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One of my earliest memories is of picnicking at Bellever bridge around 1960, with my uncle, aunt and cousins from their Milton Abbot farm, and my grandparents from Bovey. With such happy childhood memories, I was very excited when Beth and I came to live on Dartmoor at the end of July in 1980 – we moved into our little granite house in New Street in Chagford when we came back from our honeymoon – I had a new job working for Fountain Forestry at Poundsgate. And we loved it!

We loved the Moor, the granite, the people, being close to my grandparents, the sense of belonging to a very special part of England. Frustratingly, after eight years my job took us to Somerset and we left Dartmoor behind. And we missed it! When our children left home, we looked at each other and said “Let’s go back to Dartmoor!” I started looking, and the part-time Team Vicar post at Widecombe came up – it was perfect – we’d be back on the Moor and I could carry on running my business from “The Vicarage” (it might look a rather odd business address, but the dawn chorus from the Dipper on the rock in river has been amazing!)

When I’m asked why I’m so passionate about Dartmoor, I say “It’s the people. The people who live on the Moor really want to live here. Like me, they are passionate about it. Of course it’s a really tough place to earn a living – farming is tough, seasonal employment a real rollercoaster – there are no passengers on the Moor. It’s the people who make it! And they are so kind and caring.” The people that visitors either take for granted or ignore – little realising how the landscape, wildlife and attractions are wrought from hard labour by people they never notice.

It’s been my privilege over the past twelve years to get to know you. The self-effacing, the characters, the quiet folk, the pub goers and the recluses. The dozens of people who put on Widecombe Fair, take part in Phyl’s Folies and the Moorland Merrymakers, who make up the Widecombe Singers, run the halls, pubs, cafes and shops, Shallowford Farm, the School, Pre-school, our magazines, Coffee Mornings and social events, etc. (Oh, and to get to know the Green Hairstreak butterflies that have been so plentiful this year amongst the gloriously flowering hawthorn.)

And to be there in times of joy like weddings and baptisms, and sadness like illness or funerals. It’s such a privilege being given a beautiful house to live in and a part-stipend to help the finances. A privilege that has allowed me to build relationships with so many, and to feel accepted as part of community life. If I have also encouraged people to be more loving of God and their neighbours, then I guess my being here has not just been for my benefit!

Sadly I’m now retiring and we are returning to Chagford. My last Sunday is 23rd July (p5). Thank you for being so welcoming. I’ll miss you all.

Geoffrey

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THANK YOU & FAREWELL!

SUNDAY
23RD JULY 2023

This is Geoffrey's last Sunday, when his annual Thank-you Songs of Praise Services will have an extra dimension. Not only will the services be celebrating the contributions of: Flower arrangers, Bell ringers, PCC and Churchwardens, Sidespeople, Welcomers, Church Openers, Coffee and Refreshments Providers, Readers, Contributors to Building Fabric and Maintenance, Cleaners, Musicians, Village and Community, etc, etc.

But also they will combine giving thanks, with Geoffrey saying "Farewell", after his almost 12 years in the Benefice.

The Services are as follows on Sunday 23rd July:

08:00 Widcombe Holy Communion BCP

10:30 Widcombe Thank you Service
(followed by a light lunch)

15:00 Leusdon Thank you Service
(followed by a Tea Party)

18:00 Postbridge Thank you Service
(followed by drinks and nibbles)

Anyone from across our Mission Community is welcome to attend any of these services – just turn up!

Thank you.

Introducing our new curate Jenny

Have you heard of Castle Colditz, the POW camp in Germany, with all these original escape stories? You've probably watched the film and there is even a board game now called 'Escape from Colditz'. Well, this is where I come from originally – Colditz, a lovely little town in rural Saxony, in the east of Germany. It's in a similarly rural area and roughly the same size as Ashburton, just with a big impressive Renaissance Castle.

