderful world and especially how we look after his creation. The children made a poster with pledges to help the world - "Turn off the lights". When I asked them how a bee told other bees where to find flowers to collect pollen for their honey, one little boy called Peter told me; and then we both told everyone one else. The bee wiggles his bum in the direction to go and the number of wiggles tells the other bees how far to go. So, we all ended up doing a bee wiggle dance giggling.

The December Messy Church was a great success in the Church, but, even with a lot of help, it was a long process and if we do it again, we will need a "Man with a Van" to help us! Everyone loved the intimate space for the celebration in the choir stalls. Next month Heidi and Chloe are starting Fun Sized Film. We will be able to view the group's creations during some Family Services and at other times such as Messy Church in the future. Heidi has had an excited response.

Breakfast@9am is just what it says: a service with breakfast. Bacon buns and chocolate croissants are served during the Service. Everyone is welcome and there are crafts for the children; so, no one gets bored!! All God's blessing to you and your family. Jane

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| Date          | Time  | Sidesperson                 | Flowers  |
|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------|
| 2nd February  | 10.30 | Joe                         | Brenda M |
| 9th February  | 18.00 | Georgina                    | Brenda M |
| 16th February | 17.00 | Judy                        | Annie V  |
| 23rd February | 10.30 | Benefice Service at Huccaby | Annie V  |

## Holne Garden Group



Our next meeting will be our AGM on February 19th, at 2:30 in Holne Village Hall. Our usual format with competitions: "a flowering Pot Plant" and "a Flower Arrangement, any size, entitled "Hints of Spring". Please do enter – these are for everyone to have fun, whatever your gardening skills. Even if you sneak off to Hill House Nursery to buy your entry!

And of course we will have a Quiz, one team per table. We have a new quiz master this year – expect the unexpected!

The AGM will discuss vital subjects such as the November meeting (Do we need a speaker, or can we do it ourselves?) and our planned outings. And there will be a Raffle, Refreshments, and Prizes. We look forward to seeing you all.

For more details, to join the group and to book outings, contact:  
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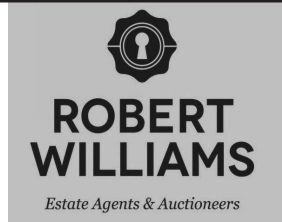
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Ideas can include:

- \* Tree Planting
- \* Creating areas for Wildlife and Pollinators
- \* Reducing Waste
- \* Community Composting
- \* Up-Cycling
- \* Tool Sharpening
- \* Repairing Stuff
- \* Car Sharing
- \* Growing Food
- \* Skills Sharing
- \* Discussion Groups

Please come along and join in... Our Planet needs us!  
Wednesday 5th February 2020 7.30pm

For more information contact: Jackie 07712 581604

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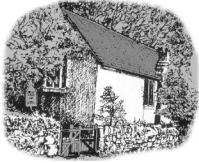
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## **Snowdrop time**

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

Starting on Friday 7th February, there will be snowdrops in pots available in the Chapel which make a lovely gift, whether it is for Valentine's Day or any other reason. But even if you don't want a snowdrop in a pot, please come and visit the Chapel and see the snowdrops in all their natural glory.

## **Cream Tea**

Following the success of the cream tea afternoons held in the early part of last year, there will be cream teas available in the Chapel from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Sunday 7th March.

Last year, the best part of the afternoon, was seeing visitors sitting around the wood burning stove with their tea, enjoying conversations with friends and strangers alike. Please do come and join us.

## **Events in February**

Once again it is the turn of St. Raphael's to host the Benefice Service. With eight churches in the Benefice, each place of worship is the venue for this service every two years. It is always a pleasure to welcome everyone from other churches in addition to our regular congregation and to enjoy singing and fellowship together. Even if you are not a regular churchgoer, come and join us at 10.30am on 23rd February. Tea and biscuits will be served afterwards.

We will also be celebrating the marriage of Steve and Ann, members of St. Raphael's, on Saturday 22nd February. We are all looking forward to this and for the first time, a small reception will be held in the Chapel after the service.

*Gillian*



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## Valentine's Day

## Friday

## 14th February





# St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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

| Date          | Time  | Reader                      | Teas  | Flowers - Altar | Windows |
|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------|
| 2nd February  | 16.00 | Norma                       | -     | Shan            | -       |
| 9th February  | 12.00 | Peter                       | Norma | Shan            | -       |
| 16th February | 12.00 | Liz                         | Shan  | Jane            | -       |
| 23rd February | 10.30 | Benefice Service at Huccaby |       | Jane            | -       |



## Coffee Morning and Stalls



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### Wednesday 5th February

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

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## Whist Drive Dates

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Mondays 10th & 24th February 7.30pm.  
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## Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

The coffee mornings start again on  
**Wednesday 5th February**

Hope to see you there.

