

# PARISH NEWS

The magazine for  
Burlescombe & Westleigh  
Hockworthy  
Holcombe Rogus



AUGUST 2020

# Ayshford Chapel

Little chapel by the water  
Where the mirror shows the sky  
And the willow dips her fingers  
As the foraging ducks swim by  
Little chapel are you dreaming  
Of the feet that trod your floors?  
Of the voices raised in singing?  
Of the souls that went before?  
Little chapel by the water  
Warmed by sunlight slumber deep  
While the mortal creatures round you  
Laugh and live, and die and weep

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## Editor's Note

So, lockdown is easing, but does it feel any different? We're still socially distancing when we meet neighbours; still gracefully sidestepping on-coming pedestrians in Wellington and Tiverton; still trying (mostly unsuccessfully) to book deliveries from the supermarkets. But our small local outlets are still providing us with most of what we need and as far as bread, milk, butter, fresh fruit, veg and meat are concerned, rather better quality than the big suppliers. Fenton Farm Deli, Buscombe Dairy, G & B Butchers, the Spar shop at Sampford, Halberton Farm, the Beambridge Inn shop - all are continuing to provide for our needs. Personally, I haven't felt the need to rush back to the shops - who needs new clothes?! I must say that it's pleasant to be able to meet friends at the pub of an evening, with plenty of space in the garden to enjoy a chat and watch the swallows swooping overhead.

This is the last issue of the Parish News that will be published on-line. Our splendid distributors are ready and willing to return to local deliveries, so a full print run has been arranged, which will be delivered to subscribers as normal in pre-pandemic times. If you have been reading on-line for the last three months, and would now like to subscribe to a printed copy, please contact Jayne Neale, our Treasurer (details on page 71). The cost at present is £6 per annum, just 50p an issue. Those readers who have already paid their subscriptions for 2020 will be credited for the four issues that we have been distributing free, so renewals will not take place until spring 2021. We are looking for a volunteer distributor in Burlescombe to cover the residences between the church and the Ayshford Arms. If you're interested, please contact Rita Bunyard (details on page 71).

We're all looking forward to the time when the Parish News contains information on events in our four villages - the fact that our churches are opening up again is a good sign.

Keep safe and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sally

*Cover pic: This is my garden! SB*

**LATEST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH NEWS**  
**The 10th of the preceding month**

## BURLESCOMBE & WESTLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Dates for your diary:

There is no full council meeting in August.

### Planning

#### New Applications:

**20/00817/FULL** Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 11/02011/MFUL to allow substitute plans. Location: Land at NGR 305046 114004 (Jersey Farm) Sampford Peverell Devon. *BPC had no objections.*

**20/00875/CAT** Notification of intention to fell 1 Fir tree within a Conservation Area Location: 1 Ayshford Court Cottages Westleigh Tiverton. *BPC had no objections.*

#### MDDC Decisions:

20/00558/PNCOU Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to 2 dwellings under Class Q Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 305225 113378 Moorhayes Farm Uffculme Devon. ***Refused***

Things continue to be fairly quiet but rest assured we are working hard behind the scenes.

Please do get in touch if you feel I can help you in any way.

Sue Jarvis  
Clerk to Burlescombe Parish Council

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## **ST MARY'S BURLESCOMBE**

**Holy Communion (said)**

will be celebrated at St Mary's on

**Sunday 23rd August at 9.30am.**

This will be the first of regular monthly services on the **4th Sunday of each month** until further notice

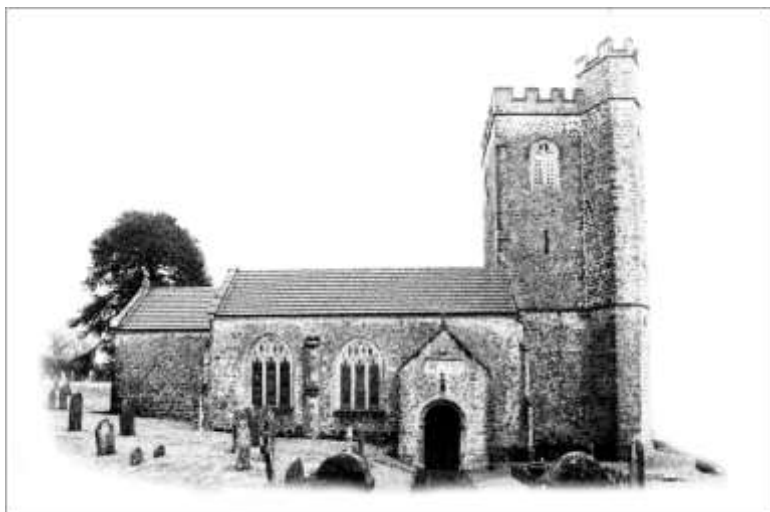
### **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

(the church's AGM)

will be held in church on

**Thursday 15th October at 7pm**

**ALL WELCOME**



## Westleigh United Reformed Church

Discussions are on going regarding opening the church but no date set as yet

### **BURLESCOMBE & WESTLEIGH COMMUNITY HALL**

Things are very slowly but surely beginning to emerge from the lockdown although in a very different form from what we were used to. At the hall we are beginning to consider ways in which we will be able to reopen although at the time of writing we have no date to offer.

As things stand at the moment gatherings of no more than 30 people are permitted which will greatly restrict hall use. Hygiene considerations such as kitchen use, hand wash stations and one in, one out toilet rules with social distancing together with deep cleans after each and every use make it difficult to envisage a way in which we can operate in any viable way. We have been in contact with other halls in the area and everyone seems to be of the same mind as we are.

Together with Ian and Lin we are doing our best to keep the hall in good order so that when we are finally able to welcome back all of our lovely community we will be in our usual excellent shape - if not better!

Until then I wish everyone continued safe and healthy wellbeing.

Cliff Taylor  
Chairman



## BURLESCOMBE PRODUCE MARKET

Another monthly newsletter with no definite news regarding our return I'm afraid! You can be sure we have considered all options in trying to return as soon as possible but we are waiting on the community hall to reopen - an outdoor market would present too many problems with parking, one way systems and facilities.

However the good news is you can still get hold of a really good range of produce from our regular sellers via our Facebook page where there are regular posts. For example Mole End Plants regularly provide a list of available plants and happily deliver, Jennie's Farmhouse Cakes have no shortage of orders from market shoppers and she delivers as and when she has orders - her fudge tart is well worth a try! Our very own Buscombe Dairy in the village continues to do a roaring trade with their raw milk and all their extra goodies. At the moment the dairy is stocking produce from our regular sellers such as eggs from Appledore, apple juice from Redhill Farm, and also a new line of ice cream and fudge and honeycomb from another village resident, Crosses Food.