I'm Jenny, your new curate. You've probably picked up that I'm German – don't worry about trying to pronounce my surname correctly. I moved to the UK in 2017 and have fallen in love with the SW ever since. I grew up in a Christian family in the Lutheran church in East Germany, just after the Wall came down. It was an interesting experience, and that part of German history has deeply impacted my family. I'm close to my three siblings and four nieces and nephews, and travel back home frequently to visit friends and family.

After doing my A-Levels, I did a gap year in Scotland at what was then called Scottish Churches House, an ecumenical conference centre in Dunblane. That's when I had my first encounter with the Anglican church. One of my best memories from that time is spending Christmas with the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church and building a massive snowman that was wearing his bishop's mitre. It was during that time that I felt drawn to study theology after returning to Germany.

My theology degree took seven (!) years to finish and me to Berlin, Vancouver and Tuebingen. Yes, I have studied in the same places as Karl Barth and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and loved every minute of it. Theology is one of my great passions, and I love teaching and preaching, delving deep into scripture and tradition. I've been to the Holy Land and recently went to Rome, and found it so inspiring and humbling to trace the steps of some of these faithful witnesses, realising afresh that we are part of a bigger story that has been going on for millennia. I've always been intrigued by the Old Testament and the history of Ancient Israel, and so it probably won't come as a surprise that I love Biblical Hebrew and worked as a Hebrew tutor at Berlin University.

I never expected God to call me to the UK or to ordained ministry – that's perhaps a story for another time – but I'm deeply grateful that he did call me to work at St Mellitus College in Plymouth for the past 6 years. As I'm writing these lines, I can still feel the sand on my toes from the surprise beach BBQ that my team threw for me today as a leaving party on my last workday. One of the core values of the college is what we call 'Generous Orthodoxy', the idea to live, worship and encounter the other as generously as possible within orthodox boundaries, and this idea is deeply ingrained in my identity. It's been my experience ever since I encountered a different form of Christianity during my time at Regent College in Vancouver that worshipping in ways that initially feel alien and uncomfortable actually takes me deeper into the mystery of God and massively enriches my spiritual life and ultimately my relationship with the Lord.



Jenny with her parents and brother Lukas

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If you're familiar with the enneagram, I'm a healthy type 2 – the considerate helper. I love being with and care deeply for the people around me. I love hosting people, listening to their stories and walking alongside them. Though I get energised from being with people, I also really value my downtime and the best way for me to relax is with a jigsaw puzzle or book in winter and being out on my road bike in the summer. I've already made the acquaintance with some of the hills around here – should have bought an e-bike!

During my time in Berlin, I worked as a kids and youth pastor which has shaped my passion for working with and ministering to young people and families. My vision and hope is for a church where all age groups feel at home and worship together in lots of different ways and styles – you may call it idealistic but that's what I long to see and will put my energy into fostering.

I can't wait to get to know you all and feel so excited about starting this next chapter here in the mission community. I'm getting ordained at Exeter Cathedral on 1st July at 3pm – there'll be a live stream on the Diocese of Exeter Facebook page – and 2nd July will be my first Sunday here! I would love your prayers for this time of transition now as I prepare for ordination and for my start here with you in July.

Blessings, Jenny

An hour of quiet reflection Postbridge Church

Tuesday 4th July at 7.30pm

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

From the Registers

Baptism	Leusdon	2nd April	Morris Harry Charles Chapman
Wedding	Leusdon	26th May	Wendy Saunders and Nathaniel Ashford

Rainfall in May 2023

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	72.3mm (2.8")	21	4th 18.7mm(0.7")
	(May 2022 - 77.8mm (3.1"))		
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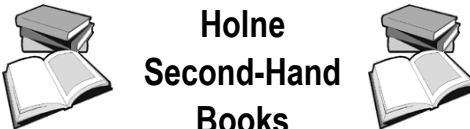
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Date	Time	Service
9th July	18.00	Holy Communion
16th July	09.00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
30th July	10.30	United Mission Community Service, Ashburton - picnic after

The author of Ecclesiastes in the Bible writes:

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

(Some readers might remember that this was the refrain to the song ‘Turn! Turn! Turn: To everything there is a season’, made popular in the 1960s by an American group, The Byrds and based on a passage from Ecclesiastes.)

