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ONE SAINT OR TWO?

I am going away on retreat on Sunday. I am going to a 'thin' place – the sort of place where the distance between heaven and earth seems virtually non-existent and a touch of heaven comes to earth – or at least that's the general idea! And I am really, really looking forward to it. I will let you know how I get on!

Of course, I know that you don't have to go away to be with God, but somehow it is easier when removed from the distractions of everyday life, the ironing, the gardening, the shopping and the chores, to find the space to just 'be' with God and to enjoy his presence.

I am going to Assisi in Italy, the home of St Francis, of the bird and animal taming fame, the founder of the Order of St Francis, and the birthplace of St Claire, who with St Francis founded the 'Poor Claires'. There is something quite inspiring about these two young people, and their love of God, and their care for the poor. The things they did changed their town forever! Honestly – young people!

Giving away their possessions to the poor. Looking after the sick. Putting other people first! It's

one thing to have one saint in your town – but two!! That's going some!

Assisi is a fascinating place. The history, the art and the architecture are amazing – and the food's quite good as well! But the thing I loved the first time I went, was the people! It's a place full of holiness and life! People come on pilgrimage from all over the world, of all ages. They walk down the street singing praise to God. It's infectious – and yes, it is a thin place!



Of course, Assisi may not be your cup of tea. You might feel closer to God in the garden, or by the sea, or on the moor – lots of people do! The point is that we all need to find the time and a space where we can simply be, recharge our batteries, rest, and refreshed and renewed, not just our bodies but our minds and our spirits. And we need to be inspired!

So, as we enjoy the summer sunshine, may you find the time and the space to relax and enjoy, whether at home or away, whether on your own or with friends – and spend time with God.

Have a great summer,

*With my love and
prayers
Steph*

PS I have an App on my phone called Lectio 365 which I find very helpful to listen to each day, and you might find it helpful too.

Thank you!

We are so fortunate to have so many people willing to serve the churches in our Mission Community. As the APCM season comes to an end we have various people who have accepted new roles and responsibilities. Thank you. We also have a couple of people who have served faithfully and are now ready to step down. My thanks go to Chris Whitehead and Jeanne Jones for their loving service.

Please look at the website for any updates.

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NATURE NOTES

We have been enjoying a wonderful spell of sunshine with an abundance of spring and summer flowers and a promising growing season.

Consequently it's easy for us to forget the effects of global warming even though we may experience an inconvenience such as a brief shortage of tomatoes due to adverse weather somewhere on the Continent. These minor inconveniences are soon overcome thanks to the global reach of our supermarkets whereas others in more vulnerable parts of the world are affected with water and food shortages that seriously impact their health and wellbeing.

There is no "Planet B" as many have stated and it's predicted that an apocalyptic future awaits our planet if we fail to take action.

Most of us are content to allow Government to "do something" about reducing emissions and cleaning up the environment. However, there is also no consensus and continuity in thinking as Government environmental policy shifts with changes in political parties and leaders.

One example of this is the debate on whether nuclear power, which has raged for as long as I can remember, is part of the solution to reducing carbon emissions and pollution.

Oakford Pyncombe Trust

If you are attending further education of any kind this September and you have been a resident of Oakford for at least one year, you could be eligible for a grant of up to £150 from Oakford's own Educational Charity.

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Without firm leadership and guidance on how we and other parts of the world are dealing with the problem, some people have become increasingly and possibly understandably frustrated with the perceived lack of reasoned and consistent long-term action by Governments and resort to civil disobedience to draw attention to these issues. Most would agree that this kind of protest and intervention is unwelcome even though it tends to focus minds.

It is important to strike the right balance with a clear path and timetable for reducing pollution and emissions showing that we can retain our standard of living whilst caring for the health of the planet. Failure to do so will result in more disgruntled people taking extreme action which regrettably tends to make these people the focus of frustration and anger which, in all fairness, should be directed at authorities for not grasping the nettle.

Well, glad that's off my chest, now I can get out and enjoy the summer sunshine, listen to the birds and get on with some gardening.

Mike van der Watt

Bible Study Group

The next meeting will be held at Rowan House, Crosspark Hill, Oakford EX16 9EW

We are continuing the study of Deuteronomy. If you would like to come please let me know so that there are the right number of handouts.

Many thanks.

Tim Gorrington

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CALVERLEIGH

With the weather more settled at the time of writing the countryside has come to life. Early morning birdsong along with fledglings darting around our gardens, bees busy pollinating, God has given us a beautiful world to make our days brighter.

On Sunday 7 May a special service was held to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III for which the church was regally decorated and looked very patriotic with red, white, blue and purple in every place possible. The service was led by Julie and included a song that had been written for schools entitled 'Our King' (by Becky Drake & Blue Coat School Coventry Choir) this was played as a reflective piece of music. Fun and factual information had been found giving us a deeper insight into what has given the small boy, teenager, young man and then Prince of Wales pleasure over his years as heir apparent.

A bring and share 'Big Lunch' was enjoyed by all present. Two celebration cakes had been made and a toast was given by Billy. To commemorate the occasion each member of the congregation were given a bookmark and a book. Our thanks go to all who contributed in any way towards the service from flower arrangers, readers, those who donated wine, celebration cake and a varied selection of delicious food.

The festivities continued the following afternoon on the bank holiday Monday. St. Mary's bellringers played their part in Ring for the King, ringing the bells for approx. 30 minutes at 2.45pm. Thank

you to the ringers for taking part on this historic weekend.

At the same time the Village Hall committee had very kindly arranged a bring and share afternoon tea for parishioners and St. Mary's congregation, continuing the coronation festivities. With the hall full there were a couple of games for the children to play and a toast was made to King Charles. Thank you to the hall committee for your kind invitation and all your hard work putting the afternoon together. A good time was had by all.

Our annual day of prayer took place on 13 May and 30+ people joined in over a 12 hour period to fill a half hour slot praying for local, national and global issues. Many thanks to all who took part in this faith activity.

With a service led by Rev'd Claire Curtis, 14 May saw the congregation of the church welcome the family and friends of Sophia for her baptism. Our very best wishes go to Sophia and her family as she begins her faith journey.

