

Parish News



Therefore we do not lose heart.

Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

September 2021

MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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

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**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

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

THIRD SUNDAY SERVICE 3.00 p.m. Holy Communion

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BICKINGTON

SUNDAY SERVICE 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - First Sunday only

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DISCERNING THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

'The problem is communication – too *much* communication,' mused Homer Simpson, as he tried to make sense of how he had upset his wife. If you have ever watched 'The Simpsons', you will know that Homer usually got the wrong end of the stick but, in doing so, hit on some truth.

In these last 18 months, personal face to face communication has been limited during this pandemic. However, many of us, via TV, radio, telephone and social media will have received and heard more news than ever before. Some might even echo Homer's musing – 'too much communication!'

Trying to make sense of an overload of news, opinions and information, whilst being isolated and without an opportunity to talk it through with friends, can lead to feeling confused, anxious and frustrated.

This summer, headlines that denounced Britain as 'racist' were side by side with pictures of thousands of people desperate to come to this country. Families risking their lives to cross the English Channel in flimsy vessels; migrants who recognise Britain as one of the most tolerant and liberal societies in the world.

How do we understand and discern what is really going on?

The Psalmist said: The Word of God is 'a lantern to my feet and a light to my path'. (Psalm 119 verse 105). The bible acknowledges that the world has always been a confusing place where God's people have needed to find guidance and counsel to walk their way through it. The bible can help us interpret what is going on and find light for our path.

In the autumn, I am running an eight-session course called 'The Big Story' which will help us to understand the bible, see how it reveals God's guidance and direction for his people and better enable us to interpret the signs of the times today. It is at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings, starting on 23rd September, and will be via Zoom and in person at St Andrew's, Ashburton.

I hope you may be able to join us as we explore and learn together.

With my best wishes



The Bible Course



Explore the BIG story



An eight-session course helping you explore
the BIG story.



Starts 23rd September 2021

Thursday evenings, 7:30pm

via Zoom & in person at St Andrew's Ashburton

To register: admin@moorlandteam.org.uk / 01364 654 280

www.ashburtonandmoor.org.uk/the-big-story

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

EDITORIAL

The other day someone asked me how long Brian and I had lived in Ashburton. I was surprised to learn that it was 16 years. During that time both our sons have 'settled down' with their partners in their own homes. Plus, we now have a nine year old Grandson, who passes all his music exams with Distinction (Grand Parents are allowed to boast—it's part of the job).

What about Ashburton itself? Well, it seems to be thriving, with interesting shops and excellent food supplies. The only snag is the amount of traffic and parking.

We also have three busy churches, St. Andrew's, the Methodists and St. Petroc's. Apart from their own services etc., these churches work together for special occasions, for example the Children's Summer Holiday Club, which was a great success this summer, One World Week and Women's World Day of Prayer. Under present circumstances, these will all, hopefully, take place next year.

Keep on hoping.

Judith

ENTRIES for 2021 from Ashburton, Buckland & Bickington

FUNERALS

11 August, 2021	St. Andrew's, Ashburton	Alan CAUNTER
18 August, 2021	St. Andrew's, Ashburton	Sylvia LEACH

WEDDINGS

7 August, 2021	St. Peter's, Buckland-in-the-Moor	Robert HOPWOOD Summer FREETH
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BAPTISM

7 August, 2021	St. Peter's, Buckland-in-the-Moor	Luna Zoe HEXT
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Bible Readings for September

The Reading is taken from St. Matthew's Gospel Chapter 6, verses 24-34

No-one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Do Not Worry

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow.

They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



Parish News Dates for your Diary

12 September DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER MAGAZINE

Prayer for Keyham



**God of compassion and love,
Let your peace rest gently on
the people of Keyham,
and particularly on those who
have lost family, friends or
neighbours.**

**Watch over them in their grief.
Keep this community safe as it
seeks time to heal,
and neighbours rebuild their
lives in friendship, trust and
hope;
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**



TIME & TALENTS QUESTIONNAIRES

Many thanks to everyone who has filled these out and sent them in. Very interesting and very useful. The results are all being collated and will be used to enrich our church activities.

If you did not manage the August 15th '*absolute deadline*', you can still let us have your returned form and we will collate it with the others. Thank you.

