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## IT'S ALL AN EDUCATION !

I am having to educate my husband. (And to be fair, he's having to educate me – but we won't go into that now!) We've visited places that are important to us. He took me to Italy, spending time in Venice, Florence and Padua. I have taken him to Barnstaple. He has cooked me breaded plaice and I have introduced him to the delights of crispy shredded chilli beef from the Chinese takeaway.

He has shown me the intricate skill in making a proper cup of coffee and I have taken him through the extensive choices available on a cocktail menu, as well as the skill of drinking them, without getting the cocktail stick stuck up your nose. He has shown me the artwork of Giotto and Giusto de Menabuoi and I have made him watch, 'Love Actually', 'Mamma Mia', 'The History Boys', 'Come Fly with Me' and 'Gavin and Stacey'. How else will he understand what my family say to one another, when we meet?

And it's great. And we're learning a lot about each other.

And it has revived certain things in me. Things that I remember from my youth. Things that I remember from my childhood. Things that used to be important to me. Things that still are.



Christmas, Mothering Sunday, Easter, Ascension Day, Whitsun (yes, I am that old – I can remember the Whit weekend, rather than the Spring Bank Holiday), were all important markers in my childhood. They were less so in my youth, and distinctly non-existent in my twenties. And, I suspect are becoming more and more of a mystery to more and more people.

And so, just like we are trying to do at home, we need to educate one another and be reminded about such things.

That Easter is not just about chicks and bunnies and hunting for eggs, but is about Jesus, rising from the dead, full of resurrection life. And that Whitsun – the Day of Pentecost – is not just about having a long weekend, great though that is, but is the wonderful reality of the Holy Spirit, coming in power, bringing life and joy to all believers.

So this is just a reminder, as we enter the season of Easter and Pentecost - you are welcome to join us at any or all of our Services. Come and be reminded of what it's all about. Come and be educated. Remember the things that once were important to you – and maybe still are.

God bless you richly – and cause you to remember!

*Steph*

Please read additional information from Steph on Pages 3 and 19

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## EDITORIAL

Wow !! Two "Beasts from the East" in as many months and, no doubt, we have all been affected in one way or another. Our sympathies go to anyone who is ill, has had a fall or has been stranded in the snow. It has also been a hugely difficult time for our farmers and their animals. Let's hope April brings us some sun and the opportunity to get back to normal.

April is the renewal date for our Advertisers and we would like to thank them all for their continued support of the TODAY magazine and hope that they will continue to advertise with us in the future.

We no longer have the Parish Boxes inside the back cover so, as well as checking the Middle Pages for Church Services etc., please read the Round-ups carefully, for details of all events and special occasions.

Information from Steph can be found on the pages listed on the Front Cover.

Brown subscription envelopes will be in the next issue.

*Jenny and Geoff*

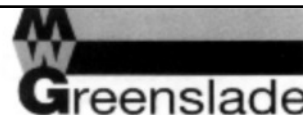
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## STEPH REFLEXE ...

Well, I came back from holiday looking forward to catching up with watching some programmes on iplayer. Husband was out, so it was a perfect opportunity for me to settle down and watch, 'Call the Mid-Wife', one of my favourites, and a programme my husband likes to avoid. A perfect hour of relaxing viewing, before returning to work.

But no! I was wrong! There was nothing relaxing about it, at all! It was devastating! The story-line was not what I was expecting. And neither was the outcome. I felt completely wrung out by the end. I was emotionally drained. I rather regretted watching it in the first place.

And of course, on reflection, I realise that life is full of the unexpected. Everything seems to be going along swimmingly. The sun is shining. The sky is blue. Spring is on the way and all is great with the world. And then suddenly, wham! bang! something happens, something devastating comes from nowhere and the sun may still be shining, but you can't see it any more, because everything has turned dark and black.

That's exactly what happened in this episode of, 'Call the Mid-Wife'. And yet in the midst of a deep, tragic, personal disaster, words of comfort and hope were uttered:

'The Lord is my Shepherd, he is everything I need ... Even though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death I will fear no evil ... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.'

*Steph*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### 'TODAY' 50 years ago April and May, 1968

The magazine was still "not back to normal" but it was hoped that the situation would be normal by the end of April.

The Resurrection, as the basis of the Christian faith, constituted the lead article in the April magazine, particularly in relation to those, including churchmen, who refused to accept it because it could not be proven by "reason". If you cannot accept the Resurrection, then Christianity is no faith at all.

Rev. Christopher Tull was promoting the idea of weekly offering envelopes as a means of reducing the gap between a Church's (with Withleigh in mind) income and its outgoings.

Mothering Sunday had seen a well-attended Group Service at Stoodleigh. [Seems ironic that our churches all expect their own Service despite our resident clergy numbers being greatly depleted, but then, lay service leaders was still something for the future].

In Templeton, the 'boys' had organised a successful dance in aid of the Church tower repair fund.

Clearly never one to shy away from controversy, Rev. Herniman's lead article, in the May issue, took on the housing shortage, and the way this had been exacerbated by immigration. It was not just about housing, but the number of available teachers, doctors, and jobs generally. [Looks like nothing has changed in fifty years!].

Rev. Richard Steele-Perkins, left the Exe Valley after nearly three years of service, with special responsibilities for Loxbeare and Rackenford.

In January, Washfield had lost its Post Office and, during April, Templeton P.O. had also closed. Stamps could, however, be bought directly from the postman!

A 'flu epidemic had hit most of the families in Oakford.

Withleigh 'A' team (Caroline Langworthy, Janet Roberts and Jonathan Langworthy) was narrowly defeated by Exmouth in the final of Criss-cross Quiz.

*Paul Iliff*

## NATURE NOTES

Down in the valley, our approach to Spring has been accompanied by the incredible view of Venus in the evening sky, and constant visits of a family of five long tailed tits. It made me reflect on how many memorable sights in Nature are only specific to that time in the calendar.

Immediately one thinks of the flowering of Spring bulbs but my observations and experience often deviate from the accepted norm. For example, I have often drifted home on an early Summer evening and heard my first cuckoo of the year but to say it was 'the first cuckoo of Spring' would be an exaggeration.

Similarly, I have never seen hares boxing in March when their liveliness is associated with the start of the breeding season.

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

In the shelter of the lanes of Devon, the seasons can be out of kilter with the rest of the world. Saxifrage and cleavers have been busily colonising the banks from as early as January.

