

Moorland Parish Link



March 2021

Church and Community Magazine of The Moorland Team

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And so, we arrive again at March but wow, hasn't it felt like a long drag through January and February this year!

In the church, we have just entered the period of Lent and traditionally it is a time when Christians give up a luxury such as chocolate, or alcohol, or using social media. The idea behind this 'fast' is to prepare spiritually for Easter and for Holy Week by focusing on Jesus rather than worldly things. But for many people, giving up something during lockdown, when we are already deprived of so much, probably feels like a step too far this year.

In recent years, there has been a trend to turn the idea of 'giving something up' for Lent on its head, and instead people are challenged to 'take something up' for Lent, something that has a positive impact on you or those around you. Ideas such as:

- fill a bag each day to donate – of clothes to a charity; of sweets to a child; of seeds to be planted... (thanks to Muddy Church www.muddychurch.co.uk)
- start listening to a podcast each day while on your daily walk (the Live Lent app could be a good place to start <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story>)
- make a commitment to bless, nurture and appreciate the natural world – litter-pick your street; create a bird feeder; photograph the same tree each day and see it spring into life as Easter comes closer.
- Begin a daily doodle diary. Choose a different bible verse each day and draw the 'key message' it contains while reflecting on what it means personally.

This lockdown could almost be thought of as an extended period of Lent – we have been deprived of so many things that we would usually have the freedom to choose to do. It has caused many to re-evaluate their own sense of spirituality and what they want from the church community. But, of course, the great thing about Lent, is the joyous celebration that comes at the end and hopefully, the end of our 'Lockdown Lent' will be the same.

So, with that in mind, here's an uplifting 'end of lockdown' party song: 'Oh Happy Day!' to liven up the rest of your lockdown days. <https://youtu.be/GirtIPZRZeg>. Hopefully it won't be too long until we can all dance to it together.

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Church News & Events

From the Registers

There are no register entries

An hour of quiet reflection at Postbridge Church

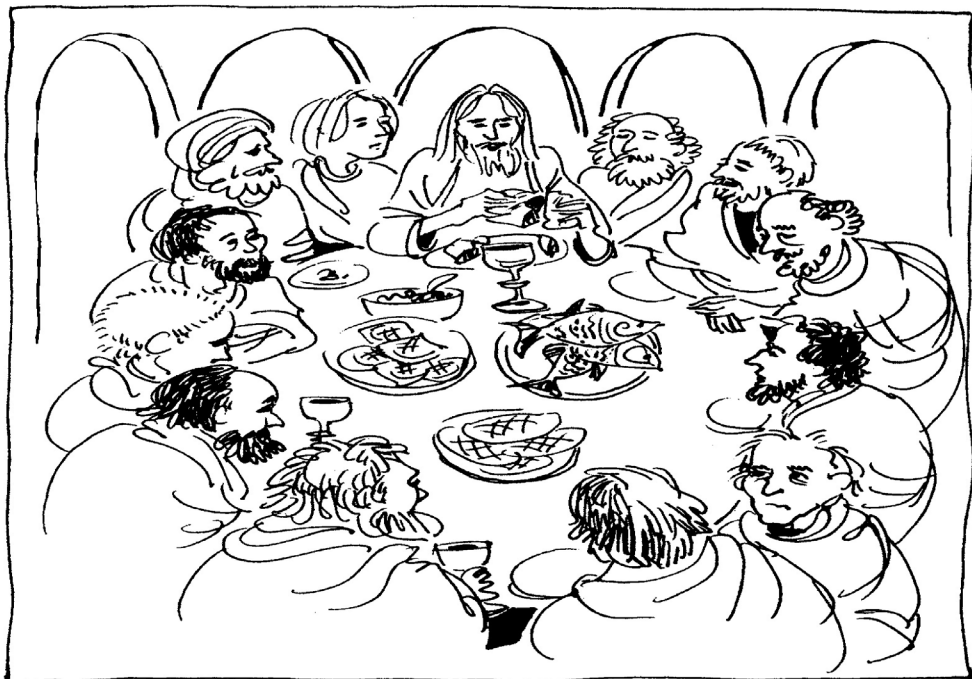
The monthly services that will return to the church one day can be found on:

<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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- Be thankful for the longer days!
- Weed & tidy beds & mulch bare soil
- Start mowing, blades set high
- Move evergreen shrubs
- Prune ..
- bush & shrub roses
- renovate climbers
- Plant & divide perennials
- Plant early spuds & onion sets
- Prepare seed beds & sow herbs

