

## AMAZING GRACE

*“Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me”.* One of our favourite hymns which is not only sung in churches up and down the country but also in secular settings, appearing in the charts from time to time. Yet what is this “Grace” that we sing about? I believe Grace to be one of the most difficult concepts for us to grasp in an age that values individualism, self-sufficiency and empowerment so highly.

The hymn was written at the turn of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century by John Newton. He was a converted slave trader who was so amazed that, after the way he had messed up in his rough life, he could still be forgiven and restored by the Grace of Jesus. Newton knew he was not good enough for God, but slowly he came to understand that being good enough was not the point. He was saved by God’s Grace, the free unmerited forgiveness that is available to each one of us as we put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Why is this concept of free grace so difficult for us all to take on board? We live in a culture which worships our own achievements.

We are encouraged to take responsibility for our own lives, to seek our own way to the top and, in some areas of sporting, business and political life, to strive to be successful whatever it takes.

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Now to some extent this is fine. Yes, we should be confident, and “stand tall” in whatever is our calling in life. But Christians belong to a saviour whose priorities were the opposite to these accepted norms. *“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he*

*was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, ...”* writes the Apostle Paul.

Jesus did not grasp His “rights” as we are encouraged to do. No, He was obedient to His Heavenly Father, even to death on the cross.

And it is only at the cross that God’s Grace is made possible for us. If we think we have something to contribute to our own salvation, then there is no salvation for us. If we think we are not good enough for God, as Newton did, then that is a great start, and we must accept that this is indeed the position we are in, because none of us is good enough for God. God in His Grace can then come to us in free forgiveness and new birth. As Newton put it *“Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me”.*

*John Roberts*

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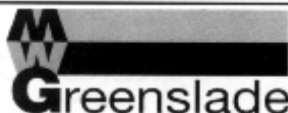
Many thanks for all your encouraging comments about the enlarged Magazine. It is certainly less nerve-racking now that we don't have to worry about fitting everything in. We hope that you find the "Parish Boxes" on Page 19 useful.

You will notice that we have several new advertisers in this issue. We would like to thank them for "Coming on board". We have also lost some, due to people retiring, moving or no longer needing to advertise.

There is an additional section on Page 18 giving details of several Charity Events taking place over the next two months. It is heart-warming to know that there is so much support for Charity within the Exe Valley each year and that such incredible amounts of money are raised. One of the Charities mentioned is PSPA. We were not familiar with this, so we looked it up and thought that you may not have heard about it either. It is the Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Association. This incurable degenerative disease involves the gradual deterioration and death of specific volumes of the brain. Some of the resulting side effects include loss of balance, personality changes, visual and speech problems, and difficulty in swallowing. Males and females are affected equally and there is no racial, geographical or occupational link. About 6 people per 100,000 population have PSP.

Prayer Services and Meetings are being held throughout the Parish during this difficult time, whilst we await a new Rector. If you wish to attend one of these, please see the Parish Round-ups for individual details

*Jenny and Geoff*



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## MOVING ON PART 3

**T**ime flies, whether or not you are enjoying yourself!

Progress regarding the vacancy has certainly not been in the fast lane since the last write-up went to print, though much time and effort have been expended during the interim. The meeting of the parish representatives with the Archdeacon made some progress, but did not achieve the agreement sought.

As these notes are being written, in mid-July, the Archdeacon of Exeter is part way through the process of meeting individually with our PCCs in an attempt to bring the Profile document to the point where it is acceptable to the Mission Community as a whole. Please continue to pray for all involved, and for a successful outcome to the Archdeacon's 'mission'.

All other vacancy paperwork is now complete, but whether the provisional date set for interviews can still be met is debatable.

The Group 'Songs of Praise' service at Washfield at the end of May was very well attended and received. Thank you, Anna, for so capably leading the service, to organist Andrew Herniman, to all from our parishes who chose the hymns, and to Washfield for the refreshments after the service.

The first of our new regular Group services took place at Calverleigh at the end of June, with a near-full church. Thank you, John, for leading, and all

those who took part, and this time, Calverleigh for the refreshments. Due to a clash with Harvest Festivals, there will be no group service in September so, after Loxbeare at the end of August, the next will be at Oakford in October. David Beasley from The Leprosy Mission will be the guest speaker at the November service – more details in due course.

*Paul Iliff*

## NATURE NOTES

**T**he long, late summer evenings provide an ideal opportunity for a walk and the chance to catch Nature's wildlife unaware. I do not know if they drop their defences somewhat but it is not uncommon for me to stumble across a deer or a buzzard and it is hard to know, between observer and observed, who is the most startled. Certainly you never cease to be amazed by the size of these creatures when you are a few yards from them and they crash away. Like all such encounters you wish they lasted longer and that you had an action replay button available.

Indeed my only encounters with Barn Owls have occurred at this time, when harvest and the lure of food have enabled even a casual observer to see these ghostly and silent apparitions as they drift above the landscape. They are at no great height and they ignore the fact that darkness has not fallen and the presence of Combine Harvesters, which even to a man sized

animal with limited imagination could be mistaken as a machine from Hell. I can only imagine the sights that farm workers of old enjoyed as they harvested in the cool of the evening, trouser legs tied with bootlaces against the emergency exit of field creatures and the skies filled with hunting extras from Harry Potter. As darkness drops, the progress of all night hunters like owls, badgers, bats and otters seems to become less sinister and watching them as they continue their prowls is a more peaceful and less charged occupation. Even the lights of a distant Combined Harvester moving in flurry of dust become less threatening and I begin to wonder if I am in Britain or witnessing an American movie.

As I wander in the dusk I often wonder why animals are so scared of my walking figure. During the day I know hinds have long since been aware of my presence and a line of wing nuts face me long before my gaze has fallen on them. Although this is less so in the evening I have never understood why all animals see me as such a threat whilst they look at the noisome and dangerous motor car with such impunity. Thankfully their progress across our lane never meets with disaster and I am amazed at the number and age of scrapes, furrows and runs that disfigure the lane side banks, in such constant use that a night-time congestion charge may be warranted.

