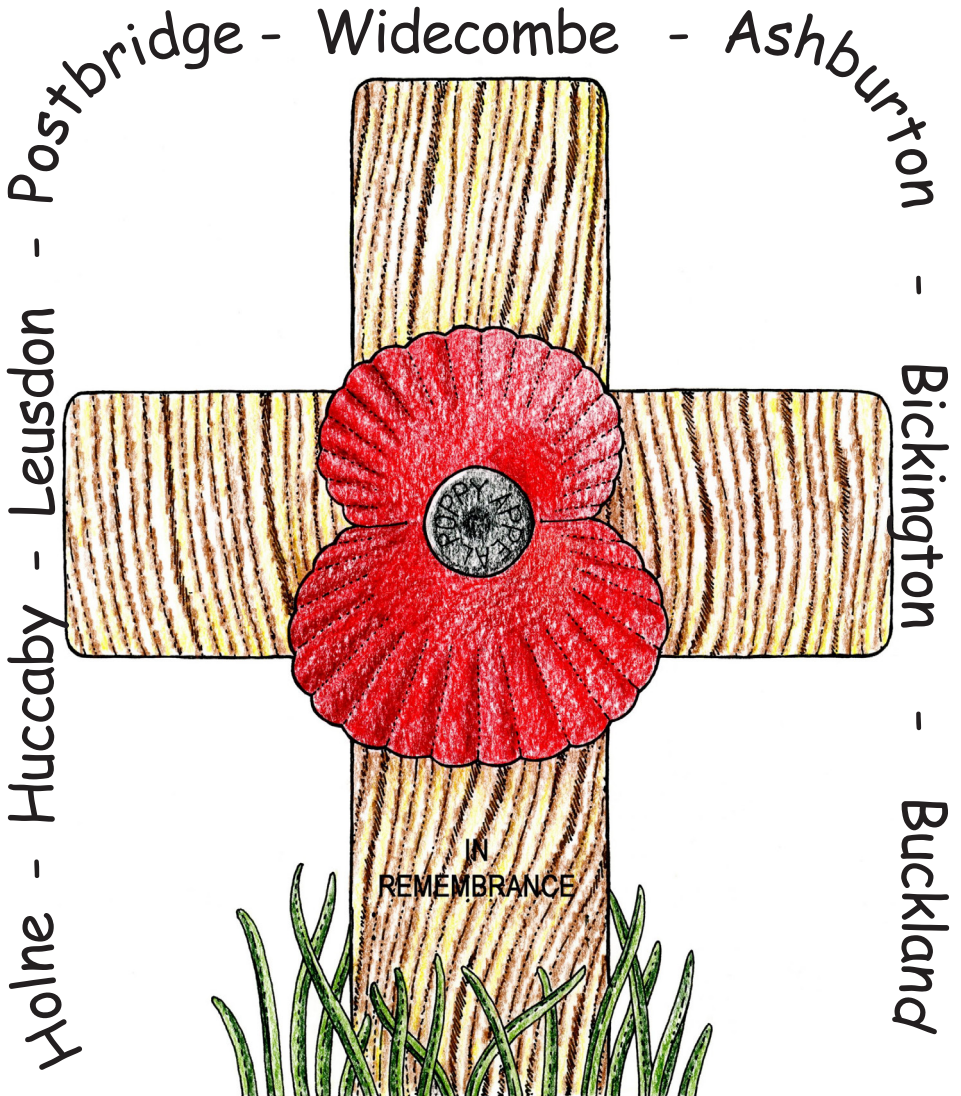


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Banishing Fear and Living in Hope

As I write, the news is full of talk about the rising number of cases of Coronavirus, fear of a 'second wave' and of further lockdowns across the country to try to prevent its spread.

The bible says hope is not just wishful thinking about the future but a confident expectation about things that are unclear and unknown.

The Coronavirus pandemic has affected all of us these past nine months. Some have died, many others have lost their job or livelihood; each one of us knows elderly and vulnerable neighbours who have been isolated and unable to see family and friends. And now there is the gloomy prospect that, with reports of rising infections, restrictions will be set until long after Christmas.

It is easy to let anxious questions overwhelm us: they can range from the personal: 'How will I cope if I catch the virus?' 'Might I infect someone else who gets seriously ill?' 'Will I lose my job?' 'How can I pay my bills?' 'When will my cancelled operation be rescheduled?' – through to worry about the country, our society and the future: 'How many businesses will go bankrupt?' 'How many people will become unemployed?' 'How will we fund the welfare state in the future?' 'How will this national debt be paid off?'

How do we live in hope and not fear? One of the ways Jesus said we would save our lives is to give it away: 'those who lose their life for my sake will save it'. He's not saying that this world does not matter. It does. But Jesus is saying: 'Don't lose the big picture!' There is more to come. And if you have a grasp of the next life then you can live more fully in the present during this life.