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Andy

Churches Open

Our churches are open for services & private prayer. Opening times vary:

St Andrew's, Ashburton	Daily, 10.00am-4.00pm
St Mary the Virgin, Holne	Daily, 10.00am-4:30pm
St Raphael's, Huccaby	Daily, 9:30am-5:30pm
St Peter's, Buckland-in-the-Moor	Daily
St Mary the Virgin, Bickington	By appointment – 01626 821213
St Pancras, Widcombe St John the Baptist, Leusdon St Gabriel, Postbridge	Sadly we have decided that there will be no services in Widcombe, Leusdon or Postbridge for the time being, due to our perception of greatly increased risk of the virus spreading at present. Services for each week can be downloaded from our website www.moorlandteam.org.uk/servicetimes by clicking on your church on the menu at the top of the screen. Please contact Geoffrey Fenton - 01364 621334) or the Churchwardens to hear the latest information.

Services in March

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** <https://www.facebook.com/moorlandteam> and **Ashburton All Age Church** <https://www.facebook.com/Ashburtonallage>, for the latest updates.



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PRIEST

3 MAR | HIS FOLLOWERS' DISAPPOINTMENTS

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10 MAR | THE HOPES OF GOD

CHLOE AXFORD | DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR EXETER DIOCESE

17 MAR | THE SINS OF THE WORLD

HEIDI LEWIS | MISSION & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT WORKER + CHURCH
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24 MAR | OUR SORROWS AND A BROKEN HEART

AMANDA RYLANDS | PREBENDARY OF EXETER CATHEDRAL, FORMER
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MORE DETAILS TO COME...

Register your interest with Cassie, our Team Administrator
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Messy Church Envelopes March 2021



This month we sent out envelopes to over 40 children. It was an exciting project. Norma had chosen the story of Rhoda, a little girl who recognised Peter’s voice at the door, but in her excitement didn’t open the door. An angel had just let Peter out of jail, and he needed a safe place to hide. Rhoda was in the house where a group of Christians had gathered to pray for his release. She ran to tell the Christians that Peter was outside. They told her she was crazy and that he could not be outside, because he was in prison! Do you ever pray for things and then when they happen you can’t quite believe it? I need to have faith that my prayers will be answered.



At the Messy Church Zoom this week we talked about what sort of prayers we thought God might answer? These could be a Green prayer; Amber prayers we weren’t sure if they would be answered; and prayers like “give me a Ferrari car now” was a definite Red prayer. This quiz was not as easy as we thought it would be!

We did decide that all our prayers are stronger if we pray together. This was illustrated by the



paper chain prayer, each link having a word like PEACE or HELP or LOVE on it. The rocket craft we made helped to send our prayers straight up to God as you go for a walk! I would like to say thank you to the amazing team that make the Messy Church Envelopes possible. Everyone brings their ideas and make the crafts and



photographs them. Heidi then spends a couple of hours photocopying everything. After which I collate them and address them and put them in the post.

Can I please add this thought for the month? If you are accused of being crazy like Rhoda because you have a friend called Jesus, remember you are not alone. When you pray to God you are part of the Christian family worldwide which numbers 2.400 billion. You are part of an excessively big family that grew from this small gathering of Christians who prayed for Peter. *“The fullness of Joy is to behold God in everything.” Julian of Norwich.* Jane

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 – you do not need to be on the committee to help with events or maintenance days**)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the [10th] Annual General Meeting of Holne Playpark charity will be held via zoom on the 8 March 2021 to transact the following business. **(if you would like to attend please email fleurpowell@yahoo.co.uk for more information)**

- (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 Fleur Powell for the tenth year as Chair.
 - To re-appoint Mrs Hannah Best for a tenth year as Secretary.
 - To re-appoint – Treasurer – Lisa Gray
 - To re-appoint the following Officers:-
 - Mrs B Owen, Mrs S Hayles, Mrs Fran Wadia, Mr John Bellamy, Mrs Yvonne Fairman.
 - To appoint the following Officers:- Heidi Lewis
 - To remove the following Officer (due to retirement) – Mrs Lis Ross
- (6) Constitution – no change
- (7) Approve Privacy notice
- (8) Updates from Parish Council
- (9) Ongoing maintenance issues –
 - (a) Moles
 - (b) Wildflower area laid out yet
 - (c) Adult gym equipment project – have we had the installation date/installed yet.
 - (d) Were bird boxes ordered/installed yet?
 - (e) Earthwrights guarantee work – was the potential frayed rope on the basket swing fixed by them in December.
- (10) Any other business



St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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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 daily for private prayer between **10.00am** and **4.30pm**.