*Thomas More*

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### The House of Bishops' Pastoral Letter's comments on EQUALITY

“Because God chooses to love every human being equally.... it matters when material barriers are erected which divide people and communities. When people's experiences of belonging... become too different, they feel no common bond or sympathy with each other.

“Most people, when asked, subscribe to some version of the idea that all people are created equal. Yet this is contradicted in the way that some categories of people are spoken about – people who are sick, disabled, terminally ill or otherwise unable to live the life that a consumer society celebrates.

“There is a deep contradiction in the attitudes of a society which celebrates equality in principle - yet treats some people, especially the poor and vulnerable, as unwanted, unvalued and unnoticed.”

and also ...

### The House of Bishops' Pastoral Letter's comments on POWER

“Christians believe that God alone is Lord of creation; our allegiance to any other system or power is only possible so long as it makes no claims which compromise our allegiance to God. Christians should be wary of accumulations of power wherever they take place... Where the state or the market, or any other powers, claim too much and stifle human flourishing, people are divided from one another and God's sovereignty is mocked.

“The Biblical tradition is not only 'biased to the poor', as often noted, but warns constantly against too much power falling into too few hands. When it does, human sympathies are strained to breaking point.”

## Seneca

The following two “Church and Society Department” articles were sent to us by Martyn Goss.

## THE EXETER POUND

Plans are progressing well to introduce an exciting new complementary currency in Exeter later this summer. The Exeter Pound (£EP) will be launched with a Community Market in Cathedral Close on 1 September. The currency will then be operational and tradable at a number of outlets in the city, especially local independent shops and cafes.

The project is supported by Exeter City Council, local businesses, Exeter Chiefs Rugby Club, Exeter City Football Club, Exeter Cathedral and various community and voluntary organisations.

The main advantages of the Exeter Pound are likely to be stronger support for Exeter firms, emphasising business loyalty, greater benefit to the local economy, prompting a stronger sense of city and community identity, and promoting an improved environment in the longer term.

From a perspective of faith, the scheme will also encourage community building, economic justice and build better relationships of trust locally (for more details on this see the attachment below).

This is a great way to further support to the local community by trading in the £EP - which may well end up in collection plates and charitable donations!

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Local people, including school children, have been involved in the design of the paper notes.

If you would like further information about the project please check the website: [www.exeterpound.org.uk](http://www.exeterpound.org.uk) or Facebook Exeter Pound or Twitter. For speakers contact Martyn Goss [martyn.goss@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:martyn.goss@exeter.anglican.org) (01392-294940)

**and also ...**

## THE PEOPLE WHO SHARE

**B**y its name, this seems like a good title for a church group – local Christians who divide their land, goods or money in common.

However, the ‘People Who Share’ is a global movement that is making sharing mainstream. ‘We’re on a mission to build a Sharing Economy and we love to help you discover that sharing is ... fun, affordable, easy, accessible, mobile and of course social. We bring it all together on-line, on land and on-the-go’.

‘We run big campaigns such as Global Sharing Day previously called National Sharing Day and reach over 60 million people in 192 countries.’

‘We’re building a Sharing Economy one click at a time. You can start sharing at ‘compare and share.com’ the world’s first one-stop comparison marketplace of the Sharing Economy. ‘We’re committed to reshaping the world through sharing, harnessing the power of reciprocity to create happier, healthier and more sustainable lifestyles. We’re here to enable sharing, to make it easy for people who need, to connect with people who have, and build a global community of sharers. Our passion is unlocking the sharing potential that exists in each of us. What will you share?’

‘Our vision of the future is a thriving Sharing Economy where the need to own is transformed. Everyone is a supplier of goods, services and experiences. Where people share skills, time, resources, knowledge, responsibility, opportunities, ideas, good, services and stuff.’

‘It’s a world in which our collective capability meets our collective needs and we collaborate to enhance each other’s lives, protect our planet and create wealth from which everybody benefits.

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over a 12 hour period for local and world concerns. Thank you to all who participated.

The weather was kind to us for our open air service in June, which was led by Julie Goldsworthy. Our thanks go to her, and also to Ad Lib who played the hymns for us once again. They also sang spiritual songs for the congregation to join in with. Our choir sang for us which is always good to hear. Thank you to everyone who took part in the service with either prayers, readings or providing refreshments.

The bells rang out at our Group Service on 28 June, which was led by John Roberts. It was lovely to worship God and to sing his praises with a full church of people from across our Mission Community. Tea and coffee were served, to allow people to sit and chat, after the service. We look forward to worshipping together again on 26 July at Cruwys Morchard.

We were sad to hear of the passing of Jo Kennedy, a resident for many years at Lurley and also of Jeffa Langworthy, who used to live at Pippins in Calverleigh. Their funeral services were held in the church. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and all who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

Our thoughts are also with all those who have been unwell recently and hope that they are soon feeling much better. If you, or someone you know would like to be included in the church prayers, please contact the Churchwardens.

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### Village Hall News

A fun Duck Race took place on a hot afternoon on Saturday 30 May, when a crowd of pink, blue and yellow ducks (360 plus) set off from Lurley Bridge along the River Swine heading towards Tiverton. Much splashing about in the water took place after which six lucky sponsors won cash prizes when their ducks reached Palmershayes field in first and second positions. The race was followed by tea and cakes in the village hall, and a total of £874.13 was raised towards the hall repairs. Thanks to everyone who gave their support for this occasion.

The repairs and redecoration to the hall continue, while committee members have been kept busy choosing new kitchen units, worktop and tiles, and poring over paint catalogues and curtain samples.

### Events Coming Up ...

A social evening to celebrate the reopening of the hall will take place on Saturday 5 September from 7.30pm. All are invited to attend the "Bring and Share" supper when entertainment will be provided, including an exhibition of the history of Calverleigh Village hall.

Our Produce Show will take place on Saturday 29 August 2015 at 2.30pm at Calverleigh Village Hall, followed by afternoon tea. All entries need to be received by 11 August, so if you wish to enter please get in contact as soon as possible.

This year's Harvest weekend takes place on 12 and 13 September. For more details about the Harvest Supper on the Saturday evening, please ring Rita Tapp on 01884 252601.

