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The Parish Letter

The festive season is here once again - and once again our thoughts are turning to Christmas trees, decorations, meals out, meals in, mulled wine, mince pies, co-ordinating plans with friends and family and trying to work out which Advent and Christmas services to attend. It's the same every year.

Well, almost the same.

My 'pre-daughter' Christmases looked quite different to how they looked when she was a small baby, and different again were the toddler Christmases and they changed again as she became an older child and now a teenager. And of course, they will change again as she becomes an independent adult. Some of our Christmas traditions are uniquely ours, some we inherited from my childhood. Some things we have done since she was tiny - others we will introduce this year for the first time. Some of the things we do together she will carry into her own Christmases of the future, sharing them with whomsoever she shares her grown-up life.

The heart and message of Christmas stays the same through the years, even though the way we mark the occasion changes over time. God's love for us, and the gift of His Son never changes.

Every year, the Church of England have an Advent campaign called 'Follow the Star'. This year the theme is 'Join the Song' and as always, there is a set of daily reflections available via email. You can sign up here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-calling/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/connect-years-call-join-song> .

There's also a new version of The First Nowell to learn / listen to - you'll find it here: <https://youtu.be/wdkqny19-E?si=AS7J4aTsNnfCiQT3>. New settings of traditional songs are a great reflection of how some things change but also stay the same.

And, as ever, everyone is welcome to come and 'Join the Song' at any of our special Advent and Christmas services this season. There's a huge range to choose from - some more formal and traditional, some informal, interactive and suitable for all ages. Most also offer 'seasonal refreshments' - which is always a welcome bonus!

You can find all the details for all our services on our website and Facebook pages.

Let me be the first to send you 'Season Greetings!' And I look forward to 'joining the song' with you over the next few weeks.

Heidi x

"The shepherds were astonished to find the night sky filled with angels singing God's praise. And before long they were singing too... Centuries later, singing is still central to how many of us celebrate Christmas.

"We invite you this Christmas to follow the star, journey to the manger, join the song and come into the presence of Jesus Christ."

Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell

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Church News & Events

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2023



HOLNE
ST MARY
THE VIGON
DUNSTONE BICKINGTON
ST PANCRAS WIDECOMBE
ST ANDREW'S ASHBURTON
ST MICHAEL'S ILSINGTON
ST GABRIEL'S POSTBRIDGE
POUNDSGATE CHAPEL
ST MARY'S, HOLNE
ASHBURTON ARTS CENTRE



SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

3pm Christingle Service
4pm Christingle Service

St Peter's, Buckland
St Pancras, Widecombe

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

3pm Moor & Messy Nativity & Carols
4pm Carol Service
4pm Christingle Service

Newcombe Farm, Coombe
St John the Baptist, Leusdon
St Michael's, Ilsington

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

6pm Carol Service

Blackpool School, Liverton

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

7pm Carol Service

St Mary's, Bickington

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER

3pm Carols by Glowstick
6pm Carol Service
6pm Carol Service
6:30pm Carols by Candlelight

St Peter's, Buckland
St Pancras, Widecombe
St Michael's, Ilsington
St Andrew's, Ashburton

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER

7pm Christmas Community Sing
(with the Newton Abbot Salvation Army Band)

Ashburton Arts Centre

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

7pm Carol Service
7pm Carol Service

St Mary's, Holne
Dunstone Chapel, Widecombe

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER

6pm Carol Service
7pm Carol Service

St Gabriel's, Postbridge
Poundsgate Chapel

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER

6pm Carols by Candlelight

St Raphael's, Huccaby

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER ★ CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm Crib Service
4pm Crib Service
4pm Crib Service
11:30pm Midnight Communion
11:30pm Midnight Communion
11:30pm Midnight Communion

St Michael's, Ilsington
St Pancras, Widecombe
St Andrew's, Ashburton
St Michael's, Ilsington
St Andrew's, Ashburton
St John the Baptist, Leusdon

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER ★ CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Christmas Communion
10am Christmas Family Communion
10:30am Christmas Family Communion
10:30am Christmas Communion
10:30am Christmas Communion
11am Christmas Communion

St Mary's, Bickington
St Michael's, Ilsington
St Andrew's, Ashburton
St Pancras, Widecombe
St Mary's, Holne
St Peter's, Buckland

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER ★ NEW YEARS EVE

10:30am United Mission Community Service

St Andrew's, Ashburton

admin@moorlandteam.org.uk
Ashburton & Moorland Mission Community
www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/services



From the Registers

There are no entries from the Registers this month.

