

Parish News

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MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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

35p

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

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CORONAVIRUS - COVID 19 UPDATE

Please be aware, the Church of England has issued guidance - face coverings are mandatory when attending church services (some exemptions apply). If you feel unable to wear a face covering, please let one of our team know, but remember you are very welcome.

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As a child, on a sunny July afternoon, I enjoyed nothing better than having a pot of Bubble-Blow mixture with the rather drippy plastic loop that was part of the lid, and blowing bubbles across the garden. The sun glinting on them in all the colours of the rainbow. The way they sailed up and away, over the shrubs and trees. Their sudden disappearance in an almost audible “pop”. If I ran, a great stream of bubbles would follow me like the tail of a comet. There was something magical about bubbles – until the pot was empty, or I knocked it over and it was all spilled – and then there were tears!

Well, during the pandemic, the word “bubble” has acquired a whole new meaning – groups of people who are allowed to mix together. Their purpose (to bring happiness) is still the same – a bubble is a delightful term to describe a small group bringing joy to each other’s lives, who brighten up a day by being in the same room.

During the pandemic, clearly the hardest thing has been losing a loved one to Covid. But the next hardest thing has been to be without friends and family around. It’s been a real trauma being separated from those we love, because our longing for companionship is a massive part of being human.

Before the pandemic we took so much for granted – like dropping in for a cup of tea, playing whist, going to a coffee morning, chatting on a bench. This all fell away, such that someone I was talking to recently became so lonely that getting a single letter through the post-box was the highpoint of the week – they had no other contact.

Thank goodness we’re coming out of Lockdown. Each stage brings more mood-enhancing – meeting outside, meeting inside in a bubble, going into shops, going to visit family, going into a pub, meeting anyone inside, going to outdoor events, and maybe soon going to every kind of indoor event and doing whatever we enjoy. Our bubbles are gradually expanding – from two to three, six, thirty, a hundred, any number and size we like!

But life has always been about bubbles, we just didn’t notice. Instead we used other words – family, extended family, club, society, office, team, group, and so on. Places where we enjoy being with other people. The safety, reassurance and fellowship of being with other people is incredibly important. Though it isn’t new! Jesus was part of several bubbles – his family, his village, his twelve

disciples. But also the next person he met – he would get alongside anyone, bubble with them, listen to them, encourage them and show them God’s love and forgiveness. It’s no surprise that his main message to everyone was to “love your neighbour” – to be a bubble with your neighbour?

Sadly there’s many people in our community without bubbles and in great need of companionship. The advert for Moorland Community Care in this magazine invites people to become part of a lonely person’s bubble – please consider it! It may feel a bit scary, but being in a new bubble is always likely to be of mutual benefit.

So, if Freedom Day comes this month, why not go and buy some Bubble-Blow and celebrate it by standing outside with someone and watching the bubbles sparkling with freedom in the sun? If you’re a bit embarrassed to be seen

reverting to such childish behaviour, just find a quiet corner and enjoy them there. You may even catch a glimpse of me in the Vicarage Garden here in Widcombe blowing bubbles across the road!

With every blessing

Geoffrey



Hello last men and women standing!
Suzy here from Moorland Community Care...

We are actively recruiting volunteers to do befriending calls and visits, gentle trips out, either by car or on foot, coffee morning and social group help, shopping assistance and gardening help.

We also need occasional help with moving house for vulnerable people.

If you're interested, my colleague Ami would so love to hear from you! Her number is 07538100461 and is on WhatsApp too.

Regular and occasional help so welcome and you become part of a friendly team!

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

VICKY DOUGLAS

As many of you will know, Vicky Douglas has been our Magazine Proofreader and Distribution Team Leader for some considerable time. In the middle of June, Vicky moved to be near her family in Cornwall and whilst we wish her every happiness in her new home, we will certainly miss her as our valued team member, and a dear friend.

We thank you Vicky for all you have done for us here at St. Andrew's in your many roles which span from Church Warden, PCC member and active participant in many of our sub-committees, to helping behind the scenes at numerous levels.

Very Best Wishes to you and your family as you begin this new chapter.

Editor, Magazine Committee and everyone here at St. Andrew's.

Now that she is safely settling into her new home, Vicky sends you all this note of farewell:

Farewell to Ashburton.

As some of you may know, I have moved to live in St. Mawes near my daughter and son-in-law.