We are really hopeful that as soon as we are able we will be back in the hall and all these fabulous local producers will be there supporting us in supporting them. If you are having to self isolate/shield do please ask our sellers what they can do to help with delivery as most seem only too happy to do what they can. So many of these small businesses have never needed our support more than they do now.

Shop local and stay  
safe everyone.

Emily Pearson



## WALKING GROUP

The coronavirus situation is still very fluid. I will contact group members before walks as restrictions change. In the meantime keep safe and well and dream of better things to come.



Potential dates for the rest of 2020 are as follows:

August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	7.00pm
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	2.00pm
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	2.00pm

## WALK AND ANNUAL LUNCH

January 17 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Sunday	<b>12.00</b>
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Three intrepid walkers (plus photographer) pause for a break - but where are they?

Answer next month.



## WESTLEIGH WEATHER REPORT

JUNE 2020

The monthly rainfall was 120.1 mm/4.7 ins

This was 191% of the ten year average of 63 mm/2.5 ins

The maximum 24 hr rainfall was 30.3 mm/1.2 ins. On 18/6/20

There were 11 days without rainfall

### Temperature Averages:

Historical average: High: 17.4°C/63°F

Low: 9.5°C/49°F

Actual average: High: 20.5°C/69°F

Low: 11.3°C/52°F

### June rainfall in previous years was:

2019 92mm/3.6 ins

2018 7mm/0.3 ins

2017 50mm/2.0 ins

2016 64mm/2.5 ins

2015 26mm/1.0 ins

### Temperature

#### Maximum

Day: 30.9°C/88°F on 25/6/20

Night: 15.3°C/59°F on 25/6/20

#### Minimum

15.3°C/59°F on 3/6/20

5.6°C/42°F on 5/6/20

### Wind

Maximum Gust---27 mph Force 6 – Strong Breeze at 4.25 p.m.on 29/6/20

Excess rain this month !!

Report compiled by Peter Bostock



**Access the help  
you can get,  
don't rely  
on debt**

If you would like to  
have a chat to find out  
if we can help, please call

**01884 234387**

The Mid Devon  
Covid19 Support Fund  
can provide small  
emergency payments  
to help with basic  
necessities such as food,  
household essentials,  
electricity and gas, etc.

Our support advice is free,  
impartial and confidential.

# THE BURLESCOMBE AND WESTLEIGH HISTORY GROUP



I have been pondering the future of the History Group and, I must say, things do not look too bad. We meet in the URC Hall, which is of a good size to allow plenty of distance between ourselves and to allow the speaker to sit/stand several metres away from the audience. Masks could, of course, be worn but I do rather enjoy seeing the smiles on people's faces. We may have to forgo the cup of tea at the end of the meeting, which will be a great shame, as I always feel it wraps the evening up perfectly, as well as allowing time to chat to the speaker and each other – plus I always enjoy a chocolate biscuit and that will definitely have to go. Fingers crossed, then, that come the autumn, we may be able to return to the URC Hall on a Wednesday evening and life will begin to feel a little more normal.

Here are the answers to last month's quiz.

- 1, Queen Victoria's children were (in order) Victoria, Edward, Alice, Alfred, Helena, Louise, Arthur, Leopold and Beatrice.
- 2, The family of Robert Louis Stevenson was famous for building lighthouses
- 3, The sections of a suit of armour: Gorget – neck, Greaves – leg, Poleyn – knee, Epaulieres – shoulders, Couter – elbow, Cuisse – thigh and Sabaton – feet
4. The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World were – The Pyramid of Giza (the only one still in existence), The Colossus of Rhodes, The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, The Lighthouse at Alexandria, The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, The Statue of Zeus at Olympia and The Temple of Artemis.

So far, we have cancelled the meetings up to, and including, August but we still hope to be able to meet in September for the talk on "Devon and the Transatlantic Slave Trade" by Jamie Byron. Rather an apt topic at the moment.

I sincerely hope to see you then and let's hope we may have a few new members. Until then keep yourselves very safe.

If you would like any more information please call me on 01823 672675 or email [higginsrcl@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:higginsrcl@yahoo.co.uk).

Robert Higgins

*2020 Programme – unless stated, all meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in the U.R.C Hall, Westleigh*

23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020	Jamie Byron	Devon and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Open Forum	Us in the 1960s
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	John Young	Edward Taylor - Anthropologist

### **A SHAMEFUL EPISODE**

It was 1948. I was well into my first year at Grammar School

The Head was very keen on the performance of plays and for a week in the summer term each form in the school was required to produce and perform a play on stage in the hall before their peers.

For reasons I know not, it was decided in 1948 that 3A, my class, would do a short play IN FRENCH. It was with alarm that I learned that I was to take part since my French accent was thought one of the better ones in the class. I was horrified by the suggestion and during the first tranche of rehearsals found myself continually thinking how I could avoid this fate. At last the solution came to me.

One morning I complained to my mother that I was feeling unwell. What the symptoms were I cannot remember but I must have put on a convincing show. To bed I went and there I stayed for, I imagine, a couple of weeks with parents and doctor baffled. Eventually I was deemed fit to return to school. Oh joy! O rapture! My ruse had been totally successful. During my presumed sick leave my place in the cast had been allocated to another pupil and it was decided that, as he had attended all the rehearsals, it would be easier all round if he retained his place, so I became a member of the audience.

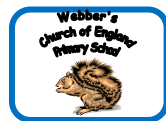
Whether my parents believed in my illness I do not know. Perhaps they connived in my subterfuge. If so, I salute them.

PW



## THE VALLEY PARTNERSHIP

**The Federation between Webber's and  
Burlescombe Church of England Primary Schools**



Dear Readers,

I do hope you are all still keeping well. It has been the strangest end of term for our children, parents and staff, with some in school and some not and most of our usual events unable to go ahead. We have however, managed to have our special services, albeit in our bubbles, and some relaxing activities as we wind down the term.

I am really proud of the children and parents the way that they have worked together to support our efforts to keep everyone safe. I know it has been hard as transition arrangements have been severely affected by the need to keep bubbles discrete. However, the staff planned a lot about 'moving on and moving up' to support the children. We are hoping to have a reunion event of some description in the Autumn term for our leavers. In the meantime, we send our very best wishes to all our leavers and their families. Please keep in touch with us!

From the most recent Government and local authority communications, our September classroom organisation with desks spread out will look very similar, just with more children. We will be back to uniform and have a very intense focus on mental health and well being as well as a catch-up plan for our children's academic education, so it will be busy as always. Sadly, at the moment, I think we might not be able to have collective worship, lunch and breaktimes together, but on the plus side, children have really enjoyed having lunch in their classrooms and making new Bubble friends!

