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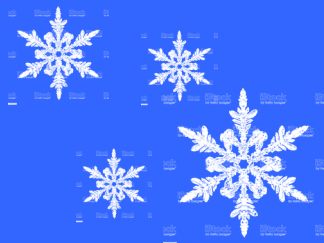
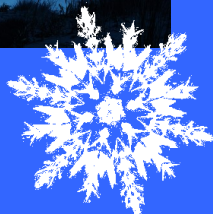
December

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MONTHLY MAGAZINE
*for the people of Ashburton,
Buckland-in-the-Moor
and Bickington*



**THE BENEFICE OF ASHBURTON, BICKINGTON, BUCKLAND IN THE MOOR, HOLNE,
HUCCABY, LEUSDON, POSTBRIDGE,
AND WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR**



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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ASHBURTON

SUNDAY SERVICES	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	-	First Sunday only
	10.30 a.m.	Family Service	-	First Sunday only
	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	-	all other Sundays
WEDNESDAY SERVICE	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion		

THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR

THIRD SUNDAY SERVICE	3.00 p.m.	Holy Communion
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THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BICKINGTON

SUNDAY SERVICE	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	-	First Sunday only
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God is now here

An atheist was writing an article for Christmas to prove that God did not exist. He wanted to finish his article with the sentence: 'God is nowhere!' Unfortunately, the sub editors made a mistake with the spacing and so the final sentence of his article read: 'God is now here!'

This is the heart of the Christmas good news: God coming to us in human form, as a vulnerable baby to a young woman called Mary. St John says: 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us'. St Matthew retells the words of the prophet: 'the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall name him Emmanuel' which means 'God is with us'. God is now here!



For many this is unbelievable. Surely if God was to reveal himself to us he would just rend the heavens and come down in power. However, God seems to work not by breaking into the world but by embracing the world from within. In Charles Wesley's carol, 'Hark the herald Angels sing', we sing the lines: 'Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel'. Take away the traditional 'man' language and we see that it is saying that God delights to be human alongside human beings. This carol tells of a God who does not have to be lured down from heaven by us being very polite to him or behaving extra well. God can't help caring for the world that he has made. He doesn't have to be persuaded to be interested in us.

This can help when we pray. Approach God knowing that he is interested in us! Christmas teaches us to dispel the idea that God is essentially bored with us, removed from us and always in need of being kept sweet. He does not have to be persuaded to be on our side. As a former Archbishop of Canterbury said, 'You might as well try to persuade a waterfall to be wet.'

In Bethlehem, God comes to us in the weakness of a baby. A lifetime later, at Calvary, he appeals to us in the helplessness of a man nailed to a cross. In Jesus,

God beckons to us not by force but by identifying with us. He wants us to recognise him and go to him.

God is now here. He values our humanity beyond all imagining. He shares our struggles as well as our joys. 'Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.' God is with us. God is for us. May you know the blessing of his presence this Christmas.

+ Mark



Parish News Dates for your Diary

Please Note the Earlier deadline for the January Magazine.

5 DECEMBER DEADLINE FOR JANUARY MAGAZINE

REGISTER ENTRIES for 2021 from Ashburton, Buckland & Bickington

FUNERAL

17 November, 2021	St. Andrew's, Ashburton	Richard NOCK
	St. Andrew's, Ashburton	Mary WITT

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window, I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by
name;

"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer And Vixen!
On, Comet! On Cupid! On, Donner And Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.
Happy Christmas to All, and to All a goodnight.

Clement C. Moore



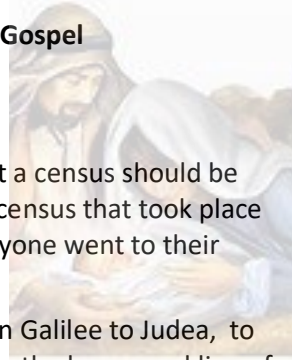
Happy Christmas & a Quieter New Year
Judith

Bible Readings for December

The Reading is taken from St. Luke's Gospel

Chapter 2, verses 1 – 20

The Birth of Jesus



In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

MESSY CHURCH WILL BE IN JANUARY

It is still strange having Messy Church on the third Saturday of the month. This means that I am writing about the Messy Church that happened last month and the Messy Church that will happen in a week's time.

In October we looked at how we Love God's planet. Johnathan Henderson helped us all by painting an extraordinary rainbow. The older children especially enjoyed helping him. A crowd of children with Johnathan in the garden created this picture.