Only the pandemic persuaded me to leave Ashburton which has been my home since 1980. (It also made saying goodbye even more difficult.)

All are very welcome to call in if you are down in Cornwall.

With my very best wishes.

Vicky

ENTRIES for 2021 from Ashburton, Buckland & Bickington

FUNERAL

14 July, 2021	St. Andrew's Church, Ashburton	Anthony THORNE
17 July, 2021	St. Andrew's Church, Ashburton	Roger TILLEY

WEDDING

12 July 2021	St. Peter's Church, Buckland-in-the-Moor	Eleanor Elizabeth CRANMER Brinley James BROWNRIGG-GLEESON
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Bible Readings for July

The Reading is taken from St. Matthew' Gospel
Chapter 7, verses 15-21

A Tree and its Fruit



Watch out for false prophets.
They come to you in sheep's clothing,
but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.
By their fruit you will recognize them.
Do people pick grapes from thornbushes,
or figs from thistles?
Likewise every good tree bears good fruit,
but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
A good tree cannot bear bad fruit,
and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.
Every tree that does not bear good fruit is
cut down
and thrown into the fire.
Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,'
will enter the kingdom of heaven,
but only he who does the will of my Father
who is in heaven.



Parish News Dates for your Diary

12 July

DEADLINE FOR AUGUST MAGAZINE

LOUVRES

Challenging Operation to Install New Louvre Windows in 12th Century Church Bell Tower at St. Andrew's Church, Ashburton.

A high-level operation has been carried out to fit new wooden louvre windows to the bell chamber of St Andrew's Church in Ashburton, Devon.



The 12th century tower is 92ft high.

Unusually the louvres are made of cedar, instead of the more usual slate or stone.

They were constructed and installed by Holne-based Dartmoor Timber, which used wood to match the early 20th Century louvres, which needed replacing.

The team included a tree-surgeon, and the men wore harnesses as they worked alongside the church's eight bells and supporting timber frame.

Matthew Powell, from Dartmoor Timber, said "This is our first church. It's quite exciting because we've never done anything at this sort of height before.

"It was quite a job to source the cedar, which was from a very specific pacific-coast area of Canada and takes a long time to grow.

Photo: Matt Powell of Dartmoor Timber Co.

"We've just tried to echo what the original carpenters did here, right down to a little clover pattern on the tops of the louvres."

The louvres are designed so the sound of the bells can ring out, but the wind and rain can't get in.

Matthew said “They are slatted in a very particular way so birds can’t fly in.

“The most rotten ones were on the South and South West side of the tower, facing the prevailing weather.

“For us this kind of work ticks all the right boxes; it’s challenging, and we are putting something back and keeping things going.”

Brian Lewis, Chair of the Ashburton Parochial Church Council (PCC) Building and Grounds Committee, said “I am delighted with the new louvres.

“Over the course of the next year they will weather down to the grey colour of the original louvres, which had lasted over 100 years.

“It was great working with the staff of the Dartmoor Timber company, who were so enthusiastic and have done a great job.”

Brian Lewis

‘ASHBURTON FOOD BANK - will be operating the only Food bank in Ashburton again from 1st July after the Ashburton Lockdown Larder ceases to operate. Ashburton Food Bank will continue just doing deliveries at present but hopes to open its doors at St Petroc’s Cottage, opposite the Ashburton Surgery, for food collections some time in the near future.
Fuller details in the advert below.’

Ashburton Food Bank

A CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE FOR ALL IN FOOD NEED

DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC

WE WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER A DELIVERY SERVICE.

If you require food please ‘phone: **07767 453844** and leave a message with your name, number in household, any pets, telephone number and address. We will deliver to you as quickly as possible.

This delivery service is available to people in Bickington and Buckland-in-the-Moor and other villages around Ashburton

Prayers from Messy Church. June 2021

As Messy Church reopened out of doors, the first time for over a year, there was much to do. The theme was "Thank you God" and there were flags and bunting to be painted, along with pebbles, an obstacle course, and other games to play outside.



There was a quieter time too, inside the church, when children were invited to write three "teaspoon prayers" that's tsp ---- Thanks, Sorry and Praise. Here are just a few of them (spellings tidied up).

Thanks for my guinea pigs and the little squeaks they do.

Thank you for the world.

Thank you for my lovely family.

Thank you for my friends.

Thank you for a lovely sunny swim.