Ecclesiastes forms one of the ‘Wisdom’ books in the Bible along with Psalms, Proverbs, The Song of Songs, and the Book of Job. Although it is not often read in church, it is the source of many of the sayings still use today such as “Cast your bread upon the waters” and “every evil under the sun”. It is also about life and how uncertain life can be, but whatever is thrown at us, what matters is how we respond to both the good and the challenges.

We are encouraged to enjoy the gifts that God gives us but to remember that success or wealth can all be taken from us in an instance. Similarly, pain and suffering are an inevitable part of being human, and there is nothing we can do about it.

What Christians believe is that “to those who love God, who are called according to his plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good”. In other words, to those who love God and are doing their best to obey his commands, even though bad/sad/evil/wicked things will touch our lives, God will use them to ultimately bring about good, both in our lives and in the world.

Finally, talking of there being a season for everything, this month we are saying “goodbye” to the Reverend Geoffrey Fenton and his wife Beth. For the last twelve years Geoffrey has been a wonderful servant to the parishioners of the Ashburton and Moorland Team.

We are particularly grateful for all the Geoffrey did at Holne following Corynne’s retirement, whilst also holding the fort across the wider area. As a relatively new and struggling churchwarden, Geoffrey was generous with his time for me, and his and Beth’s friendship was much appreciated. On behalf of everyone at Holne, I wish them both a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

Gillian

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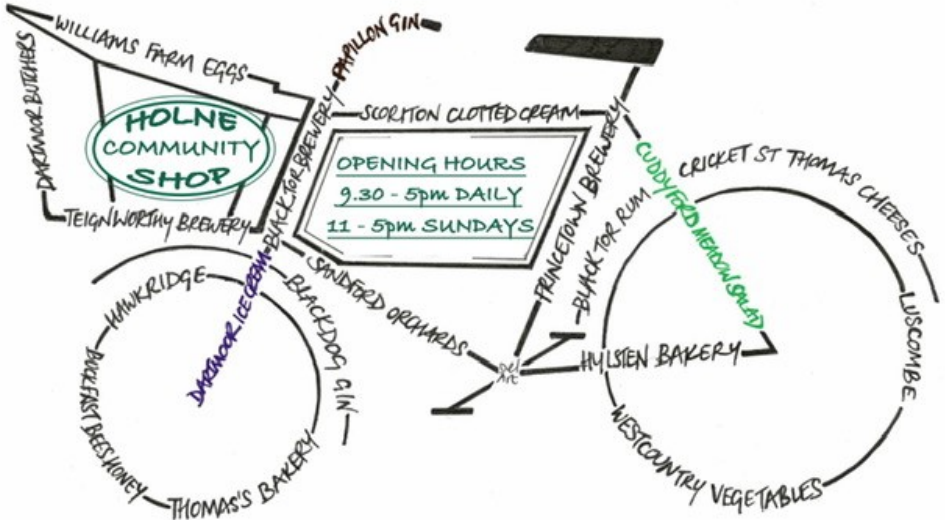
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W.R.I.T.E.R.S. - a prayer for Link contributors

Dear Lord, help us:

Write and edit the words that you want us to share. You have called us to this mission, please guide us to the message you've chosen specifically for us to deliver.

Read scripture so we may stay grounded in you. May your words wash over us and remain in us as we produce our magazines.

Invest in our craft of writing and editing. Help guide us to be able to be better at what we do.

Treat our writing and editing as a blessing not a drudgery. Remind us that you called us to this and we can trust you'll equip us for the task at hand.

Exude the love of Christ in our words and actions to others and especially to our friends

Remember we all start with the same blank page that's waiting for us to add words to it. Nobody has a secret on how to skip that first empty page with the blinking cursor staring at you.