In this difficult time, it has been heartening to see the way communities have pulled together; locally, we have seen generous giving to the community Lockdown Larder, people offering lifts and 'Ashleigh' the Corona Cab serving folk across this part of Dartmoor. Losing yourself in God's priorities – loving your neighbour as you love yourself - is a path to life in all its fulness. How wonderful to see Eve Nutley and Jill Distin doing just that. Coping with being made redundant and with time on their hands, they turned their thoughts to those who might be struggling in the winter; then

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Church News & Events

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using their own gifts, skills and all the spare fresh produce given to the Lockdown Larder to create and cook nutritious meals to be frozen and stored in preparation. This is hopeful living.

The hope we share is not that challenges and dangers will be removed. Our hope is in Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead – evil defeated and the new creation launched. God acting to redeem, restore and renew his creation beckons us to play our part in his life-saving action now - transforming communities, tending the sick, the struggling and the vulnerable, reconciling the divided, sharing the Good News, caring for the environment - preparing for the kingdom of God.

Losing your life for the sake of others is Jesus's remedy for banishing fear and living in hope. Let us live hopefully through this winter.

+Mark

From the Registers

Funeral	Leusdon	21st September	Philip Hull
Funeral	Leusdon	28th September	Michael Stephens
Wedding	Widecombe	24th October	Jordan Hall and Jenny Taylor

An hour of quiet reflection at Postbridge Church

The monthly services that will return to the church one day can be found on:

<https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/p.htm>

They can be used at any time, in particular if you are feeling you need a time of quiet in these challenging days.

Geoffrey

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

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Some things to do in November

- Continue to rake up fallen leaves
- Check for wildlife in your bonfire
- Check tree ties & stakes
- Tie in climbers
- Plant tulips & bare rooted roses
- Press on with winter digging
- Start pruning Apple & Pear trees
- Mulch pruned fruit trees

Andy

Churches Open

Church buildings are re-opening for services with restrictions in place to maintain physical distancing, hygiene and safety. We are delighted to welcome you all back to some of our churches. Opening times vary:

St Andrew's, Ashburton	Daily, 9.00am-5.00pm
St Mary the Virgin, Holne	Wednesday & Sunday, 10.00am-5.00pm
St Raphael's, Huccaby	Daily, 9:30am-5:30pm
St Peter's, Buckland-in-the-Moor	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Bickington	Saturdays, Midday-2.00pm

Services in November

There is a choice of worship across the benefice with services taking place in some of our churches together with online worship. Please check the website www.moorlandteam.org.uk and Facebook pages, **The Ashburton and Moorland Team** and **Ashburton All Age Church**, for the latest updates.

Wednesdays:

- Bible reading, reflection and prayer found on the Moorland Team website or via our Facebook pages.
- Service at Ashburton.

Sundays:

- Services in some of our churches.
- Services to use at home, with readings, sermon by Geoffrey, and hymns to sing along to. Available on the Widecombe, Leusdon and Postbridge Services pages on the Moorland Team website.
- Visual All Age and traditional services online via website and Facebook pages.

Other online resources from the benefice include:

- Regular Video messages by Mark Rylands
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From Marion Kaye

I am writing to let you all know that I have not renewed my Reader's licence as of October this year.

It is now over ten years since I felt that God was calling me to lay ministry. It has been (mostly) an enjoyable, wonderful, but challenging, ten years. As many of you know my health has not been very good for the last two years and this, among other factors, has brought me to this decision. For all of us 2020 has been a very different year and it was during the 'lockdown' that I found more time to listen to what God was wanting me to do.

I felt very much that He was saying that the time had come when I had to take care of myself. So, with some sad feelings, but also some relief, I decided that I shouldn't renew my Licence.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have loved, supported and encouraged me through these ten years. It has been such a privilege to serve you all in the Ashburton and Moorland Team.

However, I am not planning to stop altogether and I shall be continuing my Housegroup here in Buckfast as soon as Coronavirus allows. I shall also be worshipping amongst you as I have been and who knows where I shall turn up from time to time.

Once again, thank you all and God's blessing

Love and prayers

Marion

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Date	Topic	Speaker
4 Nov 2020	The Non-Conformist Jesus	Rev'd Kevin Hooke
11 Nov 2020	The Community Jesus	Heidi Lewis
18 Nov 2020	The Missionary Jesus	Rt.Rev'd Mark Rylands

Visit <https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/autumnlectures2020.htm> for further details and podcasts of the lectures.

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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Flowers
1st November	-	-	-
8th November	10:45	Act of Remembrance in the Churchyard	
15th November	-	-	-
22nd November	17:00	Holy Communion	
29th November	-	-	-

The weekly service and notice sheet can be downloaded from <https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/welcome.htm>

St. Mary the Virgin, Holne - Open for private prayer

St. Mary the Virgin, Holne is now open for private prayer on **Sundays and Wednesdays between 10.00am and 5.00pm.**

Measures to be able to 'pray safe - stay safe' have been put in place and we hope that visitors will find peace and inspiration within the church.

Thank you to the ladies who have decorated the church with flowers and to those who have taken the responsibility for keeping the building clean and safe.

Holne Garden Group

Dear Holne Garden Group members, we are still looking for ways to join up and enjoy garden visits. It all depends on the weather and the latest social distancing rules, so events may be planned at short notice. We will be in touch by email (or phone if you don't have email).