Geoffrey Histed pp Time & Talents Sub-committee



Messy Church in Ashburton September 2020

What strange times we live in!! The autumn feels uncertain to me and to many of us. Will we have a second wave? This seems to be on many people's minds. I just feel I need to remember that walking with Jesus means we walk hopefully, and he will guide us.

We are planning to take a craft bag to our Messy Church families on September Thursday 10th. This will need ideas and preparation from all of the team.

How we manage to go forward from there depends on what the Government Guidelines advise. It may be possible to have a Messy Church sometime in the future but the pattern of what it looks like is yet to be decided. Please offer your prayers for Messy Church as we work out how to regroup.

Jane Ashton.

Messy Church Coordinator.

MOBILE BANKS

NATWEST and LLOYDS BANKS have resumed weekly visits to Ashburton.



**Kingsbridge Lane Car Park on alternate
Fridays from 9.45am—12noon
13th & 27th August, 10th & 24th September
and every 2 weeks thereafter.**



**Ashburton Arts Car Park on alternate
Wednesdays from 9.45am—10.15am
11th & 25th August.**

NatWest have confirmed location and times but have not yet confirmed the dates, But we believe the August dates are correct.

Use them or lose them!

Devon Historic Churches Day

Saturday 11th September 2021*

Incorporating the Ride + Stride Event

*Or a date to suit you

Kingsteignton Parish Church

The Devon Historic Churches Trust is dedicated to saving our churches

Please support us at this critical time by responding positively to this request. Enjoy our wonderful countryside by taking part in...



or any activity to suit you.

5 Good Reasons to Help

1. The DHCT needs your support to enable it to give grants
2. We are a volunteer charity, so your contribution delivers maximum benefit
3. Everything you give will be gratefully received and faithfully applied
4. Your contribution will help ensure the survival of an important part of Devon's heritage
5. Devon's churches need YOUR support
50% of funds raised by parish communities are immediately returned to them

Raise funds or secure sponsorship for an activity of your choice

OR send us a DONATION via Justgiving

Everybody will be a winner!

Email contact@devonhistoricchurches.co.uk to register your participation

Please observe government guidelines at all times



DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk

Charity Registration Number 265594

ST LAWRENCE CHAPEL.



With lockdown easing we are beginning to expand our community bookings with very precise Covid19 safety measures still in place. For booking of the Chapel or smaller side rooms please.

email stlawrencebookings@yahoo.co.uk

The Guild of St Lawrence have managed to arrange the Associated Boards Royal Schools of Music exams twice during periods of eased restrictions during the pandemic and it was really good to hear the performances of brilliant students, some of whom are extremely young. We made the decision not to open to visitors this summer but hope to be open in 2022. However, if anyone is keen to be shown round the Chapel, exhibitions and archives then please phone 01364 652768 to make arrangements.

The events we hoped to arrange in conjunction with Ashburton Museum this year had to be cancelled, but we hope to arrange these next year, including an Ashburton Drama Exhibition at the Chapel and a joint Family Fun Day.

During 2021 we had to arrange safety work to the tower spire after a large piece of lead flashing was blown off during a gale. The lead was replaced by steplejacks but inspection during the course of this work showed that the spire finishes need to be taken down and re-installed to ensure safety. As a short term safety measure the spire has been strapped to its full height.

To carry out the full re-installing work is not going to be cheap and will need scaffolding to be installed to one side of the tower. Something we are considering is to remove the concrete from one side of the tower while the scaffolding is in place. This would greatly help with the serious problem of moisture not being able to escape due to the concrete which was applied to the tower on the 1960's.

We also need to replace the roof finish to the extensive flat roofed areas of the building and this will cost in the region of £18,000.

We need help from the Town to achieve these works. Community monies raised will count as match funding when we apply for grants. This will greatly

help as it will show that the local community greatly support St Lawrence Chapel and its long term future.

We will be organising fund raising events very carefully from now on, all of which will be Covid19 safe. The first of these is a classical music recital by the Beacon Piano Trio on Sunday 12th September at 3pm (see separate advert for details on page 17).

The Guild of St Lawrence really looks forward to your support at this recital and at future events we will organise.

Brian Lewis—Chairman of the Guild of St. Lawrence



ST LAWRENCE CHAPEL ASHBURTON

CLASSICAL MUSIC RECITAL by the BEACON PIANO TRIO,

performing works by
Beethoven, Handel, Rachmaninoff and Zdenko Fibich.

