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The Easter Lamb

If you've ever spent any of the big festivals in another country, you will have come across some fun or perhaps strange traditions unfamiliar to you - I once spent Easter in Greece which was a whole different experience. And if you, like me, move to a different country and import your own family traditions and mix them with the local ones, you end up with an interesting concoction of all sorts of things.



One such thing will be the Easter Lamb as the centre piece of the breakfast table on Easter Sunday. But don't be alarmed, it's not a real one. I won't be going round the moors trying to snatch a lamb and plonk it on my table. It's a cake in the shape of a lamb called Osterlamm (which literally means Easter Lamb)! And yes, we do have an extra lamb-shaped cake pan for it. And yes, you will need to cut up a cute lamb if you want to eat it. It's a popular Easter feature in Germany, Austria and other central European countries, and apart from just looking cute and tasting nice, it has a significant theological meaning.

The image of a lamb has long been used to represent Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for all of *our* mistakes and transgressions. In John 1:29 we hear John say about Jesus: *Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!* This image reminds us of the Passover sacrifice, one of the key Jewish festivals commemorating the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery. And the prophet Isaiah transforms that image from an animal sacrifice into God's suffering servant: *But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed* (Isaiah 53:5). Jesus was innocent and yet he freely gave his life for us, for you and me! There is nothing we can do that makes us worthy of that but it's God's grace and love for his world alone! Be reminded of that in your Lenten journey as you head towards Holy Week and Good Friday!

The Easter Lamb is a symbol of both sacrifice and resurrection. As we cut into the lamb we feel that pain of Good Friday, that sting of death, that darkness that covered Jerusalem in the hour of Jesus' death on the cross. And then we take a bite and taste the sweetness of the Easter morning, the sweetness of God's love for us and of Jesus' glorious resurrection from the dead and what that means to us, the sweetness of God's grace and peace, and of the life eternal that we have been given by and through this Easter lamb.

So why not add a new Easter one to your family traditions and bake an Easter Lamb cake yourself? Just use a normal cake tin and your imagination and creativity

Mix 150g butter, 130g sugar, a pinch of salt and 1tsp lemon zest into a creamy mix, then add 3 eggs one at a time and keep mixing the dough. Add 180g flour, 2 tsp baking powder and 2-3 tbsp lemon juice and mix everything. Bake at 180degrees for about 40min. Decorate as you wish and enjoy!

Jenny Weigel

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Buckland

26th January

Vida Pascoe

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Date	Time	Service
3rd March	15.00	Holy Communion
17th March	10.30	United Mission Community Service - Widecombe
31st March	15.00	Easter Communion

St. Peter's 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.

Any queries, please contact **Rt Revd Mark Rylands** (Team Rector) 01364 716309
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Easter

From 10.00am on Saturday 30th March the Church will be decorated with flowers – do come and help if you are able; flowers and/or foliage always welcome.

Buckland-in-the-Moor Whist

Buckland Community Hall

12.30pm Optional soup and a roll lunch
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Thursday 28th March

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St Peter's, Buckland Annual Church Meeting

Saturday 16th March @ 10.00am
 and will take place in the Village Hall.

This is a short public meeting to hear the state of Buckland's church, accounts, annual report etc.

The meeting will be followed by the opportunity to ask relevant questions

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Date	Time	Service
10th March	15.00	Moor & Messy Mothering Sunday at Newcombe Farm (tbc)
17th March	10.30	United Mission Community Service, Widecombe
24th March	17.00	Holy Communion
31st March	10.30	Easter Communion

I don't know about you, but I see the month of March as a month of promise. Most of the dark Winter months are behind us and Spring is in the air. The clocks go forward at the end of the month and the daffodils, primroses and other Spring flowers are taking over from the hardy snowdrops.

With Easter being early this year, the first three weeks of March are in the season of Lent. Lent is a time when Christians reflect on Jesus's forty days in the wilderness where he experienced extreme hunger and faced temptation before beginning his earthly ministry. Jesus dealt with these challenges through prayer and his knowledge of the Scriptures. During Lent, we are encouraged to spend time in prayer and reading the Bible, perhaps giving up other activities to make space to do this.