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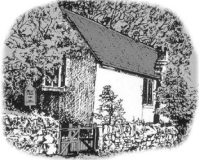
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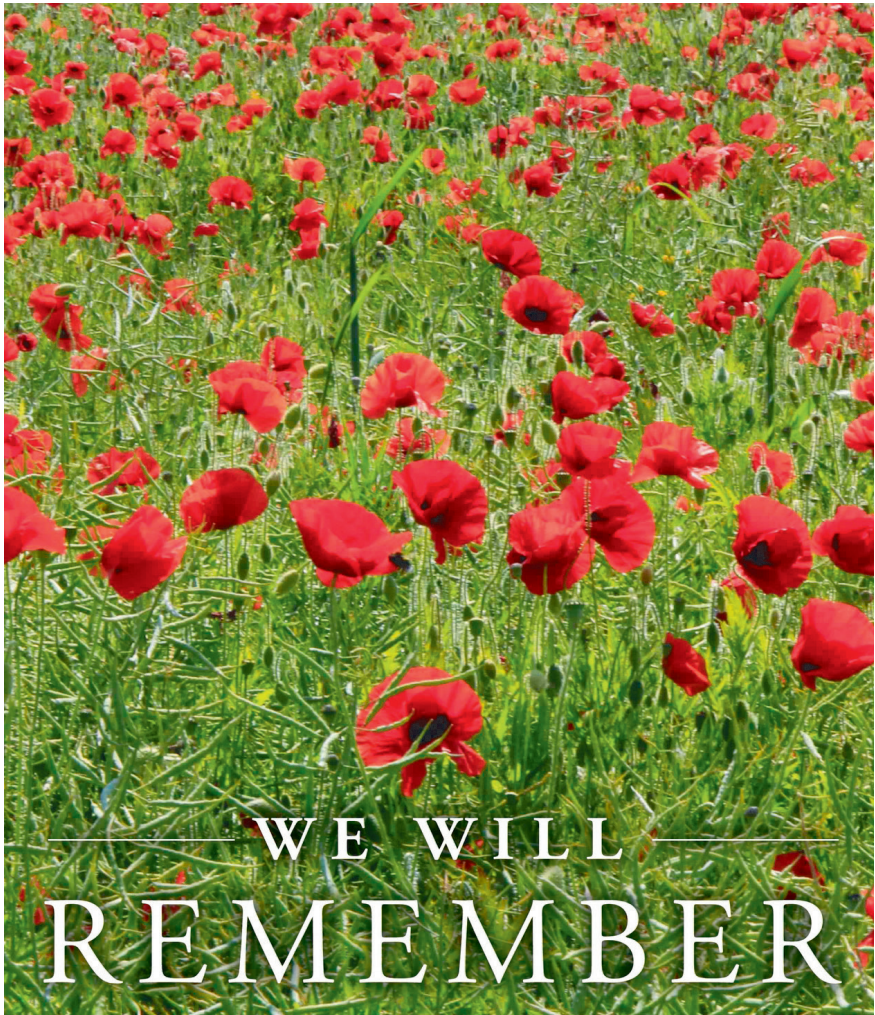
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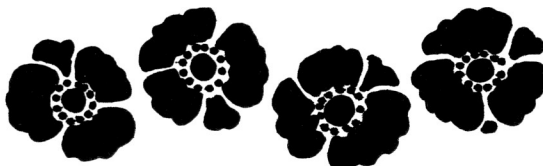
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St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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Church Services - see Page 26 for details

Date	Time	Reader	Teas	Flowers - Altar	Windows
1st November	-	-	-	-	-
8th November	10:55	Remembrance Ceremony at Memorial Hall			
8th November	11:15	Remembrance Ceremony in Church			
15th November	-	-	-	-	-
22nd November	-	-	-	-	-
29th November	-	-	-	-	-



Remembrance Sunday in these Covid times



Leusdon

Remembrance Sunday this year will be different because of the Covid crisis; so while some will want to come to our Remembrance events, others will opt to stay safe at home, and both are right!

At 10.55 on Sunday November 8th there will be a short, community-led, wreath-laying ceremony outside the Memorial Hall. Anyone may attend, but please ensure you keep 2 metres from each other.

This will be immediately followed by a wreath laying ceremony in the church at 11.15. Everyone is also welcome to come to this. Again, please keep 2 metres apart at all times, and note that masks must be worn in the church.

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Leusdon

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geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk

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01364 621287 Between 4 and 7 pm

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01364 621347 Basic food and veg

Useful web sites:

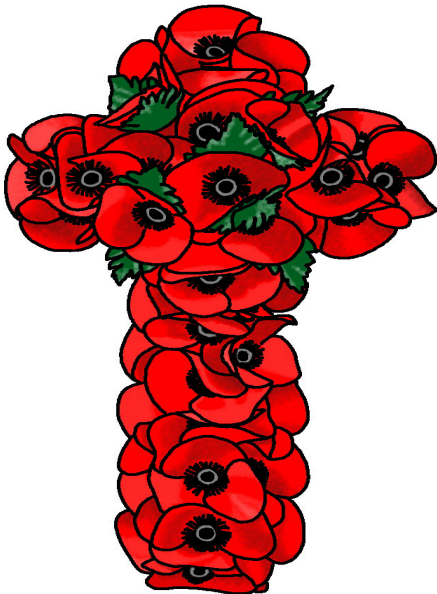
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A short cut to Leusdon Church page, including links to the weekly Sunday Service and the latest Link Magazine

<https://widecombe-in-the-moor.com/support>

Lots of isolation support and ideas – including online activities and learning

Do keep safe! And do keep in touch – phone someone every day!