May 16 saw our Annual Parochial Church meeting. Re-elected as church wardens are Aubrey Goldsworthy and Jackie Herniman who is also continuing as PCC Treasurer, Julie Goldsworthy as PCC secretary and parish safeguarding representative. Aubrey also continues as Deanery Synod representative. PCC members re-elected are David Burton, Julie Goldsworthy, Shirley Goldsworthy, Sheila Greenslade and Lorna Thomas. Rev'd Claire Curtis (Chair) and the PCC as a whole thanked everyone for all they do to keep our church going whether by leading services, fundraising or building maintenance along with all those who give of their

time on the cleaning, flower or mowing rotas. Whether you give a little time or a LOT we appreciate you all. You all rock!

In case you were wondering, the east window on the south aisle of the church has now been removed for restoration, so don't worry, it hasn't been stolen. It may well be back in place by the time you are reading this. There remain a couple more windows to do following this.

Sunday 28 May was Pentecost and Calverleigh hosted the group service which included Holy Communion. The church was packed full. It was lovely to have the Exe Valley Choir with us whose voices blended together beautifully. Well done to the soloist for a great rendition of 'O happy day' ably backed by the rest of the choir. Well done once again Sarah for taking charge and conducting. The addition of various musical instruments added to the whole experience, especially the African drum and the children's voices. We were transported back to childhood with Steph's talk on the Holy Spirit when we were handed small windmills as part of her demonstration. Thank you Steph, Claire and all who have put a lot of work and practice in to this special event.

Marcus ably arranged a coffee morning in memory of his father Graham Webber on 3 June. He and the team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported it whether by coming along, baking the delicious cakes, donating draw prizes or helping on the day. Over £600 was raised in for Force Cancer Support. Well done Marcus.

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Dates for your diary

Our Annual Open Air service will be held in the churchyard (weather permitting, if not inside) on Sunday 6 August starting at 3pm.

The Annual Produce Show takes place on Saturday 26 August at 2.30pm. Schedules are available from Maureen & Paul Furneaux (mo.furneaux@hotmail.co.uk / 01884 258770). Entry forms must be in by Friday 11 August for those wishing to enter. Donations of draw prizes would be greatly appreciated. Entries on the day need to be in place by 11.30am. Doors open at 2.30pm to view the handiwork of the competitors and refreshments will be available. May the best person win!

Cleaning Rota

26 Jun - 8 Jul:	Mrs A Balsdon
10 Jul - 22 Jul:	Mrs R Tapp
24 Jul - 5 Aug:	Mrs A Webber
7 Aug - 19 Aug:	Mrs S Greenslade
21 Aug - 2 Sep:	Mrs J Goldsworthy
4 Sep - 16 Sep:	Mrs M Furneaux

Mowing Rota

26 Jun - 8 Jul:	Mr D White
10 Jul - 22 Jul:	Mr A Goldsworthy
24 Jul - 5 Aug:	The Heathcoat-Amory Family
7 Aug - 19 Aug:	Keith and Clare Hayes
21 Aug - 2 Sep:	Mr C Durnan
4 Sep - 16 Sep:	Mr A Hancock

Flower Rota

9 Jul - 16 Jul:	Herniman Family
23 Jul - 30 Jul:	Mrs M Furneaux
6 Aug - 13 Aug:	Mrs S Greenslade

20 Aug - 27 Aug:	Mrs N Burton
3 Sep - 10 Sep:	Mrs A Webber

Do you have anything to share in the magazine or website? Please send your family notices, news, birthdays, anniversaries, photos, funny stories, observations or anything else to Dave Burton by calling 01884 561499 or by email:

calverleigh@exevalleychurches.org.
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CRUWYS MORCHARD

"it is not enough to merely exist," he said,

"I need freedom, sunshine, and a little flower for a companion."

The Butterfly by Hans Christian Andersen

As I write we have had glorious weather; cloudless skies with bursting hedges and flower beds. However, by the time this edition is out we may have had a change of fortune. Such is our lot in green, luscious Devon. Would we have it any other way? I'll leave that with you.

Church of the Holy Cross

The wildflowers in the church yard looked stunning throughout spring and

early summer, but now mowing is in full swing. A big thank you to those who partake in this mammoth annual task.

We were fortunate to have the Mission Community Group Service held in our church at the end of April, and thoroughly enjoyed Archdeacon Andrew Beane's interesting and amusing talk. Our upcoming services are shown in the central pages of this magazine.

This year's Harvest Festival service, sports and tea will be held on Saturday 23 September, at 2.15pm. More details to follow in the next issue.

If you have children aged 5-11 years the Exe Valley Holiday club is being held on the 8 and 9 of August at Bradleigh House, Templeton. Full details can be found within this magazine or contact Cindy Trick, cindytrick@gmail.com

Flower and Cleaning Rota

July 3 & 10	Claire Miller
July 17 & 24	Jo Townsend
July 31 & 7 August	Anne Gillbard
August 14 & 21	Mrs J Townsend
August 28 & 4 Sept	Sarah Cruwys
September 11	Marilyn Hill
September 18	Decorators for Harvest

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are unwell at this time, we wish you a speedy recovery. We send our condolences to those who have suffered a bereavement.

Exam Period

Congratulations to all, you have made it through. We hope that all has gone well and wish you the very best for your results and future endeavours. Have a lovely summer holiday.

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PARISH ROUND-UP

and neighbours. The bring and share buffet was generous, varied and delicious. Held within the parish hall that had been smartly decked out in red, white and blue. Thank you one and all for your time, help and cheery disposition. An excellent way to celebrate the coronation of our new King.

Defibrillator and CPR Training

The free training sessions provided by the Devon Air Ambulance were well attended, with the trainers being impressed by the suitability of the Parish Hall as a training venue. It was an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge of CPR and the use of defibrillators in an emergency situation. The information was engagingly delivered with the sessions attended by both those with and without previous CPR training.

Summer Fete

Our fete is on Saturday 8 July 12-3pm at the Parish Hall. Please come and join us for games, stalls, BBQ and refreshments. Donations of cakes, raffle prizes and Tombola prizes would be much appreciated. We do need help to run the stalls, if you are able to lend a hand please contact Val at the Cruwys Arms, 01363 866662.

Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall

The Committee of Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall would like to invite you to their Annual Afternoon Tea on Sunday 30 July from 3.00 pm at the Parish Hall. Enjoy a selection of sandwiches, cakes and scones plus add a glass or bottle of "Fizz".

Bookings only; these can be made by contacting Paul Steele on 07768 847126 or email - paul@paulsteele.co.uk . £8.00 per person, children under 10 £4.00. All are very welcome.