As we enter Holy Week towards the end of March, the focus moves to the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday Jesus was greeted by the crowds as if he were a king. In the days that followed and before his betrayal to the Jewish authorities by one of his closest friends, Jesus taught his disciples that his Kingdom is not based on imposed power and authority like that of the Romans, but on love and service to others.

The climax is reached in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was abandoned by his disciples, arrested, and later sentenced to death on the cross. Just when everything appeared hopeless with Jesus dead and entombed, the grief and fear his disciples were suffering suddenly turned to joy, when the risen Jesus appeared to them. In the days following his resurrection, Jesus continued to teach his followers and promised them that he would always be with them.

March is a month of promise, not just of better weather, but each Easter Sunday reminds us of Jesus's promise of his continued presence with us, and a better life, full of joy and celebration to come.

Happy Easter!
Gillian

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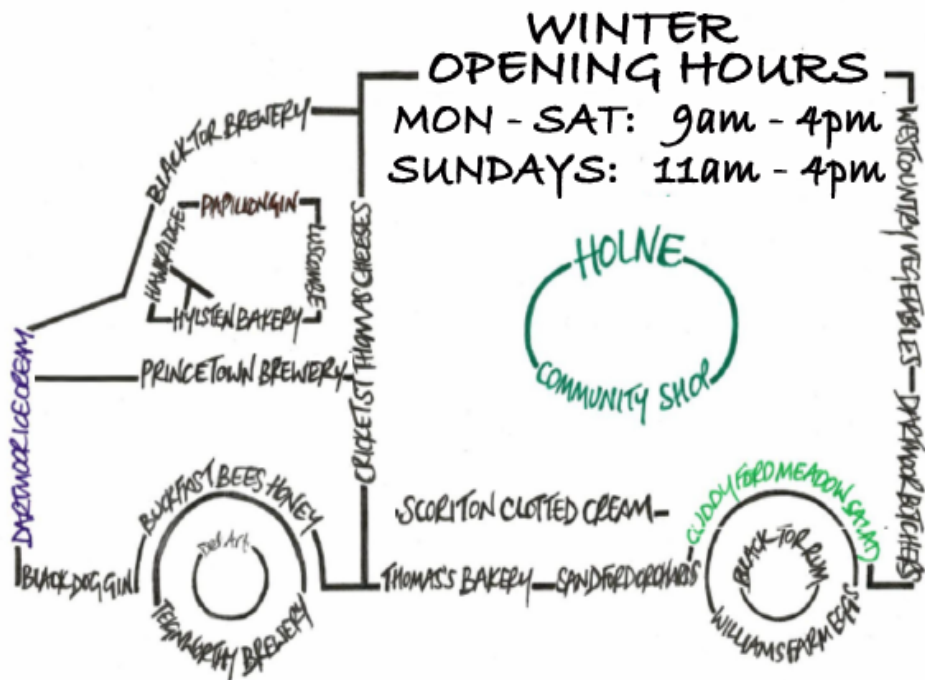
As well as her Yoga classes on Wednesdays at 7pm, Emma is offering a class on alternate Friday mornings.

These are for anyone who may find the Yoga poses challenging and would like a different approach.

The class would consist of gentle stretching and joint movements to encourage fitness without strain. They can be done on the mat or sitting on a chair.

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Mothering Sunday – 10th March

For Christians, the world's most famous mother must be Mary, the mother of Jesus, while for Jews there is the choice between Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel and then, of course, there is your own mother! In the UK, and many countries around the world, we celebrate our Mother Church, by giving thanks to God for his gift, and our parental mothers on the fourth Sunday of Lent. This dates from a 16th Century tradition when people were given a day off work to travel home to attend a service at their Mother Church.