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.

Outside parking is available for many vehicles. Level access for wheelchairs and the less able-bodied.

Hire Rates: £8 per hour

For more information or booking contact

Amanda on 01364 631432

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'.



Coffee Mornings cancelled until further notice

10-12 Admission £1.50 (includes tea/coffee etc)



Leusdon Memorial Hall

At a meeting of the Leusdon Memorial Hall Committee held on 5th October 2020, it was decided to inform the Community through the Parish Link of what has been happening at the Hall during the current Pandemic.

It has been a great concern to us all that we have not been able to continue with our usual activities which do so much to bring the Community together. However many people have been working in the background to ensure the Hall's future. We have been very fortunate to have received grants from Teignbridge District Council and the Dartmoor National Park Authority as well as a very successful crowd funding activity, which I know many of you contributed to. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has assisted in these ventures. This has enabled us to completely redecorate the Hall and install supplementary heating to help to make the Hall Covid 19 secure thus making it possible to gradually re-open as the guidelines allow.

We have unfortunately not been able to hold our 2020 AGM, this will be held as soon as it is possible. In the mean time if any of you have skills or ideas to assist us, be that as committee members or otherwise, please feel free to contact me.

John Southcombe

On behalf of Leusdon Memorial Hall Committee

johnsouthcombe@hotmail.com



Whist Drive Dates

At Leusdon Memorial Hall

All Whist Drives are cancelled until further notice.

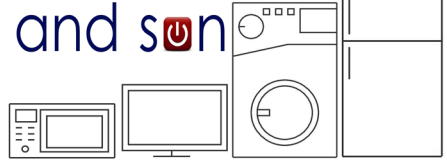


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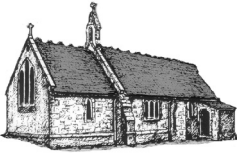
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Church Services - see Page 26 for details



Remembrance Sunday in these Covid times



Postbridge Church

Remembrance Sunday this year will be different because of the Covid crisis; so while some will want to come to our Remembrance event, others will opt to stay safe at home, and both are right!

At 6pm on Sunday November 8th there will be a shortened Remembrance Service (including wreath laying) in Postbridge church. If you are attending, please ensure you have a mask.

Alternatively, the Royal British Legion is encouraging people who choose to stay safe at home on Remembrance Sunday to mark it appropriately, for example by watching the service on television, or by pausing for the Two Minute Silence at 11.00 in their home or on their doorsteps.

If you'd like to make a donation to the 2020 Poppy Appeal and can't buy a poppy, please use the British Legion website: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

Postbridge Coffee Mornings

Unfortunately we are still not able to hold our Coffee Mornings but if circumstances change hopefully we will hold a Coffee Morning before Christmas and meet up with everyone once again.



Postbridge Whist Drives - Held in the Village Hall

All Whist Drives are cancelled until further notice.



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

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Princetown History Club

The uncertainty continues, and we have decided to cancel all meetings for the rest of this year.

Plans are being considered for 2021, and might include David Lemon's Talk in February, Simon Dell in February, and an AGM in March.

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

Coronavirus (COVID19) Advice

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

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

As things develop we will keep you updated with the most recent guidelines from the Church of England at <https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/welcome.htm>

You can also keep in touch via our Facebook pages: **Ashburton All Age Church** or **The Ashburton & Moorland Team**

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

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Useful phone numbers:

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01364 621334

geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk

DFPC Covid 19 Support Volunteers

01822 258549 (Steve Cox)

Postbridge Stores

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Useful web sites:

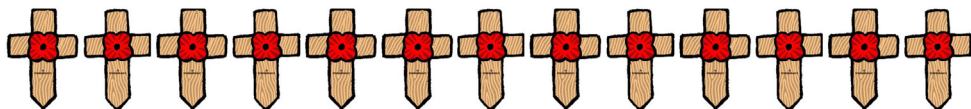
<https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/p.htm>

A short cut to Postbridge Church page, including links to the weekly Sunday Service and the latest Link Magazine

<http://www.dartmoorforestpc.net/>

Lots of isolation support and ideas – shops, deliveries, contacts, etc

Do keep safe! And do keep in touch – phone someone every day!



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.

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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.