However, I would like to promote one sight that is pending [but I accept may not be to everyone's taste] and that is the arrival of the St Mark's fly – so named because they will indeed emerge for the feast day of the Saint [25 April]. The males are a shiny, sinister black but their long legs and thus strange flight paths, like drones with broken undercarriages, make them instantly recognisable as they swarm in the lane. Unfortunately they do this at head height, so you have a choice to either limbo dance under, or walk through with a tightly closed mouth. You can guarantee that it will be a lovely fine day because, if your lifetime in flight is restricted to seven days, you do well to choose good weather.

I am reminded of a sermon from childhood. The priest invited the congregation to marvel at the wonder of creation and to contrast the immensity of the universe with the exquisite detail of smaller components. Children were asked to imagine how difficult it must have been to design and fix the legs on a fly. Thus in our household, any task that demands concentration and fine detail, is forever referred to as a "fly's leg job".

Thomas More

*Thomas More*

### FAMOUS LAST WORDS !!

1. Computers in the future, may weigh less than 1.5 tons - 1949
2. I think that, in the future, there may be a world market for as many as five computers - Chairman of IBM 1943
3. Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible - Royal Society 1895

## CALVERLEIGH

We hope that you all managed to cope well enough with the cold and the snow and were not too inconvenienced. Hopefully the longer, sunnier days are on the way.

On Saturday 20 January, Mrs Hilda Forward held an Open House at her Tiverton home, inviting family and friends to celebrate with her on the occasion of her 90th birthday. A large number of people attended during the day and were treated to tea and cakes. Our very best wishes go to her along with our grateful thanks to Hilda for her continued organ playing at our Services, which have been shared with Nick Lineham, to whom we are also very grateful.

Best wishes also go to all who have been celebrating a special occasion in their lives. If you'd like to share any big birthdays or anniversaries here in the magazine please get in contact.

4 February saw a joint Service led by both Julie Goldsworthy and Rev'd Steph Gordon-Jeffs. Steph gave the Sermon and Julie read a monologue as the mother of Simon Peter. This new initiative will become a regular feature around the Mission Community with Steph sharing Services with Worship Leaders.

Many of you came along to our Mothering Sunday Service, which was led by sisters Tasha Gerolimatos and Nikki Burton. A table of activities was laid on for the children, where they could decorate cakes and colour pictures of flowers for their Mums (although I'm not sure that many Mums got to eat the cakes). A large number of posies were distributed among the congregation of Mums, Grandmas and Aunties, with the invitation to take

remaining posies to anyone who would appreciate receiving one. Thank you to all who prepared the lovely posies for the Service.

Over the next couple of months there will be special Services held in Church where we will welcome families for a wedding or baptism and we very much look forward to these times of fellowship.

Due to higher numbers at our Cluster Services, there was a realisation that we were short of Common Worship (Order One) books for Holy Communion services. We would like to thank Derek and Mary Herniman who generously offered to purchase a number of new books for us.

### Coming Up ...

The Church APCM will take place on Wednesday 11 April at 7.30pm in Church. All parishioners are welcome to come along.

On Saturday 21 April we will be having the Annual Church Spring Clean morning from 9am-12noon. Any offers of help will be gratefully accepted. If you are willing to give even just a few minutes of your time, please bring along a bucket, cleaning cloths, brush etc. Hot water, dusters and polish will be supplied along with refreshments. Many hands make light work and you will be home in time for lunch!

Our Annual Day of Prayer this year is Saturday 12 May from 9.00am-9.00pm. If you would like to join in, you can choose a half hour slot at a time during the day that suits you best and pray, wherever you feel comfortable. Your prayer time does not have to take place in Church, but it will be open if you choose to do so. Further information will be available in Church or by contacting

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# PARISH ROUND-UP

Aubrey Goldsworthy or Jackie Herniman, closer to the time. Prayer guidance sheets are provided closer to the day. Over 30 people have taken part annually and for this we are extremely grateful. There is nothing more powerful than prayer.

The Duck Race is proving to be a popular fund-raiser and time of fellowship. This will be taking place on the afternoon of Saturday 26 May, with ducks starting to race from just below Lurley Bridge. For more information please contact Lorna and Geoffrey Thomas.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been unwell, are awaiting/recovering from treatment or mourning the loss of a loved one. We hope that you will all be feeling better and at peace soon.

The Annual Flower and Produce Show will be on 25 August in the Village Hall, with the usual competitions, teas etc. Schedules should be available by the end of April from Rita or Sheila.

Open Air service - Sunday 1 July at 3pm

Produce Show - Saturday 25 August

### Cleaning Rota

2 / 14 Apr: Mrs J Goldsworthy  
 16 / 28 Apr: Mrs R Tapp  
 30 Apr / 12 May: Mrs S Greenslade  
 14 / 26 May: Mrs M Herniman  
 28 May / 9 Jun: Mrs M Furneaux

### Mowing Rota

2/14 Apr: Mr A Goldsworthy  
 16/28 Apr: Mr D White  
 30 Apr/12 May: Mr K Hayes  
 14/26 May: The Webber Family  
 28 May/9 Jun: Mr C Durnan

### Altar Flower Rota

1/8 Apr: Mrs D Hopper  
 15/22 Apr: Mrs M L Ravnkilde  
 29 Apr/6 May: Mrs L Thomas  
 13/20 May: Mrs N Burton  
 27 May/3 Jun: Mrs R Tapp

Have we missed anything? If there is something that you think we should have mentioned, or you have something for inclusion in the next Magazine, please contact Dave Burton 01884 561499 or calverleigh@exevalleychurches.org and get the latest on the website at: www.exevalleychurches.org/calverleigh

## CRUWYS MORCHARD

### HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE.

Our Easter Service of Holy Communion, on Sunday 1 April, is at 11.15am.

Other Services in our Church are 15 April 11 am Family Service.

6 May Cluster Service (with Withleigh and Templeton) in Cruwys Morchard with Holy Communion.

27 May 11 am Family Service.

For all other Services and times of Holy Communion please look at the centre pages.

**The Snow.** Sadly all Cluster Services on 4 March had to be cancelled due to the snow. Many of us were cut off from the outside world by snow drifts, but it brought out the best in everyone helping each other. Whilst walking down our lane (blocked by snow to cars) along came a knight on a shining, enormous tractor, in the form of Gerald Kingdom, clearing the snow, feeding the sheep and ferrying the

vet home after a long shift, and taking Oscar Gibbs to the A & E in Tiverton with a broken arm, having fallen from his sledge. God Bless the snow.

