

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

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ASHBURTON

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#### **CORONAVIRUS - COVID 19 UPDATE**

Please also 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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#### **PASTORAL LETTER**

#### THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

Football is a universal language: a way to make conversation and friends in foreign countries and cultures. I once spent 3 hours fishing in a dhow with a Kenyan. He spoke Swahili; I spoke English. He was Muslim; I was Christian. But we communicated well because he had a passion for Arsenal and I am a Chelsea fan.



Next month, England will play in the Euro 2021 Championship. Whisper it quietly but we may have a chance of going all the way to the final!

Ever since Mexico 1970 I have had a traumatic relationship with the England team. Aged eight, my father allowed me and my brother Tom, to watch the first half of the Quarter- Final of England v Germany — a big treat. We went to bed at half time exuberant. England were 2-0 up. I was proud that my hero, the Chelsea goalkeeper Peter Bonetti, was playing his part by keeping a clean sheet while Gordon Banks, England's first choice goalie, was out through food poisoning.

During the second half we were supposed to be sleeping but, of course, could not. It was a warm night and my brother and I were far too excited. My bed became the goal and I was goalie (Peter Bonetti, of course – I had even changed into my Chelsea strip) but I failed to save a shot by my brother and the ball (rolled up socks) knocked a mug on the floor making a loud noise. This, and Tom shouting: 'Goal!', led to the sound of heavy footsteps on the stairs. My father really had had enough now. We were for it. We scampered into bed to await our punishment. But it wasn't what we expected. No. My Dad opened the door, stood in the room at the foot of our beds and said: 'England have lost 3-2 to Germany.' He then left quietly and shut the door.

We were quiet then. I may even have cried myself to sleep. It was only over the next few days that I began to understand how it all went wrong for England: that the manager had substituted Bobby Charlton at half time to save his energy for the semi-final, the Germans found an extra gear and Peter Bonetti, my hero, was at fault for one of the goals. In fact, Peter became the scapegoat for that defeat.

I'm not sure I have quite recovered from the trauma of that defeat in the summer of 1970. Some would argue the England national team never has. Peter Bonetti hardly did either. He retired early from football as people never let him forget his lapse on that fateful day in Mexico. Oddly enough, I met him on a pilgrimage to Iona, the day after the 1982 World Cup. Seeking permission to fish a loch for trout (yes, you can pray while you are fishing...), I was sent to a cottage at the end of Mull and there he was opening the door to me. Peter was working as the Postman for the isle of Mull and glad to let me fish. I never asked him about that day in Mexico... and was too awestruck to ask for his autograph but I had a great day's fishing — and enough trout for a fish pie to feed all the pilgrims back on Iona that evening.

This summer, teams will gather from across the continent to play in Euro 2021. Different languages, nations and cultures yet all are united in a love for the beautiful game. Each fan hoping that their team will play above itself and be much more than the sum of its individual skilful parts. And, I too, will be dreaming that a team of eleven players will for once play without fear of failure.

I am reminded that at Pentecost -which we celebrate on 23<sup>rd</sup> May - people from all nations, different backgrounds and languages gather together in Jerusalem for the Harvest Festival. As the Spirit comes down on the eleven disciples, they are emboldened as witnesses. And I think of that other Peter who, saved by Jesus for a second time, came through the trauma of failure and defeat. Preaching powerfully of God's winning ways, everyone heard and understood Peter's message of rescue for all in their own language.

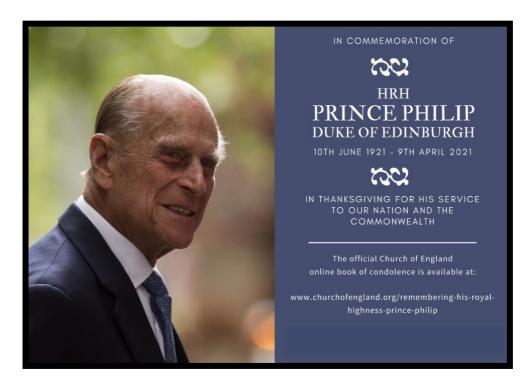
Now what about England's chances of winning the Euros..?



#### 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



#### In Commemoration of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh 10th June 1921 - 9th April 2021

In thanksgiving for his service to our nation and the Commonwealth.

In accordance with Church of England guidance, there are currently no actual books of condolence in church. However, if you would like to sign the official online Church of England book of condolence, go to:

https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-hrh-prince-philip-duke-edinburgh

### DEVON'S BISHOPS PAY TRIBUTE TO PRINCE PHILIP AS CHURCHES REMEMBER HIM



Churches across Devon have been marking the death of the Duke of Edinburgh by flying their flags at half mast. Many of them also tolled a muffled bell 99 times at noon on Saturday, one ring for every year of the Duke's life. Churches will also be open during the national period of mourning for people to pray or light a candle and lay floral tributes. A number of special commemorative services are also planned.

The Bishop of Exeter, the Rt Rev'd Robert Atwell, said "The death of the Duke of Edinburgh is a personal loss for Her Majesty the Queen and their family and a great loss for our nation.