Rainfall in October 2023

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	206.6mm (8.0")	8	12th 28.0mm (1.1") 19th 23.9mm (0.9")
	(October 2022 - 236.7mm (9.3"))		
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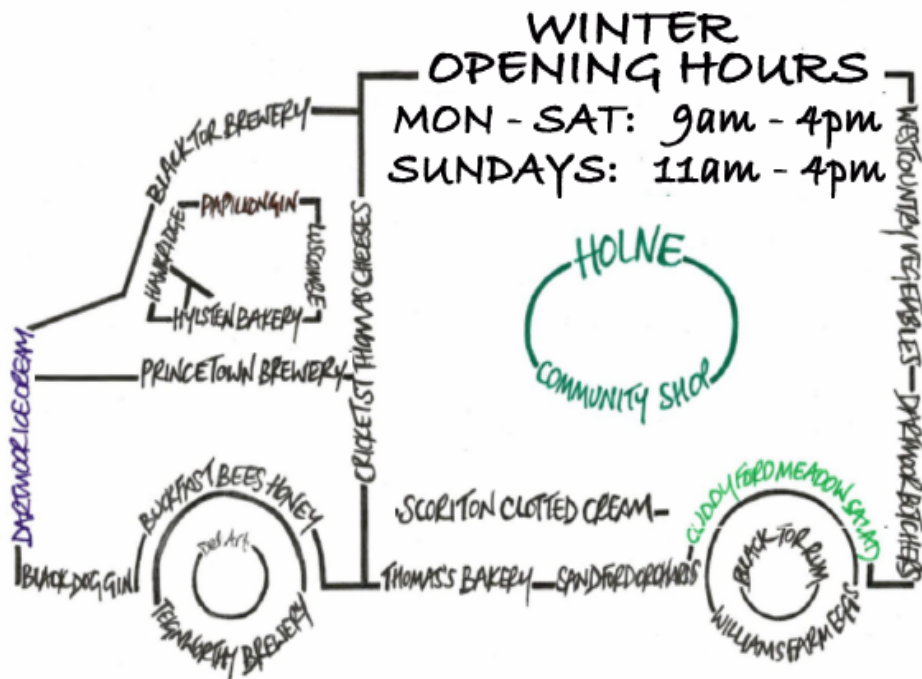
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St Mary the Virgin, Holne

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
10th Dec	15.00	Moor and Messy Nativity & Carols, Newcombe Farm, Coombe
19th Dec	19.00	Carol Service
25th Dec	10.30	Christmas Communion
31st Dec	10.30	United Mission Community Service, St Andrew's Ashburton

December brings with it the season of Advent, the time in the Church calendar that marks a period of waiting and expectation before the birth of Jesus Christ. Although traditionally we hear the story of the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary to tell her that she will be the mother of God's Son in December, this event is more properly celebrated nine months before Christmas on the 25th March, or Lady Day.

Mary was one of the few people in the Bible who received a message from God via an angel. The word angel comes from the Greek *angelos*, which simply means 'messenger', and messengers can come in many forms.

In the Bible God speaks to his people in different ways – in dreams, via the prophets and directly through aspects of nature such as fire, wind, blinding light, or complete calm. And God continues to speak to those prepared to listen out for him today.

God's messages to an individual might be delivered through a sermon, a hymn, a reading in the Bible. Sometimes it is not always through these more obvious ways. For me, when I am dealing with a problem or challenge that needs a decision, the answer will often arrive in the middle of the night. I suddenly wake up and realise I have been given a clear idea of which direction to take. On other occasions, an unexpected conversation or question from someone addresses something that I have been wondering about but not necessarily shared with that person.