### Flower and Cleaning rota

26 March - Decorators for Easter  
 2/9 April - Ann Gillbard and Judith Taylor  
 16/23 April - Denyse Syanden and Jo Hilton  
 30 April / 7 May - Vine Spragg  
 14/21 May - Diana Vincent and Val Randerson  
 28 May/4 June - Marion Kingdom

### Cruwys Morchard Young Farmers

The Club recently represented Exe Valley at the County Round of Pantomime. This proved a great experience for everyone who took part and the Club were extremely pleased to be placed third in this competition. Puss in Boots was then performed again alongside Culm Valley's Jack and the Beanstalk at Tiverton High School. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Club during their performances, a great time was had by all and the members were very proud of their achievement.

Preparations are now being made for entries at Devon County Show. If you would like to know more about Young Farmers, meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Parish Hall.

**The Parish Hall** is available for hire to all, for hire enquiries please ring/write to Mrs D Vincent, High Banks, Pennymoor, EX16 8LQ. 01363 860 227.

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**COMMUNITY LUNCH**, free to all residents of Cruwys Morchard, is to be on Tuesday 17 April at 12 for 12.30pm, in the Parish Hall. Do come and catch up with those you might not see regularly. Bring a bottle, if you wish, soft drinks provided, raffle. Please ring Sonia on 01363 866 864 to book and tell us of any special dietary requirements, and to arrange transport if necessary. Anyone who would like to help please ring Diana on 01363 860227.

**WEDNESDAY WALK and TALK**, every Wednesday at 1.30pm from the Cruwys Arms, for anyone who would like to come.

**YOGA** every Thursday morning at 10am - 11.30am in the Parish Hall.

### CRUWYS ARMS GARDENERS

Ten of us met for our February meet in the Cruwys Arms. Clare gave us all some Oca tubers (from the Andes), which look like fat radishes but taste like potatoes and lemons and also some mystery seeds and poppy seeds. We then discussed our garden wildlife, and since September we have seen Black Tern, a pair of Turtle Doves, Tawny Owls, Raven and Kingfisher. We have also found frog spawn in our ponds. It was proposed and agreed that we visit Hestercombe in May.

Just six of us met for our March meet, but it was a very merry group. We are agreed that our talk by Gavin Haig on the Healing Garden will be held at Chapple. This month's reading tip - apparently Chiltern Seed produce an amazing catalogue! We discussed our gardens and the snow and frost effect. Some frog spawn were lost in the freeze and Lapwings and Waxwings may have starved.

Now is the time to begin tackling rose pruning, but avoid frosty periods. Ramblers trim or thin out, Climbers prune

after they have flowered but Bush Roses cut back one third to two thirds. Fertilize and then compost on top. Please join us at the Cruwys Arms 8pm on the first Wednesday in the month.

### FUTURE EVENTS

Parish Fete on Saturday 14 July in the Parish Hall, at 12noon-3pm. Complete with all the usual side shows, a barbecue, tea and coffee, cakes, ice cream, a dog show, bouncy castle, a static classic vehicle show and, hopefully, a police car and fire engine. Enquiries for the classic vehicles ring 01363 866864 or email: sonianotley@yahoo.co.uk

The **ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW** will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 11th August. Please take a look at our schedule, as we have many new classes this year. We would like to welcome and encourage new exhibitors, to ensure we have another great show. The buckets are now available for children, under 16, who would like to grow their own potato. Any questions, or help with exhibiting your entries, please contact Pauline Guscott 07968 101121 or email pauline.8@hotmail.co.uk

Harvest Festival 29/30 September  
Christmas Fayre 3 November.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Helen Mitchell. Helen and Guy Mitchell lived at Old Winesland in Pennymoor and were very involved in village life. Following Guy's death, Helen moved back to Australia to be near her children and their families in 2003. Since then, she has continued to support our Church every year. She passed away peacefully on 27 February and our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

We also have to say "good bye" to Bob Ogden who moved to live with his

daughter, in Preston, just before Christmas. Bob had lived in the village, in Pennymoor Cottage, for over 40 years. He played the organ in the Church for many years. He also wrote and compiled "A Celebration, the Church of the Holy Cross" book on Three Hundred Years after the Great Fire. We wish you well Bob.

Welcome to Dean and Carla, and Viki and Dave who have recently moved into the Moor View houses.

### Pennymoor Congregational Chapel

Services on Sundays at 4.30pm  
1 Apr All age Service, Rev R Green  
8 Apr Communion, Mr O Mears  
15 Apr Join Way Village at 2.30pm  
22 Apr Mr Jonathan Green  
6 May All age Service, Rev R Green  
13 May Mr O Mears  
20 May Join Way Village at 2.30pm  
27 May Prayer & Praise and Communion, Rev R Green

5 Apr 6.30pm We will have Easter Egg Hunt & Sjoelen Competition, hopefully in Poughill Village Hall, or our Chapel otherwise.

25 Apr 7.30pm a Concert by New WayV in Way Village Chapel

## LOXBEARE

**M**arch certainly came in like a lion this year. Extremely cold and too much of the white stuff, which at the time of writing, is still hanging about where the worst drifts were. It was very hard work for many - especially farmers and those having to work outside, although the Children (and some adults too I expect)! enjoyed sledging, snowball fights and making huge snowmen. We hope everyone managed to keep safe and well

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**PARISH ROUND-UP**

**New Creation News**

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"Why look for the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen!"  
(Luke Chapter 24, Verses 5 & 6)

This is such a very special time of year. Let us praise and thank our Lord. We have prepared for the wonderful celebration of our Lord's Death and Resurrection and now we can all share in the joyous re-telling of the Easter events which bring us much closer to our Lord God.

**Coming Soon! Our new Summer Menu!**

Penny is hoping to include some new dishes for the Summer Season so come in and try them out. One Church Home Group is hoping to come in for lunch on a monthly basis – is this something your Home Group could do? In the middle of March, the Street Pastors came for supper and they enjoyed a time of friendship, fellowship and good food. Perhaps your group would like to do the same? Have a word with Penny or Val.

Penny's **SPECIAL OFFER** for April  
A cheese scone with apple, cheese and pickle  
with a cup of tea, coffee or squash for £3.75

**Our Easter Break**

The shop will be closed for the weekend of Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday 30 March - 2nd April, re-opening on Tuesday 3rd April at 9:30 am  
After that, please come in and look around. New stock is arriving all the time. We also have some locally hand-made greeting cards, so pretty to send to family and friends. Come in and take a look.