Following on from the success of last year's Friendly Bingo, we invite you to join us again on Friday 16 October 2015 from 7:30pm for another evening of fun at Calverleigh Hall. Please see the posters or fliers for more information.

The annual Church Autumn Fayre will be held on Saturday 21 November. If you would like to run a stall or volunteer to help with any aspect of the Fayre, please contact the Churchwardens or a member of our PCC.

### Church Cleaning Rota

20 Jul / 1 Aug – Mrs. J Goldsworthy  
 3 Jul / 15 Aug – Mrs. M Furneaux  
 17 Aug / 29 Aug – Mrs. S Greenslade  
 31 Aug / 12 Sep – Mrs. A Webber  
 14 Sep / 26 Sep – Mrs. A Knight  
 18 Sep / 10 Oct – Miss S Goldsworthy

### Mowing Rota

27 Jul / 8 Aug – Mr. K Hayes  
 10 Aug / 22 Aug – Mr. C Durnam  
 24 Aug / 5 Sep – Mr. D White  
 7 Sep / 19 Sep – Mr. A Hancock  
 21 Sep / 3 Oct – The Webber Family  
 5 Oct / 17 Oct – Mr. A Goldsworthy

### Flower Rota

2 Aug / Aug – Mrs. B Hill  
 16 Aug / 23 Aug – Mrs. T Pugsley  
 30 Aug / 6 Sep – Mrs. S Greenslade  
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## CRUWYS MORCHARD

We start this month on a very sad note, with the passing of Len Christopher on Saturday 20 June 2015. Len has done so much for the parish over the years and will be sadly missed by us all. Our love and prayers go to Cissy and her family at this difficult time.

**THE CHURCH FETE** was a happy family afternoon, with a delicious BBQ, cooked by Rod and Pauline, music with

Steve Dyer and his group (together with Claire as an impromptu singer), all the usual stalls and side shows and a great number of children. We also took nearly £900 for church funds. Thank you everyone who helped and all who came and enjoyed themselves.

### FLOWER and CLEANING Rota

August 10/17 - Vine Spray  
 August 24/31 - Marilyn Hill  
 September 7/14 - Mrs J Townsend  
**September 21 Decorators for Harvest**  
 September 28/October 5 - Marilyn Hill

### MOWING ROTA

August – Dave and Diana Vincent, and Peter Lake  
 September – The Notley's

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**YOUNG FARMERS** It is a quiet time at the moment for YFC, so there is nothing to report. The Mid Devon Show is coming up so should be able to report more after that.

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**YOGA** until the end of August, there will only be one class on Thursdays from 10 - 11.30am.

Any enquiries contact Hilary on 01363 866245

**THE CHURCH BELLS** Nellie Croft reports: Sunday 14 June had been organised nationally as a grand ringing day to commemorate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta. Lynette Costello from Cadbury wanted to arrange a quarter peal in our area and we agreed to ring it at Cruwys Morchard. Guy and I rang in it as well as Lynette and three other ringers from other towers. When we finished ringing, one of them said he had been wondering if Guy's ancestors were already living here at the time of signing of Magna Carta. Guy confirmed that they were. We found this a fascinating thought and were pleased we had chosen to ring the commemorative quarter peal in a parish which included one ringer whose history went back so far. Nellie.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Saturday/Sunday 26/27 September.

Saturday 26 2.15pm short service in the Church ( do bring harvest gifts for local charities) followed by sports and harvest tea, for all, in the Parish Hall.

Sunday 27 11am Harvest Festival in the Church, do bring gifts if you would like.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

Saturday 8 August Annual Flower Show in Parish Hall at 2.30pm

Saturday 5 September Clay Shoot at East Ruckham, 12 noon-4pm

Saturday 12 September 4pm Welcoming Service in Exeter Cathedral for our new Bishop of Crediton  
Saturday/Sunday 26/27 September

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Saturday 3 October The Fourthwall Theatre Company presents "The 39 STEPS" in the Parish Hall. Seat reservation from Mary 01884 860620  
Friday 10 October 60s evening in Parish Hall. 7.30-11.30pm

Tuesday 20 October **SENIORS** Coffee and Chat morning in Parish Hall, 10-12noon.

It is hoped that **BARN DANCES** will recommence in the autumn.

We would like to welcome Alison and Mike Tullett, and Edwin and Sheila Jones into the village.

And a big "Thank you" to Dave Hilton for painting the Church railings so beautifully.

Our prayers and good wishes are with all those in the parish who are not well or grieving.

### LOXBEARE

At the beginning of June we celebrated Pentecost at two Evening Praise Services on the theme of the Holy Spirit. On the 7 June Donna led the Service and spoke on the gifts of the Spirit - with three ladies sharing some of their experiences of the gifts. On the 14 June Ben Maynard encouraged us with a talk on the fruits of the Spirit. Sunday 12 July we held a BBQ at 1pm at Lower Ingrams followed by a Service led by John with the Rev. Charles Raven, who works with the Archbishop of Kenya, speaking on Daniel Chapter 5 "The writing on the wall". Thank you to Ron and Margaret, Bob and Christine for doing the BBQ and everyone who contributed with food and all who helped in any way.

On Sunday 16 August a **Picnic Service** is planned at Steve and Sue's at 3pm. Do come and join us.

Our **Harvest Celebrations** will begin on Saturday 19 September with a

Service at 2.15pm - when there will be an opportunity for the children to bring Harvest gifts to the front of the Church. This will be followed by sports and tea. On Sunday 20 September the Service will be at 6.30pm followed by refreshments in the Church. Decorating the Church will take place on the Friday. Gifts and help would be appreciated. The Harvest Supper this year will be on Tuesday 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £5 for adults, £2.50 for children. Proceeds of the supper will be divided between the Church and Village Hall. Harvest goods to be auctioned in aid of tear Fund. Dave Britton will be our after supper speaker, on the work of the Street Pastors.

On Saturday 10 October we are holding a "Prayer and Gift" day. Anyone is welcome to a ploughman's lunch and or cream tea in the village. More details next magazine.

