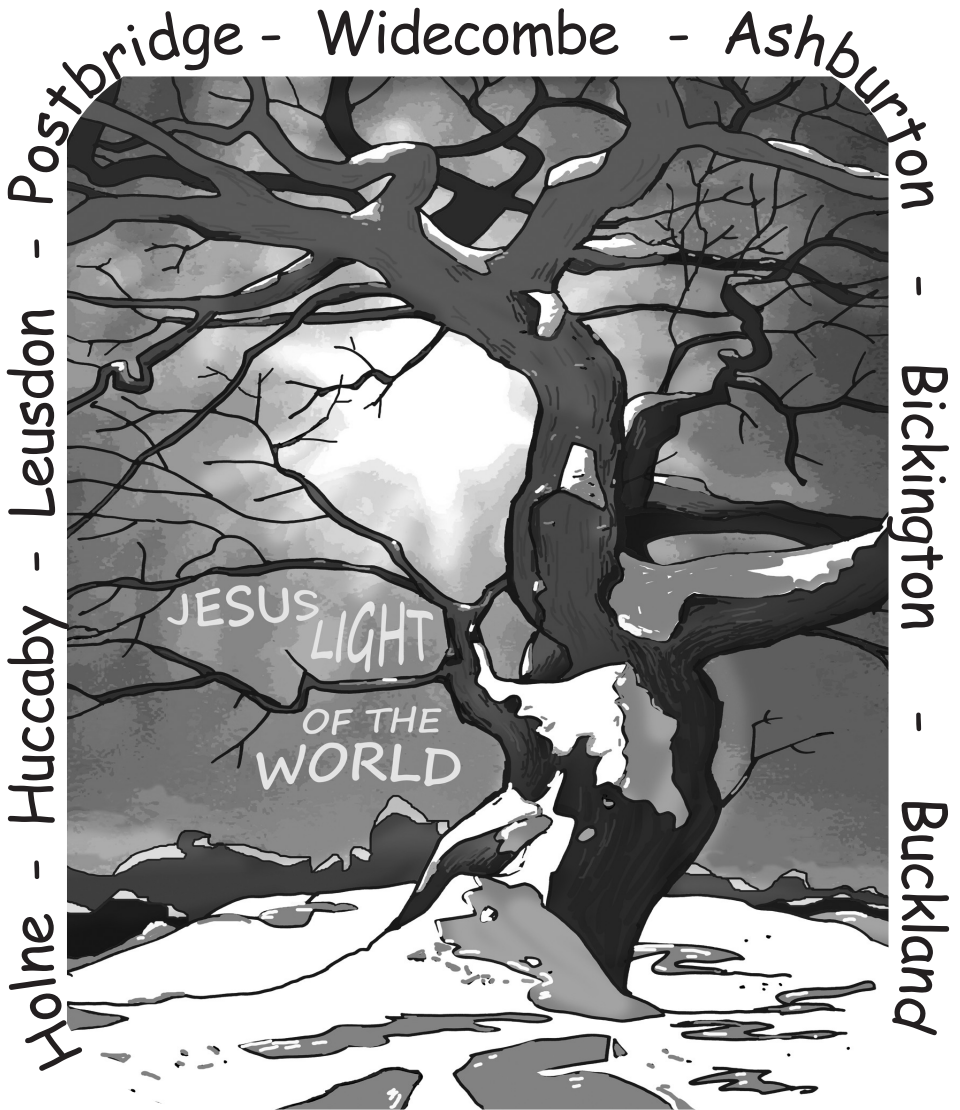


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**January 2020**

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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# The Parish Letter

It occurred to me that January can feel like Monday on a bigger scale! I don't find it all easy to get back in the routine after Christmas – I love holidays and relaxation and having a break from normal – and Christmas should be just that – a Festival; though of course Christmas can be a hard time for many suffering with loss, or lack of money, or relationship issues....

But what about Mondays? That Monday morning feeling I guess starts in our schooldays – weekends mean no lessons, Monday comes and it's back to lessons. I'm talking about my experience here, and I didn't enjoy school. Those that do enjoy school presumably look forward to Monday mornings – and maybe that was you? We're all different! Leaving school doesn't help though, as Monday mornings then become work mornings – struggling into the office or workplace, tackling the mountain of work that somehow didn't get done on Friday, and has grown with a whole burst of emails or messages from those other people who are trying to clear their desks and want to dump it on you.