Flower Show

The Flower Show is on Saturday 12 August at 2.30pm at the Parish Hall. This annual event has been going for over 80 years and we would love you to come along and join us for tea, cake and to admire the entries.

It isn't too late to enter, schedules are still available from the church, the Cruwys Arms or 5 Moorview, Pennymoor. Please grab a copy and have a go. We are always eager to welcome new exhibitors. Children under 16 are asked to grow a potato; bucket and seed potato are provided. If you would like to get involved, please contact Pauline: email - pauline.8@hotmail.co.uk or call 07968 101121.

Cruwys Morchard and Puddington Gardeners

It has been a challenging Spring for gardeners; hot days with steady winds drying the soil to concrete or dust and cool nights, so constant evening trips to provide protection for delicate seedlings. But no one ever said that gardening was a walk in the park. Meanwhile, we enjoyed a visit to Ashmoor Nursery where Jenny Howells gave a demonstration on creating a hanging basket. One of our members subsequently won the raffle for a completed basket, though she and her husband had to put up a structure to hang it from!

At our June meeting Stephen Powels gave a talk on the way gardeners can help to provide a habitat in which hedgehogs can thrive. Illustrated by slides of Stephen's amazing photos, it was both informative and entertaining. We came away considering what more we could do in our own gardens for this threatened species. We are so lucky to have our own unique 'Chris Packham'

with a fund of knowledge living locally. At the same meeting we were pleased to learn more about the Wildlife Warden Scheme from Kevin Keatley who is the warden for Puddington Parish.

In July we will gather at Westland for the group's annual summer party. It will be preceded by a tour of the garden in terms of its provision of habitats for a wide range of wildlife from insects to birds and mammals. Later in the month members of the Stoodleigh Garden Club are coming to visit for the same tour. If anyone would like to come on a similar visit in late July or August let me know, no charge and you don't have to be a garden club member. Contact, clarepenney25@gmail.com

Cruwys Morchard YFC

Members enjoyed great success with our entries at Devon County Show in May, with a 2nd in "Ready, Steady, Cook", which leads us on to competing at the National stage in September. Ed Kingdom received a Special Commendation for his Natural Handycraft entry in the club cubicle. We are now look forward to doing as well with our Mid Devon show entry later this month.

In July some of our members are competing in Mixed Basketball at National level as part of the Exe Valley team. Whilst recently we have learnt new skills in milking and "introduction into basic first aid". Our future skills event is tractor handling, with Horse Podiatry still at the planning stage. Please support us at our upcoming events. In July we are holding a Tractor Run, look out for posters detailing the event, and we are running a Big Breakfast on the morning of Sunday 20 August.

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Sunday services

2.30pm Nomansland chapel *

4.30pm Pennymoor chapel *

* Except for 3rd Sunday of the month, all join Way Village chapel 3pm.

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Magazine Contact

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LOXBARE

Last year at this time we were sharing in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. This year we celebrate King Charles III coronation and we wish him a successful and peaceful reign as we remember him in our prayers. Our celebrations began with a Flower and Craft Festival in the church. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, with a wide variety of wonderful crafts and flower arrangements. An excellent display. Thank you to all who contributed and to

those who put much time and effort to organise and set everything up.

Loxbare Church would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the parishoners for their support and help to make our Coronation Flower and Craft Show such a success.

For those who came to support and those who stayed at the Church during viewing times and provided cups of tea/coffee and biscuits. Monday afternoon finished with St Georges & St Pauls bell ringers who rang the bells. A fitting end to the weekend celebration.

Our Coronation Service was held on the Sunday morning with a royal theme. Thank you to all who led and took part in any way. In the evening an 'Ultimate Cheese' and other deli treats was held in the Village Hall including a 'royal quiz'. A very enjoyable time. Again many thanks to all who organised and prepared the lovely food and the quiz.

It was good to be part of the Mission Community Group Service at Calverleigh on the 28 May celebrating the birthday of the Church at Pentecost. It was a lovely service joining together with the Exe Valley Choir and band. Thank you to all who participated and organised.

Please see centre pages for Loxbare services.

There will be PCC meeting on 18 July at Jean's.

We are planning a BBQ at 12.30pm followed by a service in the Village Hall at 2.00pm on the 2 July.

A forward notice. Our Harvest Festival will be on the 17 Sept in the Church at 6.30pm. More details in the next

magazine, with Harvest Supper on Monday 18.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Derek, Marlene, Katie, Viv and any one else feeling unwell and to any who have lost loved ones recently.

Happy Birthday to all with birthdays in July and August and to any celebrating special occasions.

In the village hall on Saturday July 8 there will be a Ploughman's lunch 12.30pm-2.00pm with a produce stall, and on August 12 a cream tea at 3.00pm-4.30pm with a cake stall. Any donations for both events will be given to charity.

May everyone have a good summer and hope the young people taing exams will get the grades they need for their future education or job.

OAKFORD

Spring and Summer are busy times around the countryside on farms and also in rural villages, but there is always time for fun and friendship.

Events past and future.

The Exe Valley Choir began their weekly practices leading up to the Pentecost Service held at Calverleigh. The choir sang 'Oh Happy Day' and 'Enemy of Apathy' and received many compliments. Well done everyone and special thanks to Sarah a most amazing choir mistress and Claire for organizing everything.

There was a very successful Tractor Run starting in Oakford and making its

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2 JULY

4th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

10.45am Morning Worship
Steph Gordon-Jeffs
with Dave Edwards

CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Morning Praise

LOXBEARE

12.30pm BBQ followed by a
2.00pm Service in the village hall

OAKFORD

See Stoodleigh

RACKENFORD

See Stoodleigh

STOODLEIGH

10.45am Holy Communion

Tim Gorringe

TEMPLETON

10.45am Morning Praise

WASHFIELD

6.00pm Evening Prayer

WITHLEIGH

10.45am Family Service

9 JULY

5th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

See Washfield

CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Morning Prayer

LOXBEARE

See Washfield

OAKFORD

10.45am Morning Praise
Steph Gordon-Jeffs, Liz Langdon
with Dave Edwards

RACKENFORD

9.15am Explore
with Dave Edwards

STOODLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise

TEMPLETON

No service

WASHFIELD

10.45am Holy Communion

Tim Gorringe

WITHLEIGH

10.45am Service of the Word

16 JULY

6th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

9.30am Family Service

CRUWYS MORCHARD

See Templeton

LOXBEARE

9.30am Morning Praise
Liz Langdon. Steph Gordon-Jeffs
with Dave Edwards

OAKFORD

10.45am Morning Praise

RACKENFORD

10.45am Morning Praise

STOODLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise

TEMPLETON

10.45am Holy Communion

with Baptism

Steph Gordon-Jeffs

with Dave Edwards

WASHFIELD

9.30am 'Sunday Club'