**Churches Together in Tiverton**

This month brings an opportunity to worship together at the CTT Joint Service on Sunday 29 April, at 6:30 pm. This Service will be at St. Andrew's Church in Blundell's Avenue. Please do take this opportunity to join with each other to glorify our Lord.

**Unexpected Closure due to bad weather**

We would like to apologise to anyone who was inconvenienced when we closed the shop for three days at the beginning of March due to the forecast of a heavy snow fall. We felt it was not safe to expect our volunteers to struggle in, especially as several of them come from villages outside Tiverton, and so the Trustees took the decision to close.

**NEW CREATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Could anyone offer us a couple of hours, on a flexible basis, to cover for sickness and holidays?

If you feel you would enjoy serving people in this oasis provided by God in our town please call in and we will be grateful for any time you can offer.

**May God bless you all this Easter**

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here in Loxbeare. A big thank you to all who helped clear roads and lanes etc and generally helping each other.

We now look forward to something a bit warmer and drier. It is good to see signs of Spring and new life appearing.

As Easter will soon be here, may we reflect on Jesus' death, celebrate his Resurrection and give thanks for his great love to us. Times & venues of Services in middle pages.

The Cluster Service and the Group Service were both held in Loxbeare in February. It was good to welcome many from other Parishes at both Services. At the Group Service, Peter from Open Doors spoke and the offering & donations of over £300 were given to this very important work - to help the persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Steph took our Family Service and it was good to have many of our children there.

Mothering Sunday was held in the Village Hall, taken by John, and was preceded by a full English breakfast cooked by the men. Thank you to all who helped. Flowers were given to all the ladies present.

Please check the middle page of the magazine for dates & times of Services for April/May, as some have been changed. The Family Service for both months will be the last Sunday, and April 15 will be Songs of Praise at 6.30pm.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Steve Troake, Derrick McManus, Anne Ackland, Liz Barrow recovering from a hip operation & to all who are feeling unwell or receiving treatment.

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Belated good wishes to Ern Perry who has recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Congratulations to Antonia (Jean's daughter) and Ben on their engagement and we wish you both well in your future life together. Also Congratulations to Stephen & Donna on the birth of their son William, a grandson for Ronald & Rosemary Perry.

Happy birthday to all with birthdays in April/May and congratulations to those celebrating special occasions.

Belated welcome to the new people who have moved into Loxbeare Barton. We hope you will soon settle and be happy living in Loxbeare.

The Village Party, with a Bring & Share Supper, was held in February having been postponed from January. It was good fun and enjoyed by all the young and not so young!! Thank you to Ron & Margaret for organising it and to Aubrey Goldsworthy who helped with the games.

The Loxbeare Ladies March event was cancelled due to the weather.

April will be a trip to the Northcott Theatre to see Oliver. For more details & booking contact Wendy on 01884 881774. May 7 will be a Bluebell Walk. Contact Margaret on 01884 881362 for details.

April 14 Cream Tea in the Village Hall 3-5pm.

19 May is a Bring & Share Get-together in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

A Safari supper is planned for 5 May at 7pm in the Village Hall - three course meal with tickets at £12.00. £6 for Children Primary School age. Contact Richard Vickery on 01884 881234.

## OAKFORD

Following the snow and seemingly endless rain, the Mothering Sunday Service at St Peter's had a promise of Spring in the form of beautiful daffodil posies made by Brenda and Connie – thank you. These were gratefully received by members of the congregation. We were reminded of the care given to us by our mothers and also to remember our mother Church and the people who influenced us to become followers of Jesus. Thank you Mary and Wendy for a lovely service.

The basket of food donations in Church continues to be replenished. Thanks to all who give so generously for the benefit of the homeless and those in need. A speaker from CHAT, the Christian Housing charity in Tiverton that distributes the food, will be speaking at our service on 6 May. Do come along to hear what she has to say.

It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since a very successful and enjoyable St George's Day Tea was held in Church. However, it's time again to invite you to join us for a delicious tea and to enjoy a few stalls including a plant stall. Saturday 21 April at 2.30pm. Bring & buy, cakes to sell and plants needed. Contact Brenda: 01398 351331.

### Save the date

Saturday 12 May 2018  
Oakford Annual Parish Meeting at Oakford Village Hall. There will also be a breakfast bar followed by one of the Parish walks ... all the family and dogs welcome!

Further details to follow.

Oakford Village Fête will be held on Saturday 9 June starting at 2pm on the Oakford playing field. This year's theme is 'International Games' with a variety of activities and displays and a few surprises. Lots to see and do, with a beer tent, BBQ and afternoon teas to keep you refreshed. Free entry and parking so come along and join in the fun!

"Ooh la la" to kick-start the 'International' theme, the fabulous Gypsy Jazz group 'La Vie en Rose' will be playing their unique style of Parisian, foot-tappingly good music on 2 June in Oakford Village Hall. There will be a 2-course supper and bar. Tickets just £12/person from Monsieur Kelvin on 01398 332039. Definitely not to be missed!

The Moorland Club: Thursday 12 April at 7.30pm. The AGM will be followed by the presentation of cheques to Bampton Dementia Group and Force (cancer charity). Tea/coffee.

Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm – a slide show by Jennifer Rowlandson on her trips to Lundy Island. New members welcome. Tea/coffee.

The Annual Flower and Produce Show is to be on Saturday 11 August. Schedules will be available in April to pick up from 3 Manor Cottages, Oakford; Oakford Village Hall; the Library and Resource Centre in Bampton or by calling Chris on 01398 332039. Your chance to show off those prize winning vegetables, flowers, photographs and handicrafts and great fun too. So get planting and creating.

Advance notice: a Memorial Service for Kitty Francis will be held in Church on Friday 29 June at 12 noon.



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A reminder to contact Jean 01398 351241 if you would like to donate towards altar flowers in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary.

A churchyard clean-up is planned for later in the Spring. All offers of help welcome – watch the church noticeboard for the date and time.

We wish everyone a very Happy Easter and look forward to welcoming you to our Easter morning Service on 1 April at 10am.

And finally, our good wishes go to Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, for a wonderful May wedding day.

### RACKENFORD

**W**e truly hope that the snow and bitterly cold spell is well behind us and we can continue looking forward to warmer days, lighter nights and all that Spring brings.

Many thanks to Fred Phillips and to anyone who played a part in clearing the snow for us making it easier to move around. It was much appreciated.