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

We have been thinking hard about the Garden Club and our much missed outings. It may be a long time before we can go out by coach again, but how about half day outings, by car, to nearby places where we can walk in beautiful surroundings and chat with our friends from a safe distance? We are getting together a short list, something to cheer the long dark days of winter. Please email Judy to add your suggestions.



If you are interested, get in touch, or we will contact you all you after Christmas. In the meantime, very best wishes to all. Gill Gray gill@priddons.co.uk 01364 631111 and Judy Le Marchant judylemarchant@btinternet.com 01364 644099.

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Peter Bellamy [Joint Chairman HVHMC].



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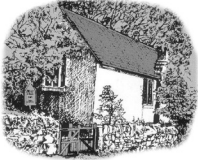
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Snowdrop Report

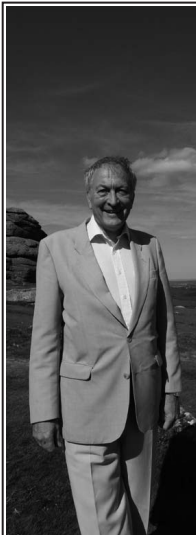
At the beginning of 2021, we thought with the Covid restrictions in place, we would not have the usual number of visitors to see the snowdrops at St. Raphaels. This was incredibly sad as we know that so many people return year after year to see the beautiful display and enjoy some time in the Chapel. It would also mean that our annual fundraising efforts which rely heavily on the 'snowdrop donations', would be much lower than usual. How lacking in faith we were!

Because we were very anxious not to encourage people to breach any travel restrictions, we thought we would offer a 'click and collect later' service where pots of snowdrops could be reserved to be collected at some stage after lockdown. We did not plan to do any 'marketing', but Tony was offered the opportunity to appear on BBC Spotlight, followed by two interviews with Radio Devon, a feature in the Western Morning News and last, but not least, an article in the Church Times.

Tony not only has his own fan club because of the time he gives to meeting visitors and telling them about the Chapel, but he has even been asked for his autograph! This is well-deserved recognition because of the time and effort he spends each year planting bulbs, caring for them and transporting trays to the Chapel several times a day during February.

Amazingly, the number of snowdrops sold directly to locals or reserved for later collection has matched all previous years. The great advantage this year has been some of the stories attached to the requests for snowdrops via email or telephone.

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Here are just a few of the lovely messages:

I have family living in Kent and my Grandchildren who we are unable to see. So when we are able I want to give them snowdrops to remind them of Devon. We do have quite a lot in our garden which my dad planted many years ago although he is no longer with us, they come up every year and reminds me of my mum and dad.

I have always wanted to see the impressive snowdrops growing at the Church... my Mum told me about it quite a few years ago. I always buy snow drops for the garden, in her memory for Mother's Day since she died in 2015 ... I shall now make it an annual event to purchase from yourselves, as I know that the funds are for such a worthy cause.

Thank you so much for putting some snowdrops aside for me, which I collected today. I have already planted some on my mother's grave and they look lovely. My neighbour is also really pleased with hers (particularly the handwritten labels).

Next month, there will be more snowdrop stories including contact from a former Moorland Team Rector, a Hospital Chaplain, and a lady for whom snowdrops were a special reminder of her mother.

Gillian



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The classes are informal and friendly, handbuilding, but a kick wheel is available. Suitable for all ages and abilities, wheelchair friendly, except perhaps for access to the compost loo. I encourage experimentation, the only limits are the kiln sizes.

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The church may be open and may be holding some services. Please contact the Team Vicar (Geoffrey Fenton - 01364 621334) or the Churchwardens to hear the latest information.

Leusdon Church - Information and Support

Please let someone know if for any reason you are feeling low or you need some help. There are lots of people in our community who are offering support for shopping or collecting something, or a listening ear – someone to talk to.

Useful phone numbers:

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| Revd Geoffrey Fenton | 01364 621334
geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk |
| Widcombe Isolation Support Network | 01364 621287 Between 4 and 7 pm |
| Widcombe Post Office | 01364 621347 Basic food and veg |

Useful web sites:

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| https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/l.htm | A short cut to Leusdon Church page, including links to the weekly Sunday Service and the latest Link Magazine |
| https://widcombe-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!