Our love and sympathy are with Bob and Christine on the death of Bob's mother. Also our thoughts and prayers are with all who are undergoing treatment and for those who have been unwell recently. We hope you will soon be feeling much better.

Congratulations to all celebrating special occasions and Birthdays in August/September.

On Saturday 22 August a "Parish Walk" is being arranged. Please contact Richard Vickery for more details on 01884 881234.

Loxbeare is starting a monthly 'Coffee/Tea Shop' in the Village Hall - on the 2nd Saturday of every month. There will either be a Coffee Morning between 10am -12noon or a Cream Tea from 4pm-6pm. There will be no charge but a 'pot' will be put out for contributions towards cost. The idea is to enable villagers to meet and chat for an hour or so each month. We start

with a 'Coffee Shop' on Saturday 12 September. Give it a try!!!.

**Loxbeare Ladies:** 3 August BBQ at 7pm at the Village Hall, cost £3. Let Jean know if you are coming to help with BBQ food quantities and bring a pudding and own drink. September 7 there will be a walk with the venue to be decided nearer the time. Contact Sue on 259496 for more details. Everyone welcome.

### OAKFORD

The Church looked lovely with all the flowers as we celebrated "God's wonderful gift of Summer" on 14 June, for a "Songs of Praise" with readings, poems and hymns - all chosen by people in the village. A big thank-you to all who organized and contributed, including the readers and our organist who had 9 hymns to play! Many joined us for the Service and afterwards for light refreshments at "The Red Lion"- with thanks to Jennie. Everyone really enjoyed it and we hope to do a "Songs of Praise" again in the near future. Come and join in our "Harvest Festival Service" which takes place on Sunday 27 September at 2.30pm, with tea and cakes afterwards at the back of the church. Gifts of produce and jams etc. most welcome.

The "Harvest Supper" and auction is on Monday 28 September at 7.30pm. Supper £6.50. Please bring your own drink. Proceeds will be shared between Tearfund, CHAT and the Church. All are welcome. For those who haven't been before and fancy coming, we have salad and cold meats, apple pie and cream and a lively auction. Phone Mike or Wendy on 01398 351383 to book for the Harvest Supper.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ray Fisher, who is not well in hospital and with Mike Parkhouse who is now

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recovering at home. We hope they will soon be fit and well.

### Pyncombe Educational Foundation, Oakford

If you have just left school and going on to further study this Autumn, you may be eligible for a grant of up to £150 from Oakford's own educational charity. You must have been resident in Oakford Parish for at least one year. No forms to fill in, just ring us before 1 September. Ring Sue Llewellyn on 01398 351338 or Dawn Williams on 01398 324035.

**Village Fete** We were fortunate to have a lovely afternoon after the morning rain and we had a very successful fete which everyone enjoyed. The fete committee are able to give £900 to the Devon Air Ambulance, £100 to the Village Hall and still able to keep £413.71 in reserve. A great result and a huge thank you to all who helped and supported it.

**The Moorland Club** Thursday 13 August: A Dancing Life – a chat about being a Tiller Girl. Speaker: Irene Holland.

**Don't forget the Flower and Produce Show** 2pm to 4pm. Saturday 15 August. All welcome.

**Village Hall** "Ukelele Crazy" 19 September at 7.30pm. Please look out for posters for more information.

**Sewing Classes** 7 September at 2.30 pm. at the Village Hall. Contact Tracey on 351665.

## RACKENFORD

It was a lovely day for the sponsored walk on Saturday 30 May but sadly we did not have as many walkers this year - however to date over £800 has been raised, so that is really amazing. It was

an 8 mile circular walk from Timberscombe with fantastic views over Minehead, North Hill, The Bristol Channel and South Wales. Returning through the pretty village of Wootton Courtney. Many thanks to all the sponsors walkers and helpers.

Some Services continue to be taken by Herbert Smith and Mary Cann for which we are most grateful - with some people from the PCC reading etc and also members of the congregation.

One of our Holy Communion Services in May was taken by Canon Jane Wilson and what an uplifting and meaningful service it was. It is always a pleasure to have Jane with us.

Our belated congratulations to Cheryl and Andrew Webber on the birth of their son George - hope everything is going well for you at this happy time.

Our deepest sympathy to Vera Mills and all the family on the death of Gerald. His funeral and internment took place in our Church where many gathered to support the family and pay their respects. Donations in Gerald's memory amounted to £1,500, which will be shared between Bladder Cancer Research, Air Ambulance and Rackenford Churchyard Fund. We are most grateful for this very kind donation. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

We send our prayers and best wishes Muriel Blinman, Peter Reynolds, Charlotte West, Evan Baillie, Peter Paxton and George Cole.

As always, we remember our friends Ken Blackford, Mrs Clark and Mrs Arscott.

Heather Calver (nee Sutton) daughter of Vera Sutton has been given the honour of Deputy Mayor of Lillington, Warwickshire. Heather was a former

pupil of Rackenford School. Congratulations from all that remember you in Rackenford and we hope you enjoy this position.

It was a glorious day for our cream teas on the lawns of Rackenford Manor where we gathered to enjoy the delicious teas and strawberries etc. Various stalls were available and a lovely draw and competitions. £607 was raised and we give many thanks to David and Moy Scott for having us once again.

By the time you read this the schools, colleges and universities will have broken up for the holidays. We hope you all get the results you wanted and congratulations. Hope all the staff and pupils will enjoy a good break.

To anyone who will be celebrating an anniversary or birthday, our congratulations to you - which includes George Cole who will be 90 shortly.

Congratulations and best wishes to Sheila and Jackie on their marriage on 18 July.

A warm welcome to Ruth Fennel who has joined our PCC. Always pleased to have new members.

Some of you may have noticed the overhaul and repairs being carried out to the Church clock. This will be ongoing for some time but we are glad to be having the work done.

Two dates for Bingo: 13 August and 10 September 7.30pm at Rackenford Club. Meat prizes and a good draw. Thank you to all who help and support this fund raising evening.

You may remember we have a new caretaker now. Andrew is doing a grand job and is working hard to try to keep the churchyard neat and tidy and generally well cared for. He would like

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### EXE VALLEY PRAYER/HOME GROUP

Loxbeare Hall Wednesdays from September onwards EXCEPT when there is a Prayer Breakfast that week.