Say a prayer of gratitude for the gift you've given us to encourage, teach and inspire others through our Link magazine.

And talking of our Link magazine – part of a very special thanks to Geoffrey – see below:

Farewell to Geoffrey

Perhaps therefore time this month for a reminiscence!

Gillian and I arrived at St Raphael's just after Geoffrey was appointed as incumbent at Widecombe. So, twelve years of memories and friendship with both Geoffrey and Beth. But better not forget 'the girls'. (Christmas Day 2012 our first Christmas Service - at Postbridge and even with a small congregation – daughters could sing wonderfully!)

Throughout all memories Geoffrey has held a strong sense of purpose, including what the role and function of a rural Vicar should be. Both he and Beth have contributed widely to many community organisations and of course to Widecombe School and Postbridge Pantomimes!

Some 'challenges' were overcome together – for example when in Widecombe vicarage, Geoffrey and Beth – with Gillian and I - shared common concerns, worries and misfortune.

And then, 'rescuing' of the Link Magazine. From 2018 into 2019 a departure of a long-time editor led to a scrambling to get a first new edition off the ground. Better not to wither on the vine – so to speak. I do remember receiving several spread sheets from Geoffrey, with current magazine advertisers and their contracts as well as current contributors and their details. My task was simply to clarify and chase old records. Geoffrey, however had to design and edit the 'new' magazine. The fact you may be reading this is testimony to his success.

Together we contributed to a significant Benefice magazine review in recent years - to identify the actual purpose of magazines, (yes plural), in the Benefice. Some progress was made, but as our Benefice appears to expand there maybe, perhaps some more work to be done?

Enough of personal reminiscences. I'm sure all would join me in wishing you both, Geoffrey and Beth, (and the girls!) every blessing for the future.

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2nd July	16.00	Animal Service
9th July	12.00	Parish Communion
16th July	12.00	Parish Communion
23rd July	15.00	Thank You Service
30th July	10.30	United Mission Community Service, Ashburton - picnic after

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Leusdon Memorial Hall

Centenary year 1923-2023

We held our AGM on 6th June 2023, all committee member attended and were re-elected, in addition we are joined by Kelly Aires who has a particular interest in social media and reaching out to all members of our community. We are very pleased to welcome Kelly and hope she will enjoy being part of our team. You can read my report to the AGM below.

Our next **coffee morning is on Wednesday 5th July 10.00am -12.00 noon**, it would be good to see you there.

There will be the usual Whist at Leusdon on **Monday 10th July** with the lunch at 1.00pm followed by whist at 2.00pm.

We have now fixed the date and time for our **Centenary Celebration it will be Friday 20th October starting at 2.00pm**. We are still working on the format but hope to make it informative, accessible and enjoyable, more details will follow.

You can now keep up to date by visiting Leusdon Memorial Hall Facebook page to get details of events in the Hall, thanks to our social media team.

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Amanda Routley on 01364 631432

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In the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss any aspect of the Hall please contact myself or any committee member.

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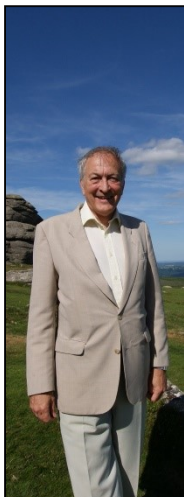
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Chairman's report to the AGM 2023

I would like to thank all the Committee members for their help and support in the past twelve months, in addition it has been satisfying that several people not on the committee have been very supportive in the areas of social media which has grown to 250 followers, as well as this we have received support at Royal celebrations, preparations for our centenary and completion of risk assessments. I would also like to thank Rev. Geoffrey Fenton for his support of the Hall in the 12 years he has been our Vicar. I wish him and Beth a long and happy retirement.

Bookings for the Hall have continued to recover post pandemic and have averaged £300.00 per month. Most activities have resumed and are gradually increasing in popularity.