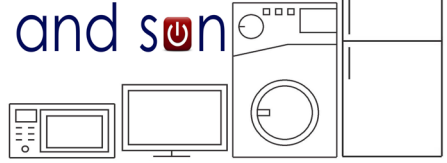
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Coffee Mornings cancelled until further notice

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



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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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Hire Rates: £8 per hour

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Whist Drive Dates

At Leusdon Memorial Hall

All Whist Drives are cancelled until further notice.



Postbridge Church - Information and Support

Please let someone know if for any reason you are feeling low or you need some help. There are lots of people in our community who are offering support for shopping or collecting something, or a listening ear – someone to talk to.

Useful phone numbers:

Revd Geoffrey Fenton	01364 621334 geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk
DFPC Covid 19 Support Volunteers	01822 258549 (Steve Cox)
Postbridge Stores	01822 880201 Food, veg, etc

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!

Princetown History Club

A new programme has been created for 2021, starting with talks and an AGM held by “Zoom” and returning to the Community Centre as soon as possible.

Mar 2nd - A talk by Claude Williams on “Abovetown Fields” via Zoom

Apr 6th - A talk by Terry Faull on “Holy Wells of Cornwall” via Zoom

May 4th - A talk by Barbie Thompson on “George McGrath, Princetown’s forgotten surgeon” via Zoom

Jun 1st - A walk around Moretonhampstead, with Gary Cox

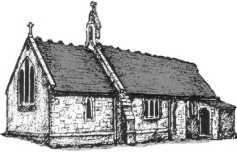
Jul 6th - Exploration of Yennadon Down, with Liz Miall (or Simon Dell)

Aug 3rd - A visit to Whiteworks, with Andy Crabb, DNPA archeologist.

Sep 7th - A talk on “Stone Men” (hopefully back in the Community Centre) by Paul Rendell

For further information, please phone Mr John Lissenden on 01752 847573

or email jlissenden@talktalk.net Web Site: princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com



St Gabriel, Postbridge

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

Church Services - see Page 26 for details

The church may be open and may be holding some services. Please contact the Team Vicar (Geoffrey Fenton - 01364 621334) or the Churchwardens to hear the latest information.

Postbridge Coffee Mornings

On Monday 22 February Boris announced his recovery plan out of lockdown and if all goes to plan we will return our Coffee Mornings in July and carry on throughout the year.

Will keep you updated and pray we do not have another lockdown.

Maureen

Food Donations Box

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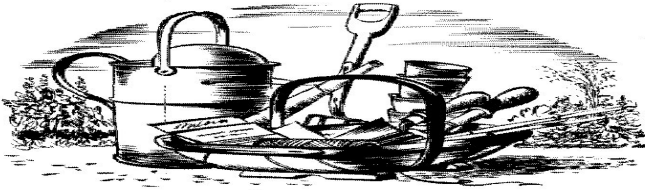
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Contact: Jackie Gee, Bungalow 2, Dartfordleigh, Postbridge, Yelverton, PL20 6TJ.

Tel: 01822 880224

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.

All meetings are cancelled until further notice

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 March 2021

7th March Lent 3 Purple

Readings - Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Bickington 09:00 Holy Communion
 Ashburton 10:30 Family Service &
 Facebook live stream

14th March Mothering Sunday Purple

Readings - Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

21st March Lent 5 Purple

Readings - Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

28th March Palm Sunday Purple

Readings - Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24; Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

1st April Maundy Thursday Purple

Readings - Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

2nd April Good Friday Purple

Readings - Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

4th April Easter Day White

Readings - Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

These are the services planned for March, subject to any changes in Covid rules.



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 3rd March	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 10th March	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 17th March	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 24th March	Ashburton	10:30	
Wednesday 31st March	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>

Dates for the Diary - March 2021

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Church Services - see Page 26 for details

Date	Time	Service
7th March	-	-
14th March	-	-
21st March	-	-
28th March	-	-

The church may be open and may be holding some services. Please contact the Team Vicar (Geoffrey Fenton - 01364 621334) or the Churchwardens to hear the latest information.

Widecombe Church - Information and Support

Please let someone know if for any reason you are feeling low or you need some help. There are lots of people in our community who are offering support for shopping or collecting something, or a listening ear – someone to talk to.