Over the summer, there is work again at Burlescombe, with our central heating oil tank being replaced, so do please keep a look out for anyone over the weekends and evenings who should not be there and call the community police.

I will write to you as soon as I can with news of our latest projects for next term. We are such a dynamic and energetic staff who work tremendously hard to bring learning to life and I am really looking forward to the next term! I feel privileged to work with such an amazing team of teachers, teaching assistants and administration staff.

And finally, a huge thank you to you, our community friends, who have supported us throughout the year. We do hope you have enjoyed our

news and events and we are looking forward to September when we start the New School Year.

Have a lovely, well earned, summer break and take care in the sun!

Kindest regards,

Deborah Eveleigh,

Executive Head Teacher.

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Contact us: Webber's on 01823 672510 or  
01823 672521 for Burlescombe school.

## THE AYSHFORD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Ayshford Educational Foundation makes grants towards the cost of books and equipment to students aged 18 or over in full-time Further and Higher Education or Apprenticeships.

Applicants must normally be residents of the parishes of

Uffculme, Burlescombe or Holcombe Rogus.

Application forms, which will be considered by the Trustees in June (return by 31 May) and January (return by 31 December), are available from the Clerk to the Trustees

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Tel: 01823 650776 Email: [pwalter@talk21.com](mailto:pwalter@talk21.com)

## LOCAL AUTHOR'S FINAL BOOK

Dear friends,

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well.

I am pleased to let you know that Dad's final book **The Art of Keeping Secrets** featuring the Devonshire detective Dexter Smalacombe is now available to read as an ebook on Amazon Kindle.

It was his last wish to have this book published, and I am happy that, at long last, this has been achieved.

Dad was inspired to write the third Smalacombe book after the first two received positive reviews.

*"The story held my attention throughout and is well written and believable, with a number of interesting characters - and the verbal jousting between the investigators added an amusing diversion which I hope will help these characters return in a future book. Highly recommended for readers of this genre."* (Review for 'Money, Mishaps and Murder' on 'Goodreads').

Each book can be read as a standalone story, or in order:

### 1 - The Missing Earring

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Missing-Earring-David-Beard-ebook/dp/B00FA2FJJU/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=david+beard+the+missing+earring&qid=1593803810&s=digital-text&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Missing-Earring-David-Beard-ebook/dp/B00FA2FJJU/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=david+beard+the+missing+earring&qid=1593803810&s=digital-text&sr=1-1)

### 2 - Money, Mishaps and Murder

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08CBF3P82/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=david+beard+money+mishaps+murder&qid=1593803571&s=digital-text&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08CBF3P82/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=david+beard+money+mishaps+murder&qid=1593803571&s=digital-text&sr=1-1)

### 3 - The Art of Keeping Secrets

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## THE ART OF KEEPING SECRETS by David Beard

### DESCRIPTION

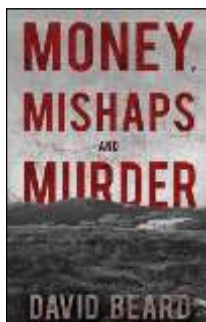
This is the last of three David Beard novels featuring the Devonshire detective Dexter Smalacombe and is set in the beautiful town of Totnes. When a couple move house and discover a skeleton walled up in their new bedroom DCI Smalacombe and his bright young sergeant Emily Corndon are called in to investigate. It soon becomes clear that the remains have been there for more than a decade and further investigations reveal that a group with guilty secrets are determined to keep them. Smalacombe's search to link the past with the present draws two more murders into the investigation and unravels a web of secret affairs, business intrigue, money laundering and art forgery.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Beard was born in 1937 and grew up and lived in Widecombe-in-the-Moor on Dartmoor, where he raised his family. In his long and varied life, he was always busy and succeeded in everything he did. As well as being a devoted Devonian, David was an engineer, mechanic, motorbike racer, maths teacher, computer programmer, lecturer, local historian, bus driver, businessman, factory owner, chairman of the parish council, gardener, painter, musician, sculptor, script writer, stand-up comedian, actor... and he still found time to write three novels.

Please spread the word to anyone who enjoys crime fiction and a well-plotted mystery. If anyone would like to read his work and leave a review on Amazon, then that would be just wonderful, thank you.

**Much love, Sue x**





## League of Friends Musgrove Park Hospital

Shortly before we entered lockdown on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we had a great occasion at the Museum of Somerset with the presentation of a cheque for £300,000 to Nicola van Eerde, Matron of the Bracken Birthing Centre. This event was the culmination of the League of Friends' Sixtieth Anniversary Appeal in 2019 to raise the money to refurbish the Birthing Centre and provide a second birthing pool. Its achievement in raising the ambitious target of £300,000 was due in no small part to the success of the memorable Taunton Toad Trail (the brainchild of our Chairman Peter Renshaw and Head of Fundraising Liz Kingston) and a generous legacy, one of many we have been fortunate to receive this year. Without doubt, these bequests, large and small, make a huge difference to the work of the League of Friends and we are so grateful to our supporters who remember the League in their will.

As soon as we entered lockdown in March, the League of Friends put on hold its annual round of bids and donations and instead offered a large contingency fund to the hospital to help fight the virus. However, since central government was covering all hospital costs during this period, this offer was not needed and we looked for other ways we could help the staff and patients financially.

The answer came in the Shop. Free hot drinks to all staff from the start of lockdown until the end of May when the milk machine finally broke down from overuse! This was gratefully received by all and was a total cost saving to staff of £11,595 – over 6000 cups! That's a lot of coffee and tea but was the League's way of showing its appreciation of how the front line staff were putting their own safety at risk to care for those who were hospitalised with the virus.

The way for the League to help patients during this difficult time came through the idea of Lucy Chambers, Enhanced Supportive Care Nurse, who came up with the idea of the 'Tastes for Pleasure' trolleys. Stocked with



drinks, chocolates and other little luxuries and treats, the trolleys were designed to improve patients' sense of wellbeing while they were isolated from their friends and families during the pandemic. Along with Exeter Chiefs, Marks and Spencer and Sheppy's Cider, we donated £1000 worth of goods from the Shop to stock these trolleys.

We also donated £250 to buy material for the voluntary Taunton Scrubbers for their magnificent work in making hundreds of sets of scrubs for use in hospitals, care homes and other outreach centres throughout the Somerset community.