The singing at the end of the session led by Heidi and Jacqui was very exciting; the children gathered around and danced the Harvest Samba and to "He's got the whole world in his hands". This is only too apt with the COP26 political efforts to save God's creation. He loves the whole of his world and all his creatures just as much as any Lost Sheep.



In November we are exploring the Lost Sheep parable. We all wander away from our flock sometimes. I know that for many years I did not manage to go to church, as I was too busy. Moving house to Ashburton I found that I began to go to church more, but it was hard to change my habit of not going. Remembering this simple parable helped me to join the local Christian Community again as

I rediscovered how much God Loves me. I hope that I can give up being too busy to make some changes in my life that will help the COP 26 meet the targets that will save God's Earth.

In December The Messy Church family have a wonderful opportunity to support East Shallowford Nativity on Saturday December 18th 4-6pm. We will be sending around the information soon. Also, on Thursday 16th we will have Carols on the Green in Ashburton and on 24th December the Crib Service at St Andrew's. I look forward to seeing you there.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

and much love *Jane*



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL

Thank you to everyone for the encouraging comments about the recent upgrade of the hall. In particular, the response to the added equipment in the kitchen and new tablecloths, has been extremely positive.

The Church Hall Committee have been very busy over the last few months and I would like to express my gratitude to them for their continued support and dedication.

I wish everyone a

Very Merry Christmas

and a Joyful and Prosperous New Year

Eve Nutley, Hall Manager



ST ANDREW'S GUILD

Twelve of our members met on November 11th and as it was Armistice Day it was the perfect time to recount some of my Father's memories of his war service from 1939 to 1945, and also tell of a holiday my husband and I arranged for him and my Mother to revisit some of the areas in Normandy he passed through, in particular Honfleur where he was billeted for a while. I was very happy to share my Father's memories and I think the ladies enjoyed listening to them.

We also firmed up the arrangements for our Christmas lunch which is at the Furzeleigh Mill on the 9th December.

Our meeting in January is on Thursday, 13th and I look forward to us getting together to welcome in 2022.

My best wishes to you all and I hope you have a very happy Christmas.

Val Smale



HOW FATHER CHRISTMAS GOT TO BE WHERE HE IS TODAY



One person you are bound to run into this Christmas season is Father Christmas. These days he seems to frequent shopping malls and garden centres. If he looks tired, just remember that he has been around a long time and gone through a lot of transformations.

Father Christmas wasn't always the red-suited, white-bearded star of the retail trade that he is today. He began life as Nicholas, born way back about AD260 in Patara, an important port on the southern coast of what is now Turkey. When his parents died and left him a fortune, Nicholas gave it away to the poor. He became a bishop of the nearby city of Myra, where he almost certainly suffered persecution and imprisonment at the hand of the Roman Emperor Diocletian.

Nicholas was a serious theologian: he was a participant at the First Council of Nicaea, which formulated the Creed which we still say today. He even, reportedly, slapped another bishop in a squabble over the exact nature of the Trinity.

Nicholas died in Myra about AD343, but the stories of his generosity and kindness were just beginning. One enduring tale tells of the three girls whom he rescued from certain prostitution by giving them gold for their dowries. When the father confronted him to thank him, Nicholas said he should thank God alone.

In the UK, Nicholas became the basis for Father Christmas, who emerged in Victorian times as a jolly-faced bearded character. Meanwhile, Dutch and German settlers had taken him to America with them as Sinter Klaas and Sankt Nicklas.

It was in America that Nicholas received his final two great breaks into real stardom. The first was when the Rev Clement C Moore, a New York Episcopal minister, turned from his life-work of writing a Hebrew/English lexicon, to write a fun poem for his children one Christmas. His 'The Visit of St Nicholas' is now universally known by its first line: 'T'was the Night Before Christmas'.

From Clement Moore we discovered that St Nicholas is round and pink-cheeked and white-bearded, and that he travels at night with sleigh, reindeer and a sack of toys on his back. It was Clement Moore who also revealed that St Nicholas enters houses down chimneys and fills children's stockings with toys and sweets.

So how did we find out that Father Christmas wears red? That was the US Coca-Cola advertising campaign of 1931, who finally released the latest, up-to-date pictures of Father Christmas: wearing a bright red, fur-trimmed coat and a large belt.

These days, it is good that Father Christmas uses reindeer and doesn't have to pay for petrol. In order to get round all the children in the world on Christmas Eve, he will have to travel 221 million miles at an average speed of 1279 miles a second, 6,395 times the speed of sound. For all those of us who are already exhausted just rushing around getting ready for Christmas, that is a sobering thought.