Useful phone numbers:

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Revd Geoffrey Fenton | 01364 621334
geoffrey@moorlandteam.org.uk |
| Widecombe Isolation Support Network | 01364 621287 Between 4 and 7 pm |
| Widecombe Post Office | 01364 621347 Basic food and veg |

Useful web sites:

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|---|---|
| https://www.moorlandteam.org.uk/w | A short cut to Widecombe 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 |

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For more details please see our website : <http://scoritonvillagehall.org/>

Three-bedroom house for affordable rent in Widcombe

Widcombe-in-the-Moor Church House and Lands Charity has a three-bedroom house for affordable rent at 4 Church Cottages, Dunstone.

The property is being worked on at present, but the charity hopes it will be available early March.

At this stage, the charity is seeking expressions of interest from anyone who might be interested in applying for a tenancy at that time.

If you are interested, please email the charity's clerk (david.thomas@hotmail.co.uk) with your full name, address and contact details - indicating briefly why you need a house (1) with three bedrooms (2) at an affordable rent (3) in Widcombe.

Widcombe 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

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

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Rosemary Mortimore - 01364 631238



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For queries re tennis phone Di Cameron on 621218.

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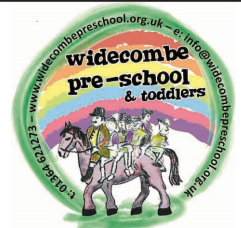
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The contract will again be simplified and the Grass Keep and Maintenance arrangements will be amalgamated into one document. They are only defined separately above for legal reasons.

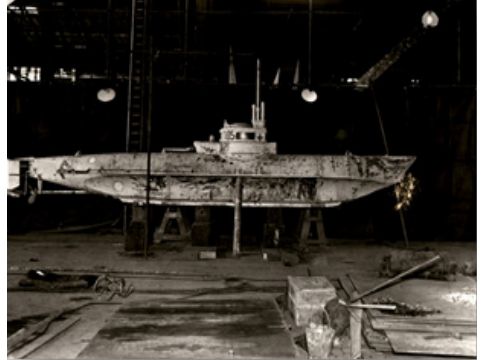
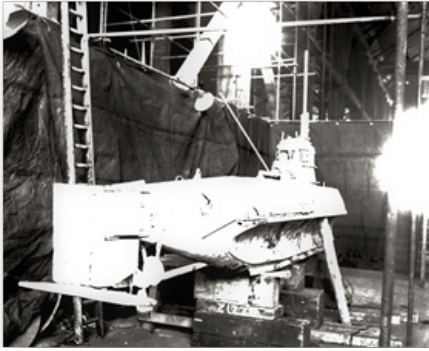
The Directors of WFC have decided that the letting of the Grass Keep should go ahead as normal in 2021, and on the basis that the Fair will take place in September. Any bid for the keep should reflect this 'normal' arrangement. If the Fair is cancelled, or its scale curtailed, then the arrangements for clearing the land of stock, mowing etc will be over-ridden by local agreement, as happened in 2020. There will be no upward adjustment to the keep fee. It is anticipated that a decision on whether the Fair goes ahead, and in what format, will be made by the end of April.

Tenders should be submitted by midday on 1st April 2021 with the successful applicant being advised by 8th April and the Contract starting on 15th April. The Contract will run, with the caveats contained in the tender documentation, until 25th December 2021.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Moor area of 1.38 hectares has been removed from the Grass Keep and Maintenance contract for 2021, though its use can be discussed by local agreement. This is because maintenance work is needed on the land, particularly the fencing.

'Biber' Class Submarines

Around Christmas 2020 I was given three photographs of submarines which enabled me to begin my research into their origins. Consequently, I unearthed the story of HMS Seraph and "The Man who Never Was" which featured in the February 2021 edition of the Parish Link (https://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/parish_link/index.php). So now I have progressed onto the German side of the war story with my research.



These photos are 'stills' from a 2004 Television programme called "The Salvage Squad" which was broadcast by Channel Four Television.

The submarine featured is a 'Biber Class' miniature submarine built for the German Navy in 1944 to enable attacks to take place on coastal shipping off the French coast and in the English Channel.

The submarine featured was completely restored to full working order by apprentices from HM Dockyard Portsmouth and is now the only fully operative German World War 2 submarine.

The vessel, Number 105, is on permanent display at the Royal Naval Submarine Museum in Portsmouth.



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The German Navy had 400+ of these submarines built, operating them from June 1944 until the end of the war, but they were spectacularly unsuccessful. Their only success was to sink one Allied ship. The Alan a Dale was sailing to Antwerp when she was sunk. All 65 crew were saved.