Church Services for November 2020

1st November All Saints and All Souls Green

Readings - Isaiah 56:3-8 or 2 Esdras 2:42-48; Psalm 33:1-5; Hebrews 12:18-24; Matthew 5:1-12

Widcombe	10:30	All Age Service	GF	Bickington	09:00	Holy Communion & Commemoration of the Departed
				Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion & Commemoration of the Departed

8th November Third before Advent Green

Readings - Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24; Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Widcombe	10:45	Remembrance Service	GF	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	10:55	Remembrance Ceremony at Memorial Hall		Bickington	10:45	Act of Remembrance
				Holne	10:45	Act of Remembrance in Churchyard
Leusdon	11:15	Remembrance Ceremony in Church		Ashburton	10:45	Act of Remembrance on Church Green
Postbridge	18:00	Remembrance Service	GF	Buckland	15:00	Act of Remembrance

15th November Second before Advent Green

Readings - Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	09:00	All Age Service
				Ashburton	10:30	Parish Communion

22nd November Christ the King Green

Readings - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	GF	TBC	09:00	Breakfast Church
Postbridge	18:00	Evening Prayer	GF	Ashburton	10:30	Communion with Offering of Time & Talents
				Holne	17:00	Holy Communion

29th November Advent Sunday Purple

Readings - Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-8, 18-20; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Widcombe	10:30	Parish Communion	GF	Ashburton	08:00	Holy Communion
				Ashburton	10:30	Portreeve Service
				Online	16:00	United Advent Carol Service

There is a service of
Holy Communion
every Wednesday
at 10.30
 at St. Andrew's Church
 in Ashburton
 You will be most welcome!



Communion at home

If you would like to receive Home
 Communion please contact Mark or
 Geoffrey.

(see page 2 for contact details)

Mid-week Communion

Wednesday 4th November	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 11th November	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 18th November	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 25th November	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 2nd December	Ashburton	10:30	

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	JAsh	Jane Ashton
AK	Anthony Kyriakides	CA	Chloe Axford		

Should I wear a face covering in a church building?

Face coverings are currently mandatory in places of worship. While there are exemptions **this is a legal requirement.**

For further guidance review the **Who Needs to Wear a Face Covering During Services** section at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

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Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
1st November	10:30	-	-	-
8th November	10:45	Remembrance Service		
15th November	10:30	-	-	-
22nd November	10:30	-	-	-
29th November	10:30	-	-	-



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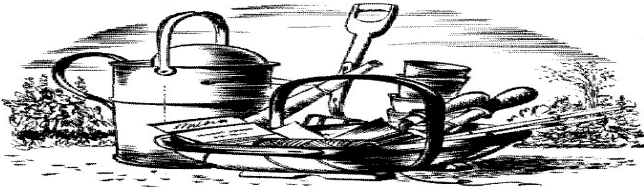
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Widecombe History Group - Memorial Seats

As we approach Remembrance Sunday our History Group are proposing to provide and install two commemorative seats in Leusdon and Widecombe to act as a memorial to those men and women of our community who fought in both World Wars.



If you feel that you would like to be included by donating, however small, toward the cost of this project your help would be most appreciated.

Please send your donation to:

**The Chairman: Widecombe History Group, Shortcross Cottage,
Widecombe, TQ13 7TB.**

Thank You.

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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/

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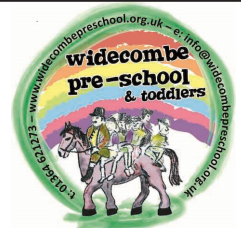
WIDDYTOTS

Widdytots is our local toddler group for children from 0-3 years. It runs on a Wednesday from 9.30-11am in the Church House, Widecombe-in-the-Moor.

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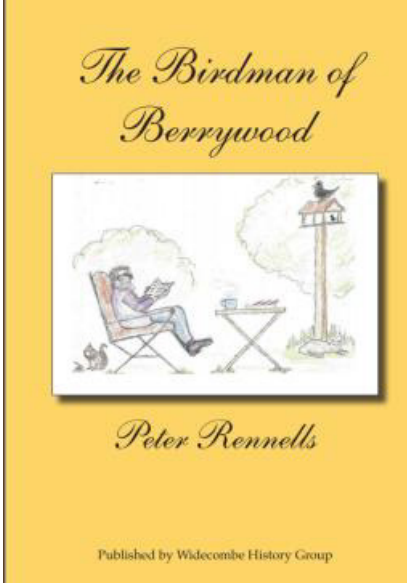
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A Brighter Lockdown

In the early part of “lockdown” in April a local birdwatch was organised when villagers were encouraged to go into their garden for an hour and note down the types and numbers of birds they saw. The various “notings” were collated into a census of the



bird population in Widecombe in Spring. You may have taken part yourselves and submitted your records.

Peter Rennells when submitting his wrote them up in the manner of Beatrix Potter and accompanied them with drawings and comments of the various happenings in his garden at Berrywood.

Widecombe History Group decided Peter's efforts should be available to a wider audience, so the decision was taken to publish a 44 page booklet containing his observations and drawings. This book is a delight to read for either children or adults.

If you would like to obtain a copy, they cost £4 + postage (where applicable.)

Please telephone **Peter on 01364 621302** or me: **David Ashman on 01364 621672** to get your copy.

Widecombe Church House Management Committee Chairman - Mike Pascoe

To book the Hall please contact Rose Mortimore 01364 631238.