And it's not just those going out to work that find Monday mornings tough. Mums with young children can also be back to earth with a bump – on your own with another week ahead of dealing with fractious children in the day and a fractious partner in the evening who may be too stressed to help with bedtime. And for single retired people, maybe the much-enjoyed Sunday lunch with a family member is over, and it's a whole week before the next one.

And so the Monday morning effect becomes part of most people's lives. It's pretty much the same on the first day back from holiday (or maybe the second day back is tougher, after you've told all the stories), like the first day of a new term. It is a bit similar to when one is made redundant, or one loses a partner, or one faces an illness. It's hard. We perhaps expect to enjoy life all the time, and so the hard times seem somehow unfair! And during January the Christmas and New Year holiday effect can soon wear off. But...

Of course we all develop our own strategies – for me, looking forward to the next weekend, the next holiday, the next family visit, helps me through the Monday mood and “back-to-work” moods. And routine kicks-in. For those going back to work – arriving, saying hello, getting a cup of coffee, having a brief chat, checking emails or work schedules, planning priorities, facing the reality, and the day seems more manageable. And in that list, it's the saying hello and having a brief chat that are perhaps most important – relating to those around me, knowing others feel a bit like I feel, finding support. For those at home, Monday may be a routine of changing the sheets, putting the washing in, doing a bit of cleaning, going out to the shops and chatting to people we meet. Again, it's the chatting that probably makes the most difference. And which can be the hardest bit – being withdrawn into a state where it's really difficult to face anyone can be very hard to break out of.

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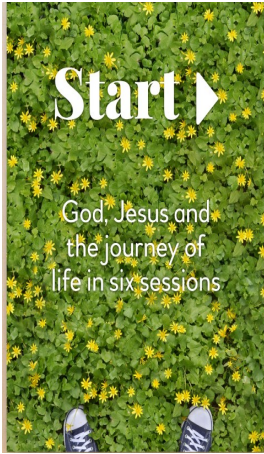
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# Epiphany

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- Spread organic matter
- Prune: wisteria & shape trees
- Service garden machinery
- Check tree ties & stakes
- Plant deciduous hedging plants

**Happy New Year!**

**Andy**

# An hour of quiet reflection

## *Postbridge Church*

**Tuesday 7th January at 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 4th February at 7.30pm**

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



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Getting work done, listening and sharing with other people, and trying to focus on making their lives better, thinking less about how I am feeling. These are the cures, the solution. And from these actions come love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are the "Fruits of the Spirit" that St Paul noted in those who decide to follow a life of loving their neighbour, setting self aside. It's an extraordinary contradiction at the heart of the Christian faith, that by setting our own needs aside, and cheering up others, we too enjoy the best of lives. I won't go so far as to say it then becomes Christmas every day (as the song has it), but actually it could feel a bit like that, couldn't it?

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***Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Thurs***

***Messy Church***

***3.30pm St Andrew's***

***Church***

***Fun Sized Film***

***Two evenings in the***

***month either on a***

***Sunday or Monday***

***\****

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

***Breakfast@9am***

***St Andrew's Church***

***Hall***

***Contact Jane 654 067***

***For more info***

## **Next Messy Church**

***Thursday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm***

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

At the time of writing this it is at the beginning of December! The first Mini Messy Church is about to happen this afternoon in Holne. Later this week Messy Church is in the Church for the first time.

We will have so much space, how are we going to use this and excite the families about being in their church? With Polling Day creating this opportunity we are all hoping lots of new faces will come to Messy Church out of curiosity.

So, we are devising Christmas story stations around the church. Letters spelling EMMANUEL will be placed around the church to find and then make as many words as you can from the letters. The number we could make is on Page 35. Can you do better? As people come into church we will play "guess the animal I am; sticky notes on forehead game". All the animals will be coming to visit the crib that Tracey has kindly put up for us.

Crafts for December; children will be invited to personalise a T shirt with Ashburton Messy Church logo on it. Thank you, Caroline for Gerald's donation to Messy Church which has enabled us to treat the children to their own Messy Church T shirt. Lots of fun making the decorations 4 the MC tree 4 the Festival.