Alan a Dale



Devon Beaver

The only very tenuous reason for this tale is that 'Biber' is German for Beaver, an animal enjoying a wonderful return to our county.

David Ashman Widecombe History Group

Rainfall in January 2021

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	229.3 mm (9.0")	4	19th 37.5 mm (1.5")
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News from Ashburton, Dunstone and Poundsgate Methodist Churches

As you will know, over the last couple of months we have not been worshipping in face-to-face, to play our part in protecting ourselves, others, and the NHS. Now that we know more about the Government's hoped-for timeline for unlocking, we will be considering when we feel it will be right to start worshipping in person again.

In the meantime, we continue to enjoy sharing worship with the Benefice, both in the monthly online services and through our contributions to the pattern of all age worship.

For the coming month, at Poundsgate we will be welcoming Chloe Axford to share in our Zoom service on Sunday 7th at 3pm and hope, once again, to post a version of it online afterwards. At Dunstone, the weekly Zoom fellowships continue at 9am, whilst at Ashburton, this month we will be a part of the Mothering Sunday online service on 14th, will have an informal Zoom service on 21st at 10.30am, and our monthly breakfast service on Sunday 28th.

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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

Sunday Service

We continue to hold an informal and friendly service via Zoom at
9am every Sunday.

For login and phone in details please contact Serena Walcot by phone
on **01364 631279**.

You will be most welcome.

Bible Study Group

We hold a bible study group via Zoom every Thursday evening at 6pm.

We are just about to commence the study of Acts and welcome your involvement.

Please contact Serena Walcot on **01364 631279** for Zoom login and phone in
details.

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During Lent, we are taking part in our Circuit series, looking at the 'Methodist Way on Life', taking place by Zoom on a Thursday evening, after which we will be having a Circuit evening service on Palm Sunday at 6.30pm at which our preacher will be the Methodist President of Conference, Rev. Richard Teal.

We are still planning our activities for Holy Week and Easter, so please look out for further details nearer the time.

If you would like to know more about any of our Churches or would like the login details to any of our Zoom sessions/services, please let me know, at kevin.hooke@methodist.org.uk.

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Other Community News & Events



Local people on the phone
Get together without leaving home
Weekly activity programme - no internet required

Morning 11am

- M** **Crossword and coffee**
O Wake up your brain cells to start
N the week. You bring the coffee
and we bring the clues
- T** **Memory Lane - Sharing stories**
U tall and wide about lives, loves
E and little things lost in the wash.
New theme each week
- W** **Music Appreciation**
E Explore and enjoy classical music
D with the conductor of the Torbay
Symphony Orchestra
- T** **Quizzers Quiz**
H Pit your wits against our quiz
U master, with plenty of chat for a
sociable session
- F** **A Well-being Moment**
R Chair based movement and
I relaxation followed by a
nourishing visualisation

Afternoon 2.30pm

- All About Dartmoor**
Fascinating informal talks about
everything Dartmoor. History,
wildlife, folklore, memories
- Seated Exercise**
Enjoy a gentle class moving
through the whole body whilst
seated in your favourite chair
- Poetry Listen in or bring your own**
favourites or self-written poems to
read, share and enjoy
- Gentle Quiz**
A relaxed session with multiple
choice questions to jog the memory
- Bingo**
Two little ducks, chance your luck.
Prizes to be won. We send the
tickets and deliver prizes if you win

Dial in for a sociable atmosphere any day of the week with our friendly hosts. Talk or listen, it's up to you.
All calls last 45 minutes. Free with a day time call plan or charged at standard rate without.

Call Sara or Suzy to find out more: **01364 712013**

COVID WINTER GRANT SCHEME

Brief Summary of the Scheme

The Department of Work & Pensions have provided a fund to County Councils and Unitary Authorities across England under the Scheme 'COVID Winter Grant Scheme'. The aim is to support vulnerable households with the cost of fuel or food due to the continuing hardships caused by Covid-19.

Citizens Advice are thrilled to be working on behalf of Devon County Council to help Devon residents in need.

It will be prioritised for those for whom a payment will help mitigate the risk of self-disconnection. It can include working families, single-household families, older people – anyone who is in need of fuel support so long as they are eligible.

We will be able to provide vouchers, top up smart meters online or make payments to online fuel accounts

Who are the Citizens Advice

We are an independent charity and part of the National Citizens Advice network, providing free, confidential and impartial advice. Advice provided includes:

- Universal Credit
- Debt & Money
- Benefits
- Personal
- Housing
- Consumer
- Legal & Civil
- Redundancy & Employment
- Disability Benefits.

