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for the people of Ashburton, Bickington
& Buckland-in-the-Moor



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HUCCABY, LEUSDON, POSTBRIDGE,
AND WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR**

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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

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Give it up for Comic Relief!

On *Red Nose Day* this year, 18th March, we will hear amazing stories of projects that have changed lives and communities. Started in 1985, Richard Curtis and Lenny Henry organised it in response to the famine in Ethiopia and inspired by Band Aid's fundraising efforts. For those who saw the concert, who could forget Bob Geldhof shouting into the camera at viewers to 'Put your hand in your pocket and give us your XXXXXXX money!?' Since then, hundreds of millions of pounds have been raised for thousands of projects covering 70 nations world- wide. The genius of the movement, for me, has been the way Comic Relief has encouraged participation. It's not just about giving money; it's about getting involved. Lenny said: 'The spirit of *Red Nose Day* is for everyone to get involved...of helping someone else they don't know...what could be better than that?'



Some may say this is trivialising the serious challenges being faced today. People living in abject poverty, destitution or in fear is no laughing matter. But this is to miss the point. Comics take their work seriously. It is their livelihood and they are using the gifts they have been given to make a difference.

I can't help feeling that we have much to learn here as a Church. We, too, have a vision for a transformed world – indeed its God's vision of the Kingdom. We, too, want to see lives and communities changed for the better. Sometimes people are reluctant to become involved in a church project because they don't feel they are up to it or lack the expertise. Others will hesitate saying, 'who am I to be involved? Don't I need to be changed before I get started? Jesus, however, called his disciples to follow him *before* they understood everything; and he commissioned them for Kingdom work before they knew much more. He didn't wait for them to be fully ready before sending them out. If he had done that, Jesus's mission would never have got off the ground. The fascinating thing is that the disciples met God at work *as* they went out. They saw the mighty works of God *as* they offered their own seemingly insignificant talent and effort. They learnt on the hoof.

Of course, there is still plenty of work to be done in us and I am painfully aware that I am work in progress. I want to say: 'Change the world and start with me'

but I am tempted, like Gerard Hughes, to say: 'Lord, I know you can change the world but you've met your match in me'. There is work to be done internally, I know. And taking time aside in this 'Spring-time' of Lent to contemplate God's Kingdom Vision for his world will be an important step.

Comic Relief's message is: 'Don't take yourself too seriously. Have a go and make a difference!' I wonder what God might do in and through us?

+ Mark

EDITORIAL

Early School Days

One of my earlier memories was of Prince Rock Primary School, Plymouth, when the whole school waited in the playground to see the queen come past.

Fortunately, my teacher lifted me up so that I could see better. As the cars passed, we all waved like mad and Her Majesty waved back! We all felt very special.

I think that this may have happened soon after Her Majesty's accession to the throne.

Later my mother and I flew out to Malta to join my father who was a Royal Marine and was stationed out there. I have memories of being taken to the forces school by military lorry. This was something my two sons were very envious of.

Well, those are some of my memories of early school days.

What can you tell us about yours? Why not write down some of your memories for us to include in future Parish magazines.

Judith

REGISTER ENTRIES for 2022 from Ashburton, Buckland & Bickington

FUNERAL

9 February, 2022	St. Andrew's, Ashburton	Jean PEDRICK
15 February, 2022	St. Andrew's, Ashburton	Shirley ANSTISS

READER COMMENTS.

"I was interested in reading about the Promise Box you were given (last month's article Chance Encounter in Ashburton). I remember my mother having one but I have no idea what happened to it. It was a very popular item to have when she was young. Thank you for memories."

Connie Satterly

"I was very interested in your article 'Chance Encounter in Ashburton', especially the information about the Promise Box because I was given a similar box by my two Godmothers when I was confirmed in 1958. I have referred to it many, many times and found much comfort from the texts. Your description of the box you were given fits exactly if I were to describe the box. Well, well! I would like to read the small book of prayers at some point."

Sheila Pope

A number of people have asked if the editor is still 'shouting at the TV during News Broadcasts?'. The answer is YES (see last month's Editorial)!

DUDLEY BOND



Dudley passed away recently, quite unexpectedly, aged 78. He had worked for Devon General Bus Company for several years and was also one of our loyal band of Parish Magazine deliverers. A kindly friend and neighbour, he will be much missed.

We send our kindest thoughts to Jane and Christopher

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THE JOY OF LENT

I grew up with the idea that Lent was a dreary time in the Church calendar, the sermons talked only of repentance, there were no flowers to brighten up the church, and, worse still, we had to give up something we enjoyed — as a child it was usually sweets or chocolate!