ADVENT

Waiting is not popular in our culture, when so much can be obtained simply at the press of a button! Advent, when we wait for the coming of Christmas, is also an opportunity to learn what it means to be waiting for the promised return of Jesus. He says: *'It's like a man going away: he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore, keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back'* (Mark 13:34-35).



We live between Jesus' first and second comings and this parable reminds us of the need to watch and wait, as disciples living faithfully for Him. It reminds us of two kinds of waiting: *passive* and *active*. Imagine you're at the railway station, awaiting the arrival of a train. On the platform a man is asleep, as he thinks there is plenty of time before the train arrives. He is *passively waiting*. There is also a small boy on the platform who is excited about the train coming. He can't sit still and constantly looks down the track to see if the train is coming. He is *actively waiting*, for he expects the train to arrive at any moment.

Advent gives us a choice: *how will we wait for Jesus' coming?* Passive waiting doesn't require much attention on our part. We can live our Christian life pre-occupied with our own concerns, rather than looking to God. However, active waiting involves an eager expectation, as we await Jesus' return or simply look to him coming to us today. All we want is to be found faithful as His disciples. There is nothing more important than being ready to meet our Master!

ASHBURTON PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION



Our social meeting in November was very well attended and we all enjoyed the talk and wonderful slide show given by Rupert Kirkwood.

Our Christmas Lunch will be at the Dartmoor Lodge on Thursday, 2nd December. Please arrive at 12 noon for 12.30 pm sit down. The free coach will start picking up from Balland Lane at 11.45 am. Raffle prizes would be most welcome.

The next social afternoon will be on Thursday, 6th January at 2.30 pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall with bingo and a quiz.

Myself and the Committee would like to wish all our members



a Very Happy Christmas

and a ***Healthy New Year.***

Margaret, Chairman

MOBILE BANKS

NATWEST and LLOYDS BANKS have resumed fortnightly visits to Ashburton.

LLOYDS BANK



**Kingsbridge Lane Car Park on alternate Fridays
from 9.45am—12noon**

NatWest

**Ashburton Arts Car Park on alternate
Wednesdays from 9.45am—10.15am**

Use them or lose them!



General Note:

We make every effort to ensure that information contained in this magazine is accurate at the time of printing. Please be aware that changes may occur later.

Editor

ASHBURTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Report of meeting held on 2nd November.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

"The Power of Advertising" was sub-titled, by our Speaker, Marilyn Bishop, "The Power of Persuasion" and it became very clear that that was, in fact, the more accurate description of the attempts, right through the ages, to influence us in our choices of actions or purchases, even beliefs. From very early images found at Pompeii, the visual aspect of advertising became clear, with images, or signs, rather than the written word, being eye-catching and easier to understand. When printing came in advertising took off in a big way with fanciful and over exaggerated claims for all manner of items. As time went by, colour printing, branding and the presence of investors changed things, advertising became more streamlined, full of iconic imagery, and came to the form that we recognise today, however, these days the connection between what we see and what is being sold is not always clear. False claims abound – Marilyn closed her talk with the adage "What you see is not always what you get".



Everything is in place for our Christmas Fayre to be held at the TOWN Hall, Ashburton, on 4th December, from 10 a.m. A children's painting competition has been added to our list of things to see, buy and do. This is for ages 5 – 7 and 8 – 10, the subject being a decorated Christmas tree. There is no entry fee for this but for adults entry to the Fayre will be £1, to include coffee and a home-made biscuit. There will be our usual raffle, and plenty of stalls loaded with tempting things.

Jeanne Distin



A Grandmother
A little bit parent,
a little bit teacher, a little
bit best friend and a little
bit partner in crime.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2021.



Our fund-raising arm, The Oak Tree Club, will be holding a

CHRISTMAS FAYRE,

at the Town Hall

on Saturday, 4th December.

There will be various stalls and our usual raffle, also a Painting Competition, for which there is no entry fee, for children for 5 – 7 year olds and 8 – 10 year olds, the subject being a decorated Christmas Tree.



Entry will be £1, to include a cup of coffee and a home-made biscuit. Hot sausage rolls and mince pies will also be available, for a small extra cost, just in case you haven't had time for breakfast.

All Covid safety requirements, as notified to us by the Town Clerk, will be adhered to. As long as nothing changes dramatically we look forward to seeing our very kind and supportive friends on that morning. We are raising money for Devon Free Wheelers, a voluntary group that transports essential supplies to hospitals in emergencies.