Tim & Gill Gorringe

WITHLEIGH

See Templeton

23 JULY

7th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Zoom Service

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COMMUNITY
HOLY COMMUNION
GROUP SERVICE**

at

**10.45am in
LOXBEARE**

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Everyone welcome

30 JULY

8th Sunday after Trinity

**OUR
MISSION
COMMUNITY
5TH SUNDAY
SERVICE
is at
10.45am in
CALVERLEIGH
VILLAGE HALL**

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30 JULY

WITHLEIGH

9.30am Poems, Prayers and
Praise in Village Hall

6 AUGUST

The Transfiguration

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

3.00pm Open-air Service

CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Morning Prayer
Tim Gorringe

LOXBEARE

10.45am Morning Praise

OAKFORD

**10.45am Holy Communion
with Baptism**
Steph Gordon-Jeffs

RACKENFORD

See Oakford

STOODLEIGH

See Oakford

TEMPLETON

10.45am Family Service

WASHFIELD

10.45am Morning Praise

WITHLEIGH

10.45am Family Service

13 AUGUST

10th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

10.45am Holy Communion
*Claire Curtis
with Dave Edwards*

CRUWYS MORCHARD

No service

LOXBEARE

See Calverleigh

OAKFORD

No Service

RACKENFORD

9.15am Explore & Holiday Club
Steph Gordon-Jeffs, Claire Curtis
Liz Langdon and Dave Edwards

STOODLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise

TEMPLETON

No Service

WASHFIELD

See Calverleigh

WITHLEIGH

10.45am Service of the Word
Tim Gorringe

20 AUGUST

11th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

9.30am Family Service
Claire Curtis
with Dave Edwards

CRUWYS MORCHARD

See Withleigh

LOXBEARE

10.45am Morning Praise

OAKFORD

No Service

RACKENFORD

10.45am Morning Praise

STOODLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise
Tim Gorringe

TEMPLETON

6.00pm Evensong

WASHFIELD

10.45am Family Service

WITHLEIGH

**10.45am Holy Communion
with Baptism**
Steph Gordon-Jeffs

27 AUGUST

12th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Zoom Service

**OUR
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HOLY
COMMUNION
GROUP SERVICE
is at
10.45am in
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Everyone Welcome

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| 29 June | A new life and a new community |
| 5 July | Blessing the land |
| 13 July | Blessing areas, regions and nations |

PARISH ROUND-UP

way through several villages, raising funds for the charity SANDS. The following is a note from the organisers.

Karen, Paul, Richard and Kirsty would like to thank everyone who supported our tractor run. A massive thank you to all our helpers and to Mary and Donald for allowing the use of their house and garden. We raised almost £1300 for SANDS who were so supportive when our baby George was born sleeping.

Four ladies gave St Peters Church a thorough spring clean ready for services and 3 upcoming weddings. Thank you ladies.

Congratulations to Luke and Becky, who were married at St Peter's on Coronation Day! By the time you read this George and Sophie will have been married at St Peter's on 24 June. Congratulations to you all.

The Coronation of King Charles 111 was celebrated starting with the ringing of St Peter's Church Bells. A huge and delicious bring and share tea was enjoyed by parishioners in the Village Hall, everyone wearing red, white and blue outfits. The following day saw a great turn out for The Big Help Out, regardless of the heavy rain. Various community areas were given a tidy up by the volunteers who then returned, soaked to the skin, to the village hall for welcome hot refreshments.

The Moorland Ladies held a very successful open evening with villager Sean giving an interesting talk about the explorer Ernest Shackleton. Funds were raised for the Veterans charity.

An excellent refresher defibrillator course was well attended in the village hall. The defibrillator is now situated

back in the old telephone box in the centre of the village.

The session was followed by the Annual Village Parish Meeting, inviting all in the parish to come along to hear what has been going on in the parish and to ask questions if they wished. The Parish Council Chairman reported that a crab apple tree had been planted in the Community Area and has been dedicated to King Charles 111.

Reports were then given by members of the Oakford Players, the Moorland Club, Footpath Warden, the new Wildlife Warden, the Village Hall committee and the Church Bell Ringers.

Now for dates for your diaries for July and August.

Red Lion Quiz Nights.

16 July and 20 August. 8.00pm start.

Bell Ringers.

Fund Raising continues. One of our bell ringers, Michael, a very talented young man has built a working model showing how a church bell works when it is rung. We are going to use this during visits by local school children, to the tower. It will also be on display at the village fete on 1 July.

Moorland Ladies

13 July - 6.00pm - BBQ for members at Spurway Mill Farm. Bring your own chair, cutlery, plate, glass and drink.

10 August - Games Night - Village Hall

12 August - Flower & Produce show at the Village Hall 2.00pm-4.00pm

A Blind Date With A Book

Saturday 30 September at Oakford Village Hall. All profits going to Macmillan Cancer Support. Treat yourself to a delicious slice of cake

while browsing. A selection of beautifully hand wrapped, previously loved books. Each with a snippet of what you could be choosing. £5 per book. All childrens' books are new. A perfect gift for friends or yourself.

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Oakford Village Fete.

1 July in the Community Area from 2.00pm - 5.00pm.

All the fun of a traditional Village Fete with a Fun Dog Show and Sausage Scurry, Beer tent, Refreshments, BBQ and lots of games and activities for children and adults of all ages. Free entry and car parking. Not to be missed!

Moorland Flower and Produce Show.

12 August in the village hall 2.00pm-4.00pm. Entry just £1.00 for visitors. But why not enter an exhibit in one of the different sections. Cookery, produce, handicraft, photography, floral art and flowers. All entries free. All the sections can be found in the schedule with the entry form, available from 3, Manor Cottages, Oakford telephone box Bampton Library and direct from Chris Holdom cmholdom@gmail.com.

Notice of future events.

Moorland Club Autumn Fayre.