The coffee mornings and whist are taking place monthly, as well as providing a social hub for the community, they are also raising much needed funds. They have averaged £200.00 per month. In December the Moorland Merry-makers performed their Panto which was very well received and in the conventional format. It was great to see them all back as they approach their 60th anniversary next year, they have been great supporters of the Hall for all these years.

During the year the Hall has also been the venue of Weddings, Wakes, Birthday Parties, Christenings, and many other Community events. The Hall is a valuable resource for the whole Parish. The Parish Council is having alternate meetings here. As usual a commemoration was held here in November to remember the people who died in both world wars, this is important to remember as, without their sacrifice, neither the Hall or us would be here.

This year we celebrate our 100th anniversary with a function in October.

As we enter our second centenary we face many challenges and opportunities, none of us know what the future holds for our Community however it is fairly certain that the makeup of the inhabitants will continue to change as will communication methods and activities.

It is important for the Hall to remain relevant so that we attract more members on the committee who represent the diversity of the area as well as building on our current events and introducing new innovative activities to sustain interest.

John Southcombe

Chairman Leusdon Memorial Hall, charity no 300887



The Fentons

The Reverend Geoffrey Fenton has been taking services at Leusdon Church for many years. Eventually he took overall responsibility for Widecombe with Postbridge and for Leusdon. This has proved to be a very satisfactory arrangement for all three churches. It provides a local point of contact for all parishioners who are also likely to see him at local events such as Widecombe History Group, Leusdon Coffee Morning etc. His Ministry has been a great success as he has acquired a deep understanding of the local population and knew the parishes before he was ordained when he worked for Fountain Forestry at Spitchwick.

He excelled on special occasions such as weddings, baptisms and funerals.

His pastoral role was conducted in a most appropriate manner providing unique comfort for the seriously ill or bereaved. He took an interest in church bell ringing and his musical skill has been of great value. Here it is appropriate to mention the tremendous musical contribution his wife, Beth has made by playing the organ for services at Leusdon and running a weekly choir practice for church singers. We don't know what the future holds, but his successor has a hard act to follow. Leusdon Church is extremely grateful for the benefits the Fentons have given us.

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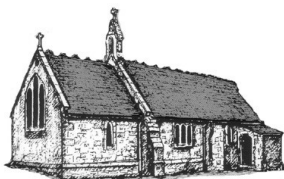
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“What breed of dog is that” said a lad of about eight years old pointing at the two month old Friesian calves.

“Why does the moss smell like frogs?” said another teenager sticking their nose into a heap of rich moss from Dartmoor, transported to Clapham Junction.

Yes, we took a little slice of Dartmoor to Providence House about 100 metres from Clapham Junction train station. A host of wonderful farmers came to talk about the sunbathing piglets who enjoyed the fuss, nosing the backs of hands before slumbering into a cheerful line resembling pre-made sausages buried in golden straw. The calves dosed carelessly or frisked around their little pen. The two patient ewes demonstrated how lambs can lift them off their back feet as they tuck in for milk, whilst the chicks which on arrival had been five days old, grew their tail feathers within a day, but



St Gabriel, Postbridge

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
4th July	19.30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection
9th July	09.00	Holy Communion BCP
23rd July	18.00	Thank You Service
30th July	10.30	United Mission Community Service, Ashburton - picnic after

Postbridge Church is open all day, every day. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building.

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Postbridge Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be
held on

Monday 3rd July at 11am
in Postbridge Village Hall

Maureen

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were still cute enough to inspire, “Please, please can I hold one?” To our total delight, on Tuesday, the Duchess of Edinburgh appeared as if by magic to mingle and inspire the children even more, engaging in every activity as much as the children.

The learning for many was phenomenal, as most of the 2,000 people that passed through the event only have a cartoon image of real animals. “They don’t look real” said one lad, trying to find the words to articulate his surprise and excitement.