Sunday 12th September at 3pm.
Doors open at 2.30pm

Joyce Clarke piano, Anna Cockroft violin, Ruth Lass cello

Tickets are £8. Senior citizens and under 16's £7. Reserve on 01364 652768 or available on the door. Strict Covid safety measures will be in place.

Please come and join us for this first uplifting fund raising recital organised by The Guild of St. Lawrence as Covid restrictions ease.



*"If you see me talking to myself,
just move along.... I'm self
employed.... we're having a staff
meeting...."*

THANKING GOD FOR OUR BLESSINGS

Our winter barley ripened quickly this year, and soon the combine harvesters were rolling here on the Northumberland / Scottish Border.



As the first trailer load of grain came into the shed, I ran my hands through the golden grains, offering a short prayer of thankfulness as I savoured the smell of fresh cut barley. It was a good harvest.

I've often reflected on the Old Testament festival of the Firstfruits, where the Israelites offered the very first sheaf of the spring harvest to God (Leviticus 23:9-14). I think this act required great faith, as they trusted God for a fruitful harvest to come, something that was far from certain, given their utter dependence on the weather.

I'm not sure about you, but I'm always up for giving thanks *after* the event. I'll sing 'Come ye thankful people come' and rejoice that "all is safely gathered in", but am I able to trust with anticipation for what is *yet to come*?

The festival of the Firstfruits reminded God's people that everything they had came from Him. I am reminded that I must learn (and relearn) to trust in God, who has proven His faithfulness to me, over and over again.

Perhaps right now as a church community or an individual you're waiting for a certain event, standing on the cusp of a new initiative, praying for a certain outcome or anticipating a long-held vision becoming reality. Let's all keep trusting that whatever the challenge, however things turn out, irrespective of what we anticipate, God is going before us and has secured the Firstfruits of an even greater harvest through Jesus, as He rose from the dead.

Just as the grain offering to God in the Old Testament anticipated a harvest to come, Paul reminds us that Jesus' victory anticipates an even greater bodily resurrection and eternal peace (1 Corinthians 15:20-22).

As we continue our journey with Jesus through the challenges of each day, let's do so with a deepening faith and trust. In the meantime, bring on the harvest – I'll see you on the other side!

CHURCH STORY COMPETITION 2021

MAKE YOUR GOOD NEWS A HEADLINE STORY!

Do you have a good news story about something happening in your church? Ecclesiastical Insurance is running a good news story competition. Share your story with them for the chance to win £1,500 for your church plus £6,000 if you win the national prize. More details and how to enter at: www.ecclesiastical.com/church/competition/



All entries must be submitted by the closing date 17 September 2021. PS: We (the Diocese) would love to hear your stories too - so if you decide to enter, let us know by email!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, Ashburton

At the recent committee meeting of the branch, Ann Bovey stepped down as secretary and membership secretary. Martyn Brooks thanked her for her hard work and support of him over the past few years. Karen Turner was elected as the new secretary and Kath Pugh was elected as the new membership secretary. Kath is also now the bookings secretary so if you would like to hire the hut or become a member of the RBL please contact her on 07964 949825. Anyone is able to become a member of the Royal British Legion and the easiest way to do this is online at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership/become-a-member>. Membership costs £18 per year.

There are many events planned for the coming months so please keep an eye out for posters and on social media. Our first coffee morning for nearly two years !! will be on Saturday 25 September in the Town Hall at 10am. Looking forward to seeing you all at our events. Karen Turner, secretary, 07896 855541

Update on this year's Remembrance and Poppy Appeal

We have now taken delivery of all the wreaths for this year's Remembrance Service and we plan to have a couple of "collection days" as we did last year, to enable a safe and comfortable environment for collection. If you are attending any events at the RBL, you are welcome to collect your wreaths then, just ask either Jenny or myself. We will again be doing a "Poppy Pop Up Shop" outside the town hall during Remembrance week, as this proved very successful and we will hopefully have some new merchandise. The Poppy Ball has been tentatively booked for Friday 12th November and hopefully this will be able to go ahead, fingers crossed, but we will make a firm decision nearer the time.

Calvin Giles, Poppy Appeal Organiser



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

Vulnerable people in Devon are at risk of not receiving the care they need when they need it. Our health and care system in Devon is at full stretch, and the sustained pressure on the care workforce means that staff are struggling to cope.