We are so lucky to have the volunteers at our shop who were hands on to try to accommodate our needs. It is so important to keep our shop and we are really thankful for all those willing hands.

If you know of anyone not receiving a Church Magazine, please let us know and we can add them to our list.

We were so very sad to hear that Mary Cann has fallen and been in severe pain and needing care herself so, along with Jacques (at time of going to print) she is in a nursing home in Braunton. We send

you our prayers and very best wishes Mary, you are greatly missed.

Our deepest sympathy to Linda Blackford and Mike on the death of Linda's stepfather Rodney Langton who died in January.

We also hear that Marjorie Stanning has died, who some years ago lived at The Old Police House. We send our sympathy to her daughters Tina and Rita.

Although no longer living in our Village, we send our love and prayers to Jenny and John Sleep on the death of Jenny's father in February.

Our thoughts and prayers to Marjorie and Herbert Smith and family on the death of Marjorie's sister Mary after a long illness.

You may have noticed that we have scaffolding in certain places around the Church, in preparation for the remaining work to be completed which includes the roof, bell tower and re-rendering. The £20,000 cost of this work has now been raised.

Our Mother's Day Service was a special time to remember our Mums and all they mean to us. The good times and for some the sadness we feel without them. However Steph treated us to a very loving and caring sermon and produced a variety of items special to her from her basket, amongst them Paddington Bear with a label attached and invited the congregation to write on a label a prayer for someone in their hearts. These were collected and blessed at the Altar by Steph. A very personal and meaningful time for us all.

The children gave out beautiful bunches of flowers to the Mums and members of the congregation.

Our Church AGM is on 18 April at 7pm, and being held in the Church (promise it will be warm ). You are most welcome to come and have your say and if you would like to offer to help in any way you will be most welcome, or just listen to last year's report and plans for the future.

Talking of plans, a date for your diary is Saturday 26 May, when we are planning to have our Sponsored walk. More details nearer the time from Liz Paxton who is organizing this fund-raising event.

To anyone feeling unwell or recovering from various health problems we hope you are improving. We remember you all in our prayers, especially Mike Priscott, Mike Lane, and Mary and Jacques Cann. We wish you well.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter and hope you will be able to join us at our Easter Services.

### STOODLEIGH

**W**e were very sad to have to say goodbye to John Fewings, who died on 24 February. His funeral, in the magnificent setting of St Peter's Church, Tiverton, was a moving occasion. St Peter's was where John's churchgoing life began, as a leading chorister from the age of eight. And it was where he and Eileen, both of them in the choir by then, were married in 1956 when John was 21.

The family has lived at Stoodleigh for the past 40 years, at Great Coleford and then Court Place, and John was buried here at St Margaret's where he was a Churchwarden. The Fewings were an old Tiverton family and had been monumental

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**This Summer term, with the help two Good Book Guides, "Shining with joy", and "Meeting Jesus", we shall be completing Philippians, and thinking about some women of faith who met Jesus in the Gospels.**

April 18th	Joy as we run	Philippians 3v 1-21
May 2nd	Joy when faced with conflict and anxiety	Philippians 4v 1-9
May 16th	Joy in all things	Philippians 4v10-23
May 30th	Faith that transforms suffering	Mark 5v 24-34
June 13th	Faith that perseveres	Matthew 15v 21-28
June 27th	Faith that overcomes death	John 11v 1-44

For more information contact Marion on 01884 256302  
E-mail: marion@sidborough.eclipse.co.uk

The HOME GROUP meet on alternate Wednesdays - starting on 11 April. We gather at Church Cottage, Stoodleigh (the home of Bryan and Audrey Rigg) at 7.30pm and will be basing our discussions on John's first letter, under the title "How to be sure".

One commentator summarises the Epistle this way:-

"At a time when the first-century Church had been invaded by false teachers, the apostle John knew that Christians, who are not sure of God's truth, can wander away, never to return. He wrote to help his "dear children", not only to know the real truth, but to be confident of it."

**All are welcome – please join us**

### PRAYER BREAKFASTS



**On the last Saturday of each month, there will be an opportunity to meet together and to pray – as well as eat breakfast !!**

**The next three Prayer Breakfasts are on 31 March, 28 April & 26 May  
Please look at the website for venues, and come and join us.**

It is a thing most wonderful - almost too wonderful to be, that God's own Son should come from Heaven and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true - He chose a poor and humble lot - and wept, and toiled, and mourned and died, for love of those who loved Him not.

Alleluia ! He is risen ! William Walsham How 1823 - 97

### 1 APRIL

#### CALVERLEIGH

9.30 am Holy Communion  
**Steph Gordon-Jeffs**

#### CRUWYS MORCHARD

11.15 am Holy Communion  
**Steph Gordon-Jeffs**

#### LOXBEARE

10.30 am Family Communion

#### OAKFORD

10 am Morning Praise with Holy Communion

#### RACKENFORD

9.30 am Holy Communion

#### STOODLEIGH

11 am Holy Communion

#### TEMPLETON

9.30 am Holy Communion by Extension

#### WASHFIELD

11.15 am Holy Communion

#### WITHLEIGH

8 am Holy Communion  
**Steph Gordon-Jeffs**  
followed by Breakfast in Hall & 10 am Family Service