All welcome.

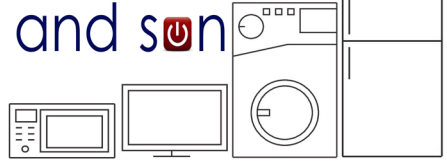
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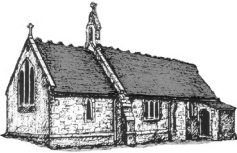


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# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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## Princetown History Club

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**4th February** A 50 year Landmark with  
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**3rd March** Goldsmiths with *Sue Andrew*

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# Church Services for February 2020

| <b>2nd February</b>  |       | <b>Candlemas</b>        |     |            |       | <b>White</b>       |           |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-----|------------|-------|--------------------|-----------|
| <i>Readings - Malachi 3:1-5; Psalm 24:[1-6] 7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40</i>                        |       |                         |     |            |       |                    |           |
| Widecombe  | 8.00  | Holy Communion BCP      | GF  | Ashburton  | 08.00 | Holy Communion BCP | MR        |
| Widecombe  | 10.30 | Family Worship          | MR  | Bickington | 09.00 | Holy Communion BCP | GF        |
| Holne  | 10.30 | Parish Communion        | GF  | Ashburton  | 10.30 | Family Worship     | AR+<br>HL |
| Leusdon  | 16:00 | Evening Prayer          | GF  | Buckland   | 15:00 | Evening Prayer     | MR        |
| <b>9th February</b>  |       | <b>3rd Before Lent</b>  |     |            |       | <b>Green</b>       |           |
| <i>Readings - Isaiah 58:1-9a [b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9 [10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]; Matthew 5:13-20</i> |       |                         |     |            |       |                    |           |
| 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  | Buckland   | 15:00 | Evening Prayer     | WW        |
| Holne  | 18:00 | Evening Prayer          | MR  |            |       |                    |           |
| <b>16th February</b>   |       | <b>2nd Before Lent</b>  |     |            |       | <b>Green</b>       |           |
| <i>Readings - Genesis 1:1-23; Psalm 136 or Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26; Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 6:25-34</i>       |       |                         |     |            |       |                    |           |
| Widecombe  | 10:30 | Parish Communion        | GF  | Bickington | 10:30 | Family Worship     | SS        |
| Leusdon  | 12:00 | Parish Communion        | GF  | Ashburton  | 10:30 | Parish Communion   | MR        |
| Holne  | 17:00 | Holy Communion BCP      | MR  | Buckland   | 15:00 | Holy Communion BCP | MR        |
| <b>23rd February</b>   |       | <b>Next Before Lent</b> |     |            |       | <b>Green</b>       |           |
| <i>Readings - Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9</i>                    |       |                         |     |            |       |                    |           |
| Huccaby  | 10:30 | Benefice Communion      | ALL |            |       |                    |           |
| <b>1st March</b>   |       | <b>Lent 1</b>           |     |            |       | <b>Purple</b>      |           |
| <i>Readings - Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11</i>                         |       |                         |     |            |       |                    |           |
| Widecombe  | 08.00 | Holy Communion BCP      | GF  | Ashburton  | 08:00 | Holy Communion BCP | MR        |
| Widecombe  | 10.30 | Family Worship          | GF  | Bickington | 09:00 | Holy Communion BCP | MR        |
| Holne  | 10.30 | Parish Communion        | AR  | Ashburton  | 10:30 | Family Worship     | MR+<br>JA |
| Leusdon  | 16:00 | Evening Prayer          | GF  | Buckland   | 15:00 | Evening Prayer     | MR        |
| <b>8th March</b>   |       | <b>Lent 2</b>           |     |            |       | <b>Purple</b>      |           |
| <i>Readings - Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9</i>           |       |                         |     |            |       |                    |           |
| 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  | Buckland   | 15:00 | Evening Prayer     | MK        |
| Holne  | 18:00 | Evening Prayer          | MR  |            |       |                    |           |

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*(see p.2 for contact details)*

### Mid-week Communion

|                         |           |       |         |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------|---------|
| Wednesday 5th February  | Ashburton | 10.30 | MR      |
| Wednesday 12th February | Ashburton | 10.30 | MR      |
| Wednesday 19th February | Ashburton | 10.30 | MR      |
| Wednesday 26th February | Ashburton | 10.30 | MR + GF |
| Wednesday 4th March     | Ashburton | 10.30 | GF      |