Every single child spun wool to make their first ever wrist band from yes... ‘real wool from a sheep’. All learned that moss is responsible for most of the oxygen in our atmosphere (well... in primordial times), how peat sucks up the carbon we are releasing with abandon into the atmosphere. The sounds and textures of Dartmoor were heard and

felt with shrieks of glee through some inventive interactive boxes and tin cans put together by DNP. Concepts of ‘slowing the flow’ to restore our bogs and wet-lands were demonstrated with pipes and sponges by Peatland Partnership, whilst the Foundation for Common Land drew in the similarities between Clapham Common and Dartmoor.

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Buckland-in-the-Moor



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refreshments draw

Thursday 27th July

**Whist every fourth Thursday in the
month.**

A Summer Evening

With Music and Wine

Thursday 10th August

Buckland in the Moor Church



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The children oo'd and ah'd at the bright pictures of caterpillars being transformed into amazing butterflies by Butterfly Conservation and on the VIP Thursday night, some performed a dance demonstrating the wonder of an egg becoming a butterfly.

It was fun with groups of 10/12 having around eight minutes on each stall and the repetition of delighted engagement whirred around and around ... 'how old do you think this chick is, if this is the size of the egg it came from?' 'A chick comes from an egg?' There was a lot of learning, a lot of disbelief, a lot of excitement and it was fun, it was mad. In the end it was all about community. If ever anyone questions that people need to understand the land, understand that we are part of the world on which we depend this event proved the point. Humans must not disengage with the natural world, it's the very essence on which we survive.

Link to Radio 4 Farming Today: who visited the event: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001mlyl>

Photos by Nick Cornwall. Thank you to all (who are uncountable) who helped!

Julia



Church Services for July 2023

2nd July		Trinity 4		Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 22.1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6.12-23, Matthew 10.40-42</i>					
Widcombe	10.30	Pet Service	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16.00	Animal Service	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10.30	Family Service + Baptism
			Ilington	10.30	Confirmation Service with Bishop Robert
			Ashburton	10.30	Morning Worship, Town Hall *
			Buckland	15.00	Thank You Cream Tea, Village Hall
4th July		An Hour of Quiet Reflection			
Postbridge	19.30	Quiet Reflection			
8th July					
Location tbc	14.00-16.00	Messy Church Picnic			
9th July		Trinity 5		Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 24.34-38,42-49, 58-67, Psalm 45.10-17, or Canticle: Song of Solomon 2.8-13, Romans 7.15-25a, Matthew 11.16-19,25-30</i>					
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion BCP	Ilington	08.00	Holy Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ilington	10.30	Family Pet Service
			Exminster	10.30	Joining Exminster Methodists *
			Holne	18.00	Holy Communion
16th July		Trinity 6		Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 25.19-34, Psalm 119.105-112, Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13.1-9,18-23</i>					
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Bickington	10.30	Morning Worship
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10.30	All Age Communion
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	18.30	Celtic Reflective Taize Service, St Petros, East Street*
23rd July		Trinity 7		Green	
<i>Readings - Genesis 28.10-19a, Psalm 139.1-11,23,24*, Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30,36-43</i>					
Widcombe	08.00	Holy Communion BCP	Ashburton	09.15	Breakfast Church, Church Hall*
Widcombe	10.30	Thank You Service	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	15.00	Thank You Service	Ilington	10.30	Morning Praise
Postbridge	18.00	Thank You Service			

Thursday 27th

Ashburton | 18.30 Outdoor Communion, Churchyard *

Sunday 30th

Trinity 8

Green

Readings - Genesis 29.15-28, Psalm 105.1-11,45b* or Psalm 128, Romans 8.26-39, Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
2nd July	10.30	Dawn	Emily & Will Dracup	Kris Blood
9th July	10.30	Beth	Rose McAfee	Kris Blood
16th July	10.30	Penny	Philly & Michael	Marian
23rd July	08.00 / 10.30	Ronnie & Clare	Team PCC	Marian
30th July	10.30	United Mission Community Service, Ashburton - picnic after		

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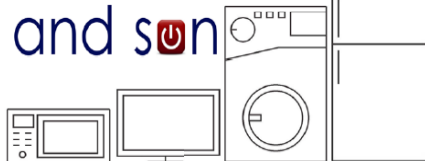
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Dublin.. Onions was commissioned into the Rifle Brigade in September 1916 but in December of the same year was found to be absent without leave, court martialled and cashiered.