**In January** we will be having our Christingle Service on the first Sunday of the month, the family service. Everyone is invited to support the Children's Societies work and the magic of this service. Messy Church on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> will be looking at Psalm 8 "God made everything"

**Exciting news** Two evenings in January there will be a new group **Fun Sized Film**. Heidi will be asking people when they want to meet. The group of young people will be making films of the bible stories. So please spread the word. **Jane**

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

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12th January	18.00	Georgina	Hannah
19th January	09.00	Service at Huccaby	Judy
26th January	17.00	Judy	Judy



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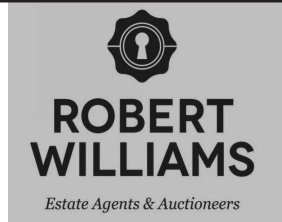
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- \* Tree Planting
- \* Creating areas for Wildlife and Pollinators
- \* Reducing Waste
- \* Community Composting
- \* Up-Cycling
- \* Tool Sharpening
- \* Repairing Stuff
- \* Car Sharing
- \* Growing Food
- \* Skills Sharing
- \* Discussion Groups

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

For more information contact: Jackie 07712 581604

*Our vision is to protect and enhance the future of the Playpark in Holne, as a recreational facility for all members of the local community and visitors.*



Notice of Meeting (**all welcome** including anyone wishing to help with anything in relation to the Playpark and/or to come on the committee)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the [8th] Annual General Meeting of Holne Playpark charity will be held at the Tradesmans Inn, Scoriton at 8pm on the 10 February 2020 to transact the following business.

- (1) Present/apologies
  - (2) Approve minutes from last meeting, and any carried forward issues
  - (3) Finance Report
  - (4) Chairman's report
  - (5) Election of Trustees
    - To appoint new Chairman.
    - To re-appoint Mrs Hannah Best for a ninth year as Secretary.
    - To re-appoint – Treasurer – Lisa Gray
    - To re-appoint the following Officers:-
    - Mrs B Owen, Mrs S Hayles, Mrs L Ross, Mrs S Helibrunn, Mrs Fran Wadia, Mr John Bellamy, Mrs Yvonne Fairman, Fleur Powell
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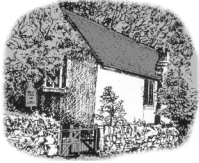
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## **In Quietness and in Confidence**

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

Work continues to rethink and restructure the churches across Devon. The fact is that with fewer people attending church there is less money to pay for clergy and it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain old buildings.

As police officers, we often heard complaints about police stations closing and fewer 'bobbies on the beat' because of tight budgets. There is a parallel with the church – people want the church to be there for weddings, baptisms and funerals but without money for the upkeep and volunteers willing to give time to keep church buildings open and running, then they will gradually disappear.

Perhaps that is not such a bad thing. 'The church' is not really about buildings, it is about people talking about and practising the Christian message of God's love to us regardless of who or what we are. Perhaps we are on the cusp of going back to the beginning of the Christian church where the message was more important than the fabric of a building. Would that be so bad?

## **Snowdrops**

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

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

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

Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported the Chapel during 2019 and a happy and healthy New Year to you all.

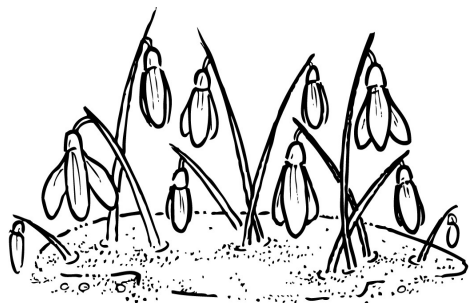
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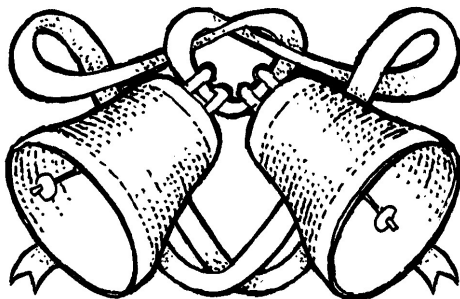
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[faithburch1964@gmail.com](mailto:faithburch1964@gmail.com)





# 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 January	16.00	Norma	-	Norma	-
12th January	12.00	Geoff	Norma	Norma	-
19th January	12.00	Liz	Shan	Penny	-
26th January	12.00	Patrick	Liz	Penny	-

## Coffee Morning and Stalls

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

It is a great opportunity for a community to get together for a couple of hours, and buy our homemade preserves including Marmalade, Jam and Chutney. Also great selection of paperbacks for just 40p, puzzles, bric a brac and nearly new clothes. Raffle. Local meat stall from 'Meat Dartmoor'.