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

WIDECOMBE FAIR



WIDECOMBE FAIR

Although there was no fair this year the planning must go on to enable the event to bounce back next year.

The Widecombe Fair Committee Company is looking for a new secretary and other volunteers willing to help with organising the event.

We are specifically looking for anyone with business skills ie. managing, advertising, marketing, health and safety etc. It is all in the planning, you don't have to be totally involved on the day and your inclusion in the team will be very welcome.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mike Pascoe, Chairman

01364 621333 pascoewooder@yahoo.co.uk

ALLAN HARPER 1933 – 1960

For those of you in the parish who may remember Allan, it is 60 years ago this month that he was tragically killed in a farming accident.

He was taken in from an orphanage by Mrs Caunter at Sweaton Farm Ponsworthy and worked in and around the village until his death so had no known family.



His grave was never marked in the Churchyard but this has now been rectified and a stone marks the place where he rests along side the path leading to the West Door.

REST IN PEACE ALLAN

Philip Carlyon

Philip Carlyon was vicar of Widecombe in the 1860s'. He was born in St Mawgan in Pyder, Cornwall in December 1811 his father Philip being vicar of the parish of St Mawgan in Pyder. Little is known of Philip's early life except that the family remained in Cornwall for at least 16 years after Philip's birth.

In 1846 Philip married Grace Young in Kincardine in Scotland. They moved back to Exeter where Philip was appointed vicar of St Johns Church. After 8 years in Exeter Philip moved to the South coast of Devon and became vicar of Revelstone. Philip then moved to Widecombe to become vicar of the parish.



"The living is a vicarage, tithe rent-charge £280 yearly with residence and about 80 acres of land, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter and held by the Rev Philip Carlyon M.A. of Emmanuel College Cambridge." **Whites Devonshire Directory 1865.**

Philip and Grace remained at Widecombe for approximately eight years before moving on to Wisbech in Cambridgeshire, and when in his eighties to Midlothian in Scotland. However, by the age of 90 the Carlyons had returned to Philip's native Cornwall. They remained in Falmouth until Philip died in 1913 at the age of 101.

The picture above, taken from the local Falmouth newspaper, shows Philip reading the telegram of congratulation on his 100th birthday received from Queen Alexandra.

An interesting aside: In Whites Directory entry for **Widecombe in the Moor**: *the following numbers of commercial undertakings were noted: Farmers 39, Carpenters 4, Shoemakers 4, Masons 2, Millers 3, Blacksmiths 2, Shopkeepers 3, Beer retailers 3.*

David Ashman. Widecombe History Group.

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

Contact: Helen Barrow - helenagsec@gmail.com or
Rosemary Mortimore - 01364 631238

What did this dealer buy for “Cash on your doorstep”?



The photograph taken in the early 1960's shows an Austin K8 truck parked at the edge of Widecombe Green. (Note the sycamore tree had its metal seating even in those days).

Does anyone know who the trader offering “cash on the doorstep” was and what he was prepared to buy?

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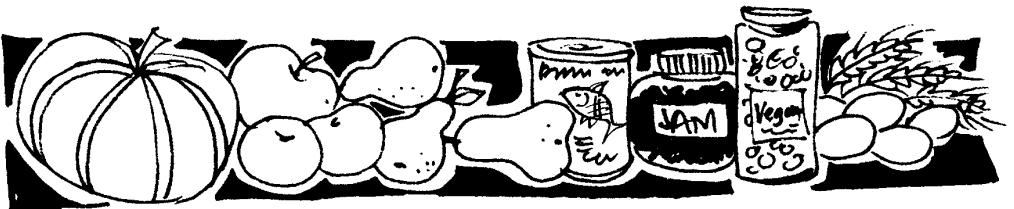
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Every Sunday 9.00am Service to be held outside Dunstone Chapel.
Numbers are limited due to space restrictions.

Sunday 1st November 3.00pm Poundsgate Chapel All Saints/All Souls service via Zoom

Contact: Kevin Hooke for more details

MONTHLY CHARITY LUNCH

The Monthly Charity Lunches are cancelled until further notice.

We look forward to seeing all our supporters again as soon as we can. Stay safe.

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The weekly Bible Study will continue via Zoom.

Please contact **Serena on 01364 631279** for details.



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Grant applications invited

Widcombe Parish Council has allocated funds in its budget under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. This section allows local councils to incur expenditure which, in their opinion, is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants and for which no other legislation can be applied.

If you are a community group wishing to be considered for a small grant, please email the clerk for an application form: suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com

Applications should be submitted by 30 November 2020.

The Parish Council reserves the right to verify the details supplied in any application. The grant of an award is entirely at the discretion of the Parish Council whose decision is final. The Parish Council will not enter into any correspondence regarding any decision made.



MOORLAND MERRYMAKERS NEWS FLASH!!

With all the uncertainty of what is happening in the World, the MM have decided that they would like to do a virtual panto. And we have found a way. We are very excited to be able to do this for our many avid followers.

Watch this space for more details to follow.....

We are still looking for a home for our costumes and some small props. If you are able to help, please contact **Ali Whale 01364 621260**.