There are too few care workers in Devon right now, so we're calling for over 1,000 more people to join the care workforce, and for families and communities to do all they can to help ease the pressure.

Thousands of care job vacancies are being advertised in Devon today, and with care staff off work – self-isolating because of coronavirus, or because they're otherwise unwell – care companies are struggling.

What do we need?

We desperately need people to fill care roles across Devon:

1000 new recruits into social care would make a very real difference to the people who need immediate support. We can help with training for those without it. We can match you up with where your skills are needed and the kind of work you want to do.

How can you help?

If you have worked in care before but left, can you return? Even if that is just for the next few months to help us over this period of greatest pressure.

If you're a personal assistant and have capacity to help, can you come forward?

If you've not worked in care, but want to help, a warm welcome awaits you, regardless of your age and experience.

We need people who are compassionate, can communicate well and are ready to commit themselves to the rewarding range of roles on offer. If you have those skills we can train and support you and offer you the role that will suit you best.

If you have time to spare as a volunteer, please get in touch.

Today is our call to action. Today is your opportunity to make somebody else's life better.

Please register your interest via the [Proud to Care website](#), leaving your name, contact details and a postcode, and our recruitment team will get back to you.

Or you can [search for the latest care job vacancies, apprenticeships and training opportunities](#) in the care sector in Devon.

COVID Case rates over the last few weeks in Devon are the highest they have been since the start of the pandemic, with cases in Exeter among the highest in the country.

Why is Exeter's case rate so high?

"Cases are across people of all ages, but predominantly among younger working age people and late teens - so 16 to 44 year olds,"

"The data doesn't point to there being any particular outbreak of size in any particular locations. Neither is there any evidence to suggest the rise is attributable to holiday makers to Devon."

So what is it? It's a combination of factors that include:

the Delta strain, dominant across the country including Devon, is much easier to catch and spread than previous variants,

lifting of most restrictions, which has opened up social mixing

more people returning to work, including in hospitality and retail where lots of people are in close contact with each other ,

may be among the reasons for the increase.

We are not seeing the high case rates reflected in coronavirus-related hospitalisations, and that's because of the vaccination programme.

There are simple and effective steps that we can continue to take that help to reduce the risk of catching and spreading the virus and we are urged to follow them.

Although there is no legal requirement to do so, the public health advice is to continue to be cautious and to take steps to protect ourselves and others.

We can do that by:

- limiting our social contacts to stop the virus spreading
- meeting others outside, because that's safer than meeting inside
- continuing to wear face coverings when indoors in public places, including on public transport
- washing your hands properly and regularly
- having the vaccination when you're invited to do so, and to have both doses at the earliest opportunity
- self-isolating if told to do so by NHS Test and Trace
- self-isolating and arranging a PCR test if you show any symptoms of having the virus – the high temperature, new and continuous cough, or change of your usual sense of taste or smell.



Teignbridge

Warm Home Discount - money off your energy bill!

You might be able to get £140 off your energy bill this winter under the Warm Home Discount Scheme if you're either:



- in receipt of the guarantee credit part of Pension Credit, or
- on a low income

First check with your energy supplier to see if they offer the Warm Home Discount - not all suppliers are part of the scheme.

Each energy supplier only accepts a limited number of applications and if you switch supplier before you get the payment, you have to apply again with your new supplier.

Households on prepayment, smart or standard meters can all receive the Warm Home Discount.

Find out more about the Warm Home Discount Scheme (including a list of suppliers who participate in this scheme) on www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme or contact your energy supplier - their contact details will be on your energy bill.

If you need more help, call Citizens Advice Teignbridge free on 0808 278 7997 or visit citizensadviceteignbridge.org.uk



I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I can go away to my room and in prayer get nearer to God and heaven than I can when assisted by all the telescopes on earth.
- Isaac Newton





Teignbridge

Priority Services Registers - extra support from your energy supplier

Extra support is available from energy suppliers where a member of the household is deemed to be vulnerable. This could be due to age, disability, long-term health problems, having children under 5, being pregnant or having extra communication needs. You might also be able to register for other reasons e.g, if you need short-term support after a stay in hospital.



You can apply by contacting your energy supplier. Give them your contact details and as much information as you can about your needs. Your supplier can pass your details to your network operator (Western Power Distribution) to add you to their register too. It's a good idea to ask them to do this if you rely on your energy supply for medical reasons.

