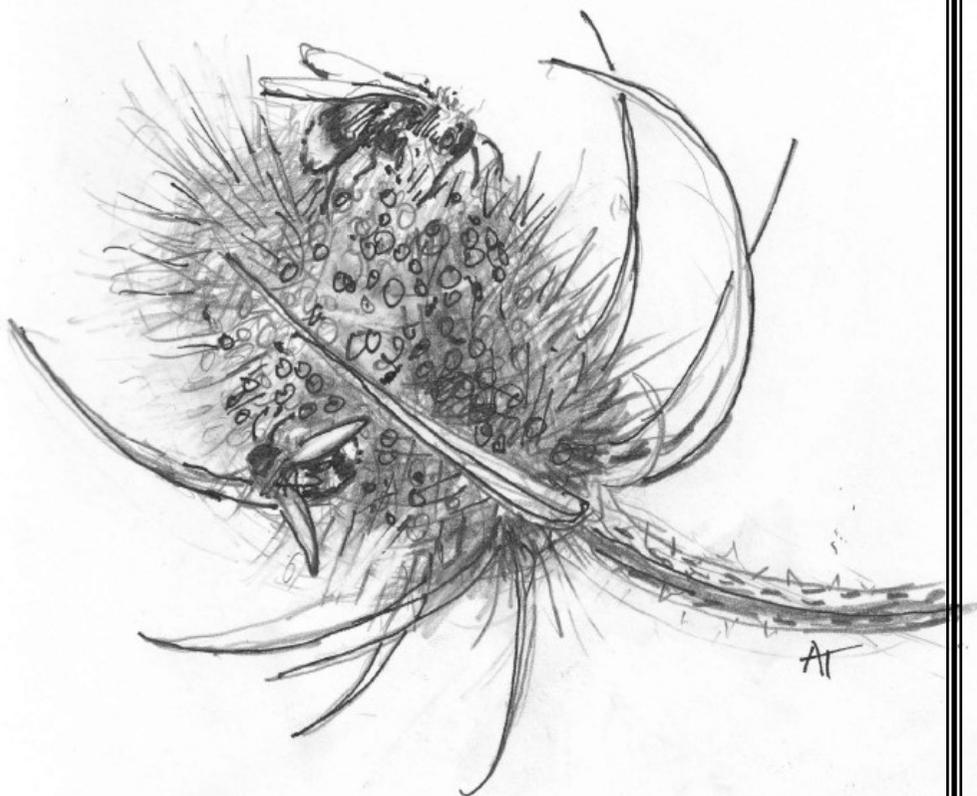


Parish News

**For the Benefice of
Chillaton, Coryton,
Dunterton, Lamerton,
Marystowe,
Milton Abbot and
Sydenham Damerel**



Bees on a teasel head, by Anita Townsend



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**August + September
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Event	August dates	September dates
<i>Coffee Mornings</i>		
Milton Abbot Coffee mornings, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12	4,11,18,25	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12	4, 18	1, 15 (not 29)
<i>Bingo</i>		
Milton Abbot, Village Hall, 7.30pm	13	10
Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm	7, 21	4, 18
<i>Church events (Services are on pages 43 and 44)</i>		
Taize Service, Sydenham Damerel Church, 7.00pm		25
Messy Church, St. Peter's Lamerton, 3.30 - 5.00pm		(Next event 12 Oct)
Harvest Festival - Milton Abbot, 11am		9
Harvest Festival - Lamerton, 6.30pm		23
<i>Fund raising and other events</i>		
Lamerton Bellringers' Outing		1
'Cake and Cuppa', after 11am service at Milton Abbot	5	
WI Produce and Craft show, Lamerton, 2 - 4.30pm	11	
Milton Abbot Village Show		8
Garage Sale, Sydenham Damerel, 10.30 - 1.00pm		15
Lamerton Tractor Day and Country Fair, Road Run starts 10.30am		16
Antiques Roadshow, Lamerton Community Centre, 6.30pm		21
<i>Magazine deadline for Oct + Nov edition</i>		18

***August and September church services are on the back cover.
Bible Readings are on pages 8 and 9***

The Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy



This book is the fifth and last book of the Hebrew Torah - the books of the law given to Moses - otherwise known from the Greek as 'Pentateuch', meaning the five scrolls.

The name Deuteronomy comes from the Greek meaning second law and refers to the law which the king was required to make: 17.18. It reiterates the law first delivered at Mount Sinai and recorded in Exodus and Leviticus; it also includes an historical section summarising Israel's journey to the borders of the promised land on the east side of the river Jordan and the death of Moses plus Joshua's confirmation as his successor .