However, if you ever decide to look at when the traditions of Lent began, it is then my, and possibly your, childhood notions may be shattered. It is actually meant to be a time of joyful preparation. I had never appreciated, perhaps I should have realised this years ago, but as is often the case, our lives and beliefs are so often shaped by our childhood memories.

The work of Father Norman Tanner, SJ, a professor of church history at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome which was founded in 1551 by Ignatius of Loyola is very revealing.

In 1961, Fr Norman became a Jesuit — a Roman Catholic order of religious men

that was also founded by St Ignatius. He is considered to be a leading expert in the history of church councils — one of his papers that makes interesting reading, 'A Short History of Lent' is online at: https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/20110315_1.htm

Fr Norman explains that the earliest mention of Lent in the history of the Church comes from the council of Nicaea in 325AD. The original word used for the 40 days before Easter was *tessarakonta* a Greek word meaning 40, and around the world this has been translated in a variety of ways. In Anglo-Saxon England, the 40 days became known as Lent, a word that aptly meant 'lengthening' — during the 40 days before Easter the daylight hours steadily lengthen and so gives us the perfect image of 'the light of Christ' slowly spreading into the world and erupting in a glorious climax on Easter morning.

Whatever it is called, the 40 days reflect the time Jesus spent in the wilderness being tested by the devil prior his baptism and ministry on Earth. It is mirrored by the 40 'joyful' days of Advent as we prepare for the Christmas festivities, on which point, Fr Norman writes:

'It is important to remember that Lent is a joyful season. The first Preface for the Mass in Lent makes the point very elegantly: 'Each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed. You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our Father, and of willing service to our neighbour. As we recall the great events that gave us a new life in Christ, you bring to perfection within us the image of your Son.'

All Christian denominations observe Lent with different traditions, and often individual churches of the same denomination have their own and ways of marking the 40 days.

Hopefully this year the joy of Lent will be enhanced by the joy of returning to some of our Lenten traditions that we have all missed during the long Covid pandemic - and now its 'aftermath'.

P.S. Why not enjoy a Cream Tea at St Raphael's – before you perhaps give up sweets and chocolates! But you may have to 'cheat a bit' - because Lent starts on Ash Wednesday this year on the 2nd March! (Posters and adverts on our Ashburton and Moorland Mission community website and Facebook.)

(Cream tea: Sunday March 6th: 2.30pm- 4.30pm)

Tony Parker

Bible Readings for March

The Reading is taken from St. Luke's Gospel

Chapter 4, verses 1-12

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.



The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It is written:
'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

"'He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

FOUNDATIONS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY COURSE BRINGS FAITH TO LIFE

Alison Irens, from Ashburton, is studying on the Diocese of Exeter's one-year Foundations in Christian Ministry Course, which is run by the South West Ministry Training Course.

The course is designed to be a first-step foundation for people to develop their gifts for ministry in the local Church, deepen their discipleship and explore God's plan for their lives. It covers teaching on the Bible, Spirituality, Theology and Pastoral Care and takes place over seven Saturday study days in Exeter and Plymouth. Here are Alison's reflections about the course so far:

I heard about the course from my vicar at St Andrew's Church in Ashburton. I wasn't sure about the course and what it meant, just that it would give me the possibility to explore my faith more deeply. I felt encouraged to attend because friends were also going. Most importantly, I felt God's guidance that I should go. This sense was accompanied by the thought that I would meet like-minded people there.

The course has fulfilled my expectations so far, I have met with other people who I feel a closeness to: people from all walks of life and some with whom I feel a real bond of faith.

I have learnt so much from our sessions: talks that teach about the Bible, history and theology; talks about our 'calling' and how to recognize and respond to God's calling; sessions about Pastoral Care and what this means and more!



The course includes teaching about the Bible and theology as well as encouraging participants to think about their vocation

"I no longer hesitate to affirm my faith. I no longer feel that I am a bit of an outsider, not really up to the mark to be a Christian."

During the year, we have had chances to contribute to the day by, for example, leading a short service or supplying cake!

I do feel that my faith has deepened. The course is giving me a firm basis on which to experience prayer and how I experience Communion.

If you are at all curious about your Christian faith, if you have any questions left unanswered by your Church life, then this is the course for you.

You don't have to be well versed in the Bible, and you can be a bit of a novice, like me, about what Christian ministry means. Some participants are much more knowledgeable than I am, but it really doesn't matter. All levels are most welcome.

A lot of areas are covered, and some may not be right for you, but just as surely some aspect will definitely both intrigue and inform in a wonderful way.