If you have different suppliers for your gas and electricity, you need to contact them both and you'll need to register again with any new supplier if you switch supplier.

Find out more about the help you can get on www.ofgem.gov.uk/information-consumers/energy-advice-households/getting-extra-help-priority-services-register or contact your energy supplier - their contact details will be on your energy bill.

South West Water also offer a similar scheme - call them on 0344 346 1010 to ask about their priority services or visit their website www.southwestwater.co.uk/need-help/priority-services/

If you need more help, call Citizens Advice Teignbridge free on 0808 278 7997 or visit citizensadviceteignbridge.org.uk

ASHBURTON & MOORLAND TEAM

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

SUN 5TH	8am	HOLY COMMUNION, ASHBURTON	
	9am	HOLY COMMUNION, BICKINGTON	
	10:30am	FAMILY SERVICE, ASHBURTON	f LIVE
	10:30am	ALL AGE SERVICE, WIDECOMBE	
	11am	ANIMAL SERVICE, BUCKLAND	
	4pm	EVENING PRAYER, LEUSDON	
SUN 12TH	9am	HOLY COMMUNION, POSTBRIDGE	
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, ASHBURTON	f LIVE
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, WIDECOMBE	
	12pm	PARISH COMMUNION, LEUSDON	
	2pm	MOOR CHURCH, VENUE TBC	
	6pm	HOLY COMMUNION, HOLNE	
SAT 18TH	4-6pm	MESSY CHURCH, ASHBURTON CHURCH & HALL	
SUN 19TH	9am	HOLY COMMUNION, HUCCABY	
	10:30am	ANIMAL SERVICE, BICKINGTON	
	10:30am	ALL AGE COMMUNION, ASHBURTON	f LIVE
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, WIDECOMBE	
	12pm	PARISH COMMUNION, LEUSDON	
	3pm	HOLY COMMUNION, BUCKLAND	
SUN 26TH	9am	BREAKFAST CHURCH, ASHBURTON	
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION, ASHBURTON	f LIVE
	10:30am	PARISH COMMUNION WITH BAPTISM, WIDECOMBE	
	12pm	HARVEST FESTIVAL, LEUSDON	
	5pm	EVENING WORSHIP, HOLNE	
	6pm	HARVEST FESTIVAL, POSTBRIDGE	

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

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

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



The most beautiful things in life are not things, they're people and places, memories and pictures. They're feelings and moments and smiles and laughter.

RESEARCH HAS SHOWN LAUGHING FOR 2 MINUTES IS JUST AS HEALTHY AS A 20 MINUTE JOG.

SO NOW I'M SITTING IN THE PARK LAUGHING AT ALL THE JOGGERS!



ASHBURTON PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

Margaret and the Committee would like to welcome back all our members and guests after such a long break.

Our first Social Meeting since Covid will be on Thursday 2nd September at 7 pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall. John Keohane BEM MVO, will be speaking about his "21 years incarcerated in the Tower". This will be followed by refreshments and a raffle.

The coach trip on Thursday 16th September will be going to Polperro for lunch then on to Tamar View Nurseries for afternoon tea. Leaving Ashburton at 10 am. Coach ticket £13 per person. Names and money at our September Social Meeting.

New members and guests are always most welcome to our events.



Margaret
Chairman

'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

ROUND AND ROUND THE GARDEN AUGUST 2021

It's been one of those years when I could re-run last year's article and you probably wouldn't notice the difference – except that this time last year the Magazine was online and I guess that fewer of you than usual may have seen it. However, I wouldn't do that to you, would I?



potatoes and this year I mixed the familiar Charlottes with a variety called Anya. These are a cross between Pink Fir Apple and Desiree. The taste is slightly unusual being nutty, almost like a chestnut. They have a

waxy flesh which makes them an excellent salad potato. If you want to try them they are available in only one of the supermarket chains. If I tell you that they are named after the wife of Baron Sainsbury, you can probably guess which one. I'm not sure exactly what she thought about the honour because Anya has to be one of the ugliest potatoes ever grown. It's long, thin, has deep sunken eyes and is very knobbly!