As well as the excellent parish magazines, the Ashburton and Moorland Mission Community communicates through its website: ashburtonandmoor.org.uk and social media including Facebook (Ashburton All Age Church) and WhatsApp.

If you need help with a church-related event or project please contact Chloe Axford

(axfords14@gmail.com)

as there may be people happy to help who we can contact via social media!



COVID-19 Vaccine Booster timeline

Second dose

+5 months
Book your booster dose

+6 months
Get your booster dose

COVID-19 booster jab boom as system opens up for pre-bookings a month early

The National Booking Service has been [changed to make it even easier for people to get their booster jab](#) six-months after their second COVID-19 vaccine dose and ensure their vital protection is maintained over the winter months.

Everyone aged over 50 years old and all those most at risk from COVID-19

can now pre-book their booster jab appointment a month before they are eligible. This means that someone could pre-book their jab for the day they reach the 6-month milestone, rather than waiting days or weeks for a convenient appointment.

The colder weather traditionally leads to increased transmission of viruses and will be challenging for the NHS. Vaccines give high levels of protection but immunity reduces over time, particularly for older adults and at-risk groups, so it is vital that vulnerable people come forward to get their COVID-19 booster vaccine to top up their defences and protect themselves this winter.

People can also book via the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119 or get vaccinated at [hundreds of walk-in sites across the country](#), six months after their second COVID-19 vaccine dose without an appointment.

Stop COVID-19 hanging around

During winter we all naturally spend more time indoors, welcoming family and friends into our homes as the weather gets colder. But with this comes an increase in the potential for breathing in infectious COVID-19 particles, particularly as around one in three people with the virus show no symptoms so could pass it onto each other without knowing, even to those who have been fully vaccinated.

With fewer restrictions in place this winter, following the success of the COVID-19 vaccination programme, making sure inside spaces are well ventilated is even more important for everyone to help keep infection rates down. It's because in an enclosed space, infectious COVID-19 particles can linger and build up over time, like smoke. They remain suspended in the air, increasing the risk of other people in the room breathing them in, especially if there is no ventilation to refresh the air and blow the particles away.

But new research shows that nearly two-thirds of [people aren't aware that ventilation is an effective way to reduce the spread of coronavirus](#) in the home. Just one in three people are ventilating their home when visitors come over, and only three per cent of people surveyed for the research continued to ventilate their homes for a period after their guests have left.

The government has worked with scientists from the universities of Cambridge and Leeds to produce a film to show how opening a window for just 10 minutes every hour when socialising with others can reduce COVID-19 levels indoors. You can watch it on the government Department for Health and Social Care's YouTube channel.



Rota for Church Services for DECEMBER 2021

	Sidespersons	Welcomer	Readers	Intercessors
1st Sunday 5 December	Francis Parffrey, Jane Ashton	Jane Ashton	Val Colliver	Chloe Axford
2nd Sunday 12 December	Margaret McKenna Janet Shapley	Val Colliver	Clare Cotter	Barbara Dunball
3rd Sunday 19 December	Mary Mills Janet Lockwood-Lee	Carol Davies	Barbara Daw	Jane Ashton
Christmas Eve 24 December	TBA	TBA	Carol Davies	TBA
Saturday Christmas Day	Mary Mills Francis Parffrey	Janet L-Lee	Jane Ashton	Carolyn Kennett
4th Sunday 26 December	Sheila Pope Val Colliver	Margaret McKenna	Margaret Boyce	Tony Mead



During my son's first sports day, I watched him be one of the last kids to run to the other side of the field.

Knowing he can run fast, I asked him about it later. He said he didn't want the slow children to feel sad about being left behind.



ALL AGE SERVICES

THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT SERVICES FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON. THE ONES LISTED HERE ARE PARTICULARLY SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES TO ATTEND TOGETHER. PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR OTHER SERVICES.