This naturally developed into visiting parental mothers at the same time. By the 17th Century the tradition had evolved of taking your mother a gift of a Simnel cake that would be eaten on Easter Sunday. Toasted 'eggs' around the edge of the marzipan covered fruit cake represent the 11 disciples of Jesus – Judas is not included because it is an 'Easter Sunday' cake.

Holy Week 2024 – 24th March to 31st March

Holy Week is the seven days that lead up to Easter Day which starts after sunset on Easter Saturday. All churches have their own traditions of worship during Holy Week. This year in our Benefice we can guide you towards:

On-line Zoom sessions will be held between 8pm to 8.45pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

On Maundy Thursday, (28th), there will be a special communion and vigil service at St Andrew's Ashburton at 6.30pm. Jesus declared, *'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,' John:6; 35.*

Bread is one of the three staple foods. It dates back to Biblical times and there is extensive evidence of it being made and consumed in Egypt some 10,000 years ago.

On Good Friday, (29th), there will be a reflection on the afternoon at St. Mary's, Holne.

Further information of the activities and services referred to above are detailed in this magazine.

Daffodil Appeal 2024 – March 1st to 31st

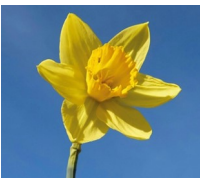
The Daffodil Appeal encourages people to donate and wear a daffodil in March to support the Marie Curie charity so it can help people and their families with any terminal illness.

Some may know I have been involved with dementia awareness and charities for a number of years. Hence I personally highlight that Marie Curie cares for people with any illness they are likely to die from including forms of dementia, Parkinson's, heart, liver, kidney and lung disease, motor neurone disease, and cancer.

Marie Curie provides direct care to more than 44,200 people across the UK via its nine hospices and through overnight nursing care in people's own homes.

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St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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Date	Time	Service
3rd March	16.00	Evening Prayer
10th March	12.00	Parish Communion
17th March	10.30	United Mission Community Service, Widecombe
24th March	12.00	Parish Communion
31st March	12.00	Parish Communion

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Leusdon Memorial Hall

We held a Coffee Morning on 7th February it was well supported and overall we raised £145.00 for hall funds. Our next **Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 6th March 2024 10.00am -12.00 noon. Hopefully we will welcome our Community support officer who would be happy to discuss any concerns you might have**, it would be good to see you there.

There will be the usual Whist at Leusdon on **Monday 11th March** with the lunch at 1.00pm followed by whist at 2.00pm. These two activities are now making a considerable contribution to the Hall's running cost and the support for them is greatly appreciated.

We held a committee meeting at the Hall on Thursday 18th January. Many topics were discussed and approved. We now intend to carry out a series of improvements and repairs which will enhance the Hall's comfort and ambiance. This will include more disabled parking at the rear of the Hall and repairs to the fabric of the building as well as to the two storage areas. New lighting will be installed to light the path to the front entrance. A new microwave has been purchased for the kitchen which is enhancing its facilities. We have also decided to now include electricity and heating in the hire charge which will mean from the 1st May the charge will £11.00 per hour inclusive with the usual discount for regular users. We are very grateful for comments we have received concerning the cleanliness of the Hall which are much appreciated. We have a further committee meeting on Thursday 22nd February at 7.30pm so more information will be forthcoming in next month's Parish Link.

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Unfortunately Kathryn Massey has decided to stand down from the Committee as secretary from our next AGM. I would like to thank Kathryn for her hard work since she joined us.

Kathryn has carried this out with great professionalism and patience and I have found her support invaluable. Fortunately she has agreed to continue helping with events at the Hall.

This will lead to a vacancy which must be filled. There are many different ways of doing this and I would like to discuss various options and ideas of anyone who would be interested in completing this role both by being a committee member or otherwise. (Several organisations within our community have secretarial support from people outside of the committee)

Should you wish to book the Hall, it is available for hire at **£11.00 per hour**, there are special rates for regular users. Further details can be obtained by contacting our Booking Secretary: Amanda Routley on **01364 631432** or email: leusdonmemorialhall@yahoo.com

Tables at the Coffee Morning can be booked for £5 per table per session, please either book these by using the details above or coming to see us at the coffee morning.