Saturday 14 October in the village hall from 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Christmas Artisan Fayre.

Friday 15 December at the village Hall from 5.00pm-8.00pm

If any village organisations have news or events they would like included in the magazine please contact 01398 351648.

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Thoughts and prayers go to all those in the parish who are unwell at home or in hospital.

Best wishes to anyone celebrating a birthday or special anniversary.

RACKENFORD

Here we are again, now heading towards the end of June.

Lots has happened since the last issue.

Thanks to Glen our flag was flying for St Georges Day on Sunday April 23. We much appreciate this is not quite as straight forward as it may seem, and those steps were taken again on May 6 when our Union Jack was put in position.

The Coronation of Prince Charles took place on May 6 at Westminster Abbey which we were all able to witness from beginning to end on our television screens. The thousands that flocked to London had to endure some pretty miserable weather as they waited for King Charles III to emerge with his Queen Camilla. Flags were flying from several properties in our village. For some it was witnessing a first Coronation although others can remember the Coronation of our late Queen Elizabeth.

The Village Day Celebration for King Charles III Coronation was held on Sunday May 7 on Rackenford Common and was a wonderful fun day bringing people together to enjoy the games and stalls and feast on the delicious barbeque, soup, curry, cakes and

biscuits which were made, donated and served by volunteers from the Parish Council, Parochial Church Council, PTFA and Rackenford Community Shop. The bar was open all day for wine, beer, cider and soft drinks and a ceilidh dance in the evening completed a very special occasion.

A special mention must go to the extraordinary high standard achieved in the Cake Competition with 13 entries in the under 10 category, clearly the expert bakers of Rackenford start VERY young!

A big thank you from us all to the army of people involved in the organisation and running of the event with special thanks to who gave their food contributions, time and hard work to make it such a success. The celebration, through generous donations, raised money for the church, school and new community facilities such as a picnic area by the Little Dart river outside the village, with a contingency fund to support future events and further projects. We hope everyone enjoyed a long bank holiday weekend whatever you did.

Our Explore Services continue to thrive on the second Sunday of each month either with Steph, Claire and of course David. The children enjoyed playing an active part during a recent service about the Ethiopian church, making and colouring crosses and proudly taking them home to show others the activities they are involved in, and a beautiful Scallop shell to tell the story of Pilgrimage. We always enjoy refreshments prior to the service and have a relaxed chat.

Our AGM was held at church on May 3. Continuing to work for the future, encouraging growth and praying for all in our community and moving forward together is always the priority.

We wish all children well who are anxiously awaiting exam results as they prepare for the next stage in education and maybe moving on to another school or college.

Congratulations to Ben and Maddi on the birth of their son Finley. We hope you are all well and enjoying your little one.

A warm welcome to Jason and Jenny who have moved into the outskirts of Rackenford. We look forward to meeting you.

Congratulations to anyone who have celebrated special anniversaries or birthdays, especially thinking of two in our community, Fred and Eileen. Hope you enjoyed your day.

Thank you to the very kind person / people who have been cutting various areas of our village. It's looking good.

Our very best wishes to anyone amongst us who is poorly, receiving treatment or recovering, remembering those who we know about Joan, Jacques, Rob and Helen. Please let us know if you wish for anyone to be mentioned or remembered in prayer.

On Sunday June 4 we were delighted to have a baptism ceremony during our Holy Communion service with Steph. A very special day for Katie and Tom bringing Alfie to church with his godparents and large family to witness this very special time in his life. Alfie was very comfortable in Rev Steph's arms and took it all in his stride. He



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was given a special children's Bible. The Godparents also received Bibles. It was a pleasure to see our church so full.

The family at Bradford Tracy House opened their gardens towards the end of May as part of The National Garden Scheme. It was a joy to stroll around the beautiful gardens. The gardening club also had plants to sell along with the tasty jams and pickles made by Francis. It was good to sit later and enjoy a cuppa and cakes. Thank you so much to everyone involved and special thanks to Liz and family.

South Molton Vintage Rally took place at Frankhill this year by kind permission of Leslie and Francis. A beautiful setting, beautiful weather and a relaxing day on our doorstep.

Congratulations to Peter on his election as councillor to North Devon District Council.

Just a reminder if you have anything you feel should be included in this magazine, please let us know.

STOODLEIGH

St Margaret's News

We held the APCM in early April and now have new members on the PCC. We hope they find the experience of serving the church both rewarding and interesting.

We welcomed Tim Gorrige for his first service in Stoodleigh which was enjoyed by all who attended.

We have run a new event since the last magazine, a Wine and Cheese evening

with a skittles competition. It was very well attended and raised some much needed funds. Thanks go to Jeannie, Mary and their helpers for all their hard work.

We are looking forward to Natalie and Joe's wedding in June and to the Baptism of their children, another joyful occasion for us to enjoy and we are really glad to welcome two new members to our church family.

Our next big event is the Family Dog Show on June 24. After that we have an Afternoon Tea in September hosted by Mary and Richard. We just hope for good weather for both events!

Flower Rota	
1 & 8 July	Pat Aplin
15 & 22 July	Christine Palfrey
29 July & 5 August	Fiona Rolfe
12 & 19 August	Dionne Mansfield
26 August & 2 September	Yvonne Lang

Stoodleigh Garden Club Produce Show is on the 19 August at the Parish Hall. Doors open at 2.00p.m.

This show is one of the major village events of the year and we would like to remind any potential gardeners, crafters, cooks, artists and photographers that it is time to start getting prepared. It is an event which is for you to get together and enjoy a great afternoon. This year, we are offering just over forty classes for new recruits as well as for those who have had a go before.

The classes include flowers, vegetables, crafts, arts, photography, cookery and classes for under 12s. There is no charge for under 12s' classes. Whatever your age, you are welcome to join any open classes...the

fee for the open classes is still only 30p per entry.

Refreshments will be on offer with the chance to sit, natter and catch up with each other. There will be a stall selling plants and all things gardening as well as the chance to see all the judged entries.

Why not try planting a bucket with flowering plants? This will be judged along with our traditional tipping out the spud buckets for the weigh in.

As well as entry forms enclosed in this publication, extra copies can be obtained from The Swap Box, The Parish Hall and from Shirley Rowe at Rowhill, Stoodleigh.

We look forward to welcoming you.
The SGC Team

Parish Hall news

By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed the Family Dog Show on 24 June – jointly run by St Margaret's and the Parish Hall. More to report next time.