Just as Mary had no doubt that God was speaking to her through the angel, I have no doubt that God speaks to me when I need guidance, reassurance, and encouragement. The messenger may not be as obvious as an angel appearing but for anyone seeking God's help, an answer will be provided.

Speaking of messages, on the 29th October a very special service was held at St. Mary's to celebrate the signing of a covenant by the Rt. Revd. Mark Rylands, the Rector of the Ashburton and Moorland Team Mission Community and Revd. Kevin Hooke the Minister for the Teignbridge Methodist Circuit. The covenant is a public declaration that our respective ministers and congregations are working together in bringing the good news of God's love to our communities.

The service was a joyful occasion and followed by a wonderful lunch provided by Maggie Arden and her team in the village hall.

Gillian



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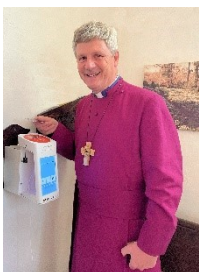
Does time go more quickly for you?

Surely, it's not that time of year again? Yes, it is! Some say it's related to how long we have lived. For example, a 5-year-old feels a year is long because it makes up 20% of their life. Others point to changes in the brain. Research suggests our ability to process visual information slows with age; we perceive fewer mental images, and time feels like it's speeding up. Our brains do lump time together when the days or weeks are similar. So, for an 90-year-old who largely does the same thing every day, the year is going to blend together in their mind and feel like it went by quickly. Anyway, enough cognitive psychology – yes, it's Christmas-tide again!

Carol Service

One thing that usually indicates to our St Raphael's congregation and visitors that Christmas is upon us, is our annual candle-lit Carol Service. Note for your diary – it's on Friday 22nd December at 6pm. It does always indicate that Christmas is near!

Why not join us? The only wax that may be spilled is by the Right Reverend Mark – who insists on using the 'real thing' i.e., wax candles. Most of the rest of us will have battery tea lights!



However, Mark has a really important role to play on the night – not least of which he has to indicate to you the contactless machine – because any funds raised will go towards the next item! True Christmas spirit.

Maintenance/refurbishment/redecorating

A stitch in time! The phrase basically means it's better to solve a problem right away, to stop it becoming a much bigger one. It's first recorded in a sewing book in 1723, and - in our St Raphael's Victorian School books - its known as 'a horseshoe that rattles requires a nail'!

So, externally at our Chapel we are going to repair/replace all the roof gutter downpipes; redecorate the roof barge boards; and treat and point the low-level masonry. Internally, all areas of plaster that requires attention renovated; the ceiling panels repaired; and all the walls and ceiling redecorated with 3 coats of limewash. With your funding help, we will be preserving our unique St. Raphael's for future generations.

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St John the Baptist, Leusdon

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Date	Time	Service
10th Dec	16.00	Carol Service
24th Dec	11.30	Midnight Communion
31st Dec	10.30	United Mission Community Service, St Andrew's, Ashburton

Leusdon Church is open all day, every day. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building.

Any queries, please contact **Rt Revd Mark Rylands** (Team Rector) 01364 716309
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Carols by Candlelight Leusdon Church
Sunday 10th December at 4pm
 Widcombe Singers
 Refreshments & mulled wine



HOLY Christmas Eve at
11.30pm
Holy Communion at
Leusdon Church
COMMUNION

Leusdon Memorial Hall Centenary year 1923-2023

Our commemoration of the centenary culminated with our celebration on Friday 20th October 2023. It was a great success with approximately 165 people visiting during the afternoon and evening as well as a worldwide reaction on Facebook with goodwill messages from ex-residents in USA, Australia and all parts of the UK. We started at 2.00pm with a talk on the Struben family who were the foremost benefactors in the early days, which was delivered with great knowledge by Patrick Simpson, this was followed by Geoffrey Bamsey who spoke about life in Leusdon in the early part of 20th century. Terry French had set up an exhibition in the back of the hall displaying many old pictures and documents of the Leusdon and the hall in particular, many memories were shared with him throughout the event, especially by older Youth Club members and the Moorland Merrymakers. After this the children took over the event for a couple of hours and thoroughly enjoyed their fancy dress and the entertainment provided by Lez the Fez in the form of balloon modelling. All the children were presented with a 100th anniversary mug which were enthusiastically received. The event ended with the excellent entertainment provided by the Moorland Merrymakers. Throughout the day we enjoyed refreshments ranging from sandwiches, cream teas, cakes and pasties.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time so freely and with such effect.