**No coffee morning in January - See you all again in February**

### Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

Coffee morning packed to the rafters.

Everyone enjoying coffee and cake.

The grand total of £293-20 was raised towards the Hall makeover.

Many thanks to all.

No Coffee morning in January but see you all again in February.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

### Hiring Leusdon Memorial Hall

The Hall can take up to 100 people for functions or events. Inside there is a large, well equipped kitchen with plenty of worktop space.

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For more information or booking contact Amanda on 01364 631432

### Whist Drive Dates



At Leusdon Memorial Hall  
Mondays 13th & 27th January 7.30pm.  
All very welcome !

Leusdon

# Church Services for January 2020

5th January		Christmas 2				White	
<i>Readings - Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12; Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21 [CCP Canticle 28]; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:[1-9] 10-18</i>							
Widecombe	10.30	Family Worship	GF	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion BCP	JA
Holne	10.30	Parish Communion	TBC	Ashburton	10.30	Christingle	MR+ HL
Leusdon	16.00	Evening Prayer	GF	Buckland	15.00	Evening Prayer	MR
				Bickington	17.00	Christingle	MR+ HL
12th January		Epiphany 1				White	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17</i>							
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion BCP	GF	Bickington	09:00	Parish Communion	MR
Widecombe	10:30	Plough Sunday	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	MR
Leusdon	12:00	Plough Sunday	GF	Buckland	15:00	Plough Sunday	MR
Holne	18.00	Evening Prayer	MR				
19th January		Epiphany 2				White	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 49:1-7; ; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42</i>							
Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR	Bickington	10.30	Family Worship	SS
Widecombe	10.30	Parish Communion	MR	Ashburton	10:30	Christian Unity Communion	GF
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	MR	Buckland	15:00	Holy Communion BCP	GF
26th January		Epiphany 3				White	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23</i>							
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	Evening Worship	MR+ HL	Buckland	15:00	Evening Prayer	MK
Postbridge	18.00	Evening Prayer	GF				
2nd February		Candlemas				White	
<i>Readings - Malachi 3:1-5; Psalm 24:[1-6] 7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40</i>							
Widecombe	10.30	Family Worship	GF	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion BCP	MR
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				Buckland	15:00	Evening Prayer	MR

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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 1st January	Ashburton	10.30	JA
Wednesday 8th January	Ashburton	10.30	TBC
Wednesday 15th January	Ashburton	10.30	MR
Wednesday 22nd January	Ashburton	10.30	MR
Wednesday 29th January	Ashburton	10.30	GF

### Key to Service Leaders

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GF	Revd Geoffrey Fenton	SLW	Simon Le-Pine Williams	KH	Revd Kevin Hooke
JG	Revd John Good	WW	William West	MK	Marion Kaye

## Dates for the Diary

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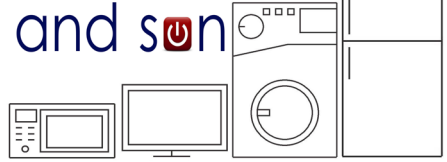
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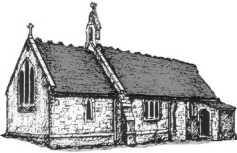


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# St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

## Princetown History Club

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

**7th January** *The Duchesses of Bedford*  
with Geri Parlby

**4th February** *A 50 year Landmark* with  
Simon Dell

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 6 January**  
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**Monday 20 January**  
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## Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year