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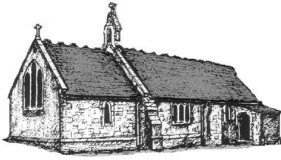
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Date	Time	Service
10th March	16.00	Mothering Sunday service
17th March	10.30	United Mission Community Service, Widecombe
31st March	09.00	Easter Communion

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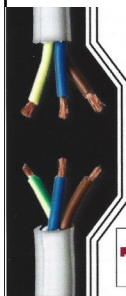
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A new feature that we thought we'd try as we had an unexpected page, a word search above and a Sudoku alongside, we will publish the Sudoku answer in the April edition

Enjoy!

Church Services for March 2024

3rd March

Lent 3

Purple

Readings - Exodus 20.1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22

Widcombe	10.30	Family Service	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
Leusdon	16.00	Evening Prayer	Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10.30	Family Service
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion

10th March

Lent 4/Mothering Sunday

Purple

Readings - Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-end, Psalm 34.11-20 or 127.1-4, 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27

Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ilington	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Postbridge	16.00	Mothering Sunday	Ilington	10.30	Family Service
			Holne	15.00	Moor & Messy Church, Newcombe Farm (tbc)

17th 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

Widcombe	10.30	United Mission Community Service
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24th March

Palm Sunday

Red

Readings - Mark 11.1-11 or John 12.12-16, Psalm 118.1-2, 19-24

Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion, plus Donkey procession
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ilington	10.30	Morning Praise +donkey
			Holne	17.00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	19.00	Moor Worship

28th March

Maundy Thursday

Ashburton	19.00	Maundy Thursday service
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31st March

Easter Day

Gold or White

Readings - Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 25.6-9, Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 or Acts 10.34-43, John 20.1-18 or Mark 16.1-8

Postbridge	09.00	Easter Communion	Bickington	09.00	Easter Communion
Widcombe	10.30	Easter Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Easter Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ilington	10.30	Easter Communion
			Holne	10.30	Easter Communion
			Buckland	15.00	Easter Communion

Holy Communion

Midweek & At Home

There is a service of
Holy Communion every Wednesday
at 10.30
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 You will be most welcome!



Communion at home
 If you would like to receive Home
 Communion please contact Mark
 (see page 2 for contact details)



Dates for the Diary

March 2024		Page	March 2024		Page
1st	Holne Soup & Cheese Lunch	11	13th	Dunstone Charity Lunch	33
4th	Postbridge Coffee Morning	19	14th	Widcombe Social Group	27
5th	Princetown History Group	35	16th	Buckland Church Annual Mtg	7
5th	Holne Whist	11	18th	Postbridge Mini-Market	19
6th	Leusdon Coffee Morning	15	23rd	Bickington Craft Fair	38
6th	Widcombe History Group	29	28th	Buckland Whist	7
7th	Widcombe PC	25	Forthcoming Events - April		
9th	Bickington Community Lunch	38	5th	Bickington Pie & Mash night	38
10th	Parish Link Deadline		6th	Holne Table Top Sale	8
11th	Leusdon Whist	15			

Rainfall in January 2024

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	174.7mm (6.9")	16	1st 46.4mm (1.8") 2nd 18.4mm (0.7")
	(January 2023 - 307.3mm (12.1"))		
Holne	235.0mm (9.25")		1st 78.5 (3.1")





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sheep.**



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St Pancras, Widcombe-in-the-Moor

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details or
<https://ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/widcombe-1>

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
3rd Mar	10.30	Dawn	Rose McAffee	None (Lent)
10th Mar	10.30	Judy	Judy	None (Lent)
17th Mar	10.30	Clare	Team Lunch	None (Lent)
24th Mar	10.30	Ronnie	Dawn	None (Lent)
31st Mar	10.30	Penny	Penny and Jenny	All help on Sat 30th 9.30am -please

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Monday 1st April Service has moved to Tuesday 2nd April, same time same place



Widcombe	10.00 - 11.30	Green Car Park, next to Café On the Green
Postbridge	12.30 - 14.00	Top of Dartmoor National Park visitors Car Park
Walkhampton	15.00 - 17.00	Village Hall, Main Car Park

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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 two bedrooms (2) at an affordable rent (3) in Widcombe – please cover all three points.

WIDECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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 contact the clerk for an application form: suzanna.hughes21@gmail.com or Suzanna Hughes, 16 Westwood Cleave, Ogwell, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6YE. Applications should be submitted by **25th March 2024** for consideration in April's Parish Council meeting.

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.



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Tue 9:15am - 3pm

Wed 9:15am - 12:45pm

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Info@widcombepreschool.org.uk
(01364) 621273

'Our children have both thrived at Widecombe exploring the various outside spaces and taking adventure walks around the local fields'

Widcombe & District Social

Thursday 14th March
at the Church House at 7.30 pm

Gwenevere: a short film by Philip and Sarah Reeve, starring Laura Frances Martin, Joanna Neary, Jonny Hibbs, and Tessa Arrowsmith-Brown, with music by Brian Mitchell. Filmed at Great Houndtor Farm in Manaton, Bonehill Rocks, and various other Dartmoor locations.

Banished from Camelot, Queen Gwenevere and her companions must travel to the abbey where she is to live out her remaining years. But magic lingers in the wild country they must cross, and their journey is interrupted by the sinister Knight of the Wild Woods...

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Alternatively membership forms can be found in the noticeboard by the court.

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

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More music in St Pancras

On Saturday February 10th we had another music concert in St Pancras Widcombe to raise money for the organ replacement project. Despite the foul weather 140 people came along and enjoyed a varied programme of music arranged for four saxophones played by the Ferio Quartet. This included music by Handel, Elgar, Gershwin and Bernstein.

Michael Brown arranged the concert, and he reports that the audience went away happy. "I have had a barrage of emails from people enthusing about the music. Many of them had never heard saxophone playing like it, and it was a bit of a revelation! If I'm honest I did wonder slightly how we would get on arranging a concert in February in the dark, but as it turned out we had lots of support, and that along with some generous sponsors and good sales on the bar (!) enabled us to make a profit of just over £1500, which is very pleasing."

The next concert in St Pancras is already booked, on **Saturday May 25th, 6pm**. This will be a piano recital by an award winning pianist, Iwan Llewelyn-Jones, and will include music by Beethoven, Debussy, Ravel, Gershwin, Schubert and Chopin. Make a note in your diary, and if you would like to reserve a good seat you can already do so: email mikebrown007@hotmail.com. No payment is required yet.

Getting in the mood for chocolate, let's see how bright these cheery eggs can be....!



“School Milk”



For those of us of a “certain age” the provision of a free bottle of milk (1/3rd of a pint) at morning break time at school was a considerable help to our development in the years following the end of the Second World War when the rationing of food and shortages were experienced.

In August 1946 school milk became available to all young people under the age of 18.

It soon became normal for the milk to be delivered to school in crates, initially in bottles with a wide top lip and a waxed cardboard lid. There was an indentation in the centre of the lid for pushing a straw through. Sometimes the lids were reused afterwards to make “useful” items such as pompoms and other stringed decorations.

Later the bottles and tops were changed, and the foil lid was introduced. Saving the foil lids became popular, and the saved material was reprocessed. The monies raised was donated to charity notably “Guide Dogs for the Blind”. (Founded in 1934)

At school the position of “Milk Monitor”, the child who laid out the bottles and straws, and who normally got the first drink, was a much-prized appointment. At some schools they were required to make the necessary hole in the bottle lid and to insert the straw!