He immediately re-enlisted as a private in the **Devonshire Regiment** and was serving in France by April 1917. On a foggy morning in August 1918, he was sent out with one colleague to contact the battalion on their right flank. They encountered an enemy force and were able to capture the German soldiers. Lance-Corporal Onions marched about 200 enemy prisoners in columns of four back to his commanding officer. For his actions he was awarded the Victoria Cross. His colleague was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Private Onions applied to have his commission restored into the Rifle Brigade and this was granted. He left the armed forces a week later. Following the end of the War, Onions found life as a civilian difficult and in 1925 he was convicted of fraud but was dealt with leniently due to his military service.

In 1939 he took a commission as a Captain with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment but resigned in 1941.

At the age of 61 George Onions was killed in a motoring accident in 1944.

David Ashman

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1. 3 coloured potatoes
2. 3 white potatoes
3. 3 onions grown from sets or seeds
4. 3 carrots Trimmed and washed
5. 3 beetroot Trimmed and washed
6. 6 runner beans
7. Longest runner bean
8. Any squash or courgette
9. Peppers or chillies (2 of either variety)
10. Any vegetable not otherwise mentioned.
11. A comedy vegetable
12. 4 Tomatoes
13. 4 varieties of culinary herbs in a jar.
14. A collection of five different vegetables in a Standard veg box. (12" X 16")

Flowers (All locally grown)

Trophy to be presented



15. 3 Dahlias
16. A single Rose
17. A single stem, any flower.
18. 3 Hydrangea flower stems.
19. A vase of 9 mixed flowers (3 of each variety)
20. A pot plant. Just foliage or flowering.
21. A woodland arrangement (leaves, berries twigs etc)
22. An arrangement in an unusual container.
23. An arrangement of flowers in a teacup.
24. A standard flower arrangement.



Art and Craft

Classes open to all.



Gordon Daw memorial Trophy

Entries from persons under 16 judged separately

25. A woven, knitted or crocheted item
26. A needlework item
27. A Pencil sketch
28. A painting . Any subject, any medium.
29. A picture or card using paper/dried/pressed flowers
30. Any craft item not mentioned
31. A photo. Subject; ' Moody Dartmoor'
32. A short poem.

Children's Classes

Children 7 and under for the Tame cup.



33. Garden on a plate
34. A Happy Pizza
35. A lego Model
36. Pebble Art
37. 4 decorated cup cakes
38. A collage picture

Children 8 to 12 for the Hutchins cup

Home Produce

The Rose Bowl

39. A tasty fruit tart
40. A decorated Coronation Chocolate Cake
(1st place: special cash prize)
41. A Traditional Victoria sponge
42. A cheese and onion pasty.
43. A rustic brown loaf
44. 4 sausage rolls
45. A plate of 6 biscuits (2 varieties, 3 of each).
46. A Jar of marmalade (Any citrus fruit)
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Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369

Church contacts: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

Sunday Service

Dunstone - Informal service at 3pm in Dunstone Chapel every week and all are welcome.

Poundsgate - the next service will be on **Sunday 2nd July at 15.00.**

Dunstone Charity Lunches

These are held monthly on the second Wednesday in the month.

The next Charity Lunch at Dunstone Chapel will be held on

Wednesday 12th July from 12 noon until 3pm.

In aid of Ukraine, for those affected by the flooding of the Kakhovka dam.

After our May lunch we raised £50 for the work of Christian Aid

There will be soup, bread, sushi, savory dishes, salads and cakes. There is no set price but you are asked to make as generous a donation as possible for the charity we are collecting for.