There are no Whist Drives in January

The next one will be February 18th at 7.30pm

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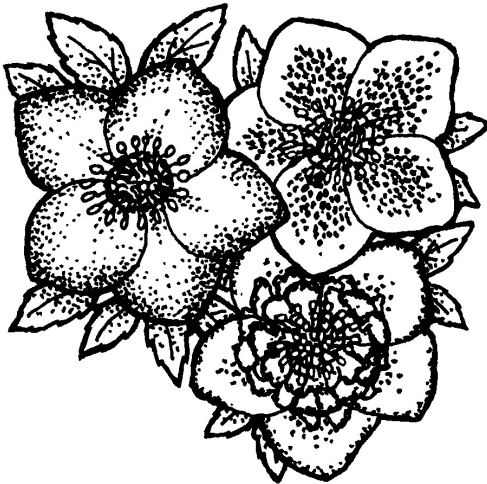
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## High Moorland Women's Institute Princetown



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.

Our next meeting will Wednesday 5th February. We have many exciting things happening within our Institute during 2020, so come and check us out.

At our December meeting we celebrated Christmas with a lovely meal at the Prince of Wales pub in Princetown.

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.

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Church Services - see Page 20 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
5th January	10.30	Dawn Nosworthy	Penny Whale	Jenny Pascoe
12th January	10.30	Peter Dracup	Wendy Cruze	Jenny Pascoe
19th January	10.30	Wendy Beard	Krissy & Peter Blood	Judy Southcombe
26th January	10.30	Audrey Mortimore	Penny Locke	Judy Southcombe

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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.

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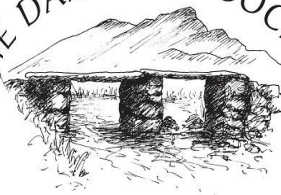
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We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Christmas and a Good New Year.

There will be no meetings in January and 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.

**Jan 8th** Christmas Party & Photo Quiz

Robert Hesketh

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

Rob Steemson

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**Widecombe Community Hall CIO** was disappointed with the outcome of the recent parish vote. 48% were in favour of increasing the precept to the extent requested, but this was not quite enough to 'tip the balance'. We were however, delighted with the Parish Council supporting our planning application, which is now being considered by DNPA.

**Charity Walk - Mon 30th Dec, 10am**

Join Gail at Beltor Carpark to walk the final three tors in her 'All Tors Challenge'

Please let Gail know if you'll be joining her so we can make sure there are enough refreshments for all! 01364 631282.

**Quiz & Supper Night - Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7.30pm, Leusdon Hall.**

Tickets must be booked in advance - £10 each to include a 2-course supper & quiz. Individuals or teams of 6 welcome. Contact Yvette on 01364 631543 or book online.

Thank You and Merry Christmas!

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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

November merged into December without us really noticing. Long dark nights. Gusts of wind testing the few remaining leaves that tenaciously clung to oak trees, holding on as if by their finger tips until that final blast of air shot them like bullets into the faces of unsuspecting walkers. We are always surprised to have any visitors at this time of year as we hunker down to protect ourselves, feeling more like large lumbering badgers, wanting to hide in our burrows except on the few rare days the sun manages to force its way through the clouds, reminding us that brightness will eventually return.

One young man has been visiting Shallowford for years and knew Miss Braund well. 'The scary lady who shouted a lot! Have things changed?' he asked me before booking an experimental group of teenagers. 'Not a lot!' I smiled to myself. Funny – it did not stop her from being well loved or perhaps more accurately, unreservedly respected! As a leader even years ago, he was nervous, scared, out of his comfort zone having to deal with mud, physically lifting gates, pigs that rootle at your knees and toes, Dartmoor ponies that throw and shake their heads as they belt towards visitors at speed. But that test on the emotions. That fear, that demand upon the senses. The challenge to the norm – he wanted others to experience it, knowing its good for human development. How to return to this alluring place that is emotionally demanding, beautiful yet stressful, so good for the soul yet pushes you out of your comfort zone? You hate it, but know it's good for you it at the same time..... medicine for the soul is rarely pleasant.