Moses never entered the promised land, dying in sight of it from the summit of Mount Nebo: chpt 34. Here I am reminded of the words of a speech by Martin Luther King Junior which was delivered on the eve of his assassination on 3rd April 1968: 'I've been to the mountain top ...and looked over and seen the promised landI may not get there with you, but I want you to know that tonight that we as a people will get there...' How prophetic!!

A major theme of Deuteronomy is obedience for the Israeli people to remember all that God has done for them: 27.9-28,68 such as *'if you fully obey the Lord and carefully follow all his commands that I give you today the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and be with you if you obey the Lord.... 28.1-2*

I feel it important to try to link the Old Testament where possible to the New, which can at times be difficult, but with Deuteronomy there are in particular several references to Jesus.

1. The words of the law quoted by our Lord of 'loving God with all your heart mind, with all your soul and also with all your strength', 6.4-6 and Mark 12.29-32

2.the answer that Jesus gave to Satan when tempted by him in the desert 'man cannot live on bread alone, but needs every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord God. Deuteronomy 8:3 and Matthew 4.4 and also Mark and John

3. In two other sentences from chapter 6: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test' and 'worship the Lord and serve only Him' .

In addition to the important theme of obedience, another theme in Deuteronomy is the renewal of God's covenant. Chapters 29-30 describe the covenant made at Sinai with the nation of Israel; however this covenant is contrasted with the 'new' covenant in Jeremiah 31.31-34; also new covenant to place all mankind in a right relationship with God through Christ: Hebrews 7:22. I will comment more fully on this topic in a future article.

Ian Silcox



Christian Aid Week

During Christian Aid week in May, £2299.20 plus £258 claimable as gift aid was received from Tavistock and surrounding villages
 Many thanks to all who donated

*Ian Silcox
 Tavistock and District Christian Aid Group*

Please note that mid-week Holy Communion Services will not be offered during August but will resume on
Wednesday 5th September

All are welcome at this peaceful service.

Mid-week Holy Communion



**Every Wednesday morning at 10 am
 in the Priests room at Lamerton**

The service is a quiet, reflective said service of Holy Communion. The perfect opportunity to re-charge your spiritual batteries.



**With Tea, coffee and
 cake afterwards.**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

So, the summer is upon us and as I sit writing this letter we are enjoying what has been a mini heatwave. Some parts of the U.K. are even starting to experience water shortages. Even though we have this beautiful weather now, I can't but help but feel a nagging thought, that as soon as the schools break up the rain will fall. We have all learnt that we can never predict what the Summer weather will bring. This summer though, as I find myself enjoying the dawn chorus and the beautiful new garden lawn I have gained this year, I am discovering more and more, that whilst I may not be able to predict the weather, I can predict that God is there. Listening to my prayer and directing my path, my choices and decisions, my life.

In the film "Shadowlands" C.S. Lewis, when speaking to his colleague about what he prays, says this: 'I don't pray to change God's mind, I pray to change mine'. These words have stuck with me over the years when I have thought about prayer and the many ways we can pray both together as a people of God and individually. Each time I come to God, conversing with him about life, the universe and everything, I take a small step closer to my maker and redeemer. Spending time with God through prayer, reflection and bible study helps us to know, where he is leading and guiding us.

Knowing God more enables us to pray more effectively, to use the journey analogy; if you know where you are going you can get ready, to plan and to pack appropriately. God wants to walk with us along our journey of life and yearns to have a relationship with his children.

Prayer changes lives, bringing God into the midst of situations enables peace, perseverance and strength. Over the course of my life I have seen God heal, provide, change situations and change me. All through me and others on my behalf, spending time talking with God.

Asking God can only make things better, prayer is for everyone and we have been given permission to approach God's throne of grace with boldness and confidence, so as we travel through this summer taking time to enjoy the sun, the wildlife, family and friends, let's be bold in asking and listening for where God is leading us. And when we don't know what to pray simply pray this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.”

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Andy

Coryton Fundraising - thanks

David & Sylvia's Fundraising Swing Dance & Hog Roast at Warson farm in June raised £750 for Coryton church. It was a great evening: great music, good weather, huge fun. We were even treated to a huge gas filled balloon saying 'Jesus Loves You' floating above the venue.

Many thanks to David, Sylvia & all the organisers.

Dunterton Church Special Service

Sunday 12 August 11.00am

BCP Holy Communion, United Benefice Service
followed by

Summer Plant Swap Day at

Dunterton Church

An opportunity to bring along a plant to exchange.

Bring and Share lunch.

BIBLE READINGS (Year B)

Please use the readings published in the Parish Magazine and your own bibles.