It was a truly memorable occasion which ended with the National Anthem. Long may Leusdon Memorial Hall continue and prosper, without your support this will not happen!

We held our Coffee Morning on the 1st November and it was very well supported. Overall we raised £200.00 for hall funds

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As usual there will be no whist at Leusdon or Buckland in December instead we shall hold a joint **whist drive at Widecombe on Monday 11th December**, as usual lunch is available.

You can now keep up to date by visiting Leusdon Memorial Hall Facebook page to get details of events in the Hall and the wider community. Thanks to our social media team we now have nearly 300 followers

Should you wish to book the Hall, it is available for hire at £10.00 per hour - there are special rates for regular users. Further details can be obtained by contacting our booking secretary: Amanda Routley on 01364 631432 email: leusdonmemorialhall@yahoo.com

Tables at the Coffee Morning can be booked for £5 per table per session, please either book these by using the details above or coming to see us at the Coffee Morning.

In the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss any aspect of the Hall please contact myself or any committee member. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the Committee to wish you a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.

John Southcombe - email: johnsouthcombe@hotmail.com

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Moorland Merrymakers 2023

Pantomime

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St Gabriel, Postbridge

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
10th Dec	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
21st Dec	18.00	Carol Service
31st Dec	10.30	United Mission Community Service, St Andrew's, Ashburton

Postbridge Church is open all day, every day. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building.

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Church Services for December 2023

3rd December

Advent 1

Purple

Readings - Isaiah 64.1–9, Psalm 80.1–8, 18–20, 1 Corinthians 1.3–9, Mark 13.24–37*

Widcombe	16.00	Christingle	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
			Bickington	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
			Ashburton	10.30	Portreeve Service
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	10.30	Morning Worship, Church Hall *
			Buckland	15.00	Christingle

10th December

Advent 2

Purple

Readings - Isaiah 40.1–11, Psalm 85.1–2, 8–13, 2 Peter 3.8–15a, Mark 1.1–8*

Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ilington	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Leusdon	16.00	Carol Service	Ilington	16.00	Christingle
			Holne	15.00	Moor & Messy Nativity & Carols, Newcombe Farm, Coombe

15th December

			Bickington	19.00	Carol Service
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17th December

Advent 3

Purple

Readings - Isaiah 61.1–4, 8–11, Psalm 126 or Canticle: Magnificat, 1 Thessalonians 5.16–24, John 1.6–8, 19–28

Widcombe	18.00	Carol Service	Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Family Communion with Baptisms & Confirmation
			Ilington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15.00	Carols by Glowstick
			Ilington	18.00	Carol Service
			Ashburton	18.30	Carols by Candlelight

18th December

			Ashburton	19.00	Christmas Community Sing, Ashburton Arts Centre
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19th December

			Holne	19.00	Carol Service
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21st December


Postbridge	18.00	Carol Service			
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22nd December

			Huccaby	18.00	Carols by Candlelight
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24th December		Advent 4		Purple	
<i>Readings - 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16, Canticle: Magnificat or Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26*, Romans 6.25-27, Luke 1.26-38</i>					
Widcombe	16.00	Crib Service	Ilington	15.00	Crib Service
Leusdon	23.30	Midnight Communion	Ashburton	16.00	Crib Service
			Ilington	23.30	Midnight Communion
			Ashburton	23.30	Midnight Communion
25th December		Christmas Day			
Widcombe	10.30	Christmas Communion	Bickington	09.00	Christmas Communion
Holne	10.30	Christmas Communion	Ilington	10.00	Christmas Family Communion
Buckland	11.00	Christmas Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Christmas Family Communion
31st December		1st after Christmas		White	
<i>Readings - Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3, Psalm 148*, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21</i>					
Ashburton, 10.30 United Mission Community Service, St. Andrew's					