There are so many people who need to be thanked that it is difficult to know where to start. With the hospital closed to all volunteers, and with no visitors or outpatient appointments, it was decided to reduce the Shop's opening hours and run it on a reduced time table using the four members of staff to cover all rotas with the help of two NHS staff, who for health reasons were unable to work on the wards. Between them, they have cheerfully and efficiently kept the Shop going in these difficult times. Thanks must also go to all those who have helped with fundraising, including Wivey has Jazz, the Trading Post in South Petherton, Katrin Snell for her Rainbow family portraits, Ashley Keal for his lockdown discos and sisters Emily and Abby for their sponsored head shave! Thanks also to Thatchers Cider, the Somerset County Gazette and to Ian from Bath who made 200 earguards on his 3D printer and donated them to Musgrove to relieve pressure on the ears caused by wearing a face mask over long periods of time.

The Chairman received a heart-warming and very sincere letter from Annie Maw, Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset in which she thanked the League of Friends for all that it has done for Musgrove Park Hospital and for the kindness the League has shown to staff and patients during the pandemic crisis.

Hilary Corcoran (Treasurer)  
[hilaryc@loftaunton.co.uk](mailto:hilaryc@loftaunton.co.uk)



## ST. SIMON and ST. JUDE, HOCKWORTHY

Services restart on 9th August with Holy Communion at 9.30 am.

On 23rd August there will be an All Age Service at 11.00 am



### Hockworthy 'Muse'

So, Sally the editor, requested some rhymes,  
Our resident laureate has hung up his' lines',  
It can't be that difficult, I mused over a sherry,  
Just putting together some words arbitrary?  
The problem I've found,  
Is the way the words sound,  
As 'Hockworthy' is hardly discretionary!

The sun is shining across the village sublime,  
The shadow of Saint Simon and Saint Jude's reclines,  
Across wildflower gardens surrounding the graves,  
Breezes caressing whilst the flowers misbehave,  
This is the only sound,  
Stand still, look around,  
With the names of the fallen forever engraved.

To add to my woes, and to worsen the blues,  
Is that little has happened for Hockworthy News!  
The shops are now open, but nothing's changed here,  
The farmers are farming, the birds full of cheer,  
The lockdown unwound,  
Life's merry-go-round!  
And the grass is as high as an elephant's ear...

A cross in the churchyard reminds me of our lanes,  
From Staple Cross to Venn Cross, and the pothole campaign,  
Shiny new tarmac adorns our craters and fissures,  
Removing the need for evidence and pictures,  
Highways Authority bound,  
The holy grail found,  
At last, safety and common sense, the victors.

At 4 am on Chimney Down, Puff and I alone,  
To witness the solstice, to revel in the unknown,  
The sun's rays emerged on the horizon, the longest day,  
Rays of amber burning bright in the mist, a summer craved,  
Yearning to circle around,  
Our fortunate common ground,  
The new morning comes with a rush, as the night meekly fades.

Perhaps the lockdown easing is a morning anew for us?  
Maybe the world will sing a new song together, and learn to trust?  
It might just be that from adversity and pain comes hope,  
That we view our existence through a new telescope,  
Differences unwound,  
Discord drowned,  
And a world where even the meek and unfortunate, can cope?

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'Ralph Furlong MSc Agric'



## BORDEN GATE (Hockworthy) PARISH COUNCIL

Council meetings cancelled until further notice, but there may be a Zoom meeting at some point.

### Facebook Community Help Groups

Don't forget that it's worth joining one of the Facebook community help groups - you can get help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, see who has got veg plants to spare, see what's going on locally, and lots more.

You can join Facebook by going to <https://en-gb.facebook.com/>





## Professional Pet & House Portraits by Tim Hayward

I live in Holcombe Rogus and during this present time am working from your photos.

Prices start from £150 for an A4 pencil drawing. For quotes and questions please

email: [timhayward1@btinternet.com](mailto:timhayward1@btinternet.com) Tel: 07817 740029



## ALL SAINTS', HOLCOMBE ROGUS

All Saints' is delighted to announce that services are resuming from Sunday 2nd August. There will be Holy Communion at 11 a.m. every first Sunday - starting 2nd August, and Evening Prayer at 6.30 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday starting 16th August.

On the other two Sundays, services will take place at different churches in the team - details elsewhere in this mag. This temporary schedule will last for the duration of the pandemic and for the time being there will be some music, but sadly no singing.

The Wednesday afternoon "quiet hour" from 3 till 4 will continue. Come and light a candle, and sit in the peace of our lovely church. We look forward to welcoming you.

J. Mcl.



Church photographs by Luke Hickman

## GRASS CUTTING

Week ending Saturday	
1st August	J. Butler
8th August	J. McIlwain
15th August	G. Williams
22nd august	D. Hiscox
29th August	T. Norman

If your date is not convenient, please try to arrange a "swap". Thank you.

An appeal to anyone with an hour to spare, to join the roster to mow the grass in front of the church, which is still growing, in spite of Covid 19. Mower supplied, just willing "manpower" required to help our loyal band of volunteers.

If you can help, please telephone Peter Palfrey (672302) or Roy McQueen (664703)  
THANK YOU

2020	<i>Church Keyholders</i>	<i>Brass Cleaning</i>
August	Mrs S. Cox	Mrs C .Smith
September	Mr. T. Norman	Mrs. E. Pascoe
..October	Mr. G. Williams	Mrs. E. Wilson
November	Mrs. M. Costema	Mrs. P. Gabriel
December	Mrs. K. Brooke-Webb	Mrs. M. Williams



## No Holcombe Rogus Church Fete this year, but fund-raising has been continuing ...

A very big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 'Church Fete' plant stall by our gate in South Street over the last few months – both to those who have bought plants, to those who have given plants to sell, and for the donations. We have managed to raise just over £400 so far which is a great help to the much needed All Saints funds, and we are very grateful to you all.

The stall will be there for a little while yet so there is still time to grab some bargains!.

M & K B-W



Sue Rowland won the Treasure Hunt, thanks to all and the Church receives a donation of £40.

RB



# Fenton Farm Deli

Our new and improved shop is a little larger than our previous trailer, so we've moved locations to just outside our farm at TA21 0NF!



We've converted a horsebox into a farm shop, complete with a fridge and much more shelf space to squeeze in high-quality local products and storecupboard essentials:

Milk	Bread	Sausages	Sugar	Tea	Pasties
Cheese	Eggs	Flour	Oil	Coffee	Jam
Butter	Bacon	Pastries	Oats	Juice	Honey

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Alex - 07976 096992

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Holcombe Rogus Parish Council held their June meeting virtually and apart from a few internet connection hiccups (with Councillors disappearing and then popping back!), it has been very successful. Certainly with only 45mins to conduct the meeting they are concise! Thank you Adam for keeping it in time, we had 30 seconds to spare!

### **Planning**

The Planning Minutes from the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May were unanimously approved and agreement given for the Clerk to sign as a true and correct record.