### 8 APRIL

#### CLUSTER SERVICES

**ALL SERVICES TODAY ARE HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Steph Gordon-Jeffs**

#### CALVERLEIGH

11.15 am Loxbeare

#### CRUWYS MORCHARD

9.30 am Templeton

#### LOXBEARE

11.15 am Cluster Service

#### OAKFORD

6.30 pm Cluster Service

#### RACKENFORD

6.30 pm Oakford

#### STOODLEIGH

6.30 pm Oakford

#### TEMPLETON

9.30 am Cluster Service

#### WASHFIELD

11.15 am Loxbeare

#### WITHLEIGH

9.30 am Templeton

### 15 APRIL

#### CALVERLEIGH

11.15 am Family Service with Baptism  
**Steph Gordon-Jeffs**

#### CRUWYS MORCHARD

11 am Family Service

#### LOXBEARE

6.30 pm Songs of Praise

#### OAKFORD

6.30 pm Evening Praise

#### RACKENFORD

9.30 am Morning Worship  
**with Steph Gordon-Jeffs**

#### STOODLEIGH

6.30 pm Evensong

#### TEMPLETON

No Service

#### WASHFIELD

11 am Family Service

#### WITHLEIGH

10.30 am Morning Worship



**22 APRIL**

**CALVERLEIGH**

See Oakford

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**

See Oakford

**LOXBEARE**

See Oakford

**OAKFORD**

**10.30 am GROUP SERVICE**  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**RACKENFORD**

See Oakford

**STOODLEIGH**

See Oakford

**TEMPLETON**

See Oakford

**WASHFIELD**

See Oakford

**WITHLEIGH**

See Oakford

**29 APRIL**

**CALVERLEIGH**

11.15 am Family Service  
with Baptism

*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**

No Service

**LOXBEARE**

11 am Family Service

**OAKFORD**

No Service

**RACKENFORD**

9.30 am Family Service

**STOODLEIGH**

11 am Morning Prayer

**TEMPLETON**

11 am Read and Reflect

**WASHFIELD**

11 am Morning Prayer

**WITHLEIGH**

9.30 am Family Service  
with Baptism

*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

3 pm Patronal Festival  
followed by Tea in Church

**6 MAY**

**CALVERLEIGH**

11.15 am Family Service  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**

11 am Morning Prayer

**LOXBEARE**

6.30 pm Evening Praise

**OAKFORD**

10 am Morning Praise

**RACKENFORD**

9.30 am Family Service

**STOODLEIGH**

9.30 am Breakfast Service  
*with Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**TEMPLETON**

11 am Family Service

**WASHFIELD**

6 pm Evening Prayer

**WITHLEIGH**

10.30 am Family Service

**13 MAY**

**CLUSTER SERVICES**

*ALL SERVICES TODAY ARE  
HOLY COMMUNION*  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**CALVERLEIGH**

6.30 pm Cluster Service

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**

11.15 am Cluster Service

**LOXBEARE**

6.30 pm Calverleigh

**OAKFORD**

9.30 am Stoodleigh

**RACKENFORD**

9.30 am Stoodleigh

**STOODLEIGH**

9.30 am Cluster Service

**TEMPLETON**

11.15 am Cruwys Morchard

**WASHFIELD**

6.30 pm Calverleigh

**WITHLEIGH**

11.15 am Cruwys Morchard

**20 MAY**

**PENTECOST**

*(You may wish to wear Red)*

**CALVERLEIGH**

See Rackenford

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**

See Rackenford

**LOXBEARE**

See Rackenford

**OAKFORD**

See Rackenford

**RACKENFORD**

**10.30 am GROUP SERVICE**  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**STOODLEIGH**

See Rackenford

**TEMPLETON**

See Rackenford

**WASHFIELD**

See Rackenford

**WITHLEIGH**

See Rackenford

**27 MAY**

**CALVERLEIGH**

6.30 pm Evening Worship

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**

11 am Family Service

**LOXBEARE**

11 am Family Service

**OAKFORD**

10 am Morning Praise

**RACKENFORD**

9.30 am Morning Worship  
*with Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**STOODLEIGH**

11.15 am Family Service  
and Banner Dedication  
*with Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**TEMPLETON**

11 am Morning Service

**WASHFIELD**

11 am Family Service

**WITHLEIGH**

10.30 am Morning Worship

## ... AND MORE SNOW !!



Snow falling in Lower Washfield on Sunday morning 18 March ... and it was even heavier in the afternoon !!

**Sadly, all the Services across the whole Exe Valley had to be cancelled twice in recent weeks.**

**How inconsiderate of the snow to fall over two weekends !! It looks heavenly but its disruption affects so many people and things - not least the loss of revenue from our weekly "Collections" - much needed to keep our Churches running.**

### WORDS OF WISDOM

- 1 If you want your dreams to come true ... don't oversleep
- 2 One thing you can give and still keep ... is your word
- 3 Minds are like parachutes ... they only function when open
- 4 Ideas won't work ... unless you do
- 5 One thing you can't recycle ... is wasted time
- 6 The hardest thing to carry ... is a grudge
- 7 Jumping to conclusions ... is bad exercise
- 8 A friend walks in ... when everyone else walks out
- 9 The smallest good deed ... is better than the best intention
- 10 Of all the things you wear ... your expression is the most important

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masons in the town for four generations, but John decided to go as an apprentice at Webber and Saunders ironmongers, and ended up running the business. Later he had a leading role in setting up Home Hardware, which grew into a nationwide concern.

People here remember John for his welcoming smile and for being a gentleman, someone who liked things to be done in a proper manner. He often gave a thought-provoking talk in Church and on Remembrance Day he would strike just the right note when he read out the names of the fallen and recited the haunting lines of Laurence Binyon, "At the going down of the sun..." We send our love to Eileen and to Jill and Debbie and their families. Eileen wants to say thank you for all the marvellous cards and messages people have sent.

These past months have been marred by illness for quite a number of others. Let's hope that Spring and the joy of Easter will make us all feel a bit stronger.

On Ash Wednesday the Group Service was held at Stoodleigh, when members of the congregation were invited to have their foreheads marked with a cross from the ashes of last year's palm crosses, symbolising the beginning and meaning of Lent.

During Holy Week Steph will be leading a series of Lent meditations for each day, and the one on Wednesday 28 March will be at Stoodleigh at 6.30pm.

We look forward to celebrating the glory of the risen Christ in a Service of Holy Communion led by Keith Gale at St Margaret's on Easter Sunday at 11am. Stoodleigh is the venue for the Cluster Service on Sunday 13 May, at 9.30am. On Sunday 27 May, at the 11.15am Family

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Service, the banner in memory of Gerald Palfrey will be dedicated.

On the fund-raising side, Jennifer Rowlandson's slide show about Lundy brightened up a bleak February evening and her audience were enthused by the wonderful scenery and quietness of this lovely island. Over £266 was raised, shared between the Church and the Parish Hall – very many thanks to those who came and contributed so generously.

Jennifer also has her Annual Coffee Morning coming up on Tuesday 15 May, a convivial morning of socialising in aid of the Church, 10.30-12 at the Old Stable.

We extend a warm welcome to Richard Banks and Mary Harding who have moved to Wheatcroft, previously the home of Brenda and Martin Buckland.

The Litter Pickers were out at the end of February and collected 17 bags of rubbish and some 'miscellaneous objects'. Parish Councillor Pat Pennington, who organised the event, congratulated those who took part, but commented: 'Is that a good result or an indictment of our society?!'