### PRAYER BREAKFASTS

9 am Loxbeare Hall

Saturday 22 August and 26 September

### COFFEE PLUS

Alternate Thursdays

9.30am - 10.30am.

Prayer for the Exe Valley at Church Cottage, Stoodleigh  
01398 351364

### LOXBEARE PRAISE AND PRAYER

#### MEETING

3rd Tuesday in month

at 7.30pm

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### EXE VALLEY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

#### GROUP

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## EXE VALLEY MISSION COMMUNITY Teaching Programme

Aug 2 Holiday Club Group Service

“Epic Explorers”

Aug 9 Christian Biographies

Aug 16 “ “

Aug 23 “ “

Aug 30 Group Service Loxbeare

Mark 7. 1 – 23

Sept 6 Spiritual Blessings in Christ.

Ephesians 1. 1 – 14

Sept 13 Praying for others.

Ephesians 1. 15 – 23

Sept 20 From death to life by Grace.

Ephesians 2. 1 - 10

Sept 27 A new humanity.

Ephesians. 2. 11 – 22

**HOLIDAY CLUB  
SUNDAY SERVICE AND FUN DAY  
TEMPLETON HALL  
SUNDAY 2 AUGUST  
11.00am**

## EXE VALLEY CENTRAL

Each Sunday

Templeton Village Hall

At 11 am

(Unless otherwise stated)

2 Aug Holiday Club Group Service

9 Aug Morning Worship

16 Aug Holy Communion

23 Aug Morning Worship

30 Aug Group Service Loxbeare

6 Sept Cafe Style Family event

13 Sept Morning Worship

20 Sept Holy Communion

27 Sept Morning Worship

## PRAYING TOGETHER

Prayer meetings each  
Wednesday Evening 7.30pm  
in Loxbeare Hall ~  
except the weeks of the  
Saturday Prayer Breakfasts on  
22 August & 26 September  
at 9.00am in Loxbeare Hall.

## OAKFORD

**2 August**

See Templeton

**9 August**

9.30am Morning Prayer

**16 August**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**23 August**

9.30am Family Service

**30 August**

See Loxbeare

**6 September**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**13 September**

9.30 am Morning Worship

**20 September**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**27 September**

2.30 pm Harvest Festival

## RACKENFORD

**2 August**

See Templeton

**9 August**

9.30 am Family Service

**16 August**

9.30am Holy Communion

**23 August**

11 am Morning Worship

**30 August**

See Loxbeare

**6 September**

9.30 am Family Service

**13 September**

11 am Holy Communion

**20 September**

11 am Morning Worship

**27 September**

No Service

## STOODLEIGH

**2 August**

See Templeton

**9 August**

11 am Family Service

**16 August**

6.30 pm Evensong

**23 August**

11 am Holy Communion  
by Extension

**30 August**

See Loxbeare

**6 September**

11 am Family Service

**13 September**

6.30 pm Evensong

**20 September**

11 am Holy Communion

**27 September**

11 am Morning Prayer

**CALVERLEIGH**

**2 August**  
See Templeton

**9 August**  
11.15 am Morning Worship

**16 August**  
11.15 am Morning Worship  
with Baptism

**23 August**  
11.15 am Holy Communion

**30 August**  
See Loxbeare

**6 September**  
Join with Washfield

**13 September**  
11.15 am Harvest  
Thanksgiving

**20 September**  
11.15 am Morning Worship

**27 September**  
No Service

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**

**2 August**  
See Templeton

**9 August**  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

**16 August**  
11 am Holy Communion

**23 August**  
11 am Family Service

**30 August**  
See Loxbeare

**6 September**  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

**13 September**  
11 am Holy Communion

**20 September**  
11 am Family Service

**27 September**  
11 am Harvest Festival

**LOXBEARE**

**2 August**  
See Templeton

**9 August**  
6.30 pm Evening Praise

**16 August**  
3pm Picnic Service

**23 August**  
9.30 am Family Communion

**30 August**  
10.30 am Group Service

**6 September**  
6.30 pm Evening Praise

**13 September**  
11 am EVC Templeton Hall

**20 September**  
6.30 pm Harvest Festival

**27 September**  
11 am EVC Templeton Hall

**TEMPLETON**

**2 August**  
9.30am Holy Communion

**9 August**  
No Service

**16 August**  
No Service

**23 August**  
11 am Morning Prayer  
with Baptism

**30 August**  
See Loxbeare

**6 September**  
11 am Family Service

**13 September**  
No Service

**20 September**  
9.30 am Morning Prayer and  
Holy Communion

**27 September**  
No Service

**WASHFIELD**

**2 August**  
See Templeton

**9 August**  
11 am Holy Communion

**16 August**  
11 am Family Service

**23 August**  
6 pm Evening Prayer

**30 August**  
See Loxbeare

**6 September**  
11 am Holy Communion  
by Extension

**13 September**  
2.30 pm Harvest Festival

**20 September**  
No Service

**27 September**  
6 pm Evensong sung by  
St Peter's Church Choir, Tiverton

**WITHLEIGH**

**2 August**  
See Templeton

**9 August**  
11 am Family Service

**16 August**  
9.30 am Holy Communion

**23 August**  
11 am Morning Worship

**30 August**  
See Loxbeare

**6 September**  
9.30 am Holy Communion  
by Extension

**13 September**  
3 pm Harvest Festival

**20 September**  
11 am Morning Worship

**27 September**  
No Service



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it mentioned, for his safety and the protection of the strimmer, that he would be most grateful if glass jars and pots were not used on the graves. His idea (that works well in other churches) is to use cut off middle sized milk containers or plastic squash bottles. He has also come across several places of dog fouling. We hope that everyone will help by remembering to shut the gate in case dogs are loose and if walking through the churchyard, dogs should be on leads please. We hope we can all help him with the above. Some relatives and friends of loved ones have given permission for graves to be levelled off. If you would agree to this being done Andrew is happy to do it for you which would make his task easier. This would be less time consuming and more economical. However this will only be done if you give permission. You could always give our Churchwardens a ring if you would like this done. Herbert on 881375 or Mary Cann on 881696.

