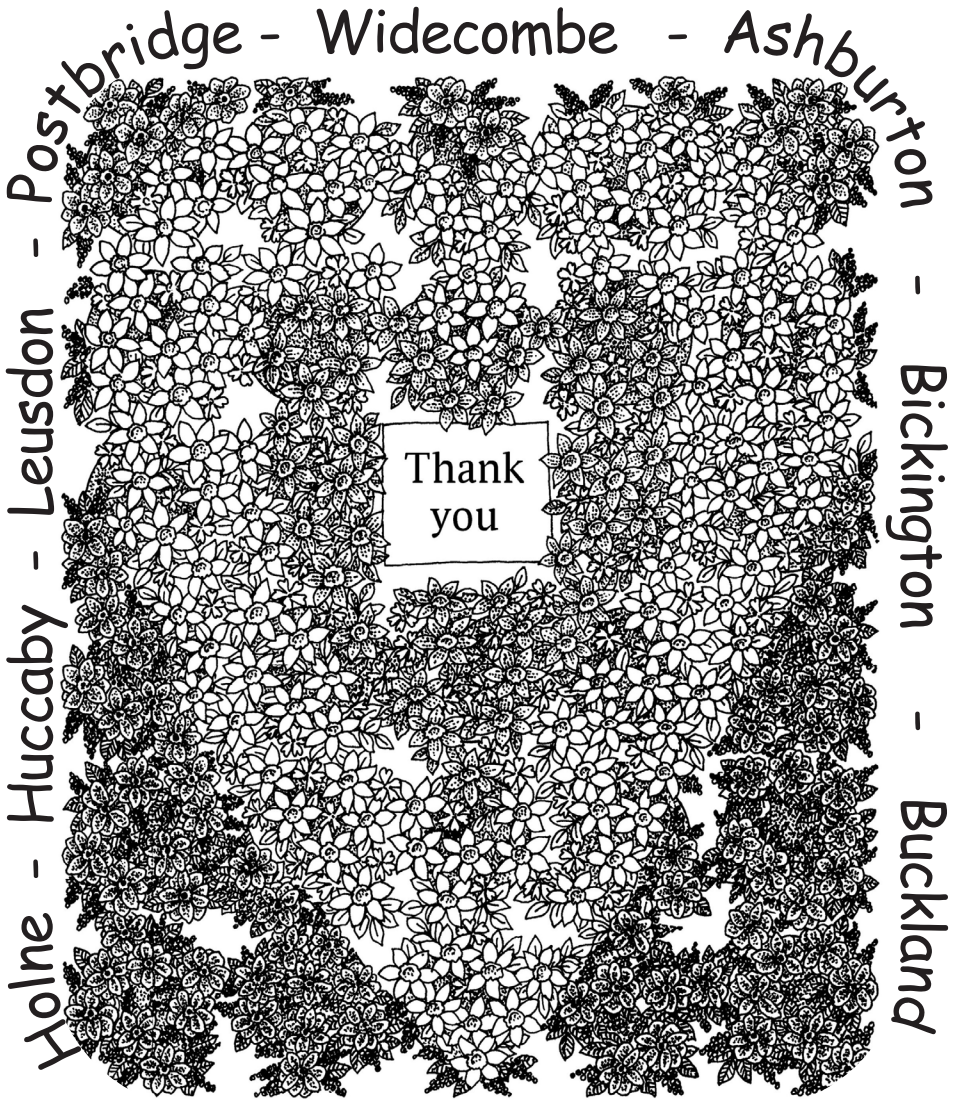


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Christian Super-Heroes – who’s your inspiration?

Historically, so much happens in March. We’ve come through the bleak winter months of January and February, and then we reach March with the promise of new life and spring time. In the Christian calendar, we’ve entered the season of Lent and are preparing the way for the excitement of Easter.