Application decided outside a Committee Meeting:

**20/00438/LBC** Listed building consent for repairs to roof, chimney, replacement gutters and downpipes and installation of two roof lights. *No comments*

The following applications were discussed:

**20/00783/LBC** Installation of replacement windows and doors; re-finishing of external walls to include internal insulation; erection of internal partitions to create new toilet, utility room, library and bedroom with en-suite; erection of new staircase; removal of lean-to extension and creation of a covered walkway; replacement of ground floor slab with underfloor heated slab and various internal alterations at Brinscott.

*Councillors had no objections to this application.*

**20/00839/CAT** Notification of intention to reduce the height and sides of 1 silver birch tree by 3-4m within the Conservation Area at Churchwalls Cottage, South Street.

*Councillors had no objections to this application.*

### **MDDC decisions:**

**20/00438/LBC** Listed building consent for repairs to roof, chimney, replacement gutters and downpipes and installation of two roof lights.

*Consent granted with conditions.*

## **Highways**

The map outlining the priorities for the parish is now on the website and this will be amended annually as hopefully the works are completed.

The overgrown verges at some of the crossroads in the Parish have become a real traffic hazard, they have been reported to Devon County Council and will hopefully be cut back shortly.

## **Play Area**

Hopefully by the time this is published the Play Area in the village will be open again.\*\* We are just waiting for the signs to be placed on the gates by MDDC. Please remember that the Parish Council is not wiping down any of the equipment and if there are any known cases of Covid 19 in the village the Play Area will have to be closed again. In the meantime, we apologise that we have not been able to move ahead with procuring new equipment but do have a bit more seating this year.

## **Meetings**

The Parish Council will continue to hold their meetings virtually in July and September (no Full Council meeting in August) and this will be reviewed in the autumn. Virtual Planning Meetings will be held when required. All details will be published on the website [www.holcomberogus-pc.gov.uk](http://www.holcomberogus-pc.gov.uk) or email the clerk at [clerk@holcomberogus-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@holcomberogus-pc.gov.uk)

Leslie Findlay (Mrs)  
Parish Clerk

On behalf of Holcombe Rogus Parish Council

\*\* The Play Area is open! Ed.



## HOLCOMBE ROGUS POST OFFICE IS OPEN

The Post Office which comes to Holcombe Rogus on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00 - 11.00 am, intends to continue offering this service for the foreseeable future. Tonia will bring milk and newspapers when she comes - just pop in to the Holcombe Garage office (the old shop) on a Tuesday or Thursday and speak to Tonia, or telephone Rockwell Green Post Office - 01823 662741.

## HOLCOMBE ROGUS WEBSITE

You may be aware that the village website is not operating at present, due to the lack of a webmaster.

This is a call for any resident of Holcombe Rogus who is *au fait* with running websites to consider taking over, updating and running this important information vehicle which should keep us, and the outside world, up-to-date with what is happening in our village.

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Leslie Findlay, email: [clerk@holcomberogus-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@holcomberogus-pc.gov.uk)



## HOLCOMBE ROGUS VILLAGE LUNCH

Unfortunately, with the social distancing guidelines still in place, we do not feel it would be possible to run the village lunches at present. We are hoping that as the restrictions ease further we shall be able to resume them. In the meantime, we send our best wishes to all our regular lunchers. We hope that you are keeping healthy, happy and safe. We look forward to seeing you all again in the not too distant future.

Jane, Jane, Sally and Sue

## HOLCOMBE ROGUS VILLAGE HALL & COVID

A short note from the Trustees to everyone in the community ....

The Trustees are meeting regularly to decide when we can re-open the hall.

As soon as the situation stabilises and we are certain about the precautions we need to take to make the hall safe we will make plans to open the hall again.

We will let everyone know as soon as we can.

Thank you for your patience.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please do get in touch with us at :-

**[enquiries@holcomberogusvillagehall.org](mailto:enquiries@holcomberogusvillagehall.org)**

**or call Nikki Orchard on 01823 672845**

**or check for updates on the Facebook page**

## From Ray Radford, our representative on Devon County Council

Dear Residents

Please see my report for Aug/Sept, not sure if there are any burning issues in and around this area, please let me know if there are any that I can help you with. Things move on quickly and by the time you read this, it may be out of date or updated.

Most Parish Councils have had contact with Phil Morgan (DCC Highway's Officer) on doing what matters; he has to collate all the Parish Councils' requests by the 17<sup>th</sup> July, and put it into priority for funding.

Restrictions at our recycling centres have eased, so personal vans are now allowed to bring household waste as long as it's only the same amount that would fit in a normal sized family car or trailer.

Following on, this is an update of some of the issues relating to the Coronavirus which is still with us, we still need to be careful and keep to social distancing.

The DCC spend on directly procured stock was £1.748m. Reimbursement of adult social care providers' PPE costs stands at £1.803m

Indications are that there may be further Pandemic funding for Local Government but it seems unlikely it will cover the full cost. Current approved and pipeline response plans already exceed the main grant of £36.7 millions by £8.5 millions, and this is without taking account of the significant loss in Council Tax our Districts are projecting. It is imperative that as we transition from Response to Recovery, that we do so in a measured and affordable way.

### **Council Tax and Business Rates**

Assessing the impact the Pandemic is having on Council Tax collection and the tax base is very difficult this early in the year. Estimates provided on the Government's returns indicate losses of up to 13%. It is however, unclear if these losses will be permanent or just a matter of cashflow with payments being made later in the year or even next year. There is an added complication relating to increased Universal Credit claimants and the impact this may have on the Tax Base for next year along with the impact of the furlough scheme ending later in the year and the ongoing economic situation.

Due to the level of Business Rates Relief the Government has introduced, the risk to lost Business Rates is much lower and estimates from the Districts are around £1 million.

The vast majority of Devon people have behaved with great sense and responsibility throughout the pandemic and that's meant we've had the lowest number of outbreaks by some way throughout the crisis. We obviously want to keep it that way and reduce it still further. We can now build on this effort and extend the work we have done together as Team Devon to protect our residents and support the most vulnerable. Team Devon is a public and private sector partnership drawing in expertise from business, education, skills and public sector organisations, has developed the plan with the backing of business representatives.

We will now be at the forefront of responding and managing the outbreak at a local level. And if there's a hotspot in a town or village we'll be able to get onto it swiftly before it spreads too far. We've ensured that our plan includes a strong focus on prevention and early intervention to ensure key settings such as care homes and schools and high-risk locations and communities identify and prioritise preventative measures.

The good sense of the people of Devon has helped protect us all so far and they continue to have a vital role in reducing the spread of the virus and preventing further outbreaks.

I would urge all of us to continue to follow national guidance and advice and keep up social distancing, wash our hands regularly and, if we think we might have the virus, get a test and self-isolate if that's necessary, we need to do all we can to avoid a second spike.