Thank you for having plenty of food.

Thank you for being our Lord, Saviour, and friend.

Thank you for my birthday presents.

Sorry I'm a bit grumpy

Sorry I'm shouty

Sorry for shoving

Sorry I smashed a glass

Sorry for blaming J---

Sorry for chasing A--- with a bamboo stick

Sorry I'm only a little bit sorry for punching my sister

Sorry for not listening or doing what I'm told

Sorry for doing sins

Sorry for being a bad sister

Praise You that every day is a happy day

I praise God for everything He made

Praise God for the sunlight and all the weather

Praise be to God for P-----

Praise God that He made us

Praise God for wonderful days

Praise God for all the people who used to be alive and are now in heaven.

The simple words inspire me. Thank you, Barbara for writing this July article.

As the bunting on the rails says Thank you God and Thank you Ashburton for helping us get through Covid. **July 10th Saturday is the next Messy Church in the Church and Church Garden all are welcome.**

Jane

Churchyard through the magnifying glass

On a Thursday morning in early June some 12 or more of us met up on St Andrew's Green to consider wild flower recognition and the role of burial grounds in the global biodiversity movement. No small aim, I hear you cry! But to tutor us we had two expert ladies.

First, George from *Caring for God's Acre*, an organisation that works nationally to support groups and individuals to investigate, care for, and enjoy burial grounds and graveyards. In her broad, authoritative introduction George told us that there are in fact over 20,000 burial grounds in England and Wales, ranging from small rural medieval churchyards to large Victorian city cemeteries, spanning different cultures, religions and centuries. These burial grounds, of which St Andrew's is a huge and iconic example, appeal to many who are interested in local history and the natural world and encapsulate the history of communities whilst offering an important refuge for our native wildlife. Our band of churchyard maintenance volunteers is working towards just such an aim, namely to make St Andrew's churchyard a well-managed burial ground that also provides a habitat for wildlife and wild flowers. It is really great that our current St Andrew's Churchyard activities are part of this bigger national movement.



So what of Hannah, our second tutor and local expert on botanical issues. Well, Hannah initially took just a small triangle of grass and flowers and showed us just how species rich it was. We experienced this partly by picking flowers and grasses and looking at them through eye magnifiers. And what an eye opener this process was. It's one

thing to see wild flowers with the naked eye; under the magnifying glass one's sense of awe and wonder at the delicacy and complexity of structure not to mention diversity of species increases hugely.



The humblest and commonest of wild flower or grass is an example of sheer beauty. Not only that, the prevalence of different varieties can indicate the quality of the soil and the amount of human intervention there has been over the years. Fascinating floral forensics!

My guess is that everyone went away inspired by the beauty of nature and resolved to look a little more closely at wild flowers and not least to buy one of those amazing eye magnifiers.

And what better place to do this than on St Andrew's Green where we have a wild flower meadow strip and all around the churchyard where we have areas that we have designated for rewilding. If you read this and would like to be part of the Churchyard Project, please email me on ghisted43@gmail.com and I will gladly meet up with you. Everyone's experience, expertise and enthusiasm is welcome.

Geoffrey Histed

*“Almost every person, from childhood,
has been touched by the untamed beauty
of wildflowers.”*

— Lady Bird Johnson



From Kay Graymore

All our Family very much appreciate so much love and so many prayers, since January now, for Danny.

7th January, all fine.

8th January, first indications of the tumour...

Affirmation.

What did you read?

What do you think?

Facts and reflections,

Is there a link between the

Impossible to contemplate;

The immense progress of research;

The human spirit?



Yes.

We are more than our physiology.

More than facts and figures. More than, 'Now'.

A hard road and come unasked for:

The Mystery, God, Christ - a Dear Family

And Good Friends transcending

The complex with the clarity of Love.

Danny is at the end of a grueling set of treatments and continues to need our prayers.

Thank you.

Graymore Family,

Baby Group

We have starting back to meeting in real life Mums, Dads, and Babies in the Church Hall.

Every week Wednesday morning In St Andrew's Church Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 1.30am

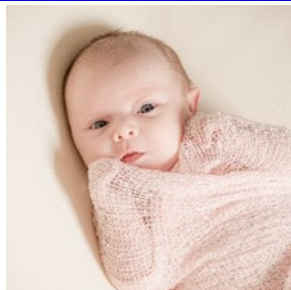
We have 10 lovely Mums who have been meeting and going for walks together. We would love to welcome

Dads and babies as well. Please come and join in. We

also have an active "WhatsApp group" where ideas and first steps are shared.