The course has given me a very different perspective on my life. I no longer hesitate to affirm my faith. I no longer feel that I am a bit of an outsider, not really up to the mark to be a Christian.

After only three sessions, I feel accepted and welcomed to share with others my faith, my doubts and my questions.

After returning from the last session, I felt so happy and at peace with myself and with the world around me. Just writing this interview has brought those feelings flooding back.

I'm still learning and exploring what being a Christian means for me. There are a few more sessions to attend and I'm looking forward to what I learn over the next months. I am curious to find the next steps, but I can't hurry over them. Suffice to say that I trust that I will know the way, all in good time.

You can find out more about the FICM course by contacting SWMTC on 01392 272544 or by speaking to your church leader. The deadline to apply for the autumn 2022 course is 17 April.

With Mothering Sunday and friendship in mind... 27 March 2022

We are shaped and fashioned by what we love. – J Von Goethe

Love is the master key to a happy home. – Anon

Empathy is your pain in my heart. – H E Luccock

Love does not say, 'Give me', but 'Let me give you.' – Anon

A friend is one who comes in when the world goes out. – Anon

Children are the anchors that hold a mother to life. – Sophocles



Rota for Church Services for MARCH 2022

	Sidespersons	Welcomer	Readers	Intercessors
1st Sunday 6 March	Francis Parffrey, Jane Ashton	Ann Rogers	Joe Lazenby	SERVICE LEADER
2nd Sunday 13 March	Margaret McKenna Janet Shapley	Sue Eales	Janet L-Lee	Chloe Axford
3rd Sunday 20 March	Mary Mills Janet Lockwood-Lee	Jane Ashton	Mike Lowrey	Carolyn Kennett
4th Sunday 27 March	Sheila Pope Val Colliver	Graham Rogers	Don Distin	Tony Mead

MOBILE BANKS

NATWEST and LLOYDS BANKS have resumed fortnightly visits to Ashburton.

LLOYDS BANK



**Kingsbridge Lane Car Park on alternate Fridays
11th & 25 March, from 9.45am—12noon**

 **NatWest**

**Ashburton Arts Car Park
on alternate Wednesdays. 9th & 23rd March
from 9.45am—10.15am**

Use them or lose them!

Best

The reporter was interviewing the town's oldest woman. "And what do you find is the best thing about being 104?" he asked. "That's easy," she said. "No peer pressure."

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

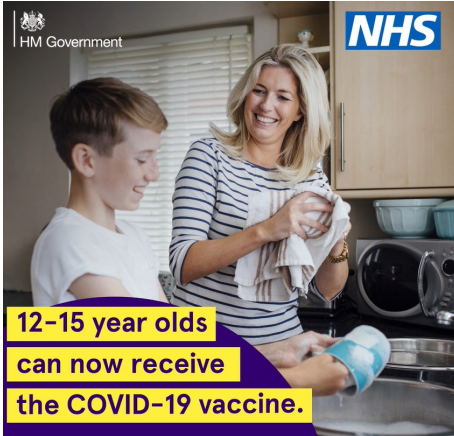
MESSY CHURCH



Those of us involved with Messy Church in some capacity or other, for there are many aspects to keeping it running, are reviewing events now that the worst of Covid, we fervently hope, has passed. Every month, on a Thursday, for about eleven years now, a group of assorted age children, accompanied by their parent(s) have come together to listen to a bible story, sing a song, say a prayer and have a good meal. Much of the time however is given over to craft work of many kinds, each illustrating the central point of the story they have just heard. For example, if we have listened to a reading, or watched a little video of the Good Shepherd, at various tables you can find youngsters creating cotton wool lambs, cutting out sheep shaped biscuits, fashioning crooks, painting rural fields with grazing flocks and so on. Anyone, adult or child, who has a birthday that month gets a cupcake with a candle to celebrate their birth, and (before it gets eaten!) we all sit down to a two course dinner. This calls for a good deal of preparation and commitment from the helpers, as you may imagine. Covid stopped everything for a while as we all obediently entered lockdown. In the interim, however, the helpers were very busy, creating activity bags with craft tasks and instructions, there were then Zoom get-togethers where the results could be displayed from home and the story explained further. As things eased a little we met on Saturday afternoons in the churchyard and later, in the church, where distancing was easier than in the hall. The hard work that went into all of this was shared between Anglican and Methodist helpers, each of whom brought their special skills to bear on the task in hand. It is fair to say, however, at the heart of it all is Jane Ashton, who had introduced Messy Church to Ashburton in the first place. Her constant encouragement and enthusiasm, not to say seemingly inexhaustible rallying of the fainter hearted among us, never failed. During this time a new focus on young people was developing in both churches. There came the special All Age service on the first Sunday in the month, now followed by Family Communion on the third, in St. Andrews, whilst the Methodist community are continuing Breakfast Church and then Moor Church, our Hedgehogs Playgroup on Friday mornings is flourishing as well. For a time therefore, as all these become yet more established it seems a good time to reflect upon and to review all that we have done over the years. Messy Church is a heart-warming institution, one which is bringing spiritual and earthly food to all who come and who are made so welcome. We thank God for the blessings it has brought us.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) response update from Devon County Council