### Parish Hall events

Saturday 31 March – Easter Market & Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon. Local businesses and craft-makers with goods for sale, stalls with Easter sweets, veg, eggs, face painting, competitions, bring and buy cakes and plants. Coffee, tea and refreshments available. Free entry.  
Saturday 7 July – Breakfast, Walk & Lunch, a popular village event starting with breakfast at the Parish Hall, with a choice of a longer route or a shorter walk and returning to the Hall for lunch.  
Saturday 11 August – Family Fun Dog Show. Joint Church and Parish Hall event, details to follow.

**SWAG event:** Due to the bad weather at the beginning of March, SWAG had to postpone the Skittles and Ploughman's Evening. This popular event will now take place on Friday 6 April at the Parish Hall, 7 for 7.30pm, raising funds towards the Village Fun Day on 9 June. Tickets are £5 (includes supper but bring your own drinks/glasses), available from Margaret (351252) or Geraldine (351391).

**Stoodleigh 100 Club:** Prizewinners for January – 1 Linda Sharrock, 2 Jean Winter, 3 Betty Wotton, 4 Richard Hill; February – 1 Dick Sibley, 2 Vanessa Turner, 3 Kathleen Cheale, 4 Henry Ayre.

### Church Flower Rota

31 March Easter Flowers, all help please.  
15 /22 April Betty Wotton  
29 April/6 May Pat Aplin  
13 /20 May Enid Hamidullah  
27 May/3 June Geraldine Talbot

Templeton PCC are making good progress in their arrangements for keeping St. Margaret's open and functioning after 1 August. Come along to the annual open Church Meeting on 19 April at 7.30pm in the Church (note the change of venue from the Hall) and find out all the details for yourselves.

Our Antiques Call my Bluff evening to raise money for the church fabric went well. Everyone really enjoyed it – it was great fun! We raised approximately £500. A grateful thank you to all who provided a substantial and a tasty supper and to those who helped clear up afterwards – which was really appreciated.

We send our condolences to Julie Dent and her family whose mother died recently. They will be in our thoughts and prayers over the coming days.

On Friday 19 January, Bruce and Chris Pearson entertained us brilliantly with a Speed Quiz Night. One person on each team had a Smart phone or Tablet with a Speed Quizzing App already downloaded from their App Store. The whole evening was very entertaining despite the slight technical hitches that made it even more fun. Well done to the winning team – the Monster Trucks! There was also a wonderful spread of food for all to enjoy. Thank you so much Bruce and Chris for organising the event and also to those who contributed the food.

## TEMPLETON

If the Today magazine comes out early enough, we would like to remind everyone of our Easter Services beginning with the Easter Garden Service at 11am on Good Friday 30 March and the Service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on Easter Sunday 1 April.

Our rather different "Read and Reflect" Service is on Sunday 29 April at 11am. You bring a poem, or a piece of prose, an article, something that has really meant something to you and share it with others but you don't have to bring anything, just come and join in the discussion or just listen. Coffee and biscuits are also provided. Joined up thinking! You can then go on up to the Hall for a delicious roast lunch. See below for details.

One weekend soon, the Village Hall and Social Club would really appreciate volunteers for DIY and cleaning the Hall and bar area. It would be great if you could drop in for an hour or two, as there are a range of jobs from cleaning and painting to tidying up and general maintenance. The planned weekend in early March had to be cancelled due to the snowy and Arctic weather.

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

**The Village Hall and Social Club** have their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 1 May at 8pm. Please come and share your ideas about how to make more use of our Village Hall and its facilities, for everyone in the village to enjoy.

On Sunday 29 April, to continue on from Sue and Shaun's delicious Sunday Roasts last year, Bindy and Roger will be cooking a Sunday Roast in the Village Hall, with the bar open from 12 noon and food served at 1pm. The cost £5 per person. Please let Roger and Bindy know by Monday 24 April, at the latest, if you would like to come. (01884 860655)

### Flower and Cleaning Rota

Lynda Newnes	Easter Day 1/8 April
Ginah Palmer	15/22 April
Julie Dent	29 April/6 May
Jan Heptinstall	13/20 May
Phillida Strong	27 May/3 June

## WASHFIELD

*Remember: Ageing is a privilege that not everyone gets.*

**G**ood Friday will be marked by the usual quiet reflection Service at 3pm, followed by tea and hot cross buns.

On Easter Saturday 31 March morning, we look forward to the long-held tradition of the decorated egg competition in the Church porch at 10am. There are sure to be many original and artistic masterpieces, as always! Then the Annual Egg Rolling down the hill opposite the Village Hall, will be keenly contested. Don't forget the Coffee Morning that follows the Egg Rolling. Come along for coffee, hot-cross buns and biscuits and stalls including Plants, Cakes, Produce and also a Raffle - and catch up with all

the neighbours for a chat. See you there! The proceeds will go to our own St Mary's Church.

The recent very cold and snowy spell brought forth a wonderful community spirit, with many offers of path clearing, shopping and friendly visits to villagers cut off by snow and ice. All those who benefited are very grateful.

Frank and Joy Smith have been in our thoughts recently, with Joy having a hospital visit and a great deal of distress. We wish them both well and better health in the future. Mike and Kay Bassano, too, have had a painful time recuperating from a hip operation and a broken arm respectively and Morley Bolt who has broken his ankle. They have been in our thoughts too. To those who have been attacked by nasty "bugs", we send "Get Well" wishes for a quick recovery.

Mothering Sunday on 11 March was a happy occasion and the children were able to give thanks to their mothers with posies of Spring flowers, and we heard of mothers having had breakfast in bed etc. that morning! It was good to have the children's help and engagement in the Service.

Steph has kept us all busy during Lent, with weekly events throughout the Exe Valley, where we can meet friends from the other Parishes and share our experiences.

Spring is on its way, for which we are truly thankful! A Very Happy Easter to you all!

The Parish Council will be holding its Annual Meeting in the Hall on Wednesday 18 April from 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. Look out for further details.

There are several events happening in the Village in the coming months including the May Day Party to be held on the Green. Bank Holiday Monday, 7 May.

To those with special birthdays or anniversaries we wish you many congratulations.

We send our sympathies to Gill Greenslade on the sad loss of her dear Dad, John Fewings, and also Ed Lane following the loss of his dear Mum. Our thoughts are with you both, and your families, at this sad time.

At this time of the year many young people are practising for the Exmoor Challenge and the Ten Tors events. Good luck to everyone competing.