See you next Wednesday morning in the Church Hall at 10 a.m.

Or contact Jane on 07850 974 286 or contact by email jashton@globalnet.co.uk and I will put you on the WhatsApp group.



BECOME A LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH FACILITATOR

*Free Two Hour
Diocese of Exeter
Online Training
Sessions*

The Living in Love and Faith course works best if there are facilitators to run the group discussions. You don't need any special skills or



experience to be a facilitator but it helps to be a good listener. We are running free one-off facilitator training sessions on Mon 21 June (2-4pm), Wed 23 June (7-9pm) and Thurs 16 Sept (7-9pm). Please book your place to do this valuable training by emailing our Mission and Ministry Department at llf@exeter.anglican.org

Could You Pray For Living in Love and Faith at Lunchtime on the Last Friday?

The Exeter Diocese LLF team has committed to pray for those running the LLF course, those participating in it and those whose lives will be impacted by the outcome of the LLF process on the **last Friday of every month at lunchtime**. We would be delighted if you could join-in by praying at that time too. For prayer ideas for Friday 25 June go to our LLF webpage at

<https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/living-in-love-and-faith/>

Prep: 15 Mins

Cook: 60 Mins

Serves 8

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

by kind courtesy of BBC Good Food Guide

scrummy cake is really easy and versatile – use whatever fruit you like, and you'll make it again and again

SUMMER FRUIT DRIZZLE CAKE

Ingredients:

- 2 large eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 175g fruit , stoned and diced weight
- 140g granulated sugar
- 1-2 tbsp citrus juice - lemon, lime or orange
- 175g very soft butter , plus extra for greasing
- 175g golden caster sugar
- 250g self-raising flour



Method:

1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease a 900g/2lb loaf tin and line the base and ends with a long strip of baking parchment. Put the butter, caster sugar, flour, eggs and vanilla extract into a large bowl and beat with an electric hand mixer for 5 mins until pale and creamy – the mixture will be very thick.
2. Spread one-third of the cake mix into the tin, then scatter over 50g of the fruit. Carefully dot and spread another third of the cake mix on top, and scatter with another 50g fruit. Finally dot the rest of the cake mix over and gently spread with the back of a spoon. Bake for 1 hr, until an inserted skewer comes out clean.
3. Poke the cake all over with a skewer. Put remaining 75g fruit into a bowl with the granulated sugar. Stir in 1 tbsp of the citrus juice first with a fork, mashing a little of the fruit as you go. If it's a bit dry, add a splash more juice and spoon over the cake. Leave in the tin until the cake is cool and the topping is set and crisp.



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

COVID-19 restrictions easing delayed until 19 July

Current restrictions, with a few exceptions, remain in place and you should [follow the guidance on what you can and cannot do](#) until Monday 19 July.

This is the new date that England is expected to move to Step 4 of the government's roadmap out of lockdown, though the data will be reviewed after two weeks in case the risks have reduced.

Nationally there are currently around 8,000 COVID-19 cases a day, the highest since the end of February, and these are increasing by around 64 per cent each week. Hospitalisations are also starting to rise, with the average number of people admitted to hospital increasing in England by 50 per cent per week.

What's the situation like in Devon?

The weekly case rate in Devon right now is 16 cases per 100,000. It was seven per 100,000 a week ago. Case rates are currently highest and increasing most rapidly in those aged 20 to 39 years old.

The more transmissible Delta strain is not the dominant variant in Devon just yet. But it is very likely to become so, just as it is already in many parts of the country.

NHS

Join the millions across the UK who have safely received the COVID-19 vaccination.

Don't delay in getting your vaccine when it is offered to you.



A PLEA TO BE CAREFUL

The latest data in Devon shows the largest volume of positive COVID-19 cases are among young people and the younger working age population, 20 to 39 year olds.

It's probably less to do with the fact they're working - we're not seeing an especially high number of outbreaks in workplace settings - and more likely that these age groups are just beginning to be vaccinated, so until now they haven't been as well protected as older, already vaccinated, age groups.

It is also likely that this is an age group that tends to mix more socially. We know that increased socialising, particularly indoors, increases the risk of transmission, and with pubs, restaurants and many other places open again, the opportunity for social contact is much more available.