DECEMBER



Sunday 5th December

Christingle - Ashburton, 10.30am
Toy Service - Buckland-in-the-Moor, 11:00am
Christingle - Widecombe-in-the-Moor, 4pm

Sunday 12th December

Christingle - Ilslington, 10:30am
Carol Service - Leusdon, 4pm
Carol Service - Postbridge, 6pm
Carols by Candlelight - Holne, 6pm

Tuesday 14th December

Blackpool School Community Carols, 6pm



Thursday 16th December

Community Carols - Ashburton (on St Andrew's Green) 5pm

Friday 17th December

Carols by Candlelight - Huccaby, 6pm
Carols by Candlelight - Bickington, 6pm

Saturday 18th December

Messy Church Christmas Banquet - Ashburton, 4-6pm

Sunday 19th December

Carols by Candlelight - Buckland-in-the-Moor, 3pm
Carol Service - Widecombe-in-the-Moor, 6pm
Carols by Candlelight - Ashburton, 6.30pm
Carol Service - Ilslington, 6:30pm



CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday 24th December

Crib Service - Ilslington, 3pm
Crib Service - Widecombe-in-the-Moor, 4pm
Nativity Service - Holne, 4pm
Crib Service - Ashburton, 5pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday 25th December

Christmas Communion - Postbridge, 9am
Family Communion - Ashburton, 10.30am
Family Service - Ilslington, 10am
(... and short communion)

Christmas Communion - Widecombe-in-the-Moor, 10:30am

BOXING DAY

Sunday 26th December

Brunch Church - Ashburton, 10.30am
(followed by a short communion service)



JANUARY



Sunday 2nd January

New Year Family Service - Ashburton, 10.30am
Christingle - Bickington, 4pm

Sunday 9th January

Family Service - Ilslington, 10:30am
Moor Church - Venue & time tbc

Saturday 15th January

Messy Church - Ashburton, 4-6pm

Sunday 16th January

All-Age Communion - Ashburton, 10.30am

Sunday 23rd January

Breakfast Church - Ashburton, 9:30am

Sunday 30th January

United Candlemas Service - Ashburton, 10.30am

ASHBURTON & MOORLAND
MISSION COMMUNITY

DECEMBER

SERVICES



SUN 5TH	8am	HOLY COMMUNION, ASHBURTON
	8am	HOLY COMMUNION BCP, WIDECOMBE
	9am	HOLY COMMUNION, BICKINGTON
	10:30am	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, ASHBURTON  LIVE
	10:30am	HOLY COMMUNION, ILSINGTON
	11am	TOY SERVICE IN AID OF ANGEL TREE, BUCKLAND
	4pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, WIDECOMBE

TUES 7TH	7:30pm	QUIET REFLECTION SERVICE, POSTBRIDGE
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SUN 12TH	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, ASHBURTON  LIVE
	10:30am	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, ILSINGTON
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, WIDECOMBE
	4pm	CAROL SERVICE, LEUSDON
	6pm	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT, HOLNE
	6pm	CAROL SERVICE, POSTBRIDGE

TUES 14TH	6pm	COMMUNITY CAROLS, BLACKPOOL SCHOOL
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THURS 16TH	5pm	COMMUNITY CAROLS ON THE GREEN, ASHBURTON
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FRI 17TH	6pm	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT, HUCCABY  LIVE
	6pm	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT, BICKINGTON

SAT 18TH	4pm	MESSY CHURCH: JOINING THE NATIVITY AT SHALLOWFORD FARM (OUTDOOR EVENT! PLEASE WRAP UP WARM & BRING A TORCH!)
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HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES **EVERY WEDNESDAY**
10.30AM ST ANDREW'S, ASHBURTON

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ASHBURTON & MOORLAND
MISSION COMMUNITY

DECEMBER SERVICES CONTINUED

SUN 19TH	10:30am	ALL AGE COMMUNION, ASHBURTON
	10:30am	HOLY COMMUNION, ILSINGTON
	12pm	PARISH COMMUNION, LEUSDON
	3pm	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT, BUCKLAND
	6pm	CAROL SERVICE, WIDECOMBE
	6:30pm	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT, ASHBURTON  LIVE
	6:30pm	CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT, ILSINGTON
XMAS EVE	3pm	CRIB SERVICE, ILSINGTON
	4pm	NATIVITY SERVICE, HOLNE
	4pm	CRIB SERVICE, WIDECOMBE
	5pm	CRIB SERVICE, ASHBURTON
	6:30pm	CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION, ILSINGTON
	11:30pm	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION, ASHBURTON
	11:30pm	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION, LEUSDON
XMAS DAY	9am	FAMILY COMMUNION, BICKINGTON
	9am	CHRISTMAS COMMUNION, POSTBRIDGE
	10am	FAMILY SERVICE +SHORT COMMUNION, ILSINGTON
	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION, ASHBURTON
	10:30am	CHRISTMAS COMMUNION, WIDECOMBE
	11am	TRADITIONAL HOLY COMMUNION, BUCKLAND
	11am	FAMILY COMMUNION, HOLNE
SUN 26TH	10:30am	UNITED BRUNCH CHURCH, ASHBURTON
	11:30am	(SHORT) HOLY COMMUNION, ASHBURTON

WWW.ASHBURTONANDMOOR.ORG.UK

ASHBURTON FOODBANK

I would like to thank everyone for their support this year in the form of money donated and also all the food donated. I would also like to thank all the Foodbank volunteers for their dedicated hard work. It really shows what a caring and generous community we live in and that includes the villages and churches on Dartmoor who contribute a great deal. THANK YOU ALL.

