

ASHBURTON & MOORLAND TEAM

Serving the people of Ashburton, Bickington, Buckland-in-the-Moor, Holne, Huccaby, Leusdon, Postbridge and Widecombe-in-the-Moor



Sunday 2nd May 2021

- 9am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Bickington
- 10.30am Family Service, St Andrew's, Ashburton ([and live via Facebook](#))
- 10:30am Rogation Service, St Pancras, Widecombe in the Moor
- 4pm Rogation Service, St John the Baptist, Leusdon
- 6pm Rogation Service, St Gabriel's, Postbridge

All our online services are available via [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) & our [website](#)

HEDGEHOGS PLAYGROUP for 0-5 years

9:30-11 every Friday for outdoor play sessions at the Church Halls, Ashburton

For more information contact playgroup hedgehogs@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page Hedgehogs Playgroup, Ashburton



HEADSTONE BLESSING FOR UNMARKED GRAVE OF BROTHERS KILLED IN WW2 EXETER AIR RAID

A headstone blessing ceremony has taken place at the graveside of four brothers who died in a World War Two air raid in Exeter in 1940.

It follows a fundraising campaign to erect a headstone on the plot at Higher Cemetery, in Heavitree, after the children lay buried in two unmarked graves for more than 80 years.

George Squire, 17, John Squire, 12, James Squire, 8, and Sidney Squire, 3, were all killed when a bomb destroyed their home on Blackboy Road on 17 September 1940.

Their mother, Florence, suffered minor injuries. The boys' funeral took place on 20 September 1940, with Florence too upset to attend.

Their tragic story was uncovered by Exeter film maker Giles Healy, who was able to locate the unmarked graves in the cemetery.

He said "Sidney, James, George and John Squire were the first victims of air raids during World War Two in Exeter. That in itself is reason enough to mark the graves.

"The fact that the four boys were children and brothers also, adds a poignancy and potency to their deaths and marks out the bombing as a prime example of the random horror and futility of war.

"One thing I'm keen to emphasise is that the boys' parents are vital to this monument and the headstone is for all six of them.

"Florence's experience in the aftermath of the bombing - being pulled from the debris of her house on Blackboy Road to be confronted by such colossal loss - poleaxed me and led me to look for the boys' graves in the first place.

"William, the boys' father, was at work when the bomb fell. He was a veteran, not only of Gallipoli,



but also the Western Front and had served throughout World War 1.

“His children were born in peace time, between the wars, and I imagine that the four births must have been a huge comfort to him, after having lost so many of his brothers in arms, and witnessed the unspeakable horror of the grisly theatres of war he served in.

“The sudden deaths of his boys therefore, must have taken a terrible toll. So, in the end, I wanted this for Florence and William, as much as the boys.”

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Giles started a campaign to raise money for a headstone, which he says had an “overwhelming response”.

“The city council waived all fees and a local stonemason and supplier offered their services at cost. I also received donations from 61 people.

“I thank each and every one of them from the bottom of my heart.”

The Squire family were worshippers in the Church of England, Florence and William married at St Mary and St Peter’s in Salcombe Regis and William’s father was assistant churchwarden at St Mary Magdalene church in South Molton.

When Giles made contact with existing family members, they said it was important for them to have a religious blessing for the new shared headstone.

The ceremony, attended by members of the family, representatives of the Royal British Legion and Exeter MP Ben Bradshaw, was carried out by the parish priest, the Rev’d Ed Hodges, Vicar of nearby St Matt’s Church in Exeter.

Ed said afterwards, “It was such a privilege to take part in the memorial service for the Squire Boys.

“By remembering their short lives and finally marking the place where they were laid to rest, it felt as though justice for their family had now been realised.

“Their gravestone marks an important reminder of their lives and the history of Exeter in World War Two.”

Giles said “It seemed only right and proper that the family’s beliefs be respected and that the Church

play a part in the final act of laying the brothers to rest.”

The simple headstone reads: “Here lie the sons of Florence and William Squire... the first civilian casualties of enemy air raids over Exeter. 17 September 1940. Love, Peace, Light.”