Holy Communion Midweek & At Home

<p style="text-align: center;">There is a service of Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.30 at St. Andrew's Church in Ashburton You will be most welcome!</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Communion at home</p> <p>If you would like to receive Home Communion please contact Mark <i>(see page 2 for contact details)</i></p>
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Dates for the Diary

December 2023		Page	December 2023		Page
1st	Holne Soup and Cheese	9	11th	Postbridge Coffee Morning	21
3rd	Bickington Christmas Lunch	39	13th	Dunstone Charity Lunch	33
5th	Holne Whist	9	16th	Shallowford Nativity	36
5th	Princetown History Club	35	18th	Postbridge Mini-Market	19
6th	Leusdon Coffee Morning	15	18th	Christmas Community Sing	37
6th	Widcombe History Group	29	19th	Postbridge Whist Drive	19
6th	Buckfastleigh Christmas Fair	35	19th	Dartmoor Forest PC	40
7th	Ashburton Christmas Market	8	19th	Carols and Cottage Pie	33
9-17th	Wid Christmas Tree Festival	25	23rd	Carols under the Stars	27
9th	Widcombe Christmas Market	26	27th	Postbridge Twixtmas Party	19
10th	Parish Link Deadline		Forthcoming Events - January 2024		
10th	MED Theatre play Reading	34	4th	Widcombe Parish Council	31
11th	Christmas Whist Drive	24	19th	Widcombe Sailing Club	31



Widcombe-in-the-Moor

Christmas Whist Drive 2023

Christmassy Soup Lunch

Monday 11th December

12.30pm Lunch

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
3rd Dec	16.00	Christingle		No flowers in Advent
10th Dec	10.30	Clare	Val & Richard Casey	No flowers in Advent
17th Dec	18.00	Penny & Debbie	Penny & Debbie	No flowers in Advent
24th Dec	16.00	Crib Service		All help at 9.30am please
25th Dec	10.30	Penny	No coffee	Happy Christmas

Widcombe Church is open all day, every day, 9-5. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building.

Any queries, please contact **Rt Revd Mark Rylands** (Team Rector) 01364 716309
mark.rylands@mmuk.net



WIDCOMBE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year's Christmas Tree Festival will run from
Saturday 9th December to Sunday 17th December.

This means that the trees will be up for the Christmas Market, Christmas Whist Drive, Carol Service, as well as the end of term celebrations for the School, Preschool and Widdy tots!

The trees will go up on **Friday 8th December** and come down on **Monday 18th December**

The theme this year is **"ANIMALS"** which, as usual, can be interpreted any way you like!

Entries are welcome from Groups, Organisations, Families and Individuals. Please do start planning your tree, the Christmas Tree Festival is always very popular, with regular visitors coming back year after year!

This Year's Charity is
'Asperations'
 Charity no. 1132344.

Entry forms will be available in the Church from the beginning of November or from me,

Judy Southcombe 01364 621520

judysouthcombe@yahoo.co.uk

or **Mary** in the Kiosk.





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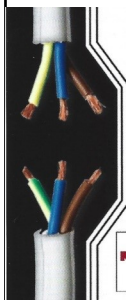
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There are still a few local copies available. It would make a perfect Christmas present for anyone interested in the Widcombe Valley, its landscape and settlement, basically the place where many of us live. You can get more details and order your copy by visiting www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/landscape or by searching for 'Widcombe Ancient Landscape'.

There are also some copies of 'Welfare in Widcombe' available. This tells the story of how the local 'Widcombe Welfare State' operated before there was such a thing nationally, including the compulsory 'bounding-out' of children, financial provision for those who could not provide for themselves, and the removal of those who did not belong. This book is £12 collected or £15.50 posted. More details can be found at www.widcombe-in-the-moor.com/welfare.