News from the East Shallowford Trust

For once, I don't have an amazing story to tell! Hmmmm..... it rained? The grass has grown, we seem to have been extremely busy..... but no visitors! Well, apart from our trustees who came to view the work to date, take a perambulation around the farm and discuss various options as we move forward.

Much of the 'being busy' was trying to madly write and coordinate funding proposals. This is not only for the construction, but for programme work. How can East Shallowford be truly useful for a Brexit based, Corona recovery, climate change, increasingly screen based generation?

The week before the six sturdy philanthropists arrived for their perambulation, I had to madly prepare notes for our 'Strategic Presentation' which aims to address the questions above! It was basically trying to make a comprehensive plan out of all the ideas and suggestions we have gleaned from talking with people over the last eighteen months. It's been interesting to hone down to 'how has Shallowford made the greatest 'positive' impact on people's lives?' Where can we make a difference? Where are we most valuable? It's very clear that the essential elements of what Miss Braund and Rosemary captured and undertook for over forty years has not changed.

People need to grow up with animals – without it they lose a whole sense of responsibility, a sense of being and perspective within the world is essential. People need to simply be outdoors, to get wet, to play in puddles and mud, and this is not restricted to children – it's very healthy for adults as well. Lock-down has clearly proven this. Humans need to know where their food comes from, to



Inside the Main Barn. Insulation on the walls both inside and out not only ensures a less damp experience, but will create high thermal values – meaning we reduce the amount of heating needed to keep us humans warm!

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learn respect for nature, for each other..... I am probably waffling to the converted. If you are reading this, you know everything I am writing about already.

So – what needs to change from the old days? Not a lot! Small groups are good – so we can actually have a conversation with people. The value of conservation and the relationship between humans and the natural world probably can be more directly discussed. Our responsibility to the planet on which we intrinsically depend and yet treat like rubbish. I use the pigs as the example. A pig does not poo and pee where it sleeps..... yet humans are doing so. What is wrong

with us?

We have in our plans a series of debates for the youth on population growth. I say this as some visitors with five children have arrived.

‘Gulp’ – says I, thinking I must not be rude. ‘Errrr – more people on our little planet? Climate change? Population growth?’ but few people see the direct link and dare anyone challenge the ‘right to have as many children as I want’, even if it means yet more fields being hacked into concrete jungles, more forests scrubbed out of existence for food for the animals that humans demand to eat. More



Diligence from our builders who dissembled a bunk bed from the house and reconfigured it in the barn to measure the position for plug sockets! Luxury or necessity in the 2020s?

gouges slit into the core of the earth to mine the minerals that our incessant capitalist system demands as we pander to the greatest human need of ‘wanting things’.

The so called ‘success’ of the human race must be based on intrinsic animal drivers; water, food, shelter, companionship. Yet, we consider ourselves a little higher and superior to our animal cousins with a need to understand, to create art, to desire objects, to procreate, to find purpose, to love and of course, to rest

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in comfort. Capitalism seems to have warped Maslow's theory of hierarchical needs.

Yet something has changed in the last forty years. Something very fundamental – at least in our wonderful western world. As Pierre in War and Peace noted – he had forgotten that 'a superfluity of the comforts of life destroys all joy in satisfying one's needs.' Are we so satiated? So gorged with superfluity that we have major mental health issues? Well, it seems a 'yes and no' answer. The readers of the news tell us that many families in the UK cannot meet their basic needs – can't pay bills (shelter), don't have three meals a day (go hungry) and due to Corona Virus have lost jobs (sense of value) and cannot meet people (love and belonging).



Eden visits us every week to help with the animals and is a very particular friend of Mr Polish!

So we twist a basic human instinct of searching for food, nest or home building which is needed to protect family and find food into Adam Smith's concept of the perfect capitalist system..... Based on no more than the human drive to feed and protect. But it's all gone slightly wrong. People don't analyse their basic instincts. We are warped by the family in which we grow up (our first culture) and then the second culture of school, television, radio – the society in which we grow up (our second culture). How many of us even realise that there are other values or norms? We know they exist – vaguely in some dim and distant other place. But, are they better..... Naaa – they cannot be, 'My world is perfect! My values are right!'..... so what can we do? Just nudge a few people? You have options, you have choices – there are other worlds out there. They may be different, they

may be scary, but they may be exciting, interesting and also..... Maybe more positive, productive and enjoyable than the one you have come from! We need to be the catalyst that dares people to reflect. Dares people to question and maybe, even change?

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The trustees are still ruminating on ideas. However, most of this is not 'what' but simply 'how' we build on Miss Braund and Rosemary's ideas of being a 'Lung for the City'. Not just London either. We have young people in Newton Abbot, in Plymouth and Exeter who have never run madly through heather or jumped off a granite rock and leapt in a puddle in true abandon, never stroked a chicken or wielded a broom to sweep out a pig pen. Even fewer have seen the stars serenely twinkling down on us. We have a lot of work still to do – and over the winter we need to fundraise. Sadly that evil demand is still taunting and laughing at us. We will have to mix a magic potion on Halloween!