One thing I did say last year was that the tomatoes were doing exceptionally well - no blight, no blossom-end rot and only a limited amount of splitting, a problem which I always have. Well, this year they have been even better. In fact they are the best I have ever been able to produce. Had there been a flower show, they would surely have won a prize. They are evenly shaped, glossy and absolutely delicious. I'm sure the difference lies in the compost. I found some extra deep growbags into which I put pots with their bottoms cut out. I topped these up with a recommended peat-free compost and the results have been outstanding. Cucumbers have responded equally well to the same treatment. They are a small "lunch-box" variety called Mini-munch and they grow to a pickable size almost as you look at them.

Charlotte on the other hand is a classic white, smooth-skinned potato, the main problem being that unless you lift them very early, they can grow enormous. I dug up one last week that looked as though it could feed a family for a week!

Outdoor veg have been doing OK. I usually grow a small number of

Elsewhere around the garden there are mixed results. The cosmos don't seem to be doing as well as usual, with several of the smaller Sonata variety starting to give up already. For some reason, the larger Sensation plants are not as floriferous as usual. Verbena bonariensis on the other

hand is growing like a weed and I'm pulling up seedlings from all over the place.

The other annuals which are doing rather well are the rudbeckias. It's a variety called Autumn Gold, which I haven't grown before. It's a bit taller than I had expected but the flowers are big and bright and last for weeks.

Pelargoniums are not at their best this year. I think several of the plants are getting a bit too old and I may need to grow some new ones next year. Perhaps I should be taking some cuttings.

I was given some gardening tokens recently and was able to buy some new plants. I invested in a salvia "Amistad", which has gorgeous deep purple flowers and a couple of perovskia (Russian Sage), which has spikes of pale blue flowers which

contrast beautifully with the salvia. Along with the hardy geranium Rozanne, some campanulas, alliums and monkshood (aconitum) I now have a developing blue-themed bed which should have colour for much of the growing season.

There has been no flower show in Bickington again this year for understandable reasons and sadly the alternative village tea event had to be called off because of bad weather. But thank you to the Flower Show organisers for your efforts. The scarecrows around the village were a delight.

Time to sign off and go and erect some new trellis panels where we had to have a conifer hedge removed. Take care until next month.

Brian Smith

The police just pulled me over and said, "Papers?" I said, "Scissors, I win!" and drove off. I think he wants a rematch—he's been chasing me for 45 minutes!





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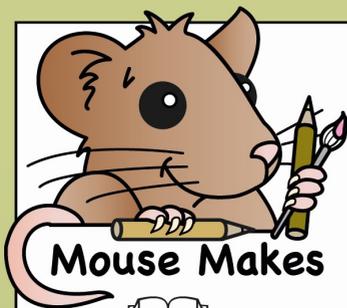
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Mouse Makes



The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land. God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.

"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread." he asked her.



She answered "All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."

"Do not worry." Elijah said, "Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...

... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never ran out of oil until it rained again!



Find these words from the story in the word search:

- WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW
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Church Services



Sunday, 5th September, 2021

9 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION



Sunday, 19th September, 2021

10.30 a.m. ANIMAL SERVICE

BICKINGTON FLOWER SHOW

Hello everyone, we hope you have enjoyed your gardens this summer, although the weather was rather “ Mixed “ we did manage to see some sunshine.

We wanted to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who joined in our first ever village Scarecrow competition. We were delighted with the number of entries, every Scarecrow was truly unique and amazing.

We hope the children enjoyed the “ Character Treasure Hunt “ around the village we had lots of entries for this competition with lots of entries scoring top marks – well done everyone !!!

Thank you for all your support



BICKINGTON TUESDAY CLUB.

This is to confirm that meetings of the Bickington Tuesday Club are to re-commence after many months of inactivity due to the coronavirus pandemic, which caused their cancellation in March 2020.

We aim to hold our first meeting on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall. All members are invited to attend and will be warmly welcomed back after so long away.

Our first meeting will be a very informal affair, with no activities planned, to enable members to greet old friends and catch up with Bickington life since we last met.

We will also use the opportunity to discuss plans for the coming months and decide on our strategy for subscriptions for the year ahead.

Any contributions of wine / soft drinks and nibbles to make it a convivial evening would be most welcome.

We will also hold our customary prize raffle and tea and coffee will be available.

We would love to welcome along any new ladies to join our friendly group. If you are new to the village, or surrounding area, and would like to find out more, please contact

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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**Tuesday, 19 October, 2021
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**in Bickington Village Hall,
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ANNUAL MEETING



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



Flower Rota

September 5	Isobel
September 12	Sandra
September 19	Sandra
September 26	Susannah

Church Services



Sunday, 5th September at 3.00pm
**In Praise and Blessing of Creatures Great
and Small Service**
at 11.00am on Sunday 5th September.