Second COVID-19 vaccines doses for 12 to 15 year olds

School nursing teams are visiting schools over the coming weeks to offer second COVID-19 vaccine doses or first doses if still needed, to pupils, so look out for information from your school about the dates of their visit.

Like last time, parents or carers will be asked to give their consent to have the second dose.

Many 12 to 15 year olds in Devon have already had their first dose of the vaccine, either at their school or by attending a vaccination centre.

Remember though, second doses can only be given at least 12 weeks after the first dose or 12 weeks after a positive test result.

If your child is aged 12 to 15 years old and it's been longer than 12 weeks since their first dose, they can wait to have their second jab at school, or can attend a vaccination centre with or without an appointment.

Carers urged to come forward for vaccine

Bernice, from Plymouth, cares for her husband. She's one of countless thousands of people in Devon who care for a loved one or friend.

But her ability to provide care for her husband first requires her to look after herself. After all, if you're a carer and you're unwell, who's going to look after the person you're caring for?



The same is true with the COVID-19 vaccinations and booster. Taking precautions that help keep you safe, means you're well enough to help someone else. And any temporary side-effect of the jab is far outweighed by the benefit of not becoming seriously unwell with coronavirus.

Bernice is urging every carer to have their vaccinations and booster. She's described her experience, and why she feels all carers should get vaccinated.

As a carer, you're eligible for priority treatment. The government has provided a letter for carers to take to their vaccination appointment. That means that you will be fast-tracked through any queue, so that you can return to your caring role as quickly as possible.

You can receive a copy of that letter from Devon Carers. Contact their helpline on 03456 434 435 or email info@devoncarers.org.uk.

If you need help to organise your vaccination, including arranging an appointment at a time to suit you, fast tracking your appointment to get you home more quickly or arranging transport so you can get there and back, please contact the Devon Vaccine Support Team by email or call 01752 398836.

ST ANDREW'S GUILD

Our speaker in February was a young man named David Follett and he called his talk "From Tragedy to Triumph. David is 32 years old but in 2007 he suffered a Road Traffic Accident which left him with a spinal cord injury and he is now paralysed from the chest down. After his accident he spent seven months in Salisbury Spinal Unit undergoing intense rehabilitation, before returning home and completing his education and gaining a university degree. He now represents England at Para Badminton and is ranked number 22 in the world and number 1 in England and is training hard for the next Paralympics. We were all very impressed with the resilience and positivity he has shown since his accident and it was a pleasure to meet him. David is married and has two small children aged four and two.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 10th March. The speaker is yet to be confirmed but I look forward to seeing you all again then for another get-together.

Val Smale

ST LAWRENCE CHAPEL NEWS - GUILD OF ST LAWRENCE

We continue to safely expand the range of activities at St Lawrence Chapel and are planning to open to visitors this year, after a 2 year halt due to the pandemic, starting at the beginning of March through to the end of September. Also to arrange open days and exhibitions in the summer and recitals later this year. We have been given a number of items to add to our archive displays by Bruce Hannan, from the United States, whose father attended Ashburton Grammar School in St Lawrence Chapel and left in 1928.



Ashburton History and Preservation Society, which is linked to the Guild, is hoping to arrange speakers and meetings later this year. The Society has been developing an archive of Ashburton history and a library of local and British medieval history. This is available to view by contacting Brian Lewis or Pete Webb on 01364 653768 or 652855.

We had the extensive flat roof finish replaced at the end of 2021 at a cost of £18,500 which has hit our finances hard, but hope to recover this throughout this year. We now need to repair and re-decorate the central corridor which was the main area affected by the previously leaking roof.

The next major projects to achieve are the repair to the spire, which is strapped at present and the removal of concrete to the tower so that condensation and water entry is no longer trapped inside the tower and causing damage to the fabric. To do this we aim to apply for a Heritage Lottery Grant for a lot of the cost, but need to raise match funding locally as well. Your support would be greatly welcomed.

Last Christmas Norman Castle our excellent caretaker/cleaner retired. Nothing was too much trouble for Norman and he became close friends with all of us and many of the Chapel users. Thank you again Norman for your great work. Martin Woollacott has taken over the role and has made an excellent start.