We hope you will enjoy the summer and the weather will be kind to us all.

## STOODLEIGH

**C**hris Hill and Lizzie Colcutt were married at St Margaret's Church on Saturday 11 July. The ceremony was conducted by Canon Jane Wilson. It was a simple and moving service, with readings by Gill Prudden (two poems) and Roger Hill (from the Song of Solomon). The church was beautifully decorated by the Stoodleigh flower ladies and the bells were rung by the St Margaret's ringers. The best men were Mark and Tim Hill. Chris, who grew up

at Quoit-at-Cross, runs Stoodleigh Landscaping and is a keen cricketer. Lizzie is an artist and works at the Lantic Gallery in town. The reception was held in one of the big barns at Quoit-at-Cross, totally transformed for the occasion. Roger and Linda Hill generously offered this magnificent venue to the village for a dance and barbecue the following week.

It was a delight to have John, Tori, Mimi, Eliza and Posy Griffiths, with their family and friends, at the Family Service on Sunday 7 June for the baptism of Posy. We welcomed Posy into the family of the church during the service led by Revd Tim Hunt, and pray that God will bless and guide her.

A good number from our St Margaret's congregation enjoyed, with other Exe Valley parishes, the packed Group Service at Calverleigh Church on Sunday 28 June. It is hoped that these planned monthly Group Services in different churches will be equally well attended in the future.

At the Family Service on Sunday 5 July, we welcomed a visit, with a talk on their work, from our Church Mission Society partners, Eric and Sandra Read. They were home for a two month break from the Philippines where they are working with the Philippine people on pioneering agricultural work, mainly in fruit production. The members of the PCC afterwards joined with them for lunch at Church Cottage.

Once again we were lucky with the weather for Stoodleigh Village Day and this year's event was widely thought to be the best yet, with even more children enjoying every minute of it. So many

people helped in so many ways. Thanks to all of them.

Congratulations to Emily and John Northam on the birth of Jack, a brother to Eve, grandson to David and Iris Wotton and great grandson to David and Betty.

A warm Stoodleigh welcome to Matt and Ellie and their baby son Joshua, who have moved into the newly rebuilt Finistere.

### Dates for your diary:

**Saturday 8 August:** Family Fun Dog Show at Vials Corner. This has become an annual event. For full details see advertisement in this magazine. In aid of the St Margaret's Church and the Parish Hall.

**Bank Holiday Monday 31 August:** Ploughman's Lunch at Parkhouse Water, in aid of the Church.

**Saturday 12 September:** Last of the Summer Walks, a second walking and community event following the successful walk in January. Breakfast from 9am followed by a choice of local walks, lunch for walkers on their return (and for non-walkers). Tickets available nearer the time - 01398 351391. Proceeds to Parish Hall funds.

**Friday 25 September:** Coffee Morning in aid of the Church at Furzeclift, 10.30am-12pm

**Sunday 4 October:** Harvest Festival Service at St. Margaret's, 11am.

**Monday 5 October:** Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall.

**Saturday 17 October:** Stoodleigh Showtime at 7pm at the Parish Hall. An evening of fun and entertainment provided by local Stoodleigh folk! Thanks to those who have already

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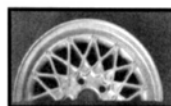


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volunteered to take part. There is still plenty of opportunity on stage for you to sing, dance, read poetry, tell amusing anecdotes or something else – just let us know. Help with back stage duties will also be needed, so please get in touch about that if you can. For more information, ring 01398 351391 or 351252. Proceeds to the Church and the Parish Hall.

**Stoodleigh 100 Club:** Prizewinners for May – 1 Sarah Stansfield, 2 Cathy Thorpe, 3 Joyce Lacey, 4 Jean Winter; June – 1 Margaret Cuninghame, 2 Peter Browne, 3 Brian Palfrey, 4 Dorothy Ayre.

### Church Flower Rota

2, 9, 16 August – Betty Wotton  
23, 30 August – Enid Hamidullah  
6, 13 September – Pat Aplin  
20, 27 September – Christine Palfrey

## TEMPLETON

The dates of our Church Services vary at the present. On the first Sunday of the month there continues to be a Family Service at 11.00am followed by coffee and the church library. On the third Sunday of the month it is usually Morning Prayer at 9.30am, followed by Holy Communion, although this may change - so check with the list of services in the centre of the magazine. The fourth Sunday is a Group Service held on a rotational basis around the Parish Churches. We hope you will support this.

Starting on the fourth Wednesday morning in September there will be a Craft & Coffee, Knit & Natter Group

gathering at Templeton Church 10.30am until 12 noon. This is open to all. Bring along any craft or knitting you are already doing or if, like some of us, you are not gifted but would like to learn, or knit squares for a blanket to send to Africa, or would just like to come for a coffee and a natter - then just come along. Materials will be provided.

Just a reminder that the Templeton Library still opens on the first Wednesday afternoon in the month 3.00pm til 4.00pm followed by the Templeton Book Group. Both are at the church with tea and cake provided.

Several from our Parish enjoyed a farm walk at Colston Barton in May. We would like to thank Reg & Sue for their hospitality and for the delicious refreshments, which were very welcome, at the end of the walk.

This year's Annual Summer Fete will be on Saturday 8 August. Gates open at 1.30pm. Come and enjoy all the events: an outside auction, an auction of handmade quilts by Jan Cregan, hampers, pony rides, bouncy castle, raffle, bric-a-brac, book sale, fabrics & nearly new clothes, jumble sale, Meccano display, cake stall and candy floss. Cream teas and hot dogs are being served. There will also be indoor and outdoor games. The bar will be open from about 3.30pm.

Could you look out any unwanted gifts, bric-a-brac, clothes or any items for the auction and bring them to the Village Hall either on the Monday evening (club night) or the Friday evening before the day of the fete. If you have any cakes for the cake stall, then please deliver

them on the Saturday morning. Phone 860655 if you need anything collected.