However, in 1968 Edward Short the Secretary for Education withdrew the provision of free milk from Secondary Schools, followed in 1971 by Margaret Thatcher stopping free milk for children over seven years of age. Today I believe free milk is only available to preschool children

David Ashman



The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association



More and more someone seems to be waking up to the value of the countryside as a place of education and learning. Some of us have been saying it for a long. The National Park has been saying it for a long time. Truth is the church has, or should, have been saying it for a long time, as the Scriptures have so many illustrations of it from the Psalms to the gospels.

This winter The Shallowford Trust has been the beneficiary of some government grant funding, siphoned down via a body called UK Youth, and this has enabled a number of different youth groups to spend a couple of nights residential at East Shallowford, or day visits with an active outdoor and farming programme.

We have a had car-load of teenage girls from south London, a youth group from Ashburton, a church group from Exmouth, several school groups from Bristol, Torbay and Plympton, and of course a group of young people from Providence House, Battersea. This group includes a leader who first came herself as a schoolgirl to East



Exploring the West Webburn

Shallowford, in the 80s and has been followed by two more generations of her own family. The party also includes a volunteer who began his Dartmoor experience from London as a toddler over twenty years ago. I suppose that echoes what we note above, that some of us have been saying for a long time the value of the countryside as a place of education and learning.



Protecting our flock, 'Dip boots here please'

These groups have of course tasted Dartmoor in all its guises, sparkling sunshine, and clear moon frosty nights, and iced up roads to navigate with care. Days when the panorama of the hills seemed to stretch further and further, and days when Corndon seemed more in the imagination beyond the mist than a real hill; and today when the rain looks set to stay all day.

This group of seven young people, more than half of whom are first time visitors to the moor, have made acquaintance with the West Webburn river, walked in a night circle over Rowden Ball

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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

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

Poundsgate - On **Sunday 3rd March at 3pm** led by Revd. Kevin Hooke, in conversation with Jenny Weigel, curate in the Moorland Mission Community.

Dunstone Charity Lunches

The next lunch will be on **Wednesday 13th March from 12 noon until 3pm.**

This month's lunch is in aid of **Shekinah**, a charity providing opportunities for those seeking recovery from homelessness.

There will be soup, bread, sushi, savory dishes, salads and cakes.

There is no set price, you are asked to make as generous a donation as possible for the charity we are collecting for.

Thank you to all those who came to the February Dunstone lunch in aid of the **British Heart Foundation**. Through your generosity we raised £126.00 and £32.00 for the Chapel, this is very much appreciated.

Please support our lunch to make it worthwhile putting it on.



Easter Morning, Sunday 31st March 7am Sun Rise Service

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They have fed pigs and poultry twice a day, walked across the fields to Broadaford to round up the sheep, or be rounded up by the sheep; and believe it or not they have taken sound equipment with them. They are going to record sounds of animals, sounds of the night, sounds of nature, and back in London create a soundscape – if you know what one of those is. We look forward to hearing it.

It is not, of course, an old country secret, the value of the countryside as a place of education and learning; but perhaps we too should not be taking it for granted.

Robert Musgrave



With the pigs at East Shallowford



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April 2nd A talk by Peter Brinsden on The Pre-history of Malta

For further information, please contact:

Mr John Lissenden

phone 01752 47573

email jlissenden@talktalk.net

Mr Bill Radcliffe

email bill.radcliffe2@btopenworld.com

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High Moorland Women's Institute Prinetown

We are a small friendly group of 16 ladies based in Prinetown, 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.

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Cyber scams - advice to stay safe.....

We wanted to bring to your attention an increase in incidents in our society that requires everyone to be extra vigilant. We are referring of course to cyber-scams.

There are currently various scams circulating by email, and we want to ensure our community is safe, informed, and able to protect itself. Below is a short guide we've put together to help keep you as safe as possible when dealing with potential online criminality.

The first point to make is that the Right Rev Mark Rylands, the Team Rector, and indeed any of our clergy team will NEVER ask you for financial assistance via email.

Approach with caution!