The Guild of St Lawrence AGM will be in the Chapel on Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm. Guild Members and everyone else are very welcome.

The Guild of St Lawrence Committee

ASHBURTON PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

Our AGM and New Year Tea in February was a very enjoyable afternoon. We had 34 members and dignitaries attending, the Committee were all re-elected for a further year and Rt. Rev'd. Mark Rylands will be our Chaplain. The Portreeve, Sean Wilson, who is also our President, chaired the meeting and also called the raffle. The refreshments were enjoyed by everyone and a big "thank you" to the Committee for organising this.

Our Social Meeting on Thursday 3rd March 2022 in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 2.30pm will include a talk by John Fisher on the subject of "Send a Cow".

We are hoping to restart our coach trips this month, the first one going to Berniville Garden Centre, Exeter on Thursday 17th March, leaving Ashburton at 11am. Cost per person £14.00p. Please contact Maureen on 01364 654530 if you would like to reserve a seat

New members and guests are always most welcome to all our social meetings, coffee mornings and coach trips.



Kind regards

Margaret, Chairman



...I haven't the heart to tell her the bishop went home 20minutes ago!



ASHBURTON & MOORLAND MISSION COMMUNITY

MARCH SERVICES

TUES 1ST	7:30pm	QUIET REFLECTION, POSTBRIDGE
WED 2ND	10:30am	HOLY COMMUNION (WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES) ASHBURTON
SUN 6TH	8am	HOLY COMMUNION, ASHBURTON
	9am	HOLY COMMUNION, BICKINGTON
	10:30am	FAMILY SERVICE, ASHBURTON
	10:30am	ALL AGE SERVICE, WIDECOMBE
	10:30am	HOLY COMMUNION, ILSINGTON
	10:30am	MORNING WORSHIP, ASHBURTON TOWN HALL
	11am	COMMUNITY SERVICE, BUCKLAND
	4pm	EVENSONG, LEUSDON
SUN 13TH	9am	HOLY COMMUNION BCP, POSTBRIDGE
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, ASHBURTON
	10:30am	MORNING PRAISE, ILSINGTON
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, WIDECOMBE
	12pm	PARISH COMMUNION, LEUSDON
	2pm	MOOR CHURCH, VENUE TBC
	6pm	HOLY COMMUNION, HOLNE

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MARCH SERVICES CONTINUED

- SUN 20TH
- 9am HOLY COMMUNION, **HUC CABY**
 - 10:30am ALL-AGE COMMUNION, **ASHBURTON**
 - 10:30am FAMILY SERVICE, **BICKINGTON**
 - 10:30am HOLY COMMUNION, **ILSINGTON**
 - 10:30am PARISH COMMUNION, **WIDECOMBE**
 - 12pm PARISH COMMUNION, **LEUSDON**
 - 3pm HOLY COMMUNION, **BUCKLAND**
 - 6:30pm CELTIC REFLECTIVE SERVICE, **ST PETROCS,
EAST STREET, ASHBURTON**
- THURS 24TH
- 6:30pm INFORMAL COMMUNION, **QUAKER MEETING HOUSE
ASHBURTON**
- SUN 27TH
- 9:30am BREAKFAST CHURCH, **CHURCH HALL ASHBURTON**
 - 10:30am PARISH COMMUNION, **ASHBURTON**  **LIVE**
 - 10:30am MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE, **ILSINGTON**
 - 10:30am MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE, **WIDECOMBE**
 - 12pm MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE, **LEUSDON**
 - 4pm EVENING WORSHIP, **HOLNE**
 - 6pm MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE, **POSTBRIDGE**



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17th March: St Patrick *beloved apostle to Ireland*



St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

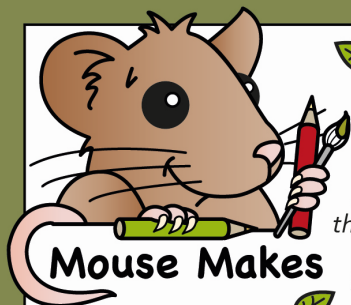
Then, after six grueling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

But by 435, well-educated or not, Patrick was badly needed. Palladius' mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up his see at Armagh and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ.

Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican Cathedral of Dublin.



Mouse Makes

GOOD FRUIT OR BAD FRUIT?

Jesus said:

"No good tree does not produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each tree is known by its own fruit..."

...Good people bring good things out of the good they stored in their hearts. But evil people bring evil things out of the evil they stored in their hearts. People speak the things that are in their hearts."