But March begins with St David’s Day – the patron saint of Wales. Dewi Sant (to give him his proper Welsh name) was a nobleman, born in Wales c500 AD. He lived a long and holy life, founding monasteries across Wales, England and parts of Europe. The Welsh are justifiably proud of their home-bred patron saint and the whole nation celebrates all things Welsh on March 1st (held to be his birth date). Schools take part in music competitions, children dress in traditional Welsh costume and the culture of Wales is celebrated nationally and internationally.

Saints are people, ordinary people, who did extraordinary things. They are people who the church recognizes as having led holy lives that reflected biblical teaching. In Saint David’s case, he was an amazing preacher and founder of religious communities. He inspired people to get closer to God and seek a holy lifestyle themselves. Some people believe that ALL people of faith who live to serve God God is a saint, others believe that sainthood applies to only the chosen few.

Whatever your personal understanding of sainthood is, this got me thinking about who do we look to as Christians for inspiration? Who is your faith hero? Do you have a biblical character who’s story you find especially inspiring? Is there a more recent ‘hero of the faith’ whose biography motivates you into action? Is there someone who you know personally who inspires you?

Danielle Strickland is not someone who I know personally but I do find her work very inspiring. Danielle is a Canadian evangelist, a Salvation Army Captain, mum of 3 boys, and someone who ‘trains, advocates and inspires people to live differently’. She’s written several books. Her style is light-hearted, humorous and relevant to contemporary life but absolutely rooted in biblical truth. She’s an excellent public speaker with many talks available as podcasts. If you’ve never read any of her work, or heard her speak, I’d urge you to check her out.

And of course, I have plenty of musical heroes but these change almost daily depending on my mood! If you’re interested, please ask!

But, the key thing about our heroes is the impact we allow them to have on our lives. As children we may have had a friend that our parents considered a ‘bad influence’ and of course, it’s possible even as adults to have friends who’s effect on us is not entirely positive. As Christians we need to reflect on this in a faith context. Do you find yourself becoming more brash, or ill-tempered when you spend time with certain people because that’s how they are? Do you start swearing or using inappropriate language simply because they do and the habit rubs off? Does being with them cause you to show less of the light of Jesus and reflect less of the fruits of the Spirit? If your relationships with certain people cause

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Church News & Events

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you to behave other than how you should, then maybe you need to work harder at being the good influence in your friendship with them.

If being someone's hero sounds too big a task to tackle, take heart in this Welsh saying, based on Saint David's final words: Gwnewch y pethau bychain mewn bywyd - Do the little things in life.

We've heard a lot over the past few months about our call as Christians to be God's light in our communities. Perhaps, you could become someone's hero / role model / positive influence this year and just simply let that light shine. Heidi



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From the Registers

There are no register entries this month

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- Prune ..
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TEAM ADMINISTRATOR

The Moorland Team is delighted to welcome our new Administrator, Cassie Long.

Cassie is based at St. Andrew's and is responsible for social media and the general administration and running of the Benefice Office. She brings with her an entire range of ideas and skills with which she hopes to highlight the work of the Church in the benefice whilst promoting our community involvement in new and exciting ways.

Originally a native of North London, Cassie and her family moved from Cornwall to the Ashburton area just eighteen months ago. Since then she has been involved in making local connections and settling her eight-year old son into Ashburton School. So how does Cassie see her new role with the Moorland Team?

"I don't have any kind of Anglican background, so obviously I still have a great deal to learn! I've only been in the job for two weeks but I'm really enjoying grappling with the challenge of some unfamiliar software and learning about the protocols of the benefice. I hope I'm winning! What I'm looking forward to most is the opportunity to help the Team reach out into the community and make the biggest possible impact with local people".

In addition to an outgoing and highly practical personality, Cassie also brings with her a useful set of IT skills, plus experience with social media and photography gained in running her own horticultural business and in working for, for instance, the National Garden Scheme.