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We are a small friendly group of 16 ladies based in Princetown, but many of our members live outside. We try to support the community whenever we can and are always open to ideas and suggestions in this area.

We meet on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** in **PRINCETOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE** at 7.30pm. Our meetings usually finish around 9 to 9.30pm. On the **SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** we hold a free tea, coffee and cakes slot. Donations gratefully received.

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July 4th A visit to Moorlands Farm with
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August 1st A visit to Over Tor rabbit
warren, led by Paul Rendell

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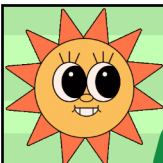
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Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



Annual Parish Meeting

This meeting was held at 7pm on the 23rd May, the Chair's report can be found on the website

https://www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk/data/uploads/986_1859547177.pdf

Extracts from the Council meeting on 23rd May 2023

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Cllr Gregg Manning was elected by members present to stand as Chair for the forthcoming year with Cllr Mark Williams elected as Vice Chair.

Co-option of new Councillors: Two local residents came forward at the meeting to introduce themselves, stating why they wished to join the Council. Council then agreed to co-opt Gary Easton and Hannah Wood as Members of Council.



Left to right: Clerk- Jackie Bennetts, Cllr Williams, Cllr Geen, Cllr Easton, Cllr Manning, Cllr Wood, Cllr Butterworth, Cllr Greatrex

Planning:

0195/23 at 1 Hessary View, PL20 6RA - Cllrs Greatrex and Williams reviewed the application, visited the site on the 18th May and submitted a report outlining concerns regarding the management of surface water. Council agreed to OBJECT to the application in light of this concern, but were in support of increasing the number of homes for local people.

23/0031 at Chaplains House, Tavistock Road, PL20 6RE Works to trees in a Conservation area. Council expressed concerns about the felling of mature trees but understood the need to remove diseased or dangerous trees.

23/0028 at 6, Grosvenor House, Barrack Road, PL20 6RQ Works to trees in a Conservation area. Council agreed to support the removal of the Leylandi.

Do you have what it takes to be a Parish Councillor?

We currently have one vacancy to be filled within the Princetown ward. Council is keen to fill this as soon as possible. If you are interested in representing the views of local people and having your say about issues people care about, please contact the Clerk for more information .

Date of next 'Tidy Princetown' session: 10am til 11am Sunday 2nd July 2023, all are welcome to join with the Councillors to help keep Princetown looking at its best, meet outside the Post Office, Princetown

Dates of next meetings: 27th June & 25th July 2023 7.30pm Princetown Community Centre

Agenda and Minutes: <https://www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings.php>

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What an exceptionally dry June, as I write this I have been providing some much needed sustenance to my plants, trying to keep them going and all with a watering can. The summer has started hot and dry, on the radio it was claimed that 13th June was the hottest ever recorded!! I will remind myself of this when we are sopping wet and stomping across the moor in the Autumn, what we would all give for some rain at the moment (or maybe it has already arrived, fingers crossed).



A quick apology for an error in the June edition of the Final Word, the Ultra Marathon was on the 3rd June not the 2nd, I'm sure those who entered had no such confusion, congratulations to you all, you did so well on such a very hot day!! I also forgot to mention Father's Day on the 18th June, though I am sure, like me you remembered and celebrated a special day.

We will be saying farewell to Geoffrey and Beth Fenton this month, they feature in many of our regular articles this month and we hope you are able to say your own goodbyes at one of the services being held on 23rd July ([pg 5](#)) or one of the many events they both attend. They will be greatly missed by all of us at the Link and many in our community too. A special thank you to Geoffrey for his huge amount of help to us when we were taking over editing Parish Link.

We have a couple of musical events at Widecombe Church this month ([pg 24](#) & [pg 25](#)), what a great venue for music and song and meet with friends old and new, we hope you are able to get along to one of these or if not check out the Dates for the Diary ([23](#)) for other events connecting our community.

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