Do bring your dog, cat, fish, chicken, - all well-behaved
creatures great and small, and, above all, bring yourself.

Sunday, 19th September at 3.00pm

Holy Communion



Sunday, 3rd October at 3.00pm

Harvest Thankgiving Service
at 3.00pm



A CHANGE OF SERVICES AND TIMES OF SERVICES

A change of services for the coming months from Evensong every Sunday at 3.00pm to services twice a month (where possible).

We will retain the 3.00pm service of Holy Communion on the third Sunday of the month, with the first Sunday each month, the Sunday service being held at 11.00am.

It will not always be possible to follow this pattern due to Festive Days (e.g. Christmas. Remembrance Sunday etc.

We will already have held the long awaited Songs of Praise as an evening service.

The first 11.00am service will be on 5 September and will take the form of Praise of Creatures Great and Small, so bring your well behaved pet, the same as you did in 2019 when the church was filled with dogs, hampsters, chicken, rabbits, fish and many pet owners for this delightful service of thanks and praise.

Holy Communion in September will be at 3.00pm on the 19th.

3.00pm on 3rd October will be the Harvest Thanksgiving Service - not at 11.00am but at 3.00pm so that we can all enjoy a Harvest Tea after service. (Service collection for a Farming Charity).

Holy Communion at 3.00pm on 17 October will take the form of anointing/laying on of hands for healing (St Luke's Day).

Keep watching the Church Noticeboard for any updates.

SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Buckland in the Moor church and churchyard will be closed for the day on the 18th September to permit a church surveyor to carry out a full inspection of the building and the grounds.

This inspection is carried out every five years so that the church can remain a well maintained building fit for baptismal, wedding and funeral parties which often fill our small church to capacity.

Before this inspection a willing small group of parishioners will have carried out some of the obvious painting and cleaning work, as well as clearing gutters and painting some of those old rusting down pipes. For this care of such an ancient and much used building, thanks must be given.

The surveyor needs to use ladders, unhindered by people wishing to pass by - hence the need to close off the area on safety grounds.

However, the book to borrow or purchase, the jigsaw to borrow, together with the usual round of postcards, leaflets and tea cloths will still be available the following day.

PARISH WILDLIFE WARDENS

Buckland-in-the-Moor has a team of four new Wildlife Wardens which is a recent Teignbridge District Council initiative to establish a warden in all 54 parishes (the brainchild of Audrey Compton). The aim is to help local wildlife survive the ecological and climate emergencies. The Wildlife Warden Scheme is part of Action for Climate Change and supports Teignbridge District Council to ensure its climate and ecological emergency declarations are reflected in all its policies, decisions and activities.

The four volunteer wildlife wardens are Jonet Waldox, Nobby Clarke, Mary Staniland and Rebecca Gethin. “We have just started with some training and are, at present, surveying the flora and fauna of the parish so that we know what we’ve got but as we get to understand the role better you will hear more from us. Reviving the wildlife talks is on our agenda, too,” said Rebecca.

They would love to hear about unusual sightings and at present particularly want to know if anyone has the rare lichen Pulmonaria Lobellia or Tree Lungwort growing on trees on their property.

For more information on the scheme: <https://actionclimateteignbridge.org/>

IT HAPPENED!

Yes, it usually eventually happens if we do not give up hope.

Songs of Praise - was scheduled for Buckland in the Moor Church Patronal Festival - a St Peter's Day service on 27 June, but we were in lockdown. Then re-scheduled for July, but once again an extension to 'lockdown'.

Finally at 6.00pm on Sunday 15 August a congregation of 24% of the residents of the Parish sang ten hymns, all chosen by people of the parish. The organist travelled from his Welsh home to play for this much awaited evening service; which Mark led.

The sun shone but the rain also kept trying to dampen the ground, so Pimms, wine and light refreshments were available in church instead of out in the evening sunshine which gave everyone the chance to 'catch up' with fellow friends after service.

Next service will be, In Praise and Blessing for Creatures Great and Small on **Sunday 5 September at 11.00am.**

SMALL AREA OF THE CHURCHYARD: Plans are being made for the creation of a small herb/sensory area in the churchyard for all to use and enjoy.

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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