+ Mark



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

*March 29th Sunday
Breakfast@9am
St Andrew's C.H.*

*Contact Jane 654 067
for more info*

Next Messy Church

Thursday March 12th 3.30pm
St Andrew's Church Hall.

We are going to press before Messy Church actually happens this month. There is news though: yesterday morning Sunday, a new contemporary service starting at St Andrew's at 9am on the Sundays we don't have Family or breakfast services. This increases our provision for families, and everyone is welcome from all over the Benefice.

In March at Messy Church we are trying to build on our ecological theme from January. The Bible story is the Boy Jesus visiting the temple aged twelve. This is the only story of Jesus as a child and important. He found a safe place to talk to his father. And this leads to the question: where do we feel safe and able to talk to God? Where do you talk to God?

The parallel idea emerged of "change". We all change especially children around the age of 12. The world changes and climate emergency springs to mind. There appears to be a comparison with Greta Thunberg addressing the heads of state recently and Jesus talking to the elders and astonishing them with his knowledge. The crafts this month include a painting of the Moor by everyone, a vase made out of recycled plastic bottles, and a book to write your thoughts in.

Fun Size Film has taken off and has been well supported. I do not know what they are filming, but I do know there is lots of giggling and planning among the children. Thank you, Heidi and Chloe, for the new initiatives. Jane

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St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
1st March	10.30	Gillian	Lent - No flowers
8th March	18.00	Joe	Lent - No flowers
15th March	09.00	At Huccaby	Lent - No flowers
22nd March	17:00	Georgina	Lent - No flowers
29th March	17:00	Ann	Lent - No flowers

Holne Garden Group



On 18th March we visit Kilver Court near Shepton Mallett. The original Kilver Court Gardens were created in the nineteenth century gardens for the workers in the lace making factory. Today, unique planting schemes using colour and texture are evident in the newly redesigned 100m colourist herbaceous border, formal parterre and subtropical island. This eclectic garden is also home to one of the largest sculptures in the world, a breath-taking 15-metre-high Victorian viaduct. And for anyone needing retail therapy there is the Designer Village, offering discounts on over 40 brands of clothing etc., and the Garden Nursery selling plants from specialist plant suppliers and growers, and “weird and wonderful” one-off garden ornaments, collectables and antiques.

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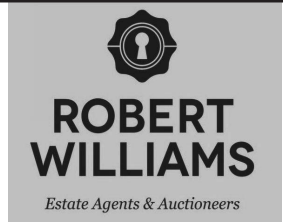
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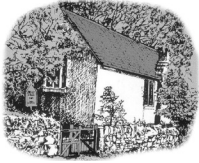
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St Raphael's - a sanctuary?

The original meaning of sanctuary was a sacred place or shrine; a place of haven and a place of safety. We, of course, also know that those accused of crime were protected from legal action by using a 'sanctuary'! Recently, the opportunity arose for the Chapel to be used as another type of sanctuary.

To be accepted for the Ten Tors Challenge held in May every year, teams of six teenagers are required to declare that they can achieve the Challenge of hiking, unaided over 55 miles of Dartmoor terrain.

During February, three or four teams of young people from the South-west arrived at Dave Mudge's field opposite St Raphael's to camp for the weekend as part of their preparation. Two teams broke tent poles attempting to erect their shelters and the tents collapsed! Teachers came to the rescue giving up their own tents to provide some refuge and spent an uncomfortable night in the school minibus.

As the school minibuses were unable to access the muddy field, they had decided to park on St Raphael's car park. Enter a passing Churchwarden who politely suggested a donation to the Chapel might be appropriate recompense for this facility.

During the discussion one of the teachers pleadingly asked, (he actually said, 'cheekily'), if there was any possibility of sleeping inside St. Raphael's in their sleeping bags – otherwise they were to have to 'sit' in their school minibus to sleep overnight again.