Last year we helped over 5,000 local people to access the help they needed, dealing with over 12,500 issues which cover a broad spectrum of advice needs. We helped our clients achieve income gains of £2.5 million in 2019-20, and gains of £1.8 million so far in 2020-21.

We also campaign for changes in law and policy where we can see a need evidenced through our work with clients. In this we support work by Citizens Advice nationally and by other voluntary organisations.

We deal not just with the immediate issue but with the underlying issues as well. This means that we are able to help in both the short and the longer term.

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Listening Ear

Have you had to close because of lockdown? Maybe you're having to adapt your business model for what seems like the hundredth time since March? Maybe you're struggling with reduced staff, or trying to run a business while homeschooling?

Running a business is stressful at the best of times. Running a business during a pandemic is even harder. Listening Ear is a new service for Devon businesses that offers people a safe space to chat about those challenges.

We're not here to offer business advice; we're here to provide a friendly, impartial listening ear so you can talk about whatever you feel you need to. Our experienced volunteers will provide a supportive ear and will also be able to signpost you to other services if you need them.

Your wellbeing is important to both your health and your work life. Talking to one of our Listening Ear volunteers is a way for you to prioritise your mental wellbeing, especially when you may not feel comfortable talking to your friends and family about things.

If you would like to find out more about talking to our Listening Ear volunteers please visit www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/listening-ear,

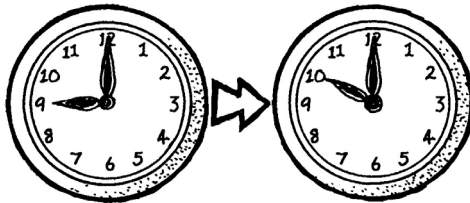
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REMEMBER

**British Summer Time starts on
Sunday 28 March.**

Clocks go forward one hour at 1.00 am



News from the East Shallowford Trust

A very strange month where the question..... 'Climate Change?' is raised? Whatever you believe, the bone chilling cold snap proved a challenge even to proper winter tyres forcing various people to modify their normal routes or transport methods. For me, I trudged from the Widcombe carpark, up through a couple of fields and across Rowden Rocks down to the farm, tramping with my 'quick run office' of 15kg slung on my back. Will had fed the pigs first thing in the morning, but with frozen pipes we had to check the water and make sure everything was functioning in our 'new and wonderful' barn and yard. The builders slid down the road only to be stuck near the bridge and remained trapped at the farm along with a DPD driver and another delivery man, until Will appeared to salt the road and enable wheels to grip safely once more. As a wise man once said, 'Isolation only happened with the advent of the wheel', prior to that, feet could walk over snow capped mountains, across boggy marshes and sand sinking deserts..... As slaves to our modern wheeled inventions that theoretically ease our physical burden, we rarely see that we have limited ourselves.

By the end of February we had lost most of our long term builders. They were moved off to a new project, leaving our last remaining wonderful team to munch on the occasional home grown sausage, plied as a 'thank you' for their quick and kind fixing of various broken items around the farm. A rat run hole filled with a stone and lime mortar, the three brooms that needed slightly better screws and an electric screw driver, the wriggling of a broken lock..... But most of all their love and care towards our very special farm.

We are almost there..... nearly completed!

The Builders Alec Hoare and Son began work on 18th May 2020, hauling out the old cement to enable final measurements and access to the Barn. The external wooden staircase and interior wooden flooring had already been pulled down by volunteers, leaving the builders to start with their machines.



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Barn: before May 2020

The end result, is that to a certain extent, not too much looks different from the outside? Or does it? Having watched it happen I have perhaps forgotten. We need our visitors, the regular children who have grown up with Shallowford and feel it is their home, a place of safety to which they can return,

secure, knowing they are loved, wanted and can laugh, giggle and relax without prejudice, malice or judgement.



The Barn in February 2021

It is seriously weird not having any scraps of grass in the yard. It all looks horribly sterile..... but not for long!! Spring is coming and will cure us of this strange surgical appearance – Dartmoor will win again, as lichen pokes through the new lime and that interesting hue of wild grey green crawls over every rock and windowsill, swallowing the shine of any aggressive newness as life tenaciously threads across every surface.