Julia McDade

www.shallowfordfarm.co.uk

Rainfall in September 2020

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	55.3 mm (2.2")	15	30th 24.4 mm (0.9")
	(September 2019 - 231.7 mm (9.1"))		



SOCIAL ISOLATION SUPPORT IN AND AROUND WIDECOMBE

Widcombe Parish Council and local volunteers have created a centralised list of support which can be accessed by anyone.

We invite local businesses and individuals to add their names to the list of services and support that they can offer – maybe takeaway meals, collection & delivery services, book swaps, availability for a friendly chat on the phone, grocery boxes etc.

Visit www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/support to view and access the list of services offered or to add your own offering

Alternatively, call 01364 621287 between 4pm – 7pm daily if you cannot access this online support list

Let's make sure we retain our great community spirit and support one another during this challenging time. Please keep checking that friends, family and neighbours are OK and know about this new support – why not print & post relevant info through a letterbox? And keep washing your hands!

Councillors can be contacted by phone or email if you need to get in touch:

Tim Hassell, Chair – 01364 621415 or tim@lauderdale.onmicrosoft.com

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The Hardings – A Wartime Story

'The Hardings – A War Time Story' is a new play about life in Devon during the Second World War, set on Dartmoor and created, written and performed by MED Theatre's Young Company. Robert Harding decides he needs to prove himself by enlisting to fight abroad, leaving his wife and children to manage the family farm on their own. Based on research into events in the area at the time, the play deals with the changing roles of men and women occasioned by the war-time emergency and contrasts the local with the international picture.

'The Hardings' will be performed on Saturday November 28th, 2.30 (matinee) and 7.30 evening in Moretonhampstead Parish Hall.

Tickets available on the MED Theatre website – for more information email info@medtheatre.co.uk or call 01627 441356.

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Don't know where to go for help or advice?

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(excluding bank holidays)

You can speak to someone who will offer advice or put you, or a person you know, in touch with help.

You can also e-mail us at: coronavirus.support@teignbridge.gov.uk

Support for Local Businesses - Widcombe Parish Council -2nd Edition 11th June

Widcombe Parish Council aims to help local businesses (including B&Bs) cope with the financial pressures created by the economic impact of Coronavirus.

Here is a list of online resources – and names of experienced local people who can offer support and encouragement, especially if you cannot find what you need online.

Help through Teignbridge Council (*NEW* Discretionary Business Grants from 8 June)

You can find details of help available at www.teignbridge.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/business-help-and-support-during-coronavirus/apply-for-business-support-grant

This includes Business Support Grant and (for businesses that are not eligible for other support schemes) Discretionary Business Grants. B&Bs are mentioned specifically.

Help through the Government:

Support is available to employers and the self-employed, including sole traders and limited company directors.

You may be eligible for loans, tax relief and cash grants, whether your business is open or closed.

To see what support is available for you and your business, use the business support finder at www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder

Other online resources include:

Benefits, debt and money, work, consumer, housing:

www.citizensadvice.org.uk - Devon Adviceline, 9am–4pm Mon–Fri: 03444 111444

For B&Bs:

<https://eviiivo.com/coronavirus/>

For the self-employed:

www.bishopfleming.co.uk/insights/coronavirus-help-self-employed

For farms:

<https://ahdb.org.uk/coronavirus>

<https://fcn.org.uk/>

<https://rabi.org.uk/about/>

Someone to talk to:

David Thomas – *retired lawyer and financial ombudsman, who works part time for Citizens Advice* – david_thomas@hotmail.co.uk – 01364 621255

Geoffrey Fenton – *owner of a small services business normally turning over £250,000 but now affected by the pandemic* – geoffrey.fenton@wildyeast.co.uk – 01364 621334

Tim Hassell – *Director of Thurlstone Hotel and Regional Chairman of UK Hospitality* – tim@hassells.net

John Dracup – *farmer with extensive industry experience* - john@broadaford.com – 01364 621375

Kate Martin - *runs the financial side of a number of small to medium sized businesses locally, most of which have been significantly affected by the pandemic* - kate@shallowfordfarm.co.uk

Please pass this on to others in our community that you think may benefit

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It a sign of the times to see so many community events being cancelled “until further notice”, but also encouraging to see some more hopeful notices – you can still buy 2nd hand books at Holne (p13), there are new “Memorial Seats” being planned for Leusdon and Widecombe (p31), you can still play tennis in Widecombe (p33), buy a book by the Birdman of Berrywood (p34), plan to go to Widecombe Fair next year (new helpers are needed – p35), enjoy a virtual pantomime from the Moorland Merrymakers (p41) and go to the theatre (p47).

And one thing is certain, that the resilience of our community will see us all through the Covid crisis and that sooner or later things “will get back to normal”. In the meantime, do keep yourselves safe.

And lastly, we are sad to see that Marion Kaye is stepping down from her role as licensed Reader. For more years than we can remember Marion was “The Moorland Parish Link”, a task she squeezed into a very busy life planning and leading services across the benefice, and which she performed faithfully until 18 months ago. Marion, your gifts, enthusiasm and ministry has made such a difference over the last couple of decades. Thank you, and may you enjoy a well-earned retirement.

From all of us at the Link

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