The wood burning stove was lit, the toilet left unlocked for use and two very grateful teachers left a generous donation. We are not quite ready to introduce 'champing' (camping in churches) at St. Raphael's on a regular basis, but we were happy to help and hopefully they left with a positive impression.

From Visitors to Pilgrims.

Most in the Moorland Team will know something of this initiative – part of our Benefice Vision and Growing Rural Churches strategy.

In summary, the project is about bringing our parishes more closely together through developing a good practice 'Welcome Pack' for the churches and creating a 'Heritage/Church Trail' around the Benefice.

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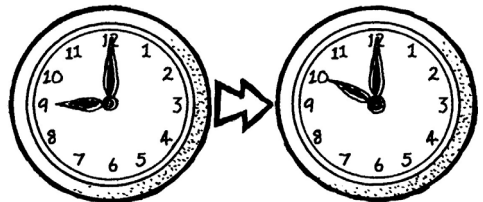
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Thank you to our resident professional hikers, John and Helen Diplock, who have drafted some excellent trails between our churches – and even walked them to illustrate how easy they are! More news next month.

Snowdrop time

The snowdrops in the Chapel grounds began flower in December and have been looking lovely since the beginning of February. Hopefully they will last into March. As usual there have been many visitors and we are grateful for all the donations we have received for our snowdrops in pots.

Cream Teas

A final reminder about the cream teas which be available in the Chapel from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Saturday 7th March. The wood burner will be lit and even if the weather is bad, come and enjoy a chat as well as the delicious scones.

Celebration of Marriage

It was wonderful to be part of the marriage celebrations of two of our regular congregation – Steve and Ann in February. It was a lovely family occasion with Mark officiating and then everyone enjoying a reception in the Chapel itself.

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. Our first meeting of 2020 was spent catching up and planning activities for the year, both members activities and fund raising activities. After a successful 2019 Pensioners Christmas Lunch in Princetown, our effort, once again, will go into raising the funds to allow the pensioners to enjoy a Christmas meal and great company. The first of our fundraising activities is a Bingo Evening on Friday 28th February 7.30pm at Princetown Community Centre. Join us for fun and prizes. On 3rd March we will be trying our hand at willow weaving. 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 or follow us on Facebook: High Moorland Women's Institute.

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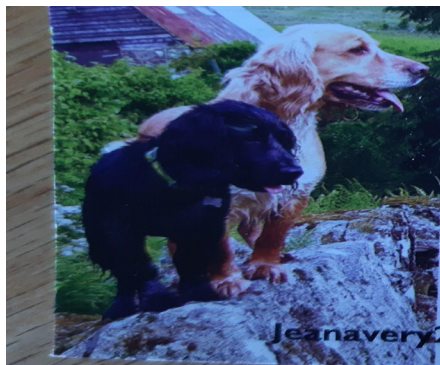
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Church Services - see Page 20 for details

Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers - Altar	Windows
1st March	16.00	Norma	-	Nicky	-
8th March	12.00	Patrick	Liz	Nicky	-
15th March	12.00	Geoff	Norma	Norma	-
22nd March	12.00	Peter	Shan	Lent - No flowers	-
29th March	12.00	Liz	Norma	Lent - No flowers	-

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 books at assorted prices, puzzles, bric a brac and nearly new clothes. Raffle. Local meat stall from 'Meat Dartmoor'.



Wednesday 4th March

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Leusdon Memorial Hall Update

Spring is springing and the Coffee Morning team were pleased to welcome you all back. January is always a long hard month so its good to get back into the social circuit. Everyone was in high spirits and we welcome the new faces..

Takings were a grand total of £254--75p.

The next one is Wed 4th March, see you there.



Whist Drive Dates

At Leusdon Memorial Hall
Mondays 9th & 23rd March 7.30pm.
All very welcome !

Bingo - Friday 3rd April 7.30pm

Prizes to include Chicken Dinners, Easter eggs and more.