- Luke 6: 43-45

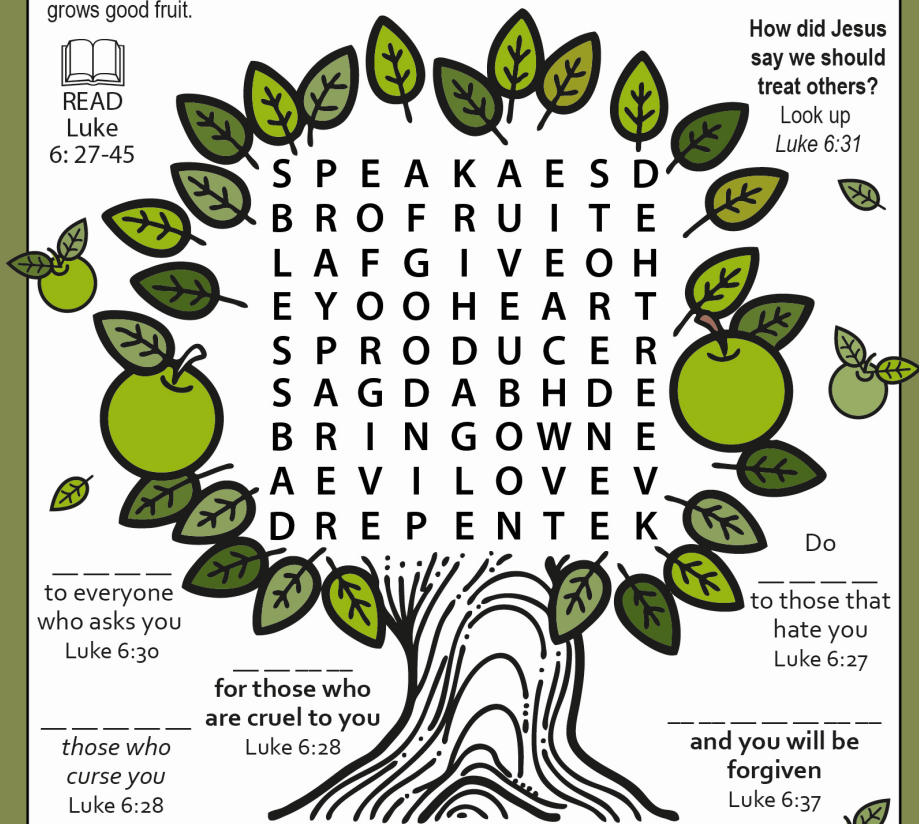
During LENT ask God to help you through His Holy Spirit to turn your hate to **love**, your impatience to **patience** and your unkindness to **kindness**, so we can be like a good tree that grows good fruit.



READ
Luke
6: 27-45

How did Jesus
say we should
treat others?

Look up
Luke 6:31



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to everyone
who asks you
Luke 6:30

for those who
are cruel to you
Luke 6:28

those who
curse you
Luke 6:28

to those that
hate you
Luke 6:27

and you will be
forgiven
Luke 6:37

Find these words from **Luke 6** in the word search above.

GOOD • BAD • FRUIT • TREE • HEART • EVIL • EACH • OWN • STORED
PRODUCE • BRING • SPEAK • REPENT • FORGIVE • LOVE • BLESS • PRAY • GIVE

It's definitely the most difficult month of the year for writing gardening articles. Although the weather has been reasonably kind since Christmas, we have had a number of frosty mornings, it's too early to plant most things and it's just a bit early for most flowering plants. I wrote last year that "we are coming to the end of a bitterly cold spell with a fair bit of rain forecast for the coming week." This year hasn't been bitterly cold but once again a fair bit of rain is forecast and I have to admit that for various reasons I've hardly ventured outside at all.

However, since I carried out my slightly disappointing annual flower census at the beginning of the year there has been a sudden spurt of flowering. In mid-February the snowdrops are at their best, leucojums ("summer snowflake"!) are opening, the dwarf irises are in full flower, cyclamen are looking gorgeous, several narcissi are opening, as are the hellebores, anemones are out and once again our beautiful double, pink camellia has burst into flower despite being on the north side of the house, in less than ideal growing conditions. It has dropped quite a lot of buds this year, presumably because of drought last



summer and despite my best efforts to keep it watered. But it's a real delight.

I remember commenting in previous years about the number of seed catalogues which drop through the letter-box at this time of year. There haven't been as many this year as companies rely more and more on on-line retailing. However, I have placed my orders (on-line) and there seem to be no serious problems with supply this year. Indeed most of the orders arrived within a couple of days. Do you remember the problems we had two years ago after the first lockdown was announced?