Please be very cautious when receiving unexpected emails, especially those requesting financial transactions or personal information. Check for grammar or spelling errors, verify sender email addresses (if you click on the name, the email address should appear. If it looks in any way unusual or unfamiliar be extra cautious). Next, avoid clicking on unfamiliar links, and double-check requests for personal or financial information. If in doubt, contact the alleged sender through a trusted method (for example, by telephone) to confirm the legitimacy of the email.

But what if it looks legitimate?

Even if an email looks legitimate, be wary of urgent or unexpected requests for sensitive information. Verify such requests independently through official channels, like your Churchwarden or the Team Administrator, or, if it's a company, do it directly by checking your account on their official website rather than clicking on links in the email. Legitimate organisations usually won't ask for sensitive information via email.

Look for personalisation:

Legitimate emails often include personal details or information that only you and the sender would know. Be cautious if the email seems generic.

Why should I be suspicious of email asking for vouchers?

Requests for vouchers in emails, especially unexpected ones, are often a red flag for scams. Scammers use this tactic to trick individuals into providing codes that can be easily redeemed or sold. Legitimate entities typically don't request sensitive information or payments through vouchers via email. Always independently verify such requests before taking any action.

It feels urgent!

Beware of urgent or threatening language: Scammers often create a sense of urgency or use coercion and manipulate recipients. If an email conveys a pressing matter, independently verify it before taking any action.

We understand this is a lot to remember, so to summarise:

- ⇒ Always check the sender's email address – don't just rely on the name that appears.
- ⇒ Watch for mistakes; spelling and grammar.
- ⇒ Be cautious if the email seems generic.
- ⇒ Don't click on a link unless you're 100% sure it's safe.
- ⇒ Protect your information – don't share personal or financial details.
- ⇒ No rush, no stress: Scammers use urgency to trick people – it's okay to ask someone you trust.

Remember, it's always better to be cautious than regretful. If you have doubts about an email's legitimacy, take a moment to verify its authenticity through reliable means.

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Events and activities organised by **Bickington Goodwill Community CIC**

We have a weekly **Community Cuppa every Thursday** in Bickington Village Hall where a small group of people enjoy tea / coffee, biscuits and cake, chat and a few bring along crafts mainly knitting. This month, as the mobile library service is ending, we have started to have a selection of books for all genres. A donation is always welcome to help with the rent of the hall .

Our next **Community Lunch Club is Saturday March 9th** where you can enjoy a 3-course homemade lunch with mains including vegetarian and GF options and a choice of puddings. The event is 'pay what you can' and one of this month's charities is Aura Dogs UK, last month we donated £215 to the British Heart Foundation, thank you to people's support. The lunch brings the community together and not just the village, we have guests from Plymouth and Dartmouth, we welcome everyone.

We have an **Easter Craft Fair on March 23rd** full of unique handmade items, entry is free and light refreshments are available, our delicious Bacon rolls are always very popular and not to be missed On **Friday April 5th at 7pm** we are hosting another Pie & Mash night with live entertainment and a bar, tickets are only £10 and we expect the evening to be lots of fun.

Goodwill Community Holdings CIC are setting up a small free library in a telephone box @ Granny Pats tiny farm shop and nursery on the old A38 and in April / May a Community fridge will be added to help reduce food waste as well as benefit the Community. The Community Allotments site @Granny Pats is developing well and will host an **Action Climate Teignbridge (ACT) event in June**, a tour, talk and cream tea for donations only.

We are delighted to be part of a thriving village community that is so welcoming to people from all areas and walks of life. All those who use the hall help to support the Bickington Village Hall Trust to keep this lovely Grade 2 listed building alive and useful to many people. We are able to hold these events thanks to our lovely team of volunteers and supporters and we are so very grateful to them.