Saturdays 5 August and 2 September. Coffee@the hall continues on the first Saturday of the month when we get together to chat, catch up on news and browse the bookshelves for some popular reading material.

The Parish Hall Committee is most grateful to Christine Palfrey who runs the Stoodleigh 100 Club. She presented cheques for £250 to both Parish Hall and St Margaret's in April.

Stoodleigh 100 Club May Results.
Pat Pennington, Mervyn Brice, Yvonne Lang, Stephen Ayre.

Subscriptions are now overdue. £15 per year. New members welcome.
For all Stoodleigh news, activities and events, please see

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Stoodleigh Cricket Club

The season is in full swing for both the league and friendly matches. The summer finally arrived and the ground is looking great. We look forward to seeing village support at the matches!

A big thank you to all who attended the quiz and a special mention to Lizzie for hosting again.

Please do contact Matt Shaw if you wish to get involved or just to find out more.

jackdawscottage@hotmail.com

TEMPLETON

Templeton is Holey

No, it isn't a spelling mistake. Like many parishes in the area, Templeton has its share of potholes. The good news is that potholes in Templeton, or anywhere else in Devon, can be reported here:

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that is also important because it helps Devon County Council to assess the potholes and the roads in question. Thank you to Templeton Parish Council for this information. Now let's move from holey to holy!

Church Services

The Sunday Services at St Margaret's Church are usually held twice a month, with a mix of lay-led services and group or cluster services, led by Steph or Claire, rotating between all nine parishes.

We are so grateful to Eleri for playing the organ for the church services, and to Margery for playing the organ for our services over the past few years and also in the future!

The services in Templeton over July and August will be held on: July 2 at 10.45am (Morning Service), July 16 at 10.45am (Cluster Service Holy Communion and Baptism with Steph and Dave Edwards), August 6 at 10.45am (Family Service) and August 20 at 6pm (Evensong).

Past events in Templeton

Sunday May 7 - Big Coronation Lunch Templeton took part in the celebrations for the coronation of King Charles III. There was a wonderful spread of delicious salads, meats, flans, pies, desserts and cheeses, contributed by all the villagers, which were indeed fit for a king! Thanks, Bruce for the delicious roast beef! The village hall supplied bread, potatoes and some of the meats, and excellent bottles of wine from the Jolly Vintner were available at cost price. There was plenty of bunting, colouring, a treasure hunt, and a coronation quiz!

King Charles had suggested that the bank holiday, Monday May 8 should

involve inspiring people to volunteer. This national day was called The Big Help Day. Templetonians gathered at St Margaret's Church in the morning, and together they brought the wooden pews and choir stalls to life with oils and beeswax polish. This work had been started by the Knit and Natter Group with expert guidance (and supplies) from Val. Thank you everyone who took part – St Margaret's Church still has a wonderful aroma of beeswax.

Sunday May 14 - Templeton Tractor Run

This popular event started from, and ended at, Templeton Village Hall. Thank you, Roland and Reg, for organising a very enjoyable and successful Tractor Run. Wonderful classic and vintage tractors drove along a planned local route. Bacon rolls were available at the Village Hall before the Tractor Run, and upon their triumphant return, there was a pasty and a pint waiting for the hungry drivers. Thank you everyone who took part, and who came out to watch the event which, along with the draw, raised over £610 to support both the British Heart Foundation and St Margaret's Church, Templeton. The winner on the day was Adrian Hunt's beautiful vintage Deutz tractor!

Future events

Saturday August 12 - Templeton Summer Fete from 1.30pm at Templeton Village Hall. Don't miss this popular community event! This year's Summer Fete will of course include the Grand Auction along with cream teas, hot dogs, pay bar, bric-a-brac, nearly new clothes, books, produce, tombola and games. Why not take a look through your cupboards now and seek out any items that you no longer need.





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We do say 'it takes a village' and we need volunteers to help with the stalls and make the day great fun for everyone! If you are able to spare some time in the afternoon of the fete, or on the evening before to set everything up, or if you want to know more, please email templetonvh@gmail.com.

Early September - Duck Race at Templeton Bridge (date to be confirmed).

This event will start from 2pm. The ducks have already started training and will make their way from Great Esworthy down the River Dart, finishing at Dartcoombe Mill. There will also be delicious cream teas, pasties, book sale, plant sale and bric-a-brac. Ducks will be on sale (£1 each) during the fete, at club nights, by contacting Roger and Bindy at 01884 860655 or emailing templetonvh@gmail.com and on the day. Money prizes!

Saturday 30 September - Harvest Festival weekend will begin with a Harvest Supper at 7.30pm at Templeton Village Hall.

The bar will be open from 7.00pm. Do come along and enjoy this annual, delicious and plentiful supper to celebrate the harvest. The Full Harvest Moon occurs the night before, and is so named because this is when crops are gathered at the end of the summer and the moon appears particularly bright, letting farmers harvest into the night. Tickets will be £10.00 each (and £5 for 14-year-olds and under). All proceeds in aid of St Margaret's Church.

Sunday 1 October at 10.45am Templeton's Harvest Festival at St Margaret's Church.

We would be grateful if you could please bring any fresh fruit, vegetables,

packaged or canned produce to the porch of St Margaret's Church during the week before the service so that it can all be displayed in the church. All the produce will be donated to the Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT), and is always very much appreciated by the charity.

Saturday 4 November Bonfire and firework display from 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

This very popular event will take place at Templeton Village Hall. People really do come from far and wide to see it. The bar will be open and there will be delicious hot dogs for sale. So book the date now!

Regular groups.

Art Group – Update.

The art classes were a huge success and thank you so much Lynda for leading them. As a result, it has been decided to carry on as an art group, but this time with Lynda only on hand to help when needed. The new art group meets at Templeton Village Hall fortnightly on Tuesdays 9.45am to start at 10.00am until 12 midday. During July and August, the art group will be on 11, 25 July, and 8, 22 August. Everyone is invited. No charge. Just bring yourselves with whatever art work you are doing or want to have a go at, with Lynda there to help if needed. Coffee and cake provided. Look forward to seeing you there. If you want to know more, contact Lynda at newnes7@mail.com.

Yoga.