The group pulled fodder beat in mud which sucked their boots into the earth. They lifted few beats, but for the first time as teenagers, pulling something alive from the soil which served a purpose in the long cycle of food to relinquish their hunger – a task with reason. The next day we marched them up a hill. One of the boys kept running. He was fast, refused to wear wellies as his long legs ate up the squelchy, peat-soaked hill. He kept stopping to look at his phone. He would not look up, refused to take his eyes off the phone and nearly fell between tufts of sharp gorse. I stopped in front of him, hand out. 'Phone please.' 'No – I want to talk to my Mum.' 'You can talk to her at the top. Phone please.' Reluctantly it was handed over and off he shot. At the top, the others were daring each other to jump off the rocks. 'Would you like your phone back now? I can take a picture for your Mum.' 'No!' he sulked. 'Here it is.' I offered. 'No.' he replied and turned his back as I jumped up towards him to ask them all to guess where Shallowford was, where the road, the sea and Broadaford Farm. He refused to look, to engage. What was going on in his head? He ran; we all ran down the hill.

On returning to the farm, the tantalising smells of home grown roast chicken hit our senses flooding us with pangs of delicious hunger. The boys stripped their beds and carried their bags down stairs. But the one boy sat himself on the sofa and refused to join us in the dining room.

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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
5th January	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 8th January**

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

### News from Poundsgate Methodist Church

Happy New Year from Poundsgate and Dunstone Methodist Churches!

This month we have one service at Poundsgate, at our regular 3pm slot the first Sunday of the month, 5th January. As always it will be an informal act of worship with coffee and cake afterwards. Looking forward to February, Heidi will be sharing our service on Sunday 2nd, telling us about what she is up to as Family and Mission Development worker.

At Dunstone, the regular 9am breakfast services continue weekly through January, again with a very informal and friendly atmosphere. On Sunday 5th, we will start the new year with our annual Covenant Service, when Methodists traditionally renew their promises to be Jesus' disciples. On Wednesday, 8th January there will then be the community charity lunch from 12 o'clock onwards.

As always a warm welcome awaits you whenever you are able to join us.

Rev Kevin Hooke  
Minister, Poundsgate Methodist Church

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The leader spoke with him. I went to sit next to him, took his hand and said, 'None of us like to see you so quiet. You know you are loved, grumpy or smiling. I'll leave the door open and you can come for lunch if you change your mind.' He sat staring resolutely in front of him, saying nothing. We finished eating and still he sat staring ahead of him, watching the fire vacantly. I was concerned as the group was leaving and we had not managed to get a word out of him for about an hour. He'd been the bubbling noisy one on arrival – now sullen, shrunken in on himself and unmoving. What could we do as their leader called them to get into the car?

Everyone lined up to say goodbye, handshakes initially and then huge hugs from the leader and the others. He walked away with nothing, then turned sharply on one leg, came hurtling back, flung his arms around me and squeezed hard. I whispered in his ear, 'You'll come back please?' 'Yes', he whispered as the tears welled up.

We know nothing about these young people's lives. They come for such a fleeting visit. If they are lucky, they come again and again. Shallowford becomes their home. Challenging; a paradox of emotions, but somewhere safe they can return to throughout their lives Somewhere they are unreservedly loved.

*Julia*

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUP - HOLD THE DATE**

We will be holding a bible study group each  
**Thursday evening 7-9pm starting on 6th February.**

The first topic will be investigating the Gospel of John.

All will be most welcome.

Venue to be confirmed in the February Parish Link

## **Answer to Emmanuel Challenge - Messy Church Article on Page 9**

Answer for Adults is 15. The children at Messy Church were challenged to find 10.

**Mane, man mule, lame, lane, nul, male, meal, mean, menu, name, enamel,  
lean, eel, emu.**

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## Other Community News & Events

### The Chagford Singers

Love to sing? What are your resolutions for 2020?

We are a choir of 45+ members who would still welcome more singers. We have an exciting programme for the spring featuring Brahms German Requiem, which we will be performing in concert on 4th April in association with the Dartmouth Orchestra and professional soloists.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm from 8th January in Endecott House, Chagford.

We are a friendly non-auditioning choir and focus on modern and classical choral music.

Come and try us out during January.

More information: [thechagfordsingers.co.uk](http://thechagfordsingers.co.uk) and 01647 221363

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Whist 2020



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January 4<sup>th</sup>

February 1<sup>st</sup>

February 29<sup>th</sup>

March 28<sup>th</sup>

April 25<sup>th</sup>

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

June 20<sup>th</sup>

July 18<sup>th</sup>

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