Michael

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Easter Simnel Cake



Ingredients

250g mixed dried fruit (a mixture of sultanas, currants, raisins and candied mixed peel)

1 orange, zested and juiced

500g pack marzipan

250g pack butter, softened

200g light brown soft sugar

4 eggs, plus 1 beaten to glaze

175g plain flour

100g ground almonds

1 tsp baking powder

1 lemon, zested

2 tsp mixed spice

1 tsp vanilla extract

100g glacé cherries, halved

3 tbsp apricot jam

STEP 1

Put the mixed dried fruit in a bowl with the orange juice and zest and 2 tbsp water. Cover and microwave for 2 mins, then leave to cool completely. Alternatively, heat gently in a pan, stirring now and then until the liquid has been absorbed and leave to cool.

STEP 2

Heat oven to 150C/130C fan/gas 2. Roll out a third of the marzipan and use the base of a deep 20cm cake tin as a template to cut out a circle. Wrap any offcuts and the remaining two-thirds of marzipan and set aside for later. Butter and line the cake tin with a double layer

of parchment. Beat the butter and sugar together until creamy. Add the eggs, flour, almonds, baking powder, lemon zest, mixed spice and vanilla (all in one go) and mix until well combined. Mix in the cooled soaked dried fruit and fold in the cherries.

STEP 3

Scrape half the cake mixture into the tin. Top with the disc of marzipan, then the remaining cake mixture, and level the top with a spatula. Bake for 2 hrs. Check it's cooked by inserting a skewer to the centre of the cake, if any wet mixture clings to the skewer, return to the oven for another 10 mins, then check again. Cool in the tin for 15 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack and leave to cool completely.

STEP 4

Brush the top of the cake with apricot jam. Roll out half of the remaining marzipan and use the base of the cake as a template to cut out another disc. Place it on top of the cake and crimp the edges, if you like. Roll the remaining marzipan into 11 equal-sized balls for the apostles. Brush the marzipan with beaten egg and arrange the apostles in a circle on top around the outside, and brush them with a little egg too. Put under a hot grill for a minute or two until just starting to caramelize – be very careful as the marzipan will burn easily. Leave to cool and wrap a ribbon around the cake, if you like. This cake will keep for up to a week in a sealed tin, if it lasts that long.....

Business Directory

In each issue of the Parish Link we promote businesses across the Parish and surrounding area, these businesses support us and enable us to publish this magazine for the local community. If you are looking for a great local business then look below. Next to each business is the page where they appear in this issue. If you call them, please let them know you found them in the Parish Link.

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Springtime is within touching distance, the snowdrops and primrose are in flower and the daffodils and tulips are almost there. Who doesn't enjoy this time of year, the birdsong has started, lambing will be in full swing by the time this edition of the link is sat on kitchen tables. We have a busy March with Mothering Sunday and Easter too and for those who have the time, a recipe for Simnel Cake ([pg 40](#)) or Easter Cake ([pg 3](#)) and a new puzzle page ([pg 21](#)), let us know what you think.

We are pleased to welcome Buckland this month ([pg 7](#)) look out for future events. We also have a few additional events this month, a Table Top Sale in Holne ([pg 8](#)) and a Craft Fair in Bickington ([pg 38](#)). The Widecombe Social returns with a film ([pg 27](#)) and Bickington are holding another Pie and Mash night ([pg 38](#)). The regular events continue, one of my favourites is Widecombe History Group and a talk on Stover Country Park this month ([pg 29](#)). We have articles from East Shallowford ([pg 32](#)) and David Ashman this month ([pg 31](#)), I particularly enjoyed the article on Milk, I can remember drinking a 1/3 pint of milk and being grateful for a straw so I didn't have to drink the thick cream on top! Please do get yourself along to one or more of the events, great to meet up with people and support these community events.

Don't forget that due to the Bank Holiday Monday at Easter the Mobile Post Office will be on Tuesday 2nd April ([pg 25](#)) and I am sure we will all remember the clocks spring forward on the Easter weekend, darker mornings for a time but longer days have arrived!!

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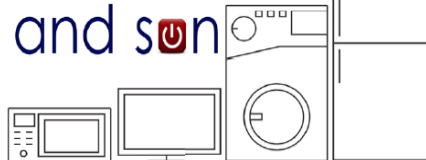
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