### Key to Service Leaders

|    |                      |     |                        |    |                   |
|----|----------------------|-----|------------------------|----|-------------------|
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| 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       |

## Dates for the Diary

| February 2020 |                                 | Page |
|---------------|---------------------------------|------|
| 4th           | Hour of Quiet Reflection        | 7    |
| 4th           | Princetown History Club         | 19   |
| 5th           | Leusdon Coffee Morning & Stalls | 17   |
| 5th           | Widecombe History Group         | 25   |
| 5th           | Evening of Bright Ideas - Holne | 13   |
| 6th           | Dunstone Bible Study Group      | 31   |
| 7th           | Holne Soup & Cheese Lunch       | 13   |

|      |                                 |    |
|------|---------------------------------|----|
| 10th | Holne Playpark AGM              | 13 |
| 12th | Dunstone Charity Lunch          | 29 |
| 19th | Growing in Prayer - Ashburton   | 5  |
| 19th | Holne Garden Group AGM          | 11 |
| 21st | Flats and Sharps - Buckland     | 37 |
| 22nd | Swing into the Twenties         | 37 |
| 23rd | Benefice Service - Huccaby      | 15 |
| 29th | Vision to Action Day - Scoriton | 3  |

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| Date          | Time  | Sidesperson                 | Coffee         | Flowers          |
|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 2nd February  | 10.30 | Dawn Nosworthy              | Val & Richard  | Pam Coaker       |
| 9th February  | 10.30 | Clare Born                  | Debbie Dracup  | Pam Coaker       |
| 16th February | 10.30 | Ronnie Constant             | Rose Mortimore | Letitia Clifford |
| 23rd February | 10.30 | Benefice Service at Huccaby |                | Letitia Clifford |

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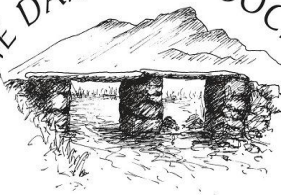
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For more information about WDSG visit [www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/sports\\_group/](http://www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/sports_group/)

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## From the Posties



## Widcombe & District Ladies Social Group

There will be no meeting in February but we will continue with the monthly luncheons.

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.

**Feb 5th** Dartmoor's Factory Floor  
Rob Steemson

**Mar 4th** Introduction to Dartmoor's  
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## **Widecombe Community Hall CIO Update**

### Message from Gail

I have been delighted with the local support, both in giving time and sponsorship, during my 119 Tors Challenge.

Apart from the 43 people that joined me on my last community walk, there were dozens of other community members across and beyond the parish who have supported me too, with positive comments, enthusiastic support on walks and generous sponsorship.

The current total stands at £1,191.75 (£10 per tor!) towards our new community hall.

I hope I have managed to thank everybody personally but if I've missed anybody, I'd like to take this opportunity to say **thank you** now.

Following the completion of Gail's Challenge and the Quiz & Supper Night we have now achieved 50% of our local fundraising target! Thank you to all of our supporters for your ongoing engagement and effort to achieve our community project.

[www.widecombecommunityhall.org](http://www.widecombecommunityhall.org)

Email: [info@widecombecommunityhall.org](mailto:info@widecombecommunityhall.org)

## **WIDECOMBE FAIR**



### **2019 Widecombe Fair Donation Applications -- Reminder**

The financial year for the company behind the Fair ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. The Treasurer is beavering away and the books are nearing completion.

Donations will be made to the Charity of the Year 2019, Rowcroft Hospice, and the local Rotary Clubs. Additionally a few regular donations will be made to the Parish Link and the like, but this still leaves a small surplus again this year.

Applications for funding are thus welcome from any local charities – all we ask is that the application is for something tangible and not just a general contribution to funds.

Applications should be made to the Co Sec at [peteroldham131@btinternet.com](mailto:peteroldham131@btinternet.com) and these must be received by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 at the latest. There are no fancy forms -- just a few sentences outlining any plans is fine. We would hope to be able to confirm any funding we are able to make during the first week in April.

Any queries? Please drop the Co Sec a quick email.

## News from the East Shallowford Trust

Someone asked, 'What do you do when you don't have groups visiting?' I have to confess, I tried hard not to roll my eyes! We had what seemed like hundreds of visitors over the Christmas holidays – we didn't, but as Alethe loaded up the washing machine yet again, we were sincerely grateful for our solar power, which works well, even on cloudy days to keep our bills down and our ecological footprint limited!

So – what do we do when a group is not visiting? Well, as chief fundraiser, cleaner, bottle washer and general dog's body..... I, like everyone else, generally, cleans, scrubs, paints and in my case, looks for funding to keep us going and not just maintain, but hone our farm activities to ensure the greatest positive impacts on anyone who visits.