So, here's a plea to everyone, including this younger working age population. Please be mindful. We've still got to be careful. There are still rules, especially around social distancing and face coverings indoors, and we need to follow them. And please take up the vaccination when you're invited to do so.

If you're out with others, or staying in with others, [stick to the rules – hands, face, space and fresh air.](#)

Seeing family or meeting up with friends?



**Even if you've been vaccinated, you could still
catch and spread the virus.**

GO FOR THE FLOW.
Make twice-weekly rapid lateral
flow tests part of your routine.



ASHBURTON PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

If Covid restrictions allow our Social Meeting will be held on Thursday 1st July at 7.30 pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall. The evening will include bingo and a quiz. Money for the coach trip to Polperro and Tamar View Nurseries will be collected at the social meeting. The annual membership subscription of £2.00p per person is also due and will be collected at the social evening.



We still have a vacancy for our Treasurer's position, please contact either Margaret or Maureen for more details etc. A big thank you to our 2 new committee members, Mrs Gill Sheridan and Mr Glenn Jarvis. New members and guests are always welcome to our social events, coach trips and coffee mornings.

Margaret – Chairman
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Maureen – Secretary
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Margaret Chairman Maureen, Secretary

ASHBURTON & MOORLAND TEAM

JULY SERVICES

SUN 4TH	8am	HOLY COMMUNION, ASHBURTON
	9am	HOLY COMMUNION, BICKINGTON
	10:30am	JOINT ANIMAL SERVICE, WIDECOMBE
	4pm	PET SERVICE, LEUSDON
SAT 10TH	4-6pm	MESSY CHURCH, ASHBURTON CHURCHYARD
SUN 11TH	9am	HOLY COMMUNION, POSTBRIDGE
	9am	SUNDAYS@9AM (ALL AGE), ASHBURTON
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, ASHBURTON  LIVE
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, WIDECOMBE
	12pm	PARISH COMMUNION, LEUSDON
6pm	HOLY COMMUNION, HOLNE	
SUN 18TH	9am	HOLY COMMUNION, HUCCABY
	9am	SUNDAYS@9 (ALL AGE), ASHBURTON
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, ASHBURTON  LIVE
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, WIDECOMBE
	12pm	PARISH COMMUNION, LEUSDON
SUN 25TH	9am	BREAKFAST CHURCH, ASHBURTON
	10:30am	TIME & TALENTS COMMUNION, ASHBURTON  LIVE
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, WIDECOMBE
	12pm	PARISH COMMUNION, LEUSDON
	5pm	EVENING WORSHIP, HOLNE
	6pm	EVENING PRAYER, POSTBRIDGE
6pm	COMMUNITY SONGS OF PRAISE, BUCKLAND	

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

WWW.ASHBURTONANDMOOR.ORG.UK/SERVICES

Walking TOGETHER

SUNDAY 4TH JULY 2021
12 NOON - 3PM



Following a 10.30am joint Animal Service at St Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, there will be a Pilgrimage Walk from Widecombe Church to Poundsgate Chapel via Dunstone Chapel (bring a packed lunch).

The eleven Anglican and Methodist churches and chapels of Ashburton and South East Dartmoor are looking to join together in witness, service and discipleship. Please do join us as we walk together in fellowship, enjoy conversation and share lunch, prayer and worship.

UPDATE: 18 JUNE 2021

THE WALK IS UNDER REVIEW DUE TO THE REVISED COVID RESTRICTIONS. YOU ARE STILL WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN US FOR THE SERVICE AT WIDECOMBE.

Geoffrey, Kevin & Mark

All our online services are available

via [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) &

our [website www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/ashburton](http://www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/ashburton)



ASHBURTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Report of the AGM of Ashburton Women's Institute, 2021, via Zoom:

A very different type of meeting to the usual AGM was opened by President, Jane Willimott, and 22 members who managed to check in on zoom, having been sent the Minutes of the previous AGM. A teller was appointed. The Treasurer, Alison Alexander, gave her report which was proposed and accepted. All subscriptions have been paid.

In her President's Report, Jane acknowledged the difficulties that had occurred in the wake of the pandemic, but thanked all those who had contributed to the newsletters and all who had managed to produce them. Particular thanks went to Alison for setting up the zoom capabilities and to Anna Gorton, who, in August, submitted a well researched Resolution for consideration.

The meeting progressed to the appointment of the committee, 8 agreed to serve again and a new committee member was welcomed. Jane Willimott stood down as President and was thanked by the teller for her term of office. Lynn Whittaker was welcomed as the new President, proposed and seconded in the normal manner.

With the easing of regulations, the walking group will continue, with the permitted number, straight away, the Book Club resumes socially distanced meetings at the Church Hall on May 20th and the craft group will start again in September. Keep Fit is likely to start in June and later in the year a Theatre visit will be organised. And so we slowly return to normal.

The next zoom meeting took place on 1st June, at 2 p.m., when Kath Kelly spoke about Lighthouses, and their Keepers. She herself came from a long line of keepers who had lived in lighthouse cottages all along the South Coast, her Grandfather being the last to serve before automation. Another most interesting Speaker.

Jeanne Distin, Press Secretary

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – a celebration of faith & service

A four-day Bank Holiday from 2-5 June 2022 will mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year. This is an amazing opportunity to bring our communities together for the celebrations, which end on Pentecost Sunday.

HOPE Together, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, Biblica and other key partners are currently planning for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with a specially commissioned souvenir book for us to give away; a new anthem for communities and churches to sing; a '70 Acts of Service' community challenge for us to adapt to use together with churches and other organisations in our area, and lots of resources for children and schools.

Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE's executive director said, "Churches are in an ideal place to bring communities together for national celebrations. We have the tables, chairs, crockery and PA systems – and we love making cakes!

"It is so appropriate that the nation and Commonwealth should be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the same weekend as Pentecost, the day when the church celebrates the gift of God's Holy Spirit."

The anointing of God's Holy Spirit was central to the Coronation and, in preparation for the day, The Queen prayed: 'Come, Holy Spirit, and daily increase in all of us, and in me, thy humble servant, thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy fear, now and forever. Amen.'

The beautifully illustrated souvenir book to be published for the celebrations uses rarely seen prayers, which the Queen prayed in preparation for the Coronation, and highlights how God has answered those prayers over the past seven decades.

The 'Platinum Jubilee Celebration of Faith & Service' will build on the successful partnership facilitated by HOPE Together, which enabled local churches to bring their communities together for the Diamond Jubilee and the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.

Over the next year HOPE will provide churches across the country with all the resources and ideas they need to run a great all-age community event that will celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

We can plan to get our church involved, invite our community to the party, and round off the weekend with a special guest celebration service for Pentecost.

Find out more at hopetogether.org.uk/jubilee

ROUND AND ROUND THE GARDEN JULY 2021

I know I keep referring back to things I have written in previous years but we forget so quickly – at least I do – what actually happened. For example I was surprised to be reminded that last year, when we had that wonderful Spring while we were all locked down, June turned wet and cold. I am reminded that we drove up to Hound Tor one morning in early June and the temperature was just 7°C. This year of course we had an extraordinary Spring, with April being one of the driest on record (until the final day), followed by one of the wettest Mays on record, with a phenomenal 9.6 inches of rain. Yes, 9.6 inches! And it was cold. But now here we are, approaching mid-June and despite all that rain, the ground is getting parched and I'm having to keep watering everything I've planted over the past couple of weeks or so.

Several plants are not doing very well - although I'm sure you'll be pleased to know that the weeds are doing fine! My sweet peas are a bit of a disaster this year. I sowed them at about the same time as usual but because it was so cold in May I delayed putting them out. By the time I did get round to putting them out they were seriously pot-bound and slugs had started to nibble at the



roots. But then since I planted them out it has been dry and despite watering, they don't look at all happy.

The tihonias (Mexican sunflower) which I have regularly grown from seed in recent years, are also struggling. They too have suffered from getting pot-bound and are only now showing signs of getting going.

The dahlias which I lifted last autumn and started off in the greenhouse are doing OK but the ones which I left in the ground are way behind schedule. The cold weather we had in May, with several late frosts, didn't do them any favours. They are coming on slowly now but they are at least two to three weeks behind where they should be by now. It will be a late flowering season this year.

In the veg patch things are looking a bit more promising. The shallots, garlic and potatoes are all looking fine. But the dwarf beans are struggling. Like everything else that was started in the greenhouse, they were late to go out. And when I did put them out the pigeons (or was it the squirrels?) nipped off a lot of the young leaves. They are recovering slowly and I have a second batch just

coming through in the greenhouse. Lettuces and radishes are coming on, though I sowed them rather late. Tomatoes in the greenhouse are doing fine.

I make quite a lot of compost. I mix it with commercial compost in pots and also use it as a mulch. However, this year in particular, I am finding that it is full of seeds – mainly of foxgloves and verbena bonariensis, as well as bitter-cress. I can produce lovely compost but I can't get the compost heap hot enough to kill all the unwanted seeds. So I have to keep weeding the areas where I have put down the compost. As least with the current spell of dry weather it should be possible to leave the weeds on the surface to die off.

Our robins, of which we seem to have at least two pairs on opposite sides of the garden, are both feeding their second brood. I was cutting the grass

the other day, stopped for a moment and instantly had a robin perched on the wheel of the lawnmower. A bit later I was using a pair of edging shears and a robin almost perched on the handle while I was using them. What a delight.

On the other hand, if anyone knows how to discourage wood pigeons, apart from shooting or poisoning them, please let us know. Their numbers seems to have exploded this year and we are fed up with their cooing at 5am, while they march up and down the roof over our bedroom.

We're just about to go off to north Devon for a few days and perhaps we'll get to visit Rosemoor. If so, it will be interesting to see how far advanced the gardens are up there.

Happy gardening,

Brian Smith

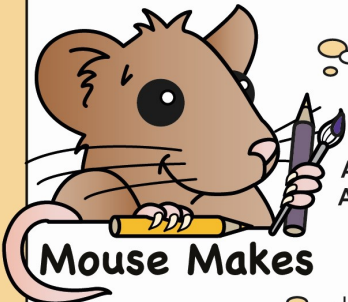
Summer is a time when families spend more time together. With this in mind...

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.



Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have had to wait for them?

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.



Mouse Makes



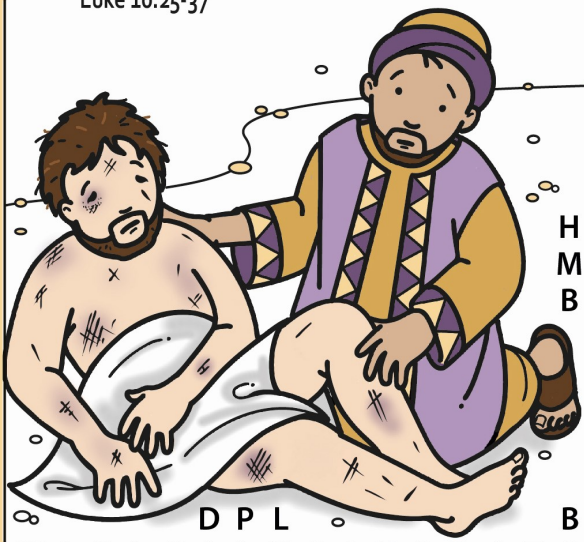
Read the full story in
Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A man asked Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" and Jesus replied with this parable:

A man was attacked by robbers, they tore his clothes, beat him and left him almost dead. A priest saw him but walked by on the other side. A Levite saw him but walked by on the other side. A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him, he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.

Which of the three travellers do you think was the neighbour to the man who was attacked?



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HOW A VICAR'S TIKTOK MEANT FOR SEVEN TEENAGERS REACHED 1.7 MILLION

What began as an amusing way to keep up with the seven teenagers in her congregation is now serious outreach for the Revd Anne Beverley of Christ Church in Wesham, Lancashire.

When the coronavirus pandemic struck, the first lockdown brought with it a need to stay in touch with the teenagers in her congregation, so Revd Anne Beverley filmed on the social media platform, TikTok – but she did not expect what happened next.

In three days, her video on her TikTok account @ChristChurchWesham was seen not just by the seven local teenagers, but by 1.7 million people around the world.

“We just sat at home watching the numbers go up every time we refreshed our phones,” said Revd Beverley, “it was ridiculous.”

Today, five or six videos are posted each week, which range from dances and singing, to short sermons while walking the dog.

The church has more than 66,000 followers and receives around a thousand comments and questions about God each week.



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9 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

BICKINGTON FLOWER SHOW - JULY UPDATE.

Hello everyone, the Flower Show committee hope all our friends and supporters are keeping well. We have held many meetings to discuss the feasibility of holding a safe & secure "Traditional Format Flower Show" for 2021. Due to the many Legal and Safety restrictions still in place, we have very reluctantly decided not to hold the Flower Show this year in its usual format.