The annual Duck Race at Templeton Bridge is on Sunday 13 September at 2.00pm. Why not buy your ducks at the fete (£1 each). The race starts at Matthew's at Great Esworthy Farm where there is parking and it finishes at Dartcombe Mill with cream teas, pasties, raffle, plants, books and bric-a-brac for sale. A perfect time for a walk and a chat.

The theme for the next Templeton Calendar 2016 is Views of Templeton. Please let us have your colour photos of anything – places, things or people within Templeton - from which 12 will be selected for the calendar. Deadline: 8 August. Either - bring your photos to the fete and give them to Anthony or Julie Dent - or email them to [Julie.dent@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Julie.dent@yahoo.co.uk). For further information tel 01884 233507.

We are sorry to hear that Ron Woollacott has been in hospital recently and hope that he will be back to good health again soon. We send our love and prayers to him and to anyone else who has been unwell recently.

### Flower & Cleaning Rota

Sally Greenslade 26 July/2 Aug  
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## PARISH ROUND-UP

*Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow*

**W**ashfield, like the other villages in the Exe Valley Mission Community, is joining to pray that the preparation procedure that is now in place, will go forward to advertise and select a new incumbent; with God's guidance.

St Mary's Church hosted the Songs of Praise Group Service at the end of May to a full and happy church. The service was taken by Anna and featured a request hymn from each of the nine parishes represented. Much good feedback was given regarding holding the Group Service monthly in a church at different parishes.

What a lovely, sunny day we had for our Church Fete on Saturday 27 June. We were truly blessed as it had rained the previous day and also the day after! We welcomed a large throng of parishioners and visitors alike, which is always nice - as it was to have the bells ringing and the Tiverton Concert Band's lovely music. Mrs Allison Trout opened the proceedings and was presented with flowers from Ellie Lampard. A great variety of stalls and intriguing sideshows and games and the bouncy castle tempted all to spend their money - as did the delicious tea-time spread served in the hall afterwards. Very sincere thanks are extended to all the stall-holders and game organisers which included a local Guide group camping in the village. Thanks too, to everyone who came, helped fill the stalls and tea tables and helped out in any way. Last but definitely not least, thanks to the Albery family who so kindly let us use their lawns again for this event and to Denise who allowed

the use of her field for the invaluable car parking. Because of all your generosity, the day finished with a grand profit of £1098.80, an amazing figure for a relatively small village (but one with a great, big heart!)

Our Harvest Festival celebrations will take place on Sunday 13 September with a Church Service at 2.30pm. This will be followed by sports and then a "Bring and Share" tea in the hall. Please can we decorate the Church on Saturday 12? Any donations of produce would be gratefully appreciated, thank you

Best wishes are sent to all who are not enjoying the best of health at the moment. We are particularly thinking of Mrs Alice Balment, recovering from a fall, Mrs Sylvia Cockram and Mrs Irene Bolt and send you, and everyone else feeling under par at the moment, our thoughts and prayers. Best wishes go to anyone celebrating special birthdays and other occasions and send special wishes to the youngsters starting or changing schools or colleges or beginning university. Good Luck to you all.

Congratulations to Lizzie Parker on winning a British Citizen Award for all her charity work in Africa. This includes getting chickens into Bwaise, Uganda and setting up the UK arm of AFFCAD which she supports - as well as teaching full-time! Liz received her award at The Palace of Westminster in July. Well done Lizzie, this is so well deserved.

Perhaps someone in the Parish should have made a Lizzie scarecrow to mingle with all our other heroes that

popped up during the Scarecrow Festival. Once again this was well supported with over 30 heroes and heroines taking part. As part of the event we also enjoyed a Cream Tea, walking quiz and Treasure Hunt plus the Grand Final with a barbecue. There were many classes with deserving winners (see Village website for details of these, plus photos) and lots of good humour. Those deserving our thanks are all who helped plan and organise the Festival and worked hard in making it such a success. It was also great to see the many newcomers in the village taking part and embracing this quirky event and good to see them winning prizes. Well done everyone.

By the time you read this piece, scaffolding will be up around the Village Hall as we have been fortunate enough to win a substantial grant from Viridor Credits, so that we can replace the original hall roof, lead valleys and windows. After the 91 years these things have weathered, so this work is vital, in order to take it forward as a comfortable, warm and serviceable venue for hire by all our local groups and others who wish to book our lovely hall. We look forward to seeing the work completed in due course.

One such group using the Hall for a special booking are The Lunch Club Ladies and friends who are once again holding a Cream Tea in aid of Hospiscare, Pine Lodge, Tiverton. This year it will be on Saturday 8 August from 3pm. There will also be a Bring & Buy stall and a Raffle. Please come if you are able to support this local charity.

Also, an afternoon charity Cream Tea is being held at "The Mill", Lower

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# PARISH ROUND-UP

Washfield on Sunday 23 August, in aid of aHUS UK. There will be a Bouncy Castle and raffle etc which will raise funds for research into the rare kidney disease. All are welcome to this special afternoon between 2.30 - 5.30pm.

### Dates for your diary

Saturday 8 August Cream Teas in the Hall 3pm for Hospiscare, Pine Lodge with Bring and Buy stall and Raffle. All welcome.

Tuesday 11 August teatime@the hall from 3pm. Come and partake in tea, cake and friendship.

Thursday 20 August Lunch Club in hall 12 for 12.30pm

Sunday 23 August Charity Cream Tea afternoon at The Mill, Lower Washfield 2.30-5.30pm with Raffle, Bouncy Castle etc. For aHUS UK. All welcome - to help raise money towards kidney research.

Tuesday 8 September teatime@thehall from 3pm. Join this group and meet your fellow villagers for social interaction (with cake and tea too!)

Sunday 13 September Harvest Festival. Church Service at 2.30pm followed by sports and "Bring and Share" tea.

### Altar Flower Rota

August 9/16 Mrs A Balment  
 August 23/30 Mrs May  
 September 6/13 Mrs Harding  
 September 20/27 Mrs Jones

### Cleaning Rota

August 3 Mr & Mrs Parnell  
 August 10/17 Mrs Harding & Mrs Jones  
 August 24/31 Mr & Mrs Ellis  
 Sept 7/14 Mrs French  
 Sept 21/28 Mrs Arnold

## WITHLEIGH

At the time of writing, we are hoping for a dry day for our Fete on Saturday, 18 July so that a decision will not have to be made as to whether we can be in Henry and Shirley's garden or in the Village Hall.