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Widecombe Parish Council

Next Meeting



Thursday 4th January 2024

in the Church House at 7.30pm



Save the Date

Saturday 10th February at 6pm

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Widecombe Community Hall CIO Update

A new WhatsApp group has been setup for volunteers - let us know if you'd like to be added. This will keep everyone informed of practical site work plans, details of fundraising events where help is needed, cooking skills can be called upon and general jobs that volunteers can help us to complete are listed. Please do get involved!

Do you struggle to access existing community facilities? If so, we'd love to hear from you. We are keen to compile evidence from local people about the need for our accessible hall, as this will significantly increase our chances of funding bids being successful. If you have mobility or health issues which restrict your access to, and enjoyment of, community spaces please get in touch so we can understand this better and ensure our new facilities meet this need. Email us, message us on Facebook or call Yvette on 01364 631543 for a chat.

Save the Date! Our Valentines Dinner and Dance will be held at The Old Inn on Friday 16th February at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £30pp and include a two-course meal and music from Go Tell Alice. Tickets can be purchased from our website or by emailing chrismayhead@gmail.com

Don't forget to order your engraved stones! We are happy to provide gift certificates if you would like to order stones as Christmas presents for friends and family. See our website for details.

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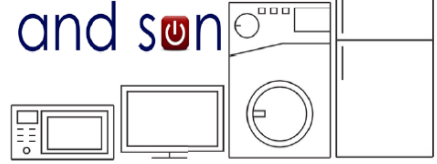
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Sunday Service

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Poundsgate - our All Saints/All Souls Service will be on **Sunday 3rd December at 15.00.**

Poundsgate Carol Service will be on **Thursday 21st December at 7pm**



Dunstone Charity Lunches

Wednesday 13th December from 12 noon until 3pm.

It will be in aid of Rowcroft Hospice.

There will be soup, bread, sushi, savory dishes, salads and cakes. There is no set price, you are asked to make as generous a donation as possible for the charity we are collecting for.

Thank you to all those who came to the November Dunstone lunch in aid of the Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal. Through your generosity in bringing plenty of lovely gifts we were able to send off 8 shoe boxes to children who are far less fortunate than ourselves and our gifts are likely to be the only ones they will receive.

Please support our lunch to make it worthwhile putting it on.

Come and join us

Dunstone Chapel
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**Carols &
Cottage Pie**

Tuesday 19th December
6pm

ALL WELCOME



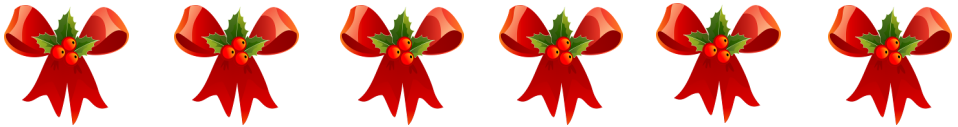
MED Theatre Play Reading Sunday 10th December 6pm - 8pm,



MED Theatre, Dartmoor's own community-based theatre organisation, will be hosting the first reading of our 2024 intergenerational Community Play. This is due to go on tour around Dartmoor in March, and we would like to welcome community performers of all ages to take part. The play will be part of a larger project called 'What If...?', made possible with support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, and will explore the project's themes of prehistoric life on the moor, hunting and gathering, and the history of our current climate crisis. Whether you're new to theatre or a regular at treading the boards, come along and find out more about MED Theatre's unique process and style, and join in with the fun. If you're not yet sure about whether you'd like to perform, why not come along and hear the play before deciding? The reading will take place 6pm - 8pm in the **MED Theatre Studio in Moretonhampstead**.

Performers of any age 8 years and over, including family groups, individuals, and people of all skill levels and experience, are invited!

For more information about the reading, and performance dates, please contact helengilbert@medtheatre.co.uk



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December 5th Club AGM, Quiz and Buffet

January 2nd A talk by Simon Dell,
Reverend Bray's Bardic Boulders -
Sermons in Stone

For further information, please contact:

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facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PrinetownHistoryClub/events>



High Moorland Women's Institute Prinetown

We are a small friendly group of 16 ladies based in Prinetown, but many of our members live outside. We try to support the community whenever we can and are always open to ideas and suggestions in this area.