A very successful 70s night was recently held (and enjoyed by all who attended) at the Social Club with profits going to cover the costs of a second Tractor Fest in July (see below for date)

### Dates for your Diary

Saturday 31 March Egg Decorating and Rolling contests. Meet in the Church porch at 10am. Followed by Coffee Morning in Hall with stalls and a raffle.  
 Tuesday 10 April teatime@thehall 3.00pm  
 Thursday 12 April W.I. trip to Morrisons  
 Wednesday 18 April Parish Council Annual Meeting in Hall 7pm onwards. All welcome  
 Thursday 26 April Lunch Club in the Hall 12 for 12.30pm.  
 Monday 7 May Party on the Green  
 Tuesday 8 May teatime@thehall 3.00pm  
 Thursday 10 May W.I. to join Withleigh W.I. for Resolutions  
 Thursday 24 May Lunch Club in Hall 12 for 12.30

Make a note of these events planned for the coming months and look out for more

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

details including times etc on posters, the village website and Facebook page 'Humans of Washfield and Lower Washfield'

### Washfield Scarecrow Festival 2018

Scarecrows to be up by 2 June - see enclosed flyer/entry form.

Saturday 2 June

Scarecrow Walk, Cream Teas and Car Treasure Hunt

Saturday 16 June

BBQ and Scarecrow Awards Evening

Saturday 7 July Church Fete

Saturday 14 July Tractor Fest around village

Plus start snapping now for a Photographic Competition Year in the Life of Washfield (closing in the Autumn)

### Church Altar Flowers Rota

April 1/8	Mrs Trout
April 15/22	Mrs Hansford
April 29/May 6	Mrs Moore
May 16/23	Mrs Dickman
May 27/June 3	Mrs May

### Church Cleaning Rota

April 2/9	Mr & Mrs Parnell
April 16/23	Mr & Mrs Walton
April 30/May 7	Mrs Harding/Mrs Jones
May 14/21	Mrs Albery
May 28/June 4	Mr & Mrs Ellis

through the South-west area round, to the South of England round – just one step away from the national finals. We wish them continued success.

Thirdly, congratulations to Henry and Shirley Cruwys on the birth of their grandson, Theo.

It was good to welcome a sizeable congregation from around the Mission Community on the evening of Thursday 18 January for the first of Steph's "Sing Praise" Services, which now continue on a monthly basis.

Our Plough Sunday Service was well attended, and our thanks to Brenda for organising the Service and to all who took part. In a part of the country in which agriculture plays such a major role, it is most appropriate to pray for God's blessing on the year ahead.

The PCC met on 20 February at 'Topfield'. Much of the discussion centred around the work which needs to be carried out to the Church building, deciding on the things which we would like to do, and raising the necessary funding. At the moment we are still unable to make any decision regarding the heating, lighting and redecoration, since a commitment has already been made to the repairs to the west wall and which will be starting in the Spring.

Our Mothering Sunday Service was also well attended, with Elizabeth giving a talk on family relationships, including the Church family, and based on St Paul's words of encouragement to Timothy. Thank you, Christine, for organising the pot plants which were distributed at the end of the Service.

Our Good Friday and Easter services will be as usual, save that the Easter Day Services and breakfast will all begin half

an hour earlier than normal to allow Steph time to move between Parishes. (See below and Middle Pages).

On 15 April we will be having an informal Service in the Church vestry at 10.30am.

There will be a Fete planning meeting on Monday 23 April, 8pm at Bona Vista. Offers of help and any suggestions for stalls and sideshows will be appreciated.

On 29 April there is to be a Baptism during our Family Service at 9.30am, taken by Steph, and then at 3pm we will be holding our Patronal Festival, celebrating the feast day of St Catherine. This will be followed by tea in Church.

We send get well wishes to Janet Stacey, Margaret Gale, Ken Headon, Betty Kitchen and Pat Starnes, and any others known to us who are unwell at the moment, especially those receiving treatment, waiting for or recovering from operations. Our love and prayers are with you all.

**Witleigh WI** meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 7.15pm. Guests are always welcome to come along. For more information please ring Rosie 01884 257123.

12 April Paul Mortimer. His Poetry and Authorship.

10 May AGM and Resolutions at Witleigh.  
14 June Tony Burgess. The City of Exeter through the Ages

### Forthcoming Events;

Friday 30 March – Good Friday – Informal Service in the Village Hall, beginning at 10am with tea / coffee and hot cross buns  
Sunday 1 April – Easter Day – 8am Holy Communion, 9am Breakfast in the Village Hall and 10am Family Service

## WITHLEIGH

**C**ongratulations to Tony and Val Kingston who recently celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary.

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

Thursday 12 April, WI in the Hall at 7.15pm.  
 Sunday 29 April – Patronal Festival at 3pm, followed by tea  
 Thursday 10 May, WI in the Hall at 7.15pm.  
 Thursday 14 June, WI in the Hall at 7.15pm.

### Flower Rota:

1 April EASTER  
 8/15 April Brenda Tucker  
 22/29 April Michaela Luxton  
 6/13 May Rosie Edmonston-Low  
 20/27 May Linda Taylor,

### Monthly Diary Dates:

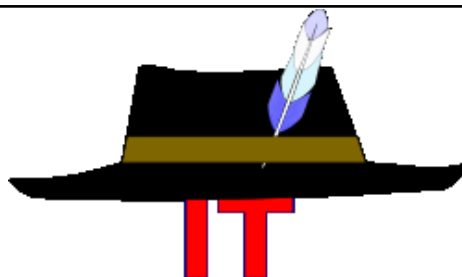
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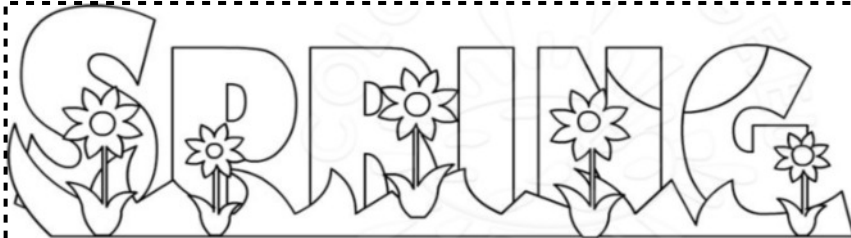
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## POEMS & MORE !!

### Thoughts for Everyday by Patience Strong ~ for 8 April

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Swallows on the wing.  
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The final celebration will take place in Exeter Cathedral, on the evening of 20 May, which is Pentecost Sunday.

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14 May Calverleigh Church

We are hoping that as many people as possible will come on it, either as a refresher - as we seek to use our Roots resource effectively, or as an opportunity to strengthen our ministry team, with clergy and laity working collaboratively together.

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