Contact Amanda on 01364 631432

Leusdon

Church Services for March 2020

1st March

Lent 1

Purple

Readings - Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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+ JAsH
Leusdon	16:00	Evening Prayer	GF	Buckland	15:00	Baptism Service	MR

8th March

Lent 2

Purple

Readings - Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

Postbridge	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	GF	Bickington	09:00	Parish Communion	AK
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	AK
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	GF	Buckland	15:00	Evening Prayer	MK
Holne	18:00	Evening Prayer	JH				

15th March

Lent 3

Purple

Readings - Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Huccaby	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR	Bickington	10:30	Family Worship	SS
Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	MR	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	GF
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	MR	Buckland	15:00	Holy Communion BCP	GF

22nd March

Mothering Sunday

Purple

Readings - 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Widecombe	10:30	Parish Communion	GF	Bickington	09:00	All Age Communion	MR
Leusdon	12:00	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion	MR
Holne	17:00	Mothering Sunday Service	HL	Buckland	15:00	Mothering Sunday Service	MK
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer	GF				

29th March

Lent 5

Purple

Readings - Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

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	Holy Communion BCP	MR	Buckland	15:00	Evening Prayer	MR

5th April

Palm Sunday

Purple

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

Widecombe	10:30	Family Worship	GF	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion BCP	JA
Holne	10:30	Family Worship	JG	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion BCP	MR
Postbridge	18:00	Holy Week Pilgrimage	ALL	Ashburton	10:30	Family Worship	MR+ HL+CA

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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 4th March	Ashburton	10.30	GF
Wednesday 11th March	Ashburton	10.30	MR
Wednesday 18th March	Ashburton	10.30	MR
Wednesday 25th March	Ashburton	10.30	MR
Wednesday 1st April	Ashburton	10.30	MR

Key to Service Leaders

MR	Revd Mark Rylands	SS	Steve Sheldon	JA	Revd John Andrews
AR	Revd Mandy Rylands	DW	Revd David Witchell	HL	Heidi Lewis
GF	Revd Geoffrey Fenton	SLW	Simon Le-Pine Williams	KH	Revd Kevin Hooke
JG	Revd John Good	WW	William West	MK	Marion Kaye
AK	Anthony Kyriakides	CA	Chloe Axford	JAsh	Jane Ashton

Dates for the Diary

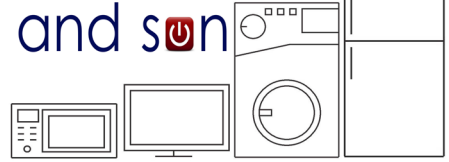
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2nd	Hour of Quiet Reflection	7
3rd	Princetown History Club	23
3rd	High Moorland WI	17
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4th	Leusdon Coffee Morning & Stalls	19
6th	Holne Soup & Cheese Lunch	13
6th	Nancy Kerr/Luke Daniels Concert	37

7th	Cream Teas at Huccaby Chapel	17
7th	Holne Family Board Game Night	37
11th	Dunstone Charity Lunch	33
12th	Widecombe Ladies Social Group	27
18th	Presentation & Visit to North Hall	27
18th	Holne Garden Group	11
21st	Community Hall Chilli Cook-Off	29
26th	Gypsy Dreamers Concert	37

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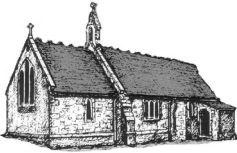
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May	Maureen Seabrooke
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St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

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.

3rd March Goldsmiths with Sue Andrew

7th April Holy Wells of Cornwall and Devon
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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
1st March	08.00	-	-	Lent - No Flowers
1st March	10.30	Ann Murphy	Ann Murphy	Lent - No Flowers
8th March	10.30	Letitia Clifford	Debbie Dracup	Lent - No Flowers
15th March	10.30	Audrey Mortimore	Alison Whale	Lent - No Flowers
22nd March	10.30	Peter Blood	Judy & Marcia	Lent - No Flowers
29th March	10.30	John Born	Audrey Mortimore	Lent - No Flowers

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Your first session, and any when your child is under 6 months, are free and then from 6 months to 3 years it is £1.50 per child and 50p for siblings.