Last Thursday I went to a meeting in Exeter on PCNs! As I peered around corners in this modern purpose built centre with everyone dressed immaculately in suits, ties, skirts and neat shoes without a third or even fourth layer of clothing (necessary to all of us on the moors), I wondered what I would learn. I had been invited to a meeting on rolling out the Govts new initiative on 'Primary Care Networks'. Why should we be involved? Because we have something unique and wonderful to offer that can really change a human's outlook on life! I learned two major points. In trying to find a way forward (the aim of the creating Primary Care Networks is to improve ownership and delivery of healthcare – and reduce the haemorrhaging and stress of NHS staff) few practices are actually talking with all their staff – it tends to be GPs huddled together making consultative decisions for their practices..... and ..... Positions related to Social Prescribing will be 100% funded by govt. Meaning, social prescribing will happen and it's something we should all know about. What is it? As far as I understand, if your GP feels your depression is due to isolation or your obesity is due to lack of exercise, instead of providing drugs, you will be offered an opportunity to join a 'group', doing something non drug related. In other words – there are alternatives to drugs and we should use them whenever possible!

So..... can East Shallowford Farm be useful in this way as well as being a Lung for the City?

My aim as Trust Manager over the next few months is to find people who knew Miss Braund and Rosemary, or have some experience with East Shallowford and the work that has been undertaken since 1975. What can we do? What should we be doing? Things have changed in the last forty years and we can no longer rely on Miss Braund's Legacy. Building work has begun, but it's all internal work! Apologies for those passing down the lane – for a year the view over the wall will not be pleasant. We promise that eventually there will be a beautiful Devon bank, new trees, the field will be wonderful again and come into regular grazing

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## 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 |
| 2nd February | 3.00pm | Monthly Service at Poundsgate                     |

**Contact: 01364 631279 for more details**

### MONTHLY CHARITY LUNCH

The next lunch to be held at Dunstone chapel will be on **Wednesday 12th February**

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

### News from Dunstone and Poundsgate Methodist Churches

As always we extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and join us at any of our services or events at our rural Methodist Churches.

At Dunstone, our next monthly community charity lunch will be on Wednesday 12th February, open from midday until 3pm, whilst our weekly informal worship with breakfast takes place from 9am every Sunday. Do come and join us at both of these as everyone is most welcome.

At Poundsgate, our monthly act of worship will be on Sunday 2nd Feb at 3pm, and will be led by Rev. Kevin Hooke and Heidi Lewis, our ecumenical Families and Mission Development Worker, who will be telling us about her work. As always, there will be coffee and cake following the service, when we can chat more informally with Heidi and each other.

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rotation (promise – no golf course or football pitch). We will remain small and hope to become/continue to be a useful and positive part of our community. However, to do that, we need your thoughts and ideas. So please forgive me if I ask for a little of your time to empty your heads into my computer with ideas, experiences, concerns and thoughts.

Over the seasonal festivities the moors were heaving with walkers and explorers. Mostly relatives of people living on or near the moors. We have something wonderful to share that heals wounded souls. Everyone here knows this – but how to use what we have at East Shallowford best? We need your help please.

*Julia*

*Email: [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 starting on 6th February.**

The venue for the 6th February meeting is Dunstone Chapel

The first topic will be investigating the Gospel of John.

All will be most welcome.

## **Covenant Service**

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|             | (December 2018 - 272.3 mm (10.7")) |                   |                         |
| Holne       | 359.3 mm (14.15")                  |                   | 19th 41.0 mm            |
| 2019 Total: | Postbridge 2043.8 mm (80.5")       |                   | Holne 2164.1 mm (85.2") |





# Other Community News & Events

**Widcombe History Group has recently published a new book, written by Roger Claxton, entitled 'Welfare in Widcombe 1700-1900 - An illustrated journey through local archives'.**

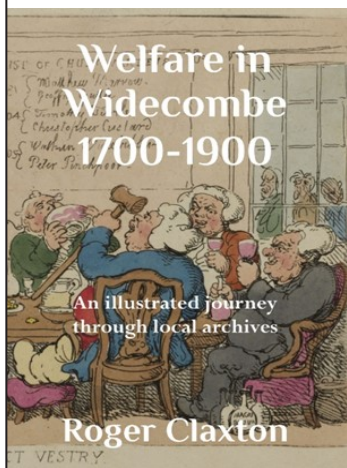
This beautifully produced, easy to read, book explores the historic provision of welfare in Widcombe-in-the-Moor parish as highlighted primarily by documents in the Parish Chest and the Widcombe Digital Archive.