One thing I'm giving up on this year is sweet peas. I've decided that the effort of setting up support structures and looking after the growing plants isn't worth the effort, especially as I have never been able to keep them flowering much after the end of July. I'm sticking mainly to the cosmos and dahlias and a limited range of vegetables.

Instead of spending time in the garden, we've been doing a bit of clearing out some of our loft spaces. There were boxes in there which hadn't been looked at since we moved



which also involves effort. For example, my paternal grandfather was a baker and confectioner in north London. This means that I have a box containing several rather splendid early 20th century books with cake recipes and some gorgeous pictures of elaborate cake decorations. I'm reluctant to dispose of them but in any case who else would want them? On the other hand, I've decided that the 1947/8 Hornby Dublo train set, in excellent condition, has to go and that will end up at a local auction later this year. It will be interesting to see what happens.

Oh well, let's see what's in the next box.....

Brian Smith

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Prosciutto and chicken is a luxurious combination - and this version is good for you as well - high in fibre, vitamin C and folic acid

CHICKEN ROASTED WITH WINTER ROOT VEGETABLES

Ingredients:

1small celeriac , peeled and cut into 2.5cm/1in chunks
400g swede , peeled and cut into 2.5cm/1in chunks
2large sweet potatoes , scrubbed and cut into 2.5cm/1in chunks
2medium parsnips , scrubbed and quartered lengthways
2large garlic cloves , thinly sliced
2 tbsp olive oil
½ tsp cumin seeds
a few sprigs of sage
4 skinless boneless chicken breast fillets , weighing about 140g/5oz each
4 slices prosciutto



Method:

Preheat the oven to 200C/gas 6/fan 180C. Put the celeriac, swede, sweet potato, parsnips and garlic in a large roasting tin. Sprinkle with the olive oil and cumin, and season with salt and pepper. Toss the vegetables together so they are lightly coated in oil. Put in the oven towards the top and roast for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, lay a couple of sage leaves on each chicken breast, then wrap each with a slice of prosciutto to enclose.

Take the roasting pan from the oven and turn the vegetables over. Now lay the chicken on top. Roast for 30- 35 minutes more, until the vegetables are tender and the chicken is done. Serve with steamed broccoli or lightly cooked Savoy cabbage.



St Raphael's, Huccaby

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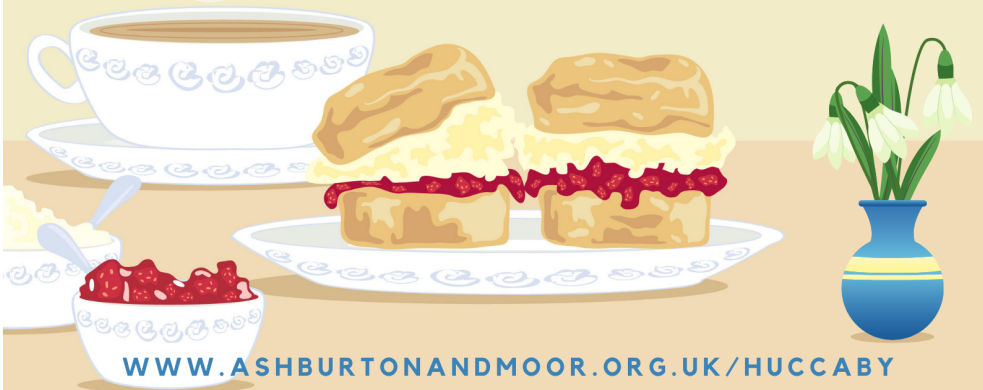
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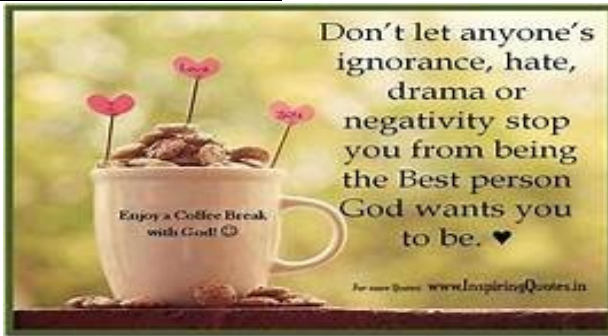
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**THE CHURCH OF
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Church Services



**Sunday, 6th March, 2022
9 a.m.**

HOLY COMMUNION

**Sunday, 20th March
10.30 a.m.
FAMILY SERVICE**



**Electoral Roll
Revision**

2022/23

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

We will soon be revising the Bickington Church Electoral Roll for 2022/23. If you are already on the roll and wish to remain, you do not have to do anything. If you would like your name to be added (list in church porch), please contact me, Eileen Luscombe on 01626 821529