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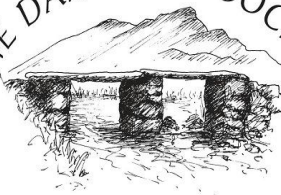
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For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

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For more information about WDSG visit www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/sports_group/

Thank you and enjoy your sports area.

North Hall Excavation - Presentation and Site Visit

The Dartmoor Society and Widecombe History Group invite you to a meeting on Wednesday 18th March at 2.00 pm in the Church House, Widecombe.

Andy Crabb, Dartmoor National Park Authority Archaeologist, will give a presentation on the excavation and, after light refreshments, will lead a visit to the North Hall site.

Book online at <https://www.dartmoorsociety.com/events> or phone Rose on 631238.

Widecombe & District Ladies Social Group

There will be a gathering at the Church House, Widecombe on the Thursday 12th March at 7.30 p.m

The speaker is Gillian Parker of Hexworthy she is a retired Police Officer and spent time in Leicestershire, Suffolk and as Chief Constable of Bedfordshire.

Admission £2. Tea & Biscuits. Draw

For more details phone Rose 631238

Widecombe & District History Group

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

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Widecombe Community Hall CIO
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Widecombe Community Hall CIO Update

An anonymous letter was received in the days after the vote result, offering to grant the Community Hall £50,000 if the Parish Council would match-fund this. The generosity of this exceptional and community-minded offer has provided a life-line to the project, which was looking uncertain.

The Parish Council met on 6th February and pledged their support for the project. They unanimously agreed to apply for a loan from the PWLB on behalf of the charity. If successful in its application, the Community Hall will guarantee to repay the PC loan over time, meaning no increase to the precept.

As always, your continued support is essential for the success of this community project and there are still major funding hurdles to overcome. Please do share our good news and keep getting involved in whatever way you can to help us move forward positively – we are always pleased to hear from you!

Upcoming events include our **Chilli Cook-Off on Saturday 21st March** and the **Easter Duck Race on Sunday 19th April**. Call Yvette (01364 631543) or visit our website for more information and to book.

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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)

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Class 24	4 White Rolls
Class 25	A Pot of Homemade Marmalade (Any Citrus Fruit)
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Class 27	A Bottle of Homemade Drink. Wine/Beer/Cider/Cordial
Class 28	6 Newly Laid Eggs

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Class 32	A Lego Model
Class 33	A Mini Pizza Face (6"/150mm Base)
Class 34	An Edible Insect

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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
Class 40	Painting - Any subject, any medium
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

Pigs!

Funny creatures to say the least. We are all told that their internal organs are similar to ours, they suffer similar diseases as humans (which a good Muslim once told me was why Mohamed tried to ban his community from eating pork) and of course, they are, very intelligent. However, we don't breed for intelligence, but delicious steaming sausages, wonderful crispy pork joints and succulent, tender burgers, that at East Shallowford, we definitely prefer to beef burgers!

Do we deprive our wonderful pigs by not breeding for their problem solving skills? Alethe to the rescue! She hums and sings to them. They come when called, by name. She scratches their backs, rubs their noses, lets them out of their pens every day for a wonder, little chat and sniff around the barn. At this time of year their delight for rootling destroys the top layer of soil sending it cheerfully sliding down the hill in the heavy, persistent moorland drizzle. So they have all been brought in to keep the soil on the hill and them toasty warm. They cheerfully chat to each other (well, grunt and squeak) and snore gently the rest of the time. Rootling is limited to straw which they toss and chomp to make deeper beds, with fodder beat to munch slowly after ravaging their scoop of nuts, delivered 3 tonnes at a time by dextrous drivers who are adept at negotiating the lanes.