However, with the completion of the walls comes a need for painting, more painting and painting! Our amazing 'Building Projects Trustee,' Malcolm Hunter has managed to plan, direct and use his great experience to push forward the development of the Ark and Barn. We have no doubt added to his stress. Earlier this year, he had a pacemaker fitted, then suddenly, during the third week in February, we received a phone call to say that he was in hospital having suffered

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Dave Adams stripping the door frame



Serena Walcot, painting the kitchen window

a stroke. Shock, horror and despair. A young man in his mid sixties, working on his local church and constantly giving of himself, skills and time, we were shocked that he and his family should be faced with such a life-changing event. He has, thank God, recovered steadily throughout the last week or so. However, this does of course leave us with a massive skill and experience gap. More volunteers have popped up, aware that we need help and will hopefully enable us to be ready to open by May. Our small and wee 'thank you' seems pitiful for the time, energy and contribution they make.



Katherine Walcot, following her operation

The second massive THANK YOU we owe is for Serena's daughter Katherine's health. Katherine grew up a mile away from Shallowford but has lived in the North East since 1999, qualifying and working for 15 years as a primary school teacher. In 2011 she was diagnosed with PSC, an autoimmune liver disease which slowly progressed to the point where she could no longer work and required a liver transplant. She took ill-health retirement in 2019 and moved home to Dartmoor with her parents. She was put on the transplant waiting list in February 2020 which was suspended a few times because of COVID but on 30th January 2021 she got the

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phone call that a good match had been found. Serena was allowed to travel with her to the liver transplant centre at King's College Hospital in London and be with her before and briefly after the surgery which was a huge blessing. Katherine was transferred to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth for her follow-up care and about 3 weeks after surgery was well enough to go home and recover under Serena's experienced care. She is hugely grateful for her new lease of life, to her donor family and to the many people who have been thinking of and praying for her. She knows that she is saved both spiritually and physically by the Grace of God alone and although the road to recovery is long, hard, painful and exhausting, she loves being home on Dartmoor and hopes one day to be able to walk and even ride on the moor again.

Throughout February it seems we have been catapulted from one tense and traumatic situation to another. Yet we have been blessed with more piglets, we have been able to continue with our various projects and with a massive sigh of relief, we can see glimmers of hope in the rest of the year. We are here to serve and be useful to those who need us. We will have to raise more funds to buy bunk beds, pay for the paint, the new kitchen in the barn, tables, chairs, sofas and all the rest. As we ask for prayers for ourselves to ensure we can open on time, we also give huge thanks for Katherine and Malcolm our trustee, for their full recovery and the precious places in their families and our hearts.

Julia www.shallowfordfarm.co.uk

The Magistrate - Dartmoor community on trial

MED Theatre's 2021 annual community play '*The Magistrate*' will see a large community cast on trial for their war-time actions and reactions. This episodic play is based on true accounts from local people who lived through The Second World War on Dartmoor, and continues MED Theatre's decades long tradition of producing new original plays inspired by local people and history.

Depending on government guidelines at the time, the play will be performed live at Manaton and Moretonhampstead parish halls in March 2021, or converted into a recorded production.

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The sun is shining, the snowdrops are in full bloom and the daffodils are bursting out - there is new life coming into the Moor, and this, our Spring Edition of the Link, is adding to that new life! As Heidi says in her Letter, this last, tough period of Lockdown has hints of celebration to come, with a promise of "normal" life returning sometime during the summer. And as normality does return, our notices about Whist Drives and Coffee Mornings and Garden Outings and Meetings of all sorts (and dare we say Pantomimes?) will burst into life too. Instead of apologies and blanks in these pages, there will be choices and things to look forward to once again; the pages humming with life.

So now is the time to start preparing your publicity drive, so that come the summer or autumn, you, our contributors, will be ready to launch your monthly message to the Link at the press of a button! You will then also benefit from the Link returning as a printed magazine, when it's safe to do deliveries again.

Over the last few weeks quite a few people have been in touch with us asking for paper copies, and offering to distribute them in our communities in due course. (On a small scale we have been, and will continue, sending them out monthly when requested). But after such a long break from our full production run, in some communities we'll almost be building distribution teams from scratch. Our aim will be to ensure that the Link is distributed to every household. Could you have a think about helping to do this yourself? The more people helping to get the Link out there, the fewer copies any one individual has to deliver. We also have our sights on getting the Link into every B&B and self-catering cottage, so that our returning visitors can join in all our community events.

We will have so much to celebrate here on the Moor, and the Link is the best way of enthusing about what will be going on. Use the Link to spread the news - and please get in touch if you can help in any way.

From all of us at the Link

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