BICKINGTON TUESDAY CLUB

The Tuesday Club members turned out in great numbers on 1st February, and were treated to a fascinating evening, listening to our guest speaker, Marc Hoskins, telling us all about his work as a sign-maker. He works alone, in a barn on a Dartmoor farm, producing beautifully carved and engraved posts and sign boards, from locally sourced wood, which we see guiding our way in Dartmoor National Park, as well as on the South West Coast Path and other National Trails. His passion and enthusiasm, for both his work and surroundings, was obvious, and many ladies were impressed enough by his work that he brought along with him, that they were considering commissions for their own homes ! His company is called "Wild Work" and his website is worth a visit.

The evening concluded with our usual prize raffle and welcome refreshments before we made our way home.

There will not be a meeting in March, instead we will be gathering on Friday 11th March at 12.30pm, for our annual group lunch at Dainton Golf Club-if any ladies who were not at the last meeting would like to join us, please let Debbie know asap-and your name can be added to the list.

Debbie Dunkley

Chair, Bickington Tuesday Club

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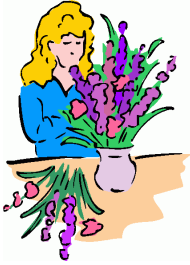
Upcoming Events



BICKINGTON BREW AND BAKE (BBC) DATES FOR 2022

26 March	30 July
30 April	27 August
28 May	24 September
25 June	29 October
	26 November

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



Flower Rota for March

There is no flower rota for March except for Mothering Sunday when there will be a joint effort.

Church Services

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

MARCH SERVICES



Sunday 6 March

11 a.m.

Pancake Praise

**A Buckland Community
Service to mark the start
of LENT**

Pancakes provided! - All Welcome

Sunday 20 March

3.00 pm

Holy Communion



A NEW YEAR AND NEW THOUGHT

Church services here in Buckland which started in January.

Sunday services continue to be either at 11.00am, or at the present time of 3.00pm with just two services a month. The 3.00pm service will generally be one of Holy Communion, with the 11.00am service being very much a family affair. However the services might have to change from month to month depending on Festivals of the church calendar. So, continue to check both the Parish News and the church noticeboard.

For years now Buckland Church has used the Book of Common Prayer, authorised in 1549 and used by churches of the Anglican Communion. It was radically revised in 1552 with subsequent minor revisions in 1559, 1604 and 1662.

The 1662 version has served the church and our community well over the years, but we now have the opportunity to try the various versions being used in churches around the country to discover whether we prefer a more modern language or not.

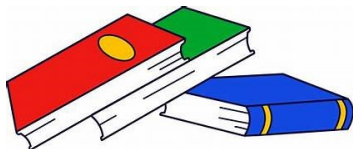
Currently the words used in the services will be slightly different – no, The Lords Prayer will remain the same as we have used since our own birth! Why not come and try a modern version of the same service we have been used to, then you will know what we are all voting for come next summer when we have experienced six months of modern language.

During March our services will be held Sunday 6 March at 11 a.m.
Pancake Praise, Pancakes provided! - All Welcome

Sunday 20 March at 3.00 pm Holy Communion

REMINDER....

.....that there is a selection of books for both adults and children available on a borrow, read and return basis in church, as well as a corner for young children's quiet play. The selection of books has been extended recently with generous donations; in both categories. Additions to the library are always welcome - just leave the books under the pew or at the back of the church behind the font. Jigsaws are also a very welcome addition, so good for these chilly winter evenings.



ACHIEVED!

The five yearly mandatory inspection of Buckland in the Moor Church by an approved church surveyor has been carried out.

The three yearly electrical inspection has been undertaken and the annual fire extinguisher re-fill/change has taken place.

What is so remarkable about this?

It has taken two years to get the surveyor to be able to travel to Buckland due to Covid-19 restrictions, and much the same goes for the electrician and the fire safety company.

It does feel great that once again the church has been checked out and found to be not wanting.



27th March, 2022

Buckland-in -the-moor Whist 2022

Start LUNCH 1.00pm
(SOUP & ROLL) £2 (OPTIONAL)

2.00PM WHIST £3 (INCLUDING DRAW
AND HALF TIME REFRESHMENTS)



March 24th
April 28th
May 26th
June 23rd
July 28th
August 25th
September 22nd
October 27th
November 24th



EMERGENCY/USEFUL AND IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

Please advise us if you think anything needs to be changed or if you have ideas for additional useful numbers.

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all your heart
 and lean not
 on your own understanding;
 in all your ways
acknowledge him,
 and he will make
 your paths straight.

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