We have decided to continue with a 'delivery only' service at present while we watch how the Covid19 situation pans out over this winter. See our advert in this magazine should you need to contact us. Numbers of people in food need are beginning to rise unfortunately, as the winter utility bills start to come in and since universal credit has been reduced. Need will rise further when gas and electricity both rise soon. How do you choose between keeping warm or providing food for your family!

The ideal situation of course is that no-one is in food need ,but this looks to be a very long way off.

We will be available for deliveries up to and including 22nd December and then from 27th December.

Please continue to support us as generously as you have been doing over the last years.

Very happy Christmas and thanks from Ashburton Foodbank.

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As I start to compose this month's article we are enjoying a nice quiet, dry spell of weather which seems likely to continue for the best part of another week. Perhaps this means I shall be able to get outside like I did this morning. I'm not nearly as rigorous as I used to be in terms of tidying up the flower beds in the autumn. These days I like to leave as much as possible to provide seeds and shelter for wildlife but the dahlias were caught by last week's frosts and they have to be cut down, though I'm going to risk leaving all the tubers in the ground this year. There are also annuals like the cosmos which have done their stuff and have to be cleared. And of course there are the weeds. I'm afraid I've lost the battle against bitter cress. I keep on removing as much of it as I can but inevitably some goes to seed and that means another generation of little plants will soon pop up. Oh well!

I mentioned last month that I was still waiting for a delivery of spring bulbs. They did eventually arrive, with an apology from the supplier who explained that bad weather in July had significantly delayed the bulb harvest. This meant that it was the beginning of November before I finally got the Spring containers planted.



This was fine for the tulips. It was a bit late for the dwarf iris and the narcissi but I'm sure they'll be fine.

Last year I kept back one of the garlic bulbs which had grown during the year and replanted the cloves for this year's crop. This worked pretty well but I thought I would try a new variety this year, so I bought a couple of bulbs of a garlic called Carcassone Wight. This is described by the Isle of Wight supplier as an *"exceptional, pink-cloved, hardneck garlic showing great vigour in UK climate. Most successful of all hardnecks in UK with ... great strength of flavour coupled with a superior (in our opinion) bouquet and character. This variety was probably brought to Carcassonne by pilgrims travelling from the east on their way to Compostela."* As always, we'll just have to wait and see what happens.

A shrub that has done really well this year is eupatorium rugosum "Chocolate". This is a large, bronzy-chocolate leaved perennial which carries an autumn display of fuzzy white flower clusters when everything else is slowing down.

The plant is one which I planted soon after we moved here and I think it has

put on its best display this year. It's a member of the sunflower family, also known as white snakeroot and in North America as Joe Pye weed. The name snakeroot came from the belief that a root poultice was a cure for snakebites. Additionally, it was rumoured that smoke from burning fresh snakeroot leaves was able to revive the unconscious. However, using snakeroot for medicinal purposes is not recommended! Please note that it is also toxic to cattle.



alstromerias, plenty of verbena bonariensis (almost as bad as the bitter cress for spreading its seed around!), a patch of nerines which have been in flower for ages, and the hardy fuchsias which are still going strong. The winter flowering clematis is just getting going. So there is still colour in the garden – and still in mid-November plenty of leaves to come down.

No shortage of things to do!

Brian Smith

The annual rudbeckia called Autumn Forest is still flowering. There is the odd rose, a few

HELP DONKEYS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Donkeys have two walk-on parts in the story of Jesus' life – from the donkey that took His pregnant mother to Bethlehem, to the donkey which He rode into Jerusalem.



And so Christmas may be a good time to remember the charity Safe Haven for Donkeys, which was set up in 2000 to help the thousands of working donkeys in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. Today, its sanctuary in Israel is providing life-long care to around 200 unwanted and abused donkeys of all ages.

The charity also has a mobile clinic which helps around 500 working donkeys, mules and horses across the Palestinian Territories. It also has a permanent clinic in the Palestinian city of Nablus. Common injuries such as those from poor harnessing, overgrown hooves and bad teeth are easily treatable and go a long way in improving the lives of the animals.