HELPING “JUSTICE ROLL DOWN” IN DEVON AND CORNWALL

The chair of the [Devon and Cornwall Police Community Scrutiny Panel](#) says it exists to be a critical friend to the force and hold it to account when needed.

The Reverend Nathan Kiyaga juggles the voluntary role with being Chaplain of [St Cuthbert Mayne](#), a joint Roman Catholic and Church of England Secondary school in Torquay, and Rural Dean of Torbay.

Devon and Cornwall is one of only a few police forces in the UK so far to have set up a panel to provide independent Stop and Search scrutiny in an effort to build greater trust with communities. The panels were officially recommended in 2014 by the Home Office and College of Policing .

“We always champion good practice, highlight unhelpful practice and call those responsible to account.” Rev’d Nathan Kiyaga

Nathan, who is from Uganda, said “The panel is there to ‘hold to account’ and be a critical friend to anyone who puts on a police uniform.

“We look at bodycam videos to see how the force uses and exercises its power.

“We also look at Section 60s (Stop and Search incidents) and other aspects of how the force operates.

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Collect & Readings 2nd May 2021

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage to risk
ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life: grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Acts: 8: 26-end

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ ³¹ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.’

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

1 John 4: 7-end

God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God’s love was

revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15: 1-8

Jesus the True Vine

¹⁵ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for

you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

READINGS FOR 9TH MAY

Acts: 10: 44-end / 1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 9TH MAY

- 9am Sundays@9 (All Age) St Andrew's Ashburton
- 10.30am Parish Communion, St Andrew's, Ashburton
- 10:30am Christian Aid Service, St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor
- 12pm Christian Aid Service, St John the Baptist, Leusdon
- 6pm Holy Communion, St Mary's, Holne

WE'RE OPEN!

Despite the renewed lockdown, many of our churches are still open for services as well as private prayer & reflection. Opening times vary, so please check below.



ASHBURTON: Daily 10am-4pm

HOLNE: Daily 10am-4:30pm

HUC CABY: Daily

BUCKLAND: Daily

BICKINGTON: By appointment - 01626 821213

WIDECOMBE: Daily 9am-5pm

LEUSDON: Daily 9am-5pm

POSTBRIDGE: Daily, Dawn to dusk

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MAY SERVICES

SUN 2ND	9am	HOLY COMMUNION, BICKINGTON
	10:30am	FAMILY SERVICE, ASHBURTON
	10:30am	ROGATION SERVICE, WIDECOMBE
	4pm	ROGATION SERVICE, LEUSDON
	6pm	ROGATION SERVICE, POSTBRIDGE
SUN 9TH	9am	SUNDAYS@9 (ALL AGE), ASHBURTON
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, ASHBURTON + ONLINE
	10:30am	CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE, WIDECOMBE
	12pm	CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE, LEUSDON
	6pm	HOLY COMMUNION, HOLNE
SUN 16TH	9am	HOLY COMMUNION, HUCCABY
	9am	SUNDAYS@9 (ALL AGE), ASHBURTON
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, ASHBURTON + ONLINE
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, WIDECOMBE
	12pm	PARISH COMMUNION, LEUSDON
	3pm	HOLY COMMUNION, BUCKLAND
SUN 23RD	9am	BREAKFAST CHURCH, ASHBURTON
	9am	HOLY COMMUNION, POSTBRIDGE
	10:30am	PENTECOST COMMUNION, ASHBURTON + ONLINE
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, WIDECOMBE
	12pm	PARISH COMMUNION, LEUSDON
	5pm	EVENING WORSHIP, HOLNE
SUN 30TH	8am	HOLY COMMUNION, ASHBURTON
	10:30	UNITED SERVICE FOR ENVIRONMENT SUNDAY, ONLINE
	10:30	PARISH COMMUNION, WIDECOMBE
	12pm	PARISH COMMUNION, LEUSDON

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES **EVERY WEDNESDAY 10.30AM** ST ANDREW'S ASHBURTON

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