However, we all agreed there is a need for a village event this summer to bring the community together (restrictions permitting). We are planning to hold a **Village Afternoon Tea on Saturday 7th August** in place of the Flower Show. The afternoon tea will focus on the social side of the usual Flower Show and will be a chance for everyone to get together again in a "covid secure" outside environment.

As there is still no official announcement of the date restrictions may end or be relaxed we feel holding this outdoor seated event will allow us to comply with any restrictions that may still be in place.

We will use the resources of the hall, tables and chairs etc. to create a large outdoor tea room. The event will also be supported by The Bickington BBC ladies who have very kindly volunteered to give a helping hand.

Please look out for posters around the village giving more information on the event, we are really excited to be planning a community event after such a long time and are looking forward to saying hello again to everyone.

More information to follow.

Bickington Flower Show. - June 21





BICKINGTON FLOWER & CRAFT SHOW 2021

**SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST**



**Due to potential ongoing COVID
restrictions we are not yet able to finalise
arrangements for this years Show. The
committee are working hard to organise
a fun event for our community.**

WATCH THIS SPACE!



Bickington Flower Show Committee 2021

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



Flower Rota for JULY

July 4th	Stephanie
July 11th	Stephanie
July 18th	Gabriel
July 25th	Gabriel

Buckland

BUCKLAND RUDDYCLDEAVE CHARITY

The Trustees of Buckland's own charity, which was founded in 1536 by Elizabeth Clake of Tavistock for the poor of the parish and the maintenance of the (village) church, are holding its annual meeting in August.

The annual interest is small, so grants are not large but should any resident of the parish be in need then do drop a letter care of The Rector, The Rectory, Ashburton, and marked for the the Trustees of Buckland Ruddyclave Charity.

ADVANCE NOTICE

It is intended, (Covid-19 allowing), to hold another
In Praise and Blessing of Creatures Great and Small Service
at 11.00am
on Sunday 5th September.



Many dogs brought their owners to the 2019 service and all were so well behaved!



It is also intended to hold a
Harvest Thanksgiving Service
at 3.00pm
on Sunday 3 October followed by Harvest Tea.

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



SUNDAY 25th JULY AT 6.00pm
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St. Peter's Patronal Festival Day

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IDENTIFYING WILD FLOWERS AND GRASSES

On 10th June ten of us from Buckland and further afield gathered to discover the wealth of wild flowers and grasses in the churchyard. An event organised by Beautiful Burial Grounds and led by brilliant ecologist Hannah Gibbons. Some areas of the churchyard have had minimal cutting for over a year now which has allowed the emergence of plants from long dormant seed.

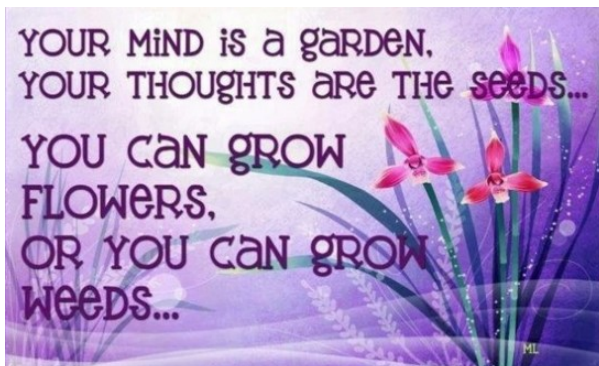
We sat in a circle on the grass outside the West door of the church and over the next hour and a half found 30 different species - 10 of which were indicators of species rich grassland including Mouse-ear Hawkweed , Ox-eye Daisy and Pignut. A further 12 were indicative of semi-improved pasture such as Cuckoo Flower, Lesser Trefoil and Common Cat's ear - overall a fantastic result. Everyone was impressed by Hannah's enthusiasm and clever prompts for remembering elusive plants such as 'hairy knees' for Creeping Soft Grass.

The churchyard is certainly richer for this added colour and increased insect life - I noticed a speckled wood butterfly, a hover fly and several garden chafers within minutes. Most of the churchyard will be cut later this month so visit soon to enjoy.



The full list of over 50 species recorded so far will be on the Beautiful Burial Grounds website later in the year.

Mary Staniland



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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