Advice and education are key parts of Safe Haven's work with the owners and their children. If you would like to help a donkey, please visit: www.safehaven4donkeys.org

BE KIND TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR

This Christmas, why not make an extra effort to be kind to your neighbours? It seems that neighbourly distrust has grown more than fivefold since the summer of 2020, with one in five of us now saying that relations in our community have soured.



On the plus side, there are still 25 per cent of us who report greater trust in our neighbourhoods. But on the debit side, now 22 per cent of us, up from just four per cent, have reported a deterioration.

The research was carried out at University College London (UCL), who found that one in five of us now feel less cohesive with our neighbours, feeling that we have fewer shared values with them.

As one researcher put it, "Much has changed over the last 18 months, with limits to our freedom, how we interact with others, and changes to how we shop and travel. Perhaps these restrictions have caused some to feel less satisfied with life in their community."

Proverbs 11:12 advises: 'Whoever derides their neighbour has no sense, but the one who has understanding holds their tongue.' Proverbs 27:10 advises: 'Do not go to your relative's house when disaster strikes you— better a neighbour nearby than a relative far away.'

Grandfathers

I was talking to my young Sunday School class, and a four-year-old boy suddenly asked me: "Miss, do you have a grandfather?"

I replied, "I used to have two, but they both went to Heaven to be with Jesus."

He thought, shook his head sadly, and said, "One of my grandfathers hasn't gone to Heaven."

(Long pause while I tried to decide how to proceed.)

"He's gone to Bexhill-on-Sea."





Prep: 20 Mins
Cook: 10 Mins
Makes: 30

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

by kind courtesy of BBC Good Food Guide

Love crinkle cookies? Try our extra-festive version for Christmas, with orange zest, mixed spice and cinnamon – and not forgetting the classic fudgy centre

CHRISTMAS CRINKLE COOKIES

Ingredients:

60g cocoa powder, sieved
200g caster sugar
60ml vegetable oil
2 large eggs
180g plain flour
1 tsp baking powder
2 oranges, zested
2 tsp mixed spice
1 tsp cinnamon
50g icing sugar



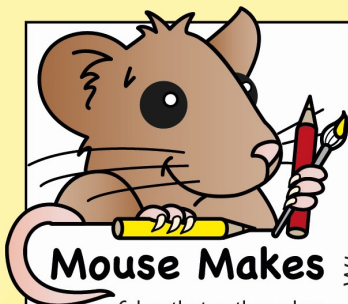
Method:

Mix the cocoa, caster sugar and oil together. Add the eggs one at a time, whisking until fully combined.

Combine the flour, baking powder, orange zest, mixed spice, cinnamon and a pinch of salt in a separate bowl, then add to the cocoa mixture and mix until a soft dough forms. If it feels too soft, put in the fridge to chill for 1 hr.

Heat the oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5 and tip the icing sugar into a shallow dish. Roll heaped teaspoons of the dough into balls (about 20g each), then roll in the icing sugar to coat. Put the balls on one large or two medium baking trays lined with baking parchment, ensuring they're evenly spaced apart.

Bake on the middle rack of the oven for 10 mins, then transfer to a wire rack to cool – they will firm up as they cool, but still be fudgy in the centre. *Will keep for up to four days in an airtight container.*



Mouse Makes

Colour the tree then colour in one star each day until Christmas. Leave the large star at the top of the tree to colour in on Christmas day!

What's on the Christmas Tree? :



A STAR
shows the way
to Jesus

Read
Matthew 2:1-12



ANGELS
bring messages from God

Read about
Gabriel's message in
Luke 1:26-38

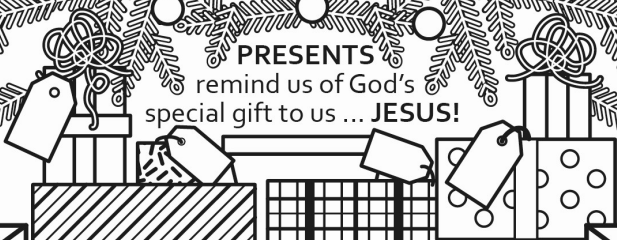
Read the
shepherd's story in
Luke 1:26-38

**LIGHTS
AND CANDLES**
remind us that Jesus
lights our way to God

Read Luke 2:29-32



PRESENTS
remind us of God's
special gift to us ... **JESUS!**



"For God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life." John 3:16

Presents at Christmas
under the tree,
A red Christmas stocking
waiting for me,
But what really is Christmas,
What is it about?
Just look and the Bible
and you will find out!
It's about **JESUS**
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SPENDING AT CHRISTMAS

Are you going to go into debt for Christmas? Under the relentless pressure of advertising, those of us with money troubles may find that the demand for elaborate decorations, Christmas cards, presents, food and drink, can be overwhelming.