We meet on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** in **PRINETOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE** at 7.30pm. Our meetings usually finish around 9 to 9.30pm.

Buckfastleigh Christmas Fair
6th December 4-7.30pm

Enjoy a festive night out.
Get your Christmas presents, have a ride on a Victorian Carousel, enjoy street food, live entertainment and warm up with warm mince pies, mulled wine or cider.

- 40+ street stalls and late night shopping
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Shallowford Farm
making the difference

News from the East Shallowford Trust



It's that time of year again when long nights and constant mizzle will suck the essence of joy, dampening bones till warmth seems a distant memory sucked by the icy whipping chill of a laughing breeze. But a brisk walk between the spontaneous showers often reveals a rainbow, a dash between the pig shed and the chickens, a fast and pacy sweeping up of muck onto the steaming pile and internal body warmth is restored.

It's Harry I feel for as he labours away, come rain or shine, drilling out old cement to replace with traditional lime the walls of the ancient shippen and the pig shed which is now our office. Diligently, methodically and with much love and respect for those who built the walls before him, he carefully mixes then trowels the mortar between the granite stones which were built up how many years ago? Two hundred, three hundred, perhaps six hundred or more? The records are not clear, but respect must be given to those who laboured to produce a home and farm out of the ground on which they stood.



Harry pointing the walls of the shippen

The last group of feisty boys from London were led for the first time by Elias. Time for new leaders to head the groups at Shallowford. Elias is a seasoned visitor, but has not taken full responsibility before. He knows his group. He knew who to sit between at the table, who would forget a jumper, who would need to be coaxed towards the animals in a gentle process. One lad, noted to be on the spectrum was particularly nervous and turned his back on our gentle sippy dog, would not enter the pig shed and just kept stating, 'I hate pool!' We started with watering the

vegetables on day one. Second day, collected eggs from the chickens. Third day, bravely entered the pig shed to help move some straw. Fourth day Elias stood next to him as he held the clip board for weighing piglets. Little by little fears can be conquered, building interest, resilience and then a sense of achievement. When this one lad went back to London and looked at the pictures on the walls of Providence House he proudly explained, puffing his chest out with a big grin, 'I did that!' pointing at a picture of another person feeding the pigs. It will take a few trips to cajole him to finally hold a broom and sweep up the muck, but what he has learned is to participate, to help the team and know that giving of himself for the sake of another is important and more to the point, that he can do it! He moved from the revulsion of 'No way!' to 'I can do that!' For some it is easy, but for many it is a long path and it is those whose hands we hold the warmest!



Young pig herders, honing their skills!

Happy Christmas,
Julia



Ashburton Methodist Church in Community invite you to our "Christmas Community Sing" in Ashburton Arts Centre on:
Monday 18th December at 7.00pm

We are delighted to be able to welcome the **Newton Abbot Salvation Army Band** who will rouse our singing of familiar carols. Following last year's successful event, we hope you will again be able to come and enjoy the simplicity of singing a few familiar carols and eating some festive treats together.

We are grateful to the Arts Centre for their welcome and support for this community evening. As in the past, this is a **free event** but with an opportunity to donate to 'Crisis at Christmas', if people wish to.

Sarah Kehaya | Ashburton Methodist Church In Community





ROTARY CLUB OF YELVERTON

2023 WINTER UPDATE

Following our successful pizza evening raising funds for the Yelverton Mare & Foal Sanctuary Educational Programme we were proud to present them with a cheque for £360.

During a club evening meeting at the Who'd have Thought It in September we enjoyed a quiz night compiled by our secretary Peter Armstrong. The quiz took us around the world, learning about music from various countries, while improving our geography at the same time.