"Prince Philip has been at the Queen's side throughout her reign and we honour his constancy and service."

The Bishop of Crediton, the Rt Rev'd Jackie Searle, paid tribute to his role creating the Duke of Edinburgh Award, "Amongst his many achievements what stands out for me is the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

"It was significant for both of my children and many of their friends, and it has provided opportunity and challenge for young people everywhere, changing lives for the good. It will be a long-lasting and fitting legacy.

"My deepest sympathy and prayers are with her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family as they mourn their loss and ours."



Bellringer Ruper Baker tolls a muffled bell 99 times at St. Andrew's Church, Ashburton

The Church of England has opened an <u>online book of condolence</u> for people to sign as an alternative to physical books of condolence in churches and other public buildings, due to coronavirus restrictions.

Churches which decide to have a commemorative display to remember the Duke of Edinburgh will also be able to display a QR code so people can scan it with their phones to contribute to the online book.

The Duke of Edinburgh first met the Queen while he was a naval cadet at Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth.

The area bishop, the Rt Rev'd Nick McKinnel, Bishop of Plymouth, recalled the time he met Prince Philip at a black tie dinner in Plymouth: "I had my clerical collar on and he said to me, 'I suppose you are going to be saying grace?' I said I was and he said 'I hope it's a proper grace, I don't like those made up ones.' Fortunately I had the grace of Sir Francis Drake already prepared!"

Bishop Nick added "There was a lot of behind the scenes good things that he did that he didn't want any recognition for.

"He didn't like to wear his heart on his sleeve."

Prince Philip is also being mourned by church members across Devon.

Annie Jeffries, who as Chair of the House of Laity, represents lay people in the diocese, said "On behalf of all of lay people across the Diocese of Exeter, I would like to extend our deepest sorrow at the news, that HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh had died.

"He was an exceptional man who will be always remembered for his amazing legacy and service to the Queen and this country."

The commemorative service for Torbay will be held at St Paul's church, Paignton, at 10am on Thursday 15 April and the Bishop of Crediton will be preaching.

There will also be a service at St Andrew's, the minster church of Plymouth, led by the Bishop of Plymouth at 3pm on Thursday.

The Bishop of Exeter will be leading Devon County's commemorative service at Exeter Cathedral on the same day at 4.30pm.

The services are not open to the public because of Covid restrictions but all three of them will be livestreamed so people can still participate.

#### EASTER MORNING 2021 at St Andrew's

Sadly in 2020 there was no Easter Morning service in the church building at St Andrew's because of Morlockdown, although there was a good service online. A year later in 2021 we had the best of both worlds, a live-streamed family communion from within St Andrew's.

And what a service it was! Those present experienced an amazing mix of the traditional and the contemporary.



Sandwiched between 'Jesus Christ is risen today' and 'Thine be the glory', those iconic and immortal Easter hymns, which the newly reunited church choir loved singing to our Father Willis organ, was a carefully and coherently planned menu of elements that left out no one's worship preferences.

Who could fail to be moved by the words of the modern worship songs 'See, what a morning' by Stuart Townend, 'Come and see' by Graham Kendrick and 'Broken for me'? It was hugely reassuring to hear the familiar communion liturgy and to participate in the traditional renewal of baptismal vows. It was inspiring to witness our Children and Families' Advisor, Heidi Lewis, treat us to some live drama in the form of Salome's reactions to the events of Resurrection morning for which staging borrowed from the Arts Centre gave everyone a good view; and to watch Jane Bark, a talented graphic designer and member of the worship band, as she drew a resurrection artwork during the service using blackboard and chalk, an amazing piece that emerged before our very eyes; and there was Jane Ashton's stunning banner proclaiming 'He is risen, he is not here' which was originally made for Easter 2020 but, with the church open again, could now be displayed in all its beauty.

On Good Friday during the St Andrew's Green outdoor morning service, a huge cardboard cross had been used. On it people had written or drawn all the negative sins of the world. In the Easter Sunday service children were invited to cover the 'sins' with beautiful drawings and stickers.

At the end of the service this same cross was carried up on to the raised platform at the front of the church but with all this sin cancelled and the hope and forgiveness of Easter proclaimed, as it had been so powerfully earlier in the Rector's sermon.

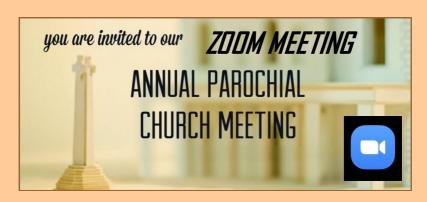
This very varied and exciting expression of Easter worship and joy respected

everyone's comfort zone and should hopefully serve to encourage us all to discern a way forward that retains and respects the older ways of doing things and acknowledges that there are very powerful and effective alternatives.

We are currently blessed by the leadership at St Andrew's and by the talents of so many that are being inspired and awoken to enrich our worship experiences.