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 5th August <i>10th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	2 Samuel 11.26 - 12.13a	Ephesians 4.1 - 16	John 6.24 - 35
Sunday 12th August <i>11th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	2 Samuel 18.5 - 9, 15, 31-33	Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2	John 6.35, 41 - 51
Sunday 19th August <i>12th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	1 Kings 2.10 - 12; 3.3 - 14	Ephesians 5.15 - 20	John 5.51 - 58
Sunday 26th August <i>13th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	1 Kings 8.22 - 30, 41 - 43	Ephesians 6.10 - 20	John 6.56 - 69
Sunday 2nd September <i>14th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Song of Solomon 2.8 - 13	James 1.17 - end	Mark 7.1 - 8, 15 21 - 23

The readings are ended with ***'This is the Word of the Lord'*** (used during services of HC) or, during other services ***'Here ends the lesson (or 1st reading or 2nd reading)'***.
The response is ***'Thanks be to God'***.

BIBLE READINGS (Year B) continued

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 9th September <i>15th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Proverbs 22.1 - 2, 8, 9 22, 23	James 3.1 - 12	Mark 9.30 - 37
Sunday 16th September <i>16th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Proverbs 1.20 - 33	James 3.1 - 12	Mark 8.27 - end
Sunday 23rd September <i>17th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Proverbs 31.10 - end	James 3.13 - 4.3, 7, 8a	Mark 9.30 - 37
Sunday 30th September <i>18th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Esther 7.1 - 6, 9 - 10; 9.20 - 22	James 5.13 - end	Mark 9.38 - end



South Tamar
Mission Community

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There are several ways to keep up to date with events, or to get in touch with the Vicar and Churchwardens

Our website: <http://www.southtamar.church>

Our Facebook page: @southtamarmission

e-mail: vicar@southtamar.church

telephone: 01822 870298

St Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

We are all very pleased with our newly resurfaced churchyard path, which is so much more comfortable underfoot and makes access to the church much easier. Please feel free to try it out for yourselves!

Despite some rather unfavourable weather, the Fun Day at the Vicarage on 16th June raised **£693** which was split between the Chestnut Appeal for prostate cancer and our own bell fund. Very many thanks to Andy, Sarah and the family for all their hard work in organising the event.

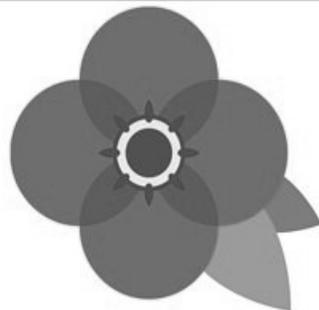
Looking forward to events after the summer break, we have decided to mark the centenary of the end of World War I with a flower festival to be held over Remembrance Weekend – Friday 9th November and Saturday 10th November. If you would be interested in doing an arrangement please contact Angie Rodwell on 870636.

Our Christmas Crafts Day will be on Saturday 24th November. This will give you the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and we will once again be running a super prize draw; tickets will be available from PCC members beforehand as well as on the day. If you would like to take a stall on the day please contact Sandra on 870218.

Do you have one Saturday morning a month free? We need another willing person to help run our regular Saturday Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall; currently Ann Spurr, Pam Nicholson and Liz Padmore are running them and, since each month has at least four Saturdays, it would be lovely to have a fourth

person on the team. As you know, the proceeds from the Coffee Mornings are split between the Church and the Hall. If you would like to know more, please contact Liz on 870642.

Don't forget the Milton Abbot Village Show on September 8th See page 21 for details



MILTON ABBOT CHURCH

**Flower Festival
with WWI Theme**

Fri 9 - Sat 10 November

10.30am - 5.00pm

The church will be decorated throughout with flowers and foliage as well as individual displays by various floral enthusiasts and local children – a sight that will lift any soul on a cold November day.

£2.00 entry inc. refreshments.

Proceeds to Milton Abbot Church Bell Fund and Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Remembrance Service Sunday at 10.45am.

St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel



My goodness we have had some beautiful weather. Despite holidays and family commitments we have continued to maintain attendances at our services in St Mary's.

Our regular coffee mornings on the second Saturday of each month have been supported with great enthusiasm. Susan and Sally organised a wonderful morning attended by many from the village and the surrounding area, some of whom were visiting St Mary's for the first time. The coffee morning is now the **only** place to be once a month to catch up with friends, make new acquaintances and find out what's happening in our busy little parish. This event has also raised some very well received cash for St. Mary's coffers to keep our treasurer happy (for a change). Next month's coffee morning is on 11 August. Do not miss it!