Needless to say, this will have knock on effects to our budgets, to which the Government has said they will reimburse us, let's see.

I would like to let any organisation, or Club know, that I have a Locality Budget and can help out any good cause, it will not be huge amounts, but every little helps, just go to DCC website and look for 'Locality Budget' fill the application in and return to me, or, any problems, give me a call.

Ray Radford  
Devon County Councillor  
Willand & Uffculme Division  
Email: [ray.radford@devon.gov.uk](mailto:ray.radford@devon.gov.uk)  
01884 820000





Devon Mobile Libraries will be back on the road bringing books to you from July 13th 2020. To make sure that customers and staff are safe, we will only be offering a new type of contactless service for the time being. It's called **Choose & Collect**.

**What is Choose and Collect?**

- a free delivery of up to 5 books or audiobooks per person
- selected by staff based on your reading preferences
- you collect from your usual mobile library stop
- selections available for adults and children.

**How do I make sure I get a Choose and Collect delivery**

- Even if we rang you to offer you your first delivery, we regret we can't do this every month. You must contact us to order again.
- Order at least 1 week before the mobile library visits your village or stop.
- You can check Tiverton Mobile Library timetable on our website:  
[www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/mobilelibraries](http://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/mobilelibraries)
- Order a delivery by emailing [tiverton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:tiverton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk) or calling **01884 244644**.
- Remember to tell staff you are a mobile library customer.
- New customers are welcome, just mention you wish to join the mobile library.

**What else do I need to know?**

- If you are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms please don't come to the library.
- We will bag up your books ready for collection, they will have already been issued to your library card to reduce contact.
- Please use our hand sanitiser station and follow social distancing rules when you collect and return items. All returned items will be quarantined for 72 hours.
- We can only deliver pre-ordered selections for now, and regret that staff can't check the shelves for items while you wait during this phase of reopening.
- Items will be collected and returned at the entrance of the mobile library. You won't be able to enter the vehicle to browse or choose for yourself.
- We look forward to seeing you again, please be patient while we get used to this new way of working.



## **‘Don’t suffer in silence’ – help at hand for anyone in Devon feeling anxious about leaving lockdown.**



**Devon**

Clinical Commissioning Group

People in Devon who are worried or anxious about coping with the newly relaxed lockdown measures are being offered help and support.

A further easing of lockdown measures on Saturday, 4 July, has left many people concerned about going back to pre-Covid social situations, such as visiting a restaurant, or about the catching virus itself while out and about. Livewell Southwest and Devon Partnership NHS Trust (DPT), the providers of mental health services in Devon, Torbay and Plymouth, are reminding people that mental health services are open for business and available to help those in need – without needing to leave the house.

There is a wide range of resources, information and support available including self-help resources such as the NHS Every Mind Matters resources, help from national helplines and charities, GP support and talking therapy services.

TALKWORKS and Plymouth Options both provide support and help with common mental health problems usually in the form of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), a talking therapy which helps people manage problems by providing coping techniques to help change the way they are thinking, feeling and behaving.

People can self-refer online by searching for TALKWORKS or Plymouth Options, by phone or your GP can refer you on your behalf with treatment currently taking place over the phone or by video conferencing.

Those needing immediate support with their mental health are also able to access First Response Services which provide advice, support and signposting 24/7.

People living in Devon and Torbay can access the First Response Service by calling 0300 555 5000.

You do not need to be an existing service user of Livewell or DPT services to access these services, and both helplines are open to other health and care professionals and emergency responders such as the police who may need advice when supporting someone with mental health difficulties

## Agricultural plant and vehicle theft

### Why is this important?

Latest figures show that the theft of agricultural plant and vehicles continues to increase, with a surge in the theft of smaller vehicles such as quad bikes, tractors and navigations systems. This has a financial and emotional impact on rural businesses and their families, impacting on animal welfare and food production.

### What do you need to do?

Farmers and members of the public should be vigilant in the countryside reporting any suspicious activity to the police noting vehicle details and descriptions.

### How can you prevent this?

- Enjoy the countryside and help protect farmers by following the countryside code.
- Keep a record of serial numbers, photograph equipment showing identity & unique features.
- Immobilise vehicles and machinery in a lockable building with the keys removed and secured.
- Utilise property marking and fit trackers. Remove tractor GPS systems when not in use.
- Anyone able to offer information is asked to email [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk), call 101 or Call crimestoppers anonymously 08007 830 137.
- Join Devon & Cornwall Alert and farm watch so that we can tell you what is happening in your area.

The Devon and Cornwall police rural affairs team have produced a calendar which highlights rural issues throughout the year to focus problem solving activity for police, partners and public with key messages and prevention activity.

#LIVESTOCKWORRYING



Devon & Cornwall Police



### Watch out... ticks about!

With lots of us making the most of the warm weather and spending longer outside, it's important to remember to be aware of ticks as there are plenty of them around at the moment.



Ticks are small, spider like creatures that feed on the blood of animals, including people. They can vary in size, from as small as a tiny freckle to a similar size to a baked bean!

Ticks can survive in many habitats, but prefer moist areas with leaf litter or longer grass like in woodland, grassland, moorland, heathland and some urban parks and gardens.

They don't fly or jump, they just wait on vegetation for an animal or person to pass by, and then climb on. They then bite and attach to the skin and feed on blood for several days before dropping off.

**Most tick bites are harmless, but some do carry Lyme Disease, and it's during this feeding process that they can transmit pathogens.**

That's why it's important to make sure you look and feel for ticks on you, your family and your pets after you've enjoyed outdoor activities and remove them promptly as evidence suggests the risk increases the longer a tick is feeding.

**To remove a tick, use fine tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool - grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull upwards slowly and firmly.**



You can try and prevent being bitten by ticks by walking on clearly defined path, using insect repellent that repels ticks and wearing light colour clothing so ticks are easier to spot on you.

And if you have been bitten, look out for early signs of Lyme Disease, which include mild-flu like symptoms including a fever, headache, fatigue and a bulls-eye rash.

If you feel unwell after being bitten by a tick, even when you don't have a rash contact your GP or dial NHS 111 and remember to tell them you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors.