On 8 June, Mary Palmer was buried in our churchyard after a service in our Church. Mary is now with her husband, Sir John. Mary lived at Lower Withleigh before moving to Nynhead. She was a regular churchgoer here whilst living at Lower Withleigh, and a member of the Women's Institute. She will be remembered with great affection. Our love and prayers are with Mary's family.

We say farewell to Lee, Zoe, Ellie and Zach Arthurs, who have moved from Firbanks to Tiverton. We hope you have settled in your new home.

We welcome the new occupants to Withleigh Farm and hope to see you in the village soon.

The Village Hall AGM was held on Tuesday 23 June, in the Village Hall. It was good to have support from people in the village who are not on the hall committee. The chairman Duncan Kittow thanked everyone for all their help and support throughout the year, with special thanks to David Sellick for all of his hard work keeping the outside of the hall tidy, also to Christine, Janet and Gerald for organising the Bingos and Whist Drives.

At the Village Hall meeting it was suggested that we hold a Supper and

Short Play Evening. Janet Stacey has agreed to produce a short play, if anybody would be interested in taking part or helping in any way please contact Janet on 253072.

On Sunday, 5 July, we welcomed Mo, a volunteer from Devon Freewheelers, together with his motorbike. He gave a very interesting talk on the history and work of Devon Freewheelers. Blood for transfusions and organs for transplants are just two of the things transported on the motorbikes. Riders are now trained as First Aiders, and some carry defibrillators, so can be diverted for emergencies, if necessary, whilst they are en route to their destinations. Mo is located in this area for Tiverton Hospital and says he is kept busy at times, transporting items to and from our Hospital. He was presented with a cheque from Withleigh Church for £150, and the congregation gave generously to a retiring collection of a further £100.

We think about all those awaiting exam results and we hope these will allow them to pursue their chosen career. We hope all those changing or starting school will settle in well.

Our best wishes go to Laura Headon and Tommy Butcher, who are to be married at St Catherine's on 1 August. May you know God's blessing on your future life together.

This year's Garden & Produce Show will be held on Saturday 15 August. Please remember to get your entries to Henry Cruwys by Tuesday 11 August. Doors open at 7.30pm, and all are welcome to come and see the variety of

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

Flowers, Vegetables, Crafts and Cakes. Refreshments will be served during the evening. For more information please call Brenda on 01884 252431.

The Women's Institute is organising a Cream Tea, to celebrate 100 years of the National Federation of Women's Institutes, at the Old Rectory on Wednesday, 3 September starting at 3.00pm. There will be a draw, proceeds of which will be given to Denman College. Everyone welcome, even men!!

Our Harvest Festival celebrations begin on Sunday, 13 September with a Service at 3.00pm, followed by tea in the Village Hall. On Monday, 14 September, there will be the usual Harvest Supper, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, followed by the auction of the produce. Proceeds of the auction will be given to "Singing to Remember". This is a singing group in Tiverton for people with memory loss, and is run by volunteers.

On 22 September, beginning at 7.30pm, there will be a planning meeting in the church vestry for our Christmas Craft Fayre.

**Withleigh WI** meet on the second Thursday of each month, usually in the Village Hall. Call Rosie on 01884 257123 or e-mail [rosie@ceramics.lu](mailto:rosie@ceramics.lu) for more details. New members are always welcome. Below is the programme for the next few months.

**Friday 7 August**, 2pm. Annual Outing, Exmoor Pony Centre, Dulverton, with Dr Sue Baker, The History of the Exmoor Pony.

**Thursday 10 September**, 7.30pm, The Land Girls, with Sue Virgin.

**Thursday 8 October**, 7.30pm, Joint meeting with Washfield at Withleigh Village Hall.

Sadly we have nobody to run the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, if anyone is interested and would like more information please call Duncan 252949 or Brenda 252431.

Get well wishes to all those not well at the moment especially those receiving treatment. We also think of all those who have been bereaved. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

### Forthcoming Events:

1 August - Wedding of Laura Headon & Tommy Butcher

Saturday 15 August - Garden & Produce Show at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

3 September - W.I. Cream Tea at The Old Rectory, 3pm

13 September - Harvest Festival in Church at 3pm, followed by tea in the Village Hall

14 September - Harvest Supper, 7 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall

### Flower Rota:

Aug 2 / 9 Wedding

Aug 16 / 23 Ruby Reed

Aug 30 / Sept 6 Ann Gornall & Maureen Stubbington

Sept 13 HARVEST

Sept 20 Janet Sellick

Sept 27 / Oct 4 Shirley Cruwys

### Monthly Diary Dates:

First Thursday – Bingo

Second Monday – Whist Drive

Second Thursday – W.I.

## Light Shining out of Darkness

God moves in a mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform.

He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,  
The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and shall break  
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste  
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter  
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**Thoughts for Everyday ~  
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for 1 August**

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another you will find.  
If the way is barred,  
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and has a plan for every soul.  
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**Thoughts for Everyday ~  
by Patience Strong ~  
for 1 September**

Now the orchard boughs are hung  
with apples ripe and bright ~  
Russet, red and yellow  
in the mellow light.

Once again the ladder  
stands against the laden spray.  
A touch of Autumn in the air :  
the first September day.

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We look forward to a fun filled week learning more about Jesus and taking part in Sports and Craft activities.

**HOLIDAY CLUB IS FOR CHILDREN AGED FROM 5-11.**

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## WASHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

### CREAM TEA

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**WASHFIELD  
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Sunday 13 September  
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followed by Sports and  
"Bring and Share"  
Tea in the Village Hall

**WITHLEIGH  
HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
Sunday 13 September  
Church Service 3pm  
followed by Tea in Hall  
Monday 14 September  
Harvest Supper 7 for 7.30pm  
followed by Auction of Produce

**CALVERLEIGH  
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