Yoga sessions at Templeton Village Hall, are held every Thursday from 3.30pm until 5.00pm. Pat is an experienced yoga instructor based in Tiverton and can accommodate all

abilities. Everyone is welcome, and Pat can adapt the class so that it can be seated for those who don't want to get on and off the floor. Just come along to Templeton Village Hall on Thursday, wearing comfortable clothes, and bring a yoga mat (or a thick towel or blanket), and perhaps a bottle of water. The cost is £9 per session. If you'd like to know more, please email Laurel at joeandlaurel@ymail.com

Book Group.

The Templeton Book Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3.00pm at Templeton Village Hall with coffee, tea and cake. Please contact Julie on 01884 233507 if you would like to know more. The July/August dates for the book group are 12 July and 9 August.

Knit and Natter.

Templeton Knit and Natter is on the last Friday of each month from 10.30am to 12 midday, in St Margaret's Church, Templeton. Why not bring any of your repair work, knitting or embroidery with you, or just come along for coffee, biscuits and a chat. The next dates for Knit and Natter are 28 July and 25 August.

Templeton Village Hall and Social Club.

Please use Templeton Village Hall for any games of table tennis, darts, pool or skittles – they are all there for you to enjoy – or for a family get-together or a barbecue all set up and ready to use! Just call Bindy on 01884 860655 if you'd like the hall opened up, and to check first that there is not already a booking. The Social Club is open every Monday and Saturday evening from 8pm to 11pm – with a wide range of

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Gardening Club.

Now that the summer is well under way, the garden group is in full swing. This is an opportunity for people to get together and talk gardens, help problem solve, suggest places to visit, share any other questions, eat cake and have a coffee. If you want to know more and would like to join in next time, just email Ginah at ginahpalmer@gmail.com

Our deepest sympathies.

It has been a sad time in Templeton, having recently lost two pillars of our community. We were so sorry to hear that Mike Beer passed away on the 23 April. He had lived in Templeton for many years. Our deepest sympathy and our thoughts are with Sylvia and all the family at this sad time.

We also send our deepest sympathy and our thoughts to the family of Ken Reed who passed away on May 7. Ken lived in Templeton all his life. He was brought up at Coombe Mill at Templeton Bridge and was a founding committee member of Templeton Village Hall. For many years, Ken was a member and chair of Templeton Parish Council. At his funeral at St Margaret's Church on 1 June, the family walked behind his coffin which was transported on a horse-drawn cart from Templeton Village Hall to St Margaret's Church. Ken will be remembered for his sense of humour and his many stories but will be missed.

Thoughts and prayers.

Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes are with all those who are unwell, who are receiving or awaiting treatment, who have been in hospital, recovering from surgery, or going through a tough time.

Flowers and cleaning.

- Teresa Pancherz 2 and 9 July
- Gloria Woollacott 16 and 23 July
- Lynda Newnes 30 July and 6 Aug
- Laurel O'Brien 13 and 20 Aug
- Sue Coffin 27 Aug and 3 Sept

hard to make the occasion so enjoyable and we thank them all!

Coming events.

The Church Fete.

I hope you will see this in time! July 1st at 2.30pm is an important day in Washfield. Our main fund-raising event and happy get-together in the Old Rectory Garden, for which we are very grateful to Bronson and Camilla. Contributions to any of the stalls will be welcome and to the teas. Ideas for games or competitions are badly needed to keep us and all the children amused. See you there!

Coming up for children between 5 and 11 - Holiday Club on August 8 and 9 at Bradleigh House. Two days of fun and adventure, outdoor activities, swimming and games, crafts and singing and stories with Steph and Claire. Sign in with the Church Office.

The visit of the Archdeacon to Cruwys Morchard in May was very encouraging. It was a very special occasion as he preached about the importance of Rural Ministries and how they are the backbone of the Church of England and how much we are valued and will always be supported by the Diocese. Hope for the future.

Lunches and Tea Parties are continuing for all who would appreciate meeting up with others and enjoying the company and the wonderful food!

What an amazing spell of weather we have been having of late! I can hear the farmers amongst you disagreeing as you desperately need some rain! The gardeners too, as the watering of the garden and hanging baskets is taking its toll now. Let's hope that, as you get

WASHFIELD

Welcome to Summer - and news from St. Mary's!

Coronation Holiday Monday

The historic celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles went very well despite the very wet weather. The whole village was bedecked with bunting and flags hung from every wall and window. The bells rang out and the afternoon began with a Service of Thanksgiving in the church, which was also decorated with red, white and blue flowers and looked splendid. Led by Annabel we asked God to bless our new Sovereign in all his endeavours to serve his country and his people; and sang 'Jerusalem', 'I Vow to thee my country' and - 'God Save the King' for the first time for some of us!

All the the village organizations worked together to plan our day of festivities and although 'Games on the Green' including Maypole Dancing had to be abandoned, our spirits were not dampened and we repaired to our spacious Memorial Hall. Games and activities for the many children were popular and a lot of fun was had by all. Delicious refreshments were on hand and the Bar was open. All the entries for the Calendar photos were on show and make a wonderful record of Washfield life. Many folk worked very

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this magazine we have been blessed with some rain.

Please support the Social club's upcoming events and keep this group thriving and inclusive.

A Car Treasure Hunt on Saturday 8 July leaving the hall during the afternoon, with cream teas available (before or after the journey).

The 'Grow the tallest Sunflower' competition to culminate in September. Date tba

The annual Pumpkin growing contest which is judged at the end of October with all the usual banter and fun.

Don't forget teatime@thehall is still as popular as ever on 2nd Tuesday of each month between 3.00pm-4.30pm. All welcome

To those who are not enjoying good health at the time of writing, we hope you will soon feel better. To those with birthdays and special events, have a happy time.

Church Flower Rota

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| 2/9 July | Mrs J Ellis |
| 16/23 July | Angela Bolt |
| 30 July/6 August | Mrs S Balment |
| 13/20 August | Mrs J Raynes |
| 27 August/3 September | Mrs A Boundy |

WITHLEIGH

At the time of writing these notes, we have been experiencing week on week of dry sunny weather, to the point that some rain in the forecast is non-existent! The gardens and fields are certainly beginning to look dry, but we hope that, when the weather breaks, we will not have to endure week on week of rain!

Our 'Poems, Prayer and Praise' last month was led by Margaret, who gave

an interesting insight into places of worship which have been in Withleigh over the past 623 years. The earliest record dates from 1400, with the first Chapel of Ease. The second chapel, built in 1846 and opened in 1847, became our parish church in 1886. The day before our service, 29 April, was the feast day of St Catherine, so our patron Saint, St Catherine of Sienna was remembered.