One new community activity is the St. Mary's Art Group which starts on 11 September. This informal group is for both experienced artists and for those who would like to give drawing and painting a try. Make sure you register early as places are limited.

I must also say how wonderful the bells are sounding as our beginners are coached by Peter Bazely and visitors from the Bere Ferrers team. We are also delighted to welcome experienced campanologist Patrick to the St Mary's team. I so look forward to hearing them ring in the New Year.



Songs of Praise on the fourth Sunday evening (6:30pm) of each month is an informal service and I would like to invite any musicians who might like to take the opportunity to take over from our resident elderly trumpeter and entertain the congregation before and after the service – any kind of music will be welcome from string quartets to nose flutes, jazz, gospel, garage, punk or grungeyes, even bagpipes! Children and young people will be especially welcome to demonstrate their talents.

I am enormously encouraged by the first half of 2018 and it is clear that St. Mary's remains a much loved and greatly appreciated focal point of our community. I have been especially touched by the kindness of individuals in the parish who have made some extremely generous donations of time and money to support our beautiful St Mary's. Thank you seems such an inadequate expression of our appreciation and gratitude.

Margaret

St Mary's, Marystowe



Churchwardens, Deborah Asbridge and Barbara Dawe would firstly like to thank Gladys Bennett and her family for kindly offering her late husband, Les's photos to be sold to raise money for Marystowe Church Funds. The weather was glorious and everyone enjoyed themselves; many sitting outside in the sunshine chatting over their coffee and browsing through the second-hand books, sold to raise money for the church.

The event was a great success, with friends and family members, villagers and parishioners from across the benefice attending. An amazing **£623.61** was raised from the sale of the photographs and donations given for refreshments.

Deborah, Barbara and Gladys would also like to thank all those who gave their help on the day, especially the team of ladies, including 'friends of the church', who served refreshments throughout the day and to everyone who came along and so generously supported this event.

Music and Tea at Marystowe

Well, what a wonderful afternoon we were treated to. The cool of the church was very welcome from the heat of the midday sun.



The programme began with a lovely duet from Mary Mazur Park on the keyboard and Leslie M.P. playing the oboe. This was followed by songs on the theme of love from the Lifton Singers interspersed with some beautiful flute playing by Becky Martin. Leslie displayed his versatility and skill with the saxophone during the singing of a little known Abba song: I Wonder (Departure).

To round off the proceedings we adjourned to the green by the School Room for a plethora of cakes, savouries and chat in the sunshine. In the process we raised **£167.70** towards church funds.

A huge thank you to all who participated whether performer, caterer or audience.





A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

A Topsy Turvy World

Have you ever heard someone say, "We live in a 'Topsy Turvy' world?" Do you know what that means? It means that everything is the opposite of what people think it should be. Everything is backward or upside down. It means that things are confused and disorganized because everything is happening in the wrong order. Here is a poem that might help you to understand it a little bit better.

If Things Grew Down by Robert D. Hoelt

If things grew down instead of up,
 A dog would grow into a pup.
 A cat would grow into a kitten,
 Your sweater would grow into a mitten.
 A cow would grow into a calf,
 A whole would grow into a half.
 Big would grow into something small,
 And small would grow into nothing at all!



It would really be confusing if we lived in a world like that, wouldn't it? That must have been how the disciples felt one day when Jesus was trying to teach them a lesson about who was the greatest in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus and his disciples were walking along the road when Jesus heard them arguing among themselves. When they arrived at the house where they were going, Jesus asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" The disciples didn't answer because they were embarrassed. You see, they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. But they didn't have to say anything, because Jesus already knew.

"So you want first place, do you?" Jesus said. "Then you must take the last place. If you want to be the greatest, then you must be a servant to all." Then Jesus called a small child over to him and put his arms around him. "If anyone welcomes a little child like this, he welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes my Father who sent me."

The disciples must have thought, "What a Topsy Turvy world! If you want to be first, you have to go to the end of the line! If you want to be the greatest, you must become a servant! If you want to be important, you have to become like a little child!"

The teachings of Jesus are very different from the way most people think today. We live in a world where people want to be first. They want power and influence. They think that adults are more important than children, but in God's Kingdom, the children are just as important as anyone. Aren't you glad they are?

Dear Father, we thank you for your love for children. Help us to remember as we grow older, that to be great in your sight, we must come to you as a child. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Who Is the Greatest?

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 9:30-37



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Go to <http://exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>
to access the course. Recommended for all readers!

Safeguarding Officer



Tuesday 25th September 7:00pm

(There is no planned Taizé service in August)

Sydenham Damerel Church

Please do come and join us for our Taizé services at **