## INTERPRET THE FOLLOWING:

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5 <div>WEAR LONG</div>	6 <div>R ROADS A D S</div>	7 <div>↓ T O W N</div>	8 <div>CYCLE CYCLE CYCLE</div>
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13 <div>CHAIR</div>	14 <div>DICE DICE</div>	15 <div>T O U C H ↓</div>	16 <div>GROUND FEET FEET FEET FEET FEET</div>
17 <div>MIND MATTER</div>	18 <div>HE'S/HIMSELF</div>	19 <div>ECNALG</div>	20 <div>DEATH/LIFE</div>
21 <div>G.I. C C C C C C</div>	22 <div>— PROGRAM</div>	23 <div>BE CO ME</div>	24 <div>YOU JUST ME</div>

This has been doing the rounds on Facebook. Each is a phrase or saying. Some are easy - e.g. No. 2 - "Man overboard", No. 3 - "I understand" - but can you interpret all 24? No prizes, but if anyone completes the lot, please send in your solutions!



# Have you seen this insect?

## ASIAN HORNET

*Vespa velutina*

### What is it?

An invasive non-native hornet originally from Asia. Suspected records should be reported immediately. A highly aggressive predator of native insects, posing a significant threat to honey bees and other pollinators. Accidentally introduced to France in 2004 where it spread rapidly. A number of sightings have been recorded in the UK since 2016.



### Where might I see it?

Most likely to be seen close to bee hives - bee keepers should be alert. Active from February to November in suburban areas in the south of England and Wales, or around major ports.

### What does it look like?

Distinctive hornet, smaller than our native species. A key feature is the almost entirely dark abdomen, except for the 4th segment which is yellow.

- Slightly smaller than native hornet
- Dark abdomen, 4th segment yellow
- Bright yellow tips to legs (native hornet dark)
- Entirely brown or black thorax (native hornet more orange)

Asian Hornet abdomen



Native Hornet abdomen



- Makes very large nests



"Hawks" outside honey bee colonies killing bees as they attempt to defend their hive

### **DANGER!**

This hornet stings. Do not disturb an active nest. Seek advice using the details below.

For more information or to report any sightings please go to:

**[www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet](http://www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet)**

or email: **[alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk)**

If you have an iPhone or Android, download the free recording app:

**Asian Hornet Watch**

[www.nonnativespecies.org](http://www.nonnativespecies.org)

## FORTHCOMING ROAD CLOSURES

DATES	ROADS	COMMENTS
27 Jul – 7 Aug	Tracebridge to Brinscott Close	Drainage works to collapsed culvert
3 – 7 Aug	Durley Moor Cross to Home Farm	SWW Utility works
10 – 11 Aug	Chapel Cottage to Dunns Court	New high speed fibre
12 – 13 Aug	Brinscott Cross past Wiseburrow Copse	Access to overhead network for cabling and jointing.
17 – 21 Aug	Durley Moor Cross to Frog Lane	SWW Utility works and 2 excavations at 48 Timewells
7 – 8 Sept	Chapel Close to Dunns Court	Openreach
14 - 18 Sept	Lea Barton to Four Elms Cross to Fenton Green	Openreach cabling

Take the bus to Tiverton!

It's nice to know that we have a regular bus service ...

### HEMYOCK - TIVERTON

**REDWOODS 697**

**Via Burlescombe, Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham**

**Friday only (Except Public Holidays)**

HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	0910	TIVERTON, Bus Station Stand 6	1315
HEMYOCK, Square	0912	TIVERTON, Carew Road	1321
CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	0920	CHEVITHORNE, Post Box	1323
CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	0922	CHEVITHORNE, Church	1325
BURLESCOMBE, Ayshford Arms	0930	UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1332
WESTLEIGH, Shelter	0934	STAGG MILL, Cross	1337
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales	0942	HUNTSHAM, Post Office	1342
HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	0944	HOCKFORD WATERS	1348
HOCKWORTHY, Phone Box	0950	STAPLE CROSS, Inn	1350
STAPLE CROSS, Inn	0952	HOCKWORTHY, Phone Box	1352
HOCKFORD WATERS	0954	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Whitebrook Terrace	1358
HUNTSHAM, Post Office	1000	HOLCOMBE ROGUS, Prince of Wales	1400
STAGG MILL, Cross	1005	WESTLEIGH, Shelter	1408
UPLOWMAN, Bus Shelter	1010	BURLESCOMBE, Ayshford Arms	1412
CHEVITHORNE, Church	1017	CULMSTOCK, Millmoor	1420
CHEVITHORNE, Post Box	1020	CULMSTOCK, All Saints Church	1422
TIVERTON, Carew Road	1022	HEMYOCK, Square	1430
TIVERTON, Bus Station	1028	HEMYOCK, Lower Millhayes	1432

*This service is financially supported by Devon County Council*

## Free parking to boost town centre spending

Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) is introducing free parking in its main towns as it continues to support the economic revival of the district.

The lockdown period has seen shops, businesses and restaurants closed for many months and MDDC is acutely aware of the economic impact this has had on local traders and jobs.

With the reopening of the High Streets, in line with Government guidance, the Council is committed to encouraging people to visit their local shops and boost trade for Mid Devon businesses.

From **1<sup>st</sup> August to the 30<sup>th</sup> September**, visitors will be able to claim **two hours free parking** in selected car parks in Crediton, Cullompton and Tiverton.

The following car parks will allow a two hour free parking period between **8:00am and 6:00pm**:

- Market Place, Tiverton
- Market Street, Crediton
- Station Road, Cullompton

A 'free ticket' from the machine must still be displayed on arrival by entering the last 3 digits of the car's registration number and pressing the green button to print.





## **Quaker Meeting for Worship Spiceland Quaker Meeting Uffculme EX15 3AZ**

### **Faith leaders' call to action on climate crisis**

As the lockdown to combat COVID-19 eases, faith leaders are urging every sector of civil society to use this opportunity to work together to create a better world.

Quakers in Britain signed the statement, which says, "This unique moment calls us to develop a shared new vision for our future which we cannot afford to miss. As faith leaders we are committed to working alongside the people and governments of this nation and the world to formulate and live by such a vision."

The new vision prompts the faith leaders to call on the government to:

- Ensure that every element of the economic recovery strategy has at its centre the urgent need to reduce the risk of catastrophic climate change;
- Implement policies for sustainability in every sector of the economy;
- Take its due share of responsibility for a global and just transition, including through its approach to trade, investment and overseas aid;
- Use its COP26 presidency to work for a global commitment to net zero, building on the Paris Agreement;
- To protect biodiversity and restore the environment.

The full statement is here: <https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/faith-leaders-call-to-action-on-climate-crisis>

For more information phone John Bell on 07580 958275 or use the "contact us" form on our website: <http://www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/>

There are also instructions on the website of how to find us.

***The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)***





# force matters

## Vital support work continues at FORCE Cancer Charity



**For cancer support and information  
plus advice on claiming benefits**

☎ 01392 406151

✉ [support@forcecancercharity.co.uk](mailto:support@forcecancercharity.co.uk)

**For psychological and  
emotional support**

☎ 01392 406168 / 406169

✉ [help@forcecancercharity.co.uk](mailto:help@forcecancercharity.co.uk)

# CHURCH NEWS AND NOTICES



## Church Office

Sampford Peverell Team Mission Community

[www.sptmc.org](http://www.sptmc.org)

Team Office email:

churchoffice2@btconnect.com

Administrator: Mandy Rowley.