Margaret had made some 'cattern cakes' which were originally made by the lace-makers for the patron saint- St Catherine of Alexandria, who was possibly the saint chosen for our first chapel in 1400. These cakes are spiced with cinnamon, fruit and caraway seeds, the recipe going back to Tudor times. The cakes were enjoyed with our coffee at the end of the service. Margaret gave each of us a bookmark, with the prayer of St Catherine, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world afire" Thank you Margaret, for your research, your talk and the 'cattern cakes'.

Our celebrations for the King's Coronation began with a service in church on Sunday 7 May. It was good to see so many people there worshipping and giving thanks in a church wonderfully decorated with various floor displays. Our thanks to all those who worked so hard. After the service a most enjoyable 'street party' took place in the village hall car park, which had been decorated with flags and bunting. What a spread of food there was and our thanks to all who supplied it! Our thanks also to Marianne for making the celebration cake, and to her daughter Katherine for decorating it.


We were pleased to welcome the Rev. Tim Gorringe to our service on 14 May. His sermon was based on the words: "For in Him we live and move and have our being", taken from the reading for the day from Acts, reminding us that God is with us in all that we do, wherever

we are!

In May, Duncan arranged for the Devon Air Ambulance to run some training sessions on how to react if we come across a situation where someone has had a cardiac arrest. These sessions were run on May 17 at Cruwys Morchard Village Hall as it is able to accommodate a larger group than our own hall. The Air Ambulance ran three sessions during the course of the day with a total of 105 people attending. The training gave us the confidence to do chest compressions and then learn how we should use a defibrillator, while waiting for help from the emergency services. Withleigh has a defibrillator on the wall of the Village Hall, beside the main door. Thank you again to the Luxton family for providing this in remembrance of Gerald. Cruwys Morchard also has a defibrillator.

Our APCM was held after the Cluster Service on May 21. Brenda and Stephen were elected as churchwardens for the coming year. Both were thanked for all they do for St Catherine's. Daphne was welcomed on to the PCC. A very short PCC meeting followed, mainly to elect officers.

It was great to see so many at this year's Village Hall AGM on May 31. Along with all of our Trustees there were embers of the community as well as our committee members. Duncan began the meeting thanking everyone who had supported the hall in whatever way during the past year, with special thanks again to David for keeping the outside of the hall so well trimmed and tidy, as well as keeping an eye open for anything that needed doing. Our thanks also to Sharon for keeping the inside of the hall clean. The committee welcomed two new members, with the officers agreeing to carry on their jobs for another year. They are Chairman - Duncan, Secretary - Rachael and Treasurer - Brenda. There were a few suggestions for activities for the



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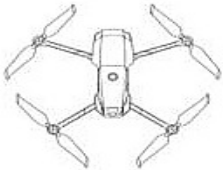
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coming year, so watch this space. Our next hall event will be the Harvest Supper with Auction of Produce.

At our service on July 9 we will be welcoming Arthur Govier as our guest speaker, from Tiverton Hospital League of Friends, which is our chosen charity for 2023. He will be accompanied by their new chairman. There will be a retiring collection.

Our Summer Fete will take place in the Village Hall and car park on Saturday 15 July, 12 noon - 3.00pm.

If you are able to offer help in any way please contact Sara on 01884 252949. Bacon baps, cheese or ham salad rolls will be served at lunchtime, with tea/coffee and cake available during the afternoon. Stalls we hope to have include cakes, hamper draw, tombola, garden and produce (jams, chutneys etc), nearly new books and magazines, refreshments, ice cream, raffle, 'Play your cards right', ducat in the bucket. Any donations of cakes, items for the tombola, items for the nearly-new stall (please could these be in good condition!), Books, magazines* and raffle prizes would be gratefully received. *If you have any magazines, ladies', men's or children's, that you no longer need and they are in good condition with no pages missing, then we would be pleased to receive them.

This year's Garden and Produce Show will be on Saturday 19 August. We have changed the timings just a little, entries will need to be staged in the hall between 3.00pm and 4.30pm, ready for judging. Doors will open for everyone to come and see what prizes they have won, and of course to anyone else who would like to join us at 7.30pm. If you like any info, or if you

have lost your schedule, please call either Henry on 01884 257142 or Brenda on 01884 252431.

WoW. Since the last Today entry, the May gathering of ladies was at the home of Mariaane, where everyone was treated to a delicious cream tea. The garden was admired, as was the view, and there was a good deal of chatter. Contact Susie on 01884 258492.

We send our congratulations to James who recently completed the Ten Tors Challenge on Dartmoor. Well Done!

Congratulations to Paul and Elizabeth on becoming great grandparents to another great grandson. We send our love and best wishes to him and his family.

Congratulations to any who are celebrating special birthdays or anniversaries.

We think of all those waiting exam results to enable them to pursue or decide on their future career.

Get well wishes go to all those known to us who are receiving treatment, recovering from operations, or who are not well at the moment.

Forthcoming Events.

Summer Fete - 15 July - 12-3pm - Village Hall

Poems, Prayers & Praise - 30 July - 9.30am - Village Hall

Garden & Produce Show - 19 August - Village Hall

Flower Rota.

2 July	Linda Taylor
9,16,23 July	Jane Slegg
30 July, 6, 13 August	Susie Wade
20,27 August, 3 Sept	Daphne Chown

Thoughts for Everyday by Patience Strong

JUST A LITTLE

Just a little sympathy
can go a long, long way -
to help a breaking heart to face
a world that's hard and grey.

A little snatch of melody
can fill the world with song -
and put some music into life,
when things are going wrong.

Just a little friendliness,
a little bit of praise -
can urge a tired, discouraged soul,
to live the dreary day.

A golden streak of sunshine
in a sky that looks like rain -
can make a weary traveller
look up and smile again.

Christian Jokes

An atheist scientist came to God and said, "We've figured out how to make a man without you."

God said "Okay, let me see you do it."

So the atheist bent down to the ground and scooped up a handful. But God stopped him and said, "Oh, no you don't.

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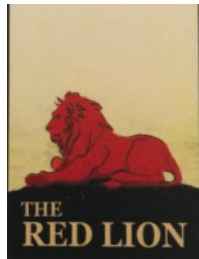
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