However, in the last few months we have had a problem. Percy, our six foot six Welsh White, who tilts his head so he can peer at you from under his large pendulous ears, has not been performing!

How much would you like to know about pigs? Sows come on heat once every 18 – 21 days, and when they do, they stand, stock still, are really difficult to move as they prepare every muscle in anticipation of the boar's weight on their back. I once worked on a massive commercial farm in East Anglia with cement slatted pens, a taught tether around their chest, clipped to the ground and bars that limited the sows to a, 'stand up and sit down' action only. Thank goodness the intensive systems have been banned. I walked onto the farm blissfully ignorant and remained working in the weaner and growing pens. Although in the farrowing sheds we would sometimes ride the huge pink sows around to the boar..... Be assured we would never do that at Shallowford!!

However, we do let Percy out every day to sniff and snortle at his nine ladies! He rubs deftly on particular gates, sniffs and grunts, has a little chat, leaves wonderful slobber as the mark of his appreciation and wanders off to the next lady. Just once, he decided to roll in muck that was piled in the middle of the floor – just like a dog when it finds fox poo! However, Percy is nearly 300kilos! Could not get the camera out fast enough – legs in the air, neck and shoulders bathed in the joyful, delicious smell!



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Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369

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Poundsgate and Dunstone Chapels

Every Sunday	9.00am	Breakfast Worship at Dunstone Chapel, all welcome
1st March	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 11th March**

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News from Dunstone and Poundsgate Methodist Churches

This last month, we had a lovely service with Heidi Lewis at Poundsgate, learning more about her work in the Benefice after her first 7 months or so in post and about her training with the Church Army.

To our service at the start of March (Sunday 1st) at 3pm we will be welcoming Alethe Virgin, who will be telling us about the current developments at East Shallowford Farm, and her own spiritual journey. There will be the chance to chat further with Alethe over coffee and cake after the service.

At Dunstone, the usual pattern of weekly informal worship over breakfast continues at around 9am (because it's informal the time can be a little flexible!), which this month's charity lunch will be on Weds 11th March from 12 o'clock. If you haven't yet sampled either of these events, you ought to at some point; they are lovely friendly informal community events, and you would always be welcome.

With best wishes from the Moorland Methodists, as always.

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Sows are truly like teenage girls, with a pecking order that requires serious respect. The order has to be established and the process can be quite brutal as it is determined by horrendously loud, aggressive grunting, whacking, biting, tossing and ramming. Not a pleasant experience if you are of tender disposition! So once a group of girls is established, we try to keep them together to limit the need for another round of 'introductions'. The assumption that pigs are intelligent is only challenged by the length of their memory. Do they remember a sow they knew six months ago? Hmm – we think some do and some don't, so try to maintain the same groups!

Percy has been rotated within these two groups. However, he has not made one of our six beautiful saddlebacks pregnant. So we have had to start investigating! People have been extraordinarily kind and offered much advice – from sows preferring their own coloured boar (racism in pigs?), to his obvious huge size! However, the good vet came with a solid answer – poor Percy has a reduced sperm count!

So, Will has found a new, lean, not mean, but very gentle saddleback boar. Alethe has named him 'Harry'. Percy and Harry cannot see each other, although the level of chomping and saliva slobbering makes it evident that they are acutely aware of each other.

By the time this is published Percy will have left us. The very kind local butchers has offered to test the meat to see how 'pongy' it is. Our last boar, Boris was turned into delicious burgers and sausages. We fear Percy, despite being delightful, may not be so tasty. Home production comes with challenges to say the least!

Julia



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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Other Community News & Events

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Family Board Game Night

Saturday 7th March 2020 at 6.00pm

All money raised will be used for the upkeep of the Village Hall

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Pay on the door

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Peter, Geoffrey, Tony, Susan, Daf and David

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