This is a fascinating, extensively illustrated, sometimes amusing, sometimes sombre, study of local welfare provision that was in operation here in Widcombe long before the welfare state as we know it today.

The book is available in printed, Kindle and other eBook versions.

You can find out more and order your own copy of this book at the special price of £15 plus postage (which is free for local pick-up) by visiting <https://www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/welfare>, by emailing us at [contact@widcombe-in-the-moor.com](mailto:contact@widcombe-in-the-moor.com), or ask any member of the History Group .

**All profits from the sale of the book will go to local causes, including 'Donate for Dartmoor'.**



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February 29<sup>th</sup>

March 28<sup>th</sup>

April 25<sup>th</sup>

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The Christmas Tree Festival was once again a great success, with people from all over the world coming to see it, over 500 people voted for their favourite tree, and the voting was EXTREMELY close!

This year we repeated the "Prayer Flag Tree", the idea from our Churchwarden, Penny Whale, where visitors are invited to take a Prayer Flag back home with them, so now there are little reminders of Widecombe as far afield as Pakistan, El Salvador, Canada, the USA, New Zealand and Australia as well as lots of places in between!

With the Christmas Services collections as well as the collection from the Festival itself, we were able to send the magnificent sum of £1,186.26 to "Together for Short Lives" (charity no.1144022)

A Huge THANK YOU to everyone who took part and those who helped with stewarding and especially to David, who locked and unlocked the Church every day and turned all the tree lights on and off!

### RESULTS

#### CHILDREN'S TREES

- 1<sup>st</sup> Church House Learners (who also made tree decorations for people to take away, so they are also now all over the world!)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Widecombe Primary School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Widecombe Pre-School
- 4<sup>th</sup> Widdyots

#### ADULT'S TREES

- 1<sup>st</sup> Widecombe History Group "Autumn"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Widecombe Sewing Circle "Vivaldi's Four Seasons"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Janet Anderson "Winter's Here, but Spring's Not Far Behind!"
- 4<sup>th</sup> = Widecombe Bellringers "Bells for All Seasons"
- 4<sup>th</sup> = National Trust Shop, Widecombe "Honey Bees"

Also thanks to: St, Gabriel's Church Postbridge, Leusdon Church Choir, Friends of the Dartmoor Hill Ponies, Widecombe Kiosk, East Shallowford Farm, Widecombe Pilates Group and Judy Southcombe.

#### ADULT'S SMALL TREES

- 1<sup>st</sup> Postie Productions "Father Christmas and the Four Seasons"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Café on the Green "Seasoning!"
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2019 finished with a Barn Dance to raise funds for (amongst other things) our children's Fun Day to be held in August this year on Roborough Down, following the success of the first event we held last year.

We carried out our traditional Christmas collections at Tesco Roborough and Tavistock, and at Yelverton shops. We also toured Horrabridge and Princetown with Santa and his sleigh bringing a bit of excitement to many children on gloomy December evenings. Our thanks go to all who helped with donations, cups of tea, or words of support. We also sponsored a Christmas Tree at the Rock Methodist Christmas Tree Festival which was decorated by Princetown School.

The Memory Café, which continues to meet every second Friday in Briar Tor, was successful in obtaining a grant of money from the Yelverton Co-op to purchase iPads. It is hoped that we can emulate other groups which have used these to engage attendees in a variety of activities and to try to help provide some informal training in how to use them.

Events planned for the rest of the year include our annual Spring Tea Party for the older residents of our local communities, the Poundsgate Dog show, assisting with Meavy & Buckland Summer Fairs, Car Boot Sales, and the Fun Day.

Our thanks to all who give their money, time, and effort to assist us in raising funds, supporting organisations, and providing activities and events in the communities of Yelverton, Buckland Monachorum, Bere Alston, Princetown, Horrabridge and other villages in the area – as well as international support to the End Polio campaign and disaster funds.

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We hope you enjoy the variety of contributions to the Link; whether you are reading it to check the next Whist Drive or Coffee Morning dates or wanting some thought-provoking reading. But if you are thinking that it could be more interesting, then that's up to you!

From time to time we will remind you that this is your magazine, and the more you contribute, the more interest it will have. Why not jot down some seasonal thoughts, send in a report of a charity you are involved in, write a thank-you to someone who has been extra helpful, tell us a joke - anything you like!

And this month, on page 28, the Shallowford Trust are asking for your memories of Elizabeth Braund and Rosemary Bird - if you once met them, you'll never have forgotten them! Please share your stories with Julia, and why not send them to us as well?

And a big thank-you to all our contributors for your much more prompt contributions - it's making our lives so much easier!

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

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