Again, this year on the 12th September we were involved with organising the car parking arrangements at The Widecombe Fair which always proves to be a good fund raiser. In October, we had a speaker from ShelterBox who gave us an update of their involvement in current disaster areas around the world, following which we made a second donation to ShelterBox this year.



Our Barn Dance at the end of October proved to be very popular, was a great success raising over £700 to go towards next year's Yelverton Children's Craft & Fun Fair and local charitable needs.

Forthcoming events to look forward to: Between the 11th – 15th December, Santa Claus and his Sleigh will be visiting our local villages. 16th – 22nd December Christmas collections at Tesco Roborough, 23rd December at Tesco Tavistock and same day at the Yelverton Shops.

We are now planning for events in the new year including our Old Folks' Spring Tea Party.

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Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



Extracts from the Council meeting on 24th October 2023

Princetown Food Hub – Rachel Harrison-French from ‘Feeding Devon’ attended the meeting and gave an informative talk on Princetown Food Hub and Feeding Devon. She explained that the Food Hub, which takes place 11.30 til 1200 noon, each Wednesday in the Methodist Chapel, Tor Royal Lane currently supports around 20 local households. The food hub is able to provide people who are finding it difficult to afford their weekly food shop with a bag of groceries for a £5 donation. Anyone is welcome to attend the sessions, whether you are in need of assistance with buying affordable food, or if you would like to help out as a volunteer. To find out more, contact: info@feedingdevon.org.uk

Donation to Citizens Advice – Council agreed to make a donation of £75 to support the work of the Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon Citizens Advice. In 2022/23 Citizens Advice worked with 62 residents from the Parish, with 160 issues and generated £24,103 income gain for local households. Council agreed that this was an increasingly important service given the cost-of-living increases over recent years

Call to improve signage to Parking and EV Charging in Princetown – this matter was raised by residents at the Sept meeting. Council agreed that signage could be improved and that this might reduce the number of people parking on residential streets. Council will contact DNPA to request improved signage to the car park and promotion of the Electric Vehicle Charging points.

New Premises Licence Application - Council considered the application from Princetown Distillers Ltd. Council were unclear why they required a licence for the sale of alcohol during the times stated, which appeared more like the opening hours of a pub. Council agreed to make a representation to object to the application on these grounds.



Tidy Princetown’ sessions- Whilst these sessions have been deemed a success, and have contributed to the improved look of the village Council took the decision to pause these sessions over the winter months. A small number of people turn up each month and it would be beneficial if more residents were involved. This would mean larger areas could be tackled and the work load shared wider, rather than overburdening the few regulars. The sessions will start again in the Spring – with all welcome to help keep Princetown looking at its best.

Date of next meetings: 28th November 2023, 7.30pm Princetown Community Centre

19th December 2023, 7.30pm Princetown Community Centre

Agenda and Minutes: <https://www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings.php>

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Listening to a podcast recently we were struck by a segment about the so-called “Blue Zones” of the world where life expectancy significantly exceeds general expectations. Apart from the usual issues of diet and exercise the most significant factor causing this has been shown to be being an active part of a community and the friendships that follow. What this issue of Parish Link shows are the many opportunities we are lucky enough to have to take part in community events and to form or reinforce friendships.

There are opportunities to eat together, for example the Bickington Village Christmas Lunch (39) and the Dunstone Charity Lunch (33). We can learn more about the area we live in with Widecombe History Group (29) and the Princetown History Club (35). There are plenty of opportunities to shop for Christmas presents and food locally as well - Buckfastleigh Christmas Market (35), Widecombe Christmas Market (26) and Postbridge Christmas Special Mini-Market (19) as well as the Shallowford Nativity which tells the Christmas story outdoors with real animals (36). We’re sure many of you are already making use of our mobile Post Office (19), do pop along to post Christmas cards and parcels and don’t forget they offer access to many online services too, Lucy is so very helpful.

We would like to wish our advertisers, all who support with donations, our many contributors, our distribution team, our proof readers, our print team and of course, you our readers, a very Happy Christmas. We so enjoy putting together our little magazine, reading so much that is happening in our community and we most definitely couldn’t do it without all of you, Thank You !!

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