The service was skilfully videoed and transmitted live online. Cassie Long's brilliantly edited version remains available online at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecA-kKeONyM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecA-kKeONyM</a>

Geoffrey Histed



# ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING

on MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 at 7.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2342209794?

pwd=MnpuZXJDVTNsZ2RaSWRHekovc0RQQT09

Meeting ID: 234 220 9794 Passcode: PCC23Mon

his will be followed by a short PCC meeting.

#### **Bible Readings for May**

The Reading is taken from St. Luke's Gospel Chapter 24, verses 36—53

#### **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

#### The Ascension of Jesus

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

#### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL.

It is time for us to review and update the Church Electoral Roll. If you are already on the roll and wish to remain you do not need to do anything. If you are not sure if your name is included there is a list in Church for you to check or you can contact me as below. If you are not on the roll and wish to be included again there are forms in Church or contact me and I can e-mail an application form to you.

Many Thanks.

Janet Lockwood-Lee (Electoral Roll Officer) janet.drake123@btinternet.com or 01364 652080



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REFRESHED AND WAITING!
THAT IS ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL

REFRESHED: Updated kitchen equipment and cleaned throughout.

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- Main Hall
- Kitchen
- Re-vamped Lorna Harvey Room

This is a lovely facility with accompanied gardens.

Please come and enjoy.

Eve Nutley Manager/Booking Secretary St. Andrew's Parish Church Hall Ashburton

## HERBERT EDWARD READ ECCLESIASTICAL WOODCARVER AND RESTORER (1885 – 1950)



St Andrew's Church owes a great debt of gratitude to the brilliant work of Herbert Edward Read. He designed and carved the wonderful English oak Reredos, dedicated in 1928 and the Rood, set up in 1937 on top of the Rood Screen.

His father Henry Herbert Read set up his own business, St Sidwell's Art Works in Exeter in 1888, having previously worked for the famous West Country woodcarver Harry Hems. Herbert Edward Read worked with him and took over the firm after his father died in 1908. The firm specialised in ecclesiastical woodcarving and woodwork restoration and was well known throughout the West Country and throughout England.

Herbert Read was responsible for a great deal of ecclesiastical work in the West Country. Indeed, in Devon alone, Pevsner in his Buildings of England series, notes 31 churches and chapels (there were many more) where he carried out major works, including at Ashprington, Ashton, Chagford, Shirwell, the School Chapel at Rousdon, Ottery St Mary and Lydford. He also undertook major work further afield, for example – the Chapel at Sherborne School, the House of Lords and a colonnade at the Taj Mahal.

It is considered by many that his greatest work was carried out in the years following the air raid which seriously damaged Exeter Cathedral in 1942. The quire was filled with rubble, broken screens, chairs and much else. Read spent weeks sifting through the remains. He collected thousands of fragments of the 14<sup>th</sup> century screens and laboured over seven years to piece together the fragments and re-construct the screens, all fastened together with oak pins. One screen was reduced to dust and Read made a perfect replica.

At the outbreak of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War in 1939 Read dismantled the famous early 14<sup>th</sup> century Bishops Throne, installed at the time of Bishop Stapledon, and re-assembled it after the war.

St Sidwell's Art Works were destroyed during the Exeter blitz in 1942. Fortunately Herbert Read's drawings were stored elsewhere and later discovered. They were purchased by the Devon Records Office in 2006 and are available to view.

The Obituary to Herbert Edward Read after his death in 1950, stated that –

'The death of Herbert Read of Exeter has deprived the Church of England of a great artist. He has long been known not only in the South West but all over England as a skilled and faithful restorer of old wood-work and a designer of much that is new and beautiful.'

'He was a man of simple and intensely Christian character, a devoted Churchman, who venerated the medieval craftsmen and asked for nothing better than to be allowed to carry on their work.'

References: The Buildings of England> Devon. Pevsner.

The Devonshire Association.

The Very Rev'd. Dr. S. C. Carpenter – Herbert Read Obituary published in The Times.

St Sidwell's Heritage Hub.

Friends of Devon Archives – the Herbert Read Archive

Brian Lewis

#### **BE KIND TO EACH OTHER**

'And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.' (Matthew 10:42)

During the Covid-19 pandemic, there have been thousands of shining examples up and down the country of people going the extra mile to help the elderly, vulnerable and those at risk.

The helpers have been shopping, cooking meals, making regular telephone calls, and checking that needs are being met. We must sincerely hope that these acts of kindness will continue well beyond the coronavirus outbreak. Simple acts of kindness are so important in cementing the fabric of our society. Some years ago, this thought inspired the following poem:

#### A Brighter Tomorrow

There is much we can do just to brighten
This world of all take and no give,
There's a great deal that we can contribute
Through the everyday lives that we live.

By supporting one's elderly neighbours Or through lending a hand in some way It's by taking a bunch of spring flowers To someone to brighten their day.

It's by sparing a few precious hours In the service of those most in need It's all about setting a standard And trying to give others a lead



It's the way that we tend to treat others
And help and aid folks in distress
It's the care and assistance we offer
That will set us apart from the rest.

The choice that we face is quite simple The rewards plain for all men to see 'As you did all of this to my brother Then' said Christ, 'you did it to Me.'

By Colin Hammacott



Rev'd Canon Verena Breed says she
is looking forward to getting to
know North Devon

#### NEW ARCHDEACON OF BARNSTAPLE SAYS AMAZING THINGS CAN HAPPEN IN SMALL PARISHES

The Reverend Canon Verena Breed is to be the next Archdeacon of Barnstaple, the Church of England's most senior member of the clergy in North Devon.

Canon Breed is currently Team Rector of Bicester in the Diocese of Oxford.

She will begin her new role in September at a service led by the Bishop of Exeter. She said "I'm really excited to be joining a

new diocese and moving to a new area at

a time when we are starting to look forward, rethinking, reshaping and reimagining ministry.

"This pandemic has changed our mission and ministry, and this is a chance to really rethink and discern what God is calling us to do."

The Barnstaple Archdeaconry has 149 churches across North Devon.

The Bishop of Exeter, the Right Reverend Robert Atwell, said "I am delighted that Verena Breed has accepted my invitation to join us in Devon as the next Archdeacon of Barnstaple.

"She brings with her a wealth of experience, both of rural ministry on the edge of the Peak District and more recently as Team Rector of Bicester.

"She combines thinking strategically with pastoral ministry in the service of the Gospel."

Verena is originally from Germany and met her British husband at college while studying for a year in Oxford in 1993.

#### "I've got a real heart for rural ministry, the landscape just resonated with me" Rev'd Canon Verena Breed

"The first sense of calling to ordained ministry I had was at the age of 14, but I was a desperately shy teenager. I was convinced that I couldn't do it.

"The call just wouldn't go away, and it was during my year studying in Oxford that I surrendered to God's call and felt I could finally commit myself."

Verena served as a minister in the Lutheran church in Germany, before relocating to the UK with her husband, a structural biochemist who works for Astra Zeneca, in 2000. She went on to be the vicar of a group of rural churches in the Peak District, Rural Dean of Macclesfield, and Chaplain to the Cheshire Agricultural Show.

She has two grown-up children, Jacob, 21, and Julie, 19.

Verena said she was drawn to the archdeacon's role because many of North Devon's churches are in villages: "What really sparked my imagination was the fact that it is quite a rural area.

"I've got a real heart for rural ministry.

"I have experienced that amazing things can happen in small parishes, yet they so often feel overlooked and insignificant and lack the confidence to feel that they are relevant.

"The landscape just resonated with me."

Verena said she is a people person who "dearly loves" the congregations she is

North Devon has nearly 150
Anglican churches,
many of them in villages

leaving behind in Oxfordshire but is looking forward to getting to know the North Devon area and its people as soon as possible.

In her spare time, she is a keen runner and enjoys listening to a range of music while out running or driving, including the rock bands Muse (originally from Teignmouth) and Queen and classical composers like JS Bach.

#### ST ANDREW'S GUILD

The last time I wrote about our activities it was in April 2020 and I ended by saying "I look forward to us getting together again later in the year and please stay safe and well". I am now writing this in April 2021 and although we are all hopefully safe and well we have still not been able to meet up!

However, it does look as if conditions are improving and with restrictions gradually easing I hope we will be able to meet up again soon and so we have taken the positive step to book the Church Hall for our first meeting on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. This of course depends on how things progress in the coming months but please put the date in your diary and I look forward to seeing you all then.

In the meantime enjoy the summer and stay safe and I will be in touch again in August.

Best wishes Val Smale





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

# Care home residents can have two named visitors

From Monday 12 April, <u>care home</u> residents can name up to two people who can come for regular indoor visits, either together or separately.



Welcoming anyone into care homes inevitably brings risk of COVID-19 transmission. However, these risks can be managed and should be balanced against the importance of visiting and the benefits it brings to care home residents and their families.

Visitors should be tested using rapid lateral flow tests before every visit, must wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and follow all other infection control measures (which the care home will guide them on) during visits.

Visitors and residents are advised to keep physical contact to a minimum, for example they may want to hold hands, but closer contact such as hugging increases the risk of transmission.

It is not a condition of visiting that the visitor or the resident should have been vaccinated. However, it is strongly recommended that all visitors and residents take up the opportunity to be vaccinated when they are invited to do so through the national programme.

Care homes can also continue to offer visits to other friends or family members through arrangements such as outdoor visiting, rooms with substantial screens, visiting pods, or from behind windows

Each care home is unique and will have developed suitable plans and processes to protect residents, visitors and staff, so please speak to them directly to find out more about visiting your loved ones safely.

#### 23rd MAY: PENTECOST, NOT A GHOST BUT A GIFT



We used to call it Whitsun – 'White Sunday' because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. No processions nowadays, and we've even changed its name. It's now 'Pentecost', which is more accurate but needs explaining.

Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no

longer, they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3000 people believed and were baptised in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

Many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn't helped by the earlier title 'Holy Ghost'. The spirit is not spiritually a 'ghost' but a precious gift.



#### Ashburton and District Garden Association

#### PLANT SALE

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**EMAILS, A BLESSING OR A PROBLEM?** With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. (James 3 v 9-10)



I wonder what St James would say about emails! He had plenty to say about how what we say can cause lots of damage. He wrote that the tongue is a like a spark which starts a forest fire. It is easy to say a thoughtless thing or inadvertently spread gossip or speculation.

Emails are a great way of communicating. You can send a message to someone in the same parish or across the world almost instantly. Lawyers always ask, "have you got evidence in writing?" Telephone calls or face to face conservations are still evidence but it is difficult to prove what was said. Conversations are recorded so you can see the chain of who said what and when. Emails are quick and free.

Emails can, however, easily be harmful. You can accidentally send a personal or private message to the wrong person or even worse copy it to lots of people. It is also difficult to judge the tone of an email, whether it is light-hearted or serious, cross or joyful. When are on the telephone or speaking face to face it is easier to tell whether the speaker is feeling angry or light-hearted.

Sometimes we need a break. Emails are good but many people find you can never get away from them and constantly check for business messages while at home or on leave. Perhaps we should not send emails to the vicar on a Sunday night while she is watching *Strictly*. Some discussions are better face to face, and always double check who you are sending it to or copying to.

# ASHBURTON & MOORLAND TEAM Aprening Services

#### **MAY 2021**

2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Bickington
	10.30am	Family Service	St Andrew's, Ashburton
9 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	Sundays@9am (All-Age)	St Andrew's, Ashburton
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Andrew's, Ashburton
	6pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Holne
16 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	Holy Communion	St Raphael's, Huccaby
	9am	Sundays@9am (All-Age)	St Andrew's, Ashburton
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Andrew's, Ashburton
	3pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Buckland
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9am	Breakfast Church	St Andrew's, Ashburton
	10.30am	Pentecost Communion	St Andrew's, Ashburton
	5pm	Evening Worship	St Mary's, Holne
30th May	y 8am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Ashburton
	10.30am	<b>United Service for Environment S</b>	Sunday * Online 👩
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6 <sup>th</sup> June	9am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Bickington
	10.30am	Family Service	St Andrew's, Ashburton





You are Invited to our

#### Parish Communion

on Sunday, 17th May, 2021 at 10.30 am in St Andrew's Church, Ashburton

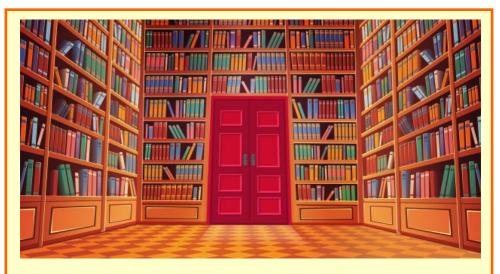
Election of our Church Wardens will take place at the beginning of the Service.

#### All our online services are available

via <u>Facebook</u>, <u>YouTube</u> & our <u>website www.moorlandteam.org.uk</u>.







#### LIBRARIES OPEN FOR BROWSING FROM MONDAY, 12 APRIL

Book browsing will be available in most libraries, and there will be free access to use library computers, bookable in advance. The exception to this will be at Salcombe library. Buckfastleigh, Chulmleigh and Bideford libraries will be offering Choose and Collect only at this time.

Libraries will maintain the two metre social distancing rule and hand sanitisation stations will be available. The number of customers allowed into the buildings will be limited and one-way systems to help the safe flow of customers through the libraries will be in place.

# Ashburton Food Bank A CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE FOR ALL IN FOOD NEED

# DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC WEWILL CONTINUE TO OFFER A DELIVERY SERVICE.

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#### ASHBURTON WOMEN'S INSITITUTE

Report of Ashburton W.I. meeting (zoom) of 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021:-



We have now had three successful zoom meetings. Unfortunately not all members are able to access these

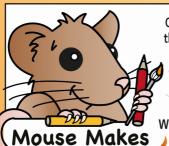
but for the moment it is our only way forward. In February David Chapman, a wildlife photographer, spoke to us from his home in Cornwall and showed us some glorious photos. He spoke of the wildlife on the coastal fringe, both flora and fauna, illustrated in beautiful full colour. He has lived in Cornwall for over 30 years and his love for the county was apparent throughout.

Our second speaker was Jane Barnes, speaking to us from her home in Leicestershire, about her life as the wife of a dairy farmer. She chattered on in the most enthusiastic fashion and soon had us smiling at some of the antics on the farm. Her talk covered the daily life of the farm's animals, from calf to the milking parlour, and it was soon clear that she and her family are devoted to their stock and make sure that they have as good a life as possible, in fact, they appeared to live in the lap of luxury! She touched briefly on her husband's year of office as the local mayor, and how this had to be fitted in around the farm's needs. Holidays seemed exotic until she explained that each one was taken in order to attend the annual meeting of the Ayreshire Society....she was an amusing and engaging speaker.

Our next zoom meeting was on Tuesday, 6th April when Chrissie Le Marchant spoke to us about being a Blue Badge Tour Guide. It seemed as though she had been everywhere from the battlefields of France to "Poldark" country. Another brilliant speaker who also showed us beautiful slides and regaled us with the most fully researched and interesting details of her trips.

Newsletters are being sent by e-mail and post. Not the same as a physical meeting, we know, but we are all trying to keep in touch and maintain the W.I. experience in some way. At Easter each member received a chocolate egg, a lovely card and 3 packets of flower seeds.

Jeanne Distin, Press Secretary.



On the day of PENTECOST the disciples were gathered together in one place...

What sound did they hear?



What did they see?

Acts 2:3



Re arrange the scrambled letters to find the missing words.



with us and in us.

The Holy Spirit helps us to

WKNO we belong to God.

The Holy Spirit HCTSEEA us about God.

The Holy Spirit KPESSA God's word to us.

The Holy Spirit PHLSE us to tell others about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit helps us when we

AYPR

What filled them? Acts 2:4

How did they speak? Acts 2:4

What did the crowd hear? Acts 2:6

Which countries had they come from?

> Acts 2:9 What was

their reaction? Acts 2:12-13

Who explained what was happening? What did he sav? Acts 2:14-36

How many people were baptised that day?

Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet and see what the Holy Spirit produces in us:

KP7 IVNJMJUZ TFMG DPOUSPM GBJUIGVMOFTT LJOEOFTT QBUJFODF QFBDF MPWF **HPPEOFTT** 

Calatians 5:22

What is the work of the Holy Spirit? What does He do? Fill in the missing letters.

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Acts 2:41



#### **ROUND AND ROUND THE GARDEN MAY 2021**



Perhaps by the time you read this towards the end of April, the cold weather

will have become a distant memory. But as I write on 11/12<sup>th</sup> April, we are having a succession of cold days with overnight frosts. Of course this is not particularly uncommon. In 2008 I wrote succinctly "recent overnight frosts have nipped my gunnera and some of the young cornus shoots, but everything else seems to have survived." In 2009 the early growth on the gunnera was completely devastated. (On a different note, in 2011 I saw the first swallows on about 11<sup>th</sup> April.) Then in 2013 we had a really cold Spring. I reported that it was difficult to get anything to show much sign of progress at all! The various plants which I was growing from seed were way behind schedule. Tomato plants were barely a couple of inches tall and other seedlings were making little progress. Even the usually so hellebores, reliable, suffered from the persistent night frosts. One of the clematis was also hit by frost. I concluded that as always Nature would do what it would do.

This year we have had the coldest spell of April weather since 2013 and it has stopped everything in its tracks. Growth has slowed right down and there are signs of frost damage, especially on that vulnerable gunnera, though nothing too serious. But in the greenhouse everything is doing really well. Last year I had real issues with germination, especially of my favourite cosmos polidor (The catalogue says "lovely semi-double blooms in a mixture of striking shades of yellow, gold, orange and orangered - all the colours of the blacksmith's forge!") I sowed two lots of seed last year and had no germination at all. This year, using a different type of seed compost, I sowed one tray of seed and have had more or less 100% germination. Already I have had to pot the seedlings on into individual plugs.

I confess that the seed compost I have used contains peat but I have moved on to peat-free compost for the multipurpose compost which I use for potting on. So far the results have been brilliant.

It's been a lovely year for narcissi. Over the years I have moved spent bulbs from their winter containers to various parts of the garden. As a result there are now small patches of narcissi all over the place. However, there's not a lot of empty space left so this year I'm going to get rid of a few

clumps of narcissi that I am not particularly fond of and replace them with some new favourites from this year's pots. There is a double variety whose heads are so heavy they always collapse. They can go. And I've never much liked the variety called Ice Follies, so they can also go. That will leave room for two new varieties called Stars Wars and Pacific Rim.

Much of the remaining empty space in the beds will be filled with cosmos and dahlias. I have sorted out the dahlia tubers which I lifted last autumn, most of which have survived in the garage, well wrapped in newspaper. I have set them out in trays of compost or large pots and they are now in the greenhouse where they should start to sprout anytime now.

Is it my imagination or are there more wood-pigeons around this year? They

seem to be everywhere. Apparently they are locally known in southeast England as the "culver". The name has given rise to several areas known for keeping pigeons to be named after it, such as Culver Cliff on the Isle of Wight. Most years I have noticed broken wood pigeon eggshells in the garden and the nests are vulnerable to attack, particularly by crows, when the leaf cover is not fully formed. However, this doesn't seem to affect their breeding success.

"My" robins appear to be busy feeding their young. The parents come to the feeding station as soon as I go out to top up the feeders, pick up a beakful, fly across the garden and within seconds are back again.

Now it just needs to get a bit warmer.....

Brian Smith

#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

I know it is early to talk about preparations for Christmas but as we did not send off any parcels for children in need last November I am hoping that we may be able to make an extra special effort this year. If you are thinking of filling a shoe box maybe now is a good time to start getting one or two things together - there will be covered boxes available later together with the usual leaflets with suggestions as to suitable contents. I will be able to give you more information in the next month or so regarding the collection of the shoe boxes etc. If you are not able to fill a shoe box but would like to knit a hat or scarf or mittens these are always needed and gratefully received.

Thank you to everyone who has filled a shoe box in the past and I look forward to your continued support.

#### DEVON VICAR HONOURED FOR HER PANDEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE ROLE

Congratulations to Rev'd Professor Gina Radford, Team Vicar in the Dart and Avon Mission Community, who has been awarded The Canterbury Cross by the Archbishop of Canterbury for her outstanding work



providing medical advice for churches and the Church of England's Senior Leadership during the Covid-19 pandemic. She said "I feel both honoured and rather overwhelmed. It has been such a privilege to work with colleagues both nationally and locally at this difficult time, and to be able to use skills from my previous career in my new one. I honestly thought I had left public health behind when I moved to Devon - but the Lord clearly had other plans!" As a diocese, we are certainly very grateful for Gina's invaluable guidance over the past year. Read the citations at https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/sites/abc/files/2021-04/2021%20Lambeth%20Awards%20Citations%

#### NEW BOOK HELPS MARK CHRISTIAN AID'S 75th ANNIVERSARY

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Christian leaders, activists, writers and theologians world-wide have written prayers for a new book to celebrate Christian Aid's 75th anniversary.

Rage & Hope: 75 Prayers for a Better World includes prayers on climate injustice, Black Lives Matter, violence against women, discrimination against Dalits in India, the coronavirus pandemic, from extreme poverty in Burundi, and inequality in Myanmar.

Christian Aid's work began in 1945, when it was founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War. Since then, it has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support, while speaking out against injustice.

Christian Aid helped during the Biafra war, advised Martin Luther King during the civil rights movement of the 1960s, campaigned to make poverty history in the 2000s, and is now fighting climate injustice in countries around the world.

Rage & Hope: 75 Prayers for a Better World from: https://spckpublishing.co.uk/rage-and-hope

#### **GROW LAY LEARNING COURSES**

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Grow is an exciting new series of courses designed to enable people to grow in their faith and service to God and the church.

Every follower of Jesus is called into ministry. That word often makes us think of people who stand at the front of church and do particular jobs, but as St Paul writes: "There are different kinds of working but in all of

them and in everyone it is the same God working." (1 Corinthians 12:6)

To help you explore this, the Diocese of Exeter has created a suite of online courses that provide basic learning in a number of different roles. You may have completed the <u>Foundations in Christian Ministry (FiCM)</u> course and are wondering what to do next. You may be fulfilling a really vital role in your local church, or you may have been asked to think about where you can use your time and energy in a local context. The Grow series of learning aims to help you with those things.

Some of these sessions require you to have been part of FiCM (or an equivalent) first, while others stand alone.

In Autumn 2020 we ran sessions on Pastoral Care, Leading Worship, Small Group Leadership and Administration.

When are the next sessions running?

- Children, Young People and Schools: Tuesdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May
- Preaching: Tuesdays 27th April, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May

The courses will be taking place in the evenings starting at 7:30pm

Bookings and details of other Grow Learning Courses can be found at:

https://exeter.anglican.org/ministry/lay-ministry/lay-learning/

# AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



#### **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATES 60 YEARS**

Amnesty International was founded in London 60 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1961.

A non-governmental organisation with its headquarters in the United Kingdom, Amnesty International focuses on human rights and is

believed to have more than seven million members and supporters around the world. It was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for its "defence of human dignity against torture".

Amnesty came together following the publication of an article in *The Observer*, 'The Forgotten Prisoners', by Peter Benenson, a Jewish lawyer whose mother Flora Benenson was Russian. His father Harold Solomon was British, but he died when Peter was nine. Peter, who was tutored by W H Auden and went to Eton and Balliol, took his mother's name much later as a tribute to his grandfather, a gold tycoon.

With a group of lawyers and as a member of the Labour Party he founded Justice, the influential human rights and law reform organisation, in 1957, but the following year he fell ill and moved to Italy to convalesce, where he converted to Roman Catholicism.

Amnesty campaigns to put pressure on governments where human rights abuse takes pace. It considers capital punishment to be "the ultimate, irreversible denial of human rights."

#### WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR OFFICES IN THE FUTURE?

There will be less of them – a lot less.

In fact, one recent study warns that the pandemic will mean office space in the UK shrinks by a fifth, which is 18 million square ft.

Certainly, the current flexibility of working from home, brought on by the pandemic, seems set to bring in permanent changes, according to the risk management and insurance broker Gallagher.

In the future, office will be mainly for collaborating or attending meetings, or for storing vital equipment and IT. Working in an office five days a week will become a thing of the past. And of course, that, in turn, will have a profound impact on the look and shape of our cities.

#### True love?

I was officiating at a wedding and during the preparations the bride and groom wanted to have two turtledoves on the altar as a symbol of their forever love. I politely said no birds or animals.



They hid the birds in a back room, anyway. Immediately after the service they went outside, each of them with a bird in its cage. They opened the cages in unison. One bird flew out and made a hard right turn. The other flew out and made a hard left turn.

We all stood there watching the symbols of their forever love fly off in opposite directions.

A true story from the Revd Mark Martin





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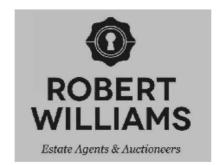
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# Church Services



Sunday, 2nd May at 09.00 am

Sunday, 6th June at 9.00 am

Prep: 15 Mins Cook: 65 Mins

Serves 6

#### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

by kind courtesy of BBC Good Food Guide

Celebrate Spring with this chicken pot pie.

#### **SPRING CHICKEN POT PIE**

#### **Ingredients:**

4-6 skinless, boneless chicken thighs 100g smoked bacon lardons 3 tbsp plain flour 200ml chicken stock 200g crème fraîche 100g frozen or fresh podded peas 1½ tbsp Dijon mustard small bunch of tarragon, chopped 1 egg, beaten 1 tbsp olive oil 2 leeks , sliced 100ml white wine (or extra stock)



#### Method:

320g sheet puff pastry

Season the chicken thighs with some salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a heavy-based saucepan and fry the chicken for 3-4 mins on each side until lightly golden, then transfer to a plate. Add the bacon to the pan and fry for 5 mins until golden. Tip in the leeks and fry for another 5 mins.

Sprinkle the flour over the leeks and bacon, and stir until combined. Add the wine, if using, and bubble for a few minutes, then add the stock and stir well. Slice the chicken and return it to the pan – don't worry if it's not fully cooked through at this point, it will finish cooking in the oven.

Stir in the crème fraîche, peas, 1 tbsp mustard and the tarragon, and bubble for a few minutes until thick and saucy. Add a splash more stock or water if it seems too thick Remove the pie filling from the heat. Whisk the remaining ½ tbsp mustard with the egg in a bowl.

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Spoon the filling into a pie dish with a lip and use some of the egg mix to brush the sides of the dish. Unroll the pastry over the top of the pie and crimp the edges against the sides of the dish, then cut away any excess with a knife. Will keep frozen, well covered, for up to three months.

Brush the remaining egg glaze over the pie and make a small steam hole in the middle. Bake for 40 mins until golden and puffed. Serve with buttered new potatoes and steamed greens or carrots, if you like.

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



Out of Lockdown on 21 June? Therefore

# SUNDAY 27 JUNE AT 6.00pm SONGS OF PRAISE

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### ST PETER'S DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL Buckland in the Moor

#### ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2.00pm ON WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2021 IN THE VESTRY AND CHURCHYARD

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. To Approve and sign the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20 September 2020 (available)
- 3. Adopt the Annual Report for the year 2020 (available)
- 4. Adopt the annual accounts for the year ending 31 December 2020 (available)
- 5. To record the present keeper of the set of twelve handbells
- 6. To elect membership to the District Church Council confirming Secretary and Treasurer 2021/22 and the change of banking signatories
- 7. To establish a Buildings and Grounds Group to oversee the Quinquennial Inspection of the Village Church and subsequent works, and to advise the District Church Council with regard to future maintenance.
- (a) To approve the creation of a separate Buildings and Grounds Group comprising of two members of St Peter's District Church Council with four other co-opted members from within the parish to address the future care and maintenance of the Village Church.
- (b) to appoint two members of St Peter's District Church Council as members of this new group.
- 8. To elect St Peter's Church Wardens (Deputy) for the coming year
- 9. Relevant questions from parishioners.

RESIDENTS OF THIS PARISH ARE MOST WELCOME TO BE PRESENT AT THIS
SHORT IMPORTANT MEETING

#### TO DO OR NOT TO DO?

What is the right thing to do?

It can be used when blanched to add to the salad, the yellow flowers make a delectable wine, the bees love the flowers.

It grows in tarmac pathways; including church paths where it grows through the tarmac whether at the edges, around joins or in central places where it can make quite a hump in the path.

All in all it crumbles footpaths. It can also raise cobbles stones. Repairs are needed.

Do we leave it wilding or do we use that unmentionable item called weed killer?



#### Flower Rota for MAY

May 2nd Stephanie May 9th Stephanie May 16th Susannah May 23rd Susannah

#### CHURCH SERVICES

**BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR CHURCH** 



Sunday 16th May, 2021

3pm HOLY COMMUNION

#### **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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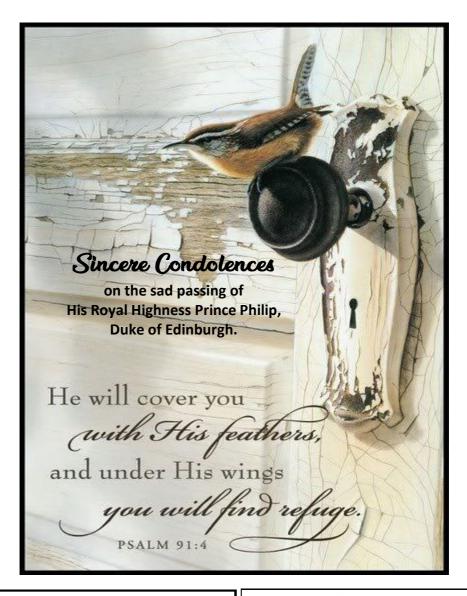
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