The Magic of
Christmas
is not in the presents
but in *His*
presence

It may be time to take a reality check. Make a note of any debts you already have. Then rough out what you are likely to spend over Christmas. Then consider your income. If the figures don't add up, then take a deep breath. This is where you either surrender to Christmas commercialism for another year, and take on additional debt, or you stick with a sensible budget for Christmas.

Remember what Christmas is really about: welcoming the birth of the Son of God in a stable in Bethlehem, not about how much more you can put on your credit card this month. It is true that the very best thing in life is free!



THE CHURCH OF
ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
BICKINGTON

Church Services

Sunday, 5th December 2021
9 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

Friday, 17th December
6 p.m. Carols
by Candlelight



Saturday, 2th December
CHRISTMAS DAY
9 a.m. Christmas Communion



BICKINGTON TUESDAY CLUB

On Tuesday 2nd November, the Tuesday Club was finally able to meet, for the first time since March 2020. All those able, or willing to meet, came along to renew old friendships, to catch up on each other's news, and to enjoy sharing refreshments.



Having all settled down, after arranging the furniture to ensure that we were able to safely socially distance, we all took part in a period of reflection, to express our feelings on how the past 20 months has affected each of us. Several ladies have experienced family illness or bereavement since we last met, and we were able to offer our condolences to those affected.

Our thoughts turned to going forward, and ideas for future meetings were discussed. It was agreed that our usual Christmas party would go ahead, on the date of our next meeting, Tuesday 7th Dec at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. We will once again bring along a variety of food items to enjoy, as well as a small, wrapped but unlabelled gift, up to the value of £5.00, to go into Santa's sack.

A provisional date of Friday 14th January was agreed for our customary January lunch-venue TBC.

Members who were not present, but who would like to come to the Christmas party, and/ or the January lunch are asked to contact me, so that I can advise them of what they might like to bring, and also start to gain some idea of numbers for our January lunch outing.

As usual, we are always looking to welcome along new members to join our friendly group. If you are a lady new to the village or surrounding area, and would like to meet new people, or to find out more about the Tuesday Club, please contact me.

Debbie Dunkley 01626 821889 lgddeb09@btinternet.com

The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone".



St Mary's Church
BICKINGTON

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BICKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

A great event happened at the village hall on 16 October for two reasons:

The first was the sound of a hall full of people laughing at the cabaret provided by Charlie Bicknell and Louise Innes. I have attached a photograph of their finale. Credit and copyright acknowledged to Andrew Lyndon-Skeggs www.anlsphotography.photoshelter.com.



The second is a serendipity meeting at the cabaret with a gentleman who has researched his family history and has found a connection with the village. He told me that he has letters from his relative, John Tapper RN, Master of HMS Clyde, to John's niece, Peggy Loveys, dated in the early 1800's . Peggy lived at Newhouse Cottage (now the Dartmoor Half Way Inn). The love affair ended sadly with John dying in 1811 of yellow fever contracted in the West Indies and was buried at sea.

Peggy then married John Mann of Ashburton in 1814 and they had 13 children, all at Newhouse Cottage. It was clearly a little crowded and one of the children made it to London and became a pharmacist's assistant but he came back and is buried in Wolborough Cemetery.

Although Bickington is not that close to the sea, the life of its villagers has clearly been influenced by being on the route to Plymouth. The ruin that was the Toby Jug pub used to be the Jolly Sailor and you will have noticed the connection with HMS Bickington on the wall in the village hall.

Looking forward to Christmas and the hall being decked with lights.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR



Flower Rota for Advent

Please feel free to place flowers at any of our Christmassy Services.

We will all decorate together on Saturday mornings

Church Services

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR

DECEMBER SERVICES



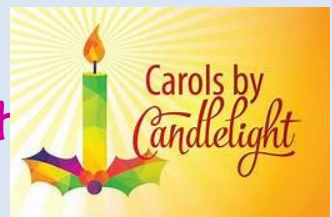
Sunday 5 December 11.00 am

Toy Service
In aid of Angel Tree



Sunday 19 December 3.00 pm

Carols by Candlelight



Christmas Day 11.00 am
Traditional Holy Communion

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