Telephone 07906 381451

Rector: Revd Glyn Lewry.

Telephone: 01884 829356

email: revglyn01@gmail.com



### **ADVANCE NOTICE – REMEMBERING SERVICE**

We hoping to hold a

#### **Remembering Service**

to give thanks for family and friends who have died.

**St John the Baptist Church, Sampford Peverell**

**10.30am**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

(This will be dependent upon restrictions permitting – All Welcome)

## CHURCH NEWS – SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Services are beginning to take place in our churches, though fewer in number than before the pandemic.

2 <sup>nd</sup> August – 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		
9.30	Holy Communion (CW)	Halberton
11.00	Holy Communion (CW)	Holcombe Rogus
9 <sup>th</sup> August – 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		
9.30	Holy Communion (BCP)	Hockworthy
9.30	Holy Communion (CW)	Sampford Peverell
11.00	Service of the Word	Livestream
16 <sup>th</sup> August – 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		
9.30	Holy Communion (CW)	Sampford Peverell
12.30	Baptism	Burlescombe
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Holcombe Rogus
23 <sup>rd</sup> August – 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		
9.30	Holy Communion (CW)	Burlescombe
11.00	All Age Service	Hockworthy
30 <sup>th</sup> August – 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		
10.30	Livestream from the Rectory Garden	

These churches are also open for one hour a week for private prayer:

### **Every Wednesday:**

Sampford Peverell – 10.00 – 11.00am

Holcombe Rogus – 3.00 – 4.00pm

### **Every Friday:**

Upplowman – 10.00 – 11.00am

Attending a church service will feel a bit different to start with.

You will be asked to

- Sanitise your hands
- Keep 2m apart
- Give your details when entering church

Please note

- There will be no singing or sharing the peace
- Please do not attend if you show any symptoms of COVID-19

For more details go to [www.sptmc.org](http://www.sptmc.org)

## READINGS FOR AUGUST 2020

From the Common Worship Lectionary Year A

At Holy Communion - Epistle and Gospel  
At Matins and Evensong - Old Testament and Gospel

### **Sunday 2nd August – 8th Sunday after Trinity** **GREEN**

Old Testament	Isaiah 55.1-5
Epistle	Romans 9.1-5
Gospel	Matthew 14.13-21

### **Sunday 9th August – 9th Sunday after Trinity** **GREEN**

Old Testament	1 Kings 19.9-18
Epistle	Romans 10.5-15
Gospel	Matthew 14.22-33

### **Sunday 16th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity** **GREEN**

Old Testament	Isaiah 56.1,6-8
Epistle	Romans 11.1-2a,29-32
Gospel	Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28

### **Sunday 23rd August – 11th Sunday after Trinity** **GREEN**

Old Testament	Isaiah 51.1-6
Epistle	Romans 12.1-8
Gospel	Matthew 16.13-20

### **Sunday 30th August – 13th Sunday after Trinity** **GREEN**

Old Testament	Jeremiah 15.15-21
Epistle	Romans 12.9-21
Gospel	Matthew 16.21-28

## Thought for the Month

Over the past few weeks I have really enjoyed walking various parts of the canal, appreciating the wonderful plants that are flourishing beside its banks. It is quite fascinating to see the diversity of plant life. Depending where you walk there will be plants which thrive in full sun or those that prefer shaded areas. The colours of the hedgerow flowers have really struck me and made me realise that nature is the perfect flower arranger; so many different colours blending together to create some wonderful displays.

Whilst I enjoy the diversity of plants on view, my knowledge of them is extremely limited. Therefore, it was with great joy that my wife told me of an app for my phone which helps to identify plants, either by their leaves or by the flower, this has been a great discovery. When identifying a plant via this app there are always two names provided. Firstly, there is the Latin name, which I can barely pronounce, but would be of interest for any serious plant observer. Secondly, there is the popular name by which it is known and is much more at my level.

As I have enjoyed discovering the names of plants, I was struck by those who names start with the word 'common'. For example, the Common Loosestrife, a beautiful yellow flower, and the familiar 'Common Poppy'. I checked a dictionary definition for the word 'common' in the context of plants the definition was 'ordinary'. When I looked closely at these plants, I have to say there was nothing ordinary about them. The number of times I have walked by these 'common' plants and have not appreciated their detail and intricacy. Far from being ordinary or common, each plant was extraordinary, adding to the colour that makes the hedgerows so attractive.

As I reflected on this, I was reminded of how time and again the Bible reminds me of the worth of each individual. The Psalmist wondered at this saying, 'For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mothers' womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.' God delights in each one of us, we all have worth in his eyes.

When you have the opportunity, take some time to look closely at the flowers in the hedgerows and give thanks for their extraordinary beauty. As you do so, give thanks that as individuals we are extraordinary in God's eyes. We are all known, valued and loved by him, and no one is outside of his love and care.

Revd Glyn Lewry, Rector

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING COLDHARBOUR MILL!

We want to say a huge thank you to the community for your support in these difficult times. Many of you have been donating to our emergency appeal or have become members to help sustain and support the preservation of the Museum which holds nationally important textiles and machinery which chronicle the industrial revolution and document its impact on this area. English Heritage actually wrote a Historic Buildings Report about the Mill, describing the site as " ... probably one of the best-preserved textile mill complexes in the country. It retains the full range of buildings and power system features which characterised the development of the 19th century textile mill with much of the machinery that was used at the site in the 20th century."

As a charity with no government or council funding, we rely on visitor admission fees as a main source of income, so your support during this time when we are unable to have visitors, makes a huge difference for the staff & volunteers. Coldharbour Mill is currently closed owing to the pandemic, which hit just as we were about to reopen in March. We will open again as guidance allows, but only when we feel fully prepared to allow visitors safely back to the Mill.

We are now working through our plans to slowly and safely re-introduce our volunteers back to the Mill, so they can continue with the many projects which were put on hold by the pandemic. Though we are working hard to win this battle, there is still a long way to go before we will be in a position to re-open our doors to the public so please see below ways you can support us if you have not done so already.

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Dog Wardens (c/o MDDC main switchboard)	01884 255255
CAREdirect (aged helpline) <a href="http://www.devon.gov.uk/caredirect">www.devon.gov.uk/caredirect</a>	0800 444 000
Citizens Advice Bureau, Tiverton	01884 234926
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Gas	0800 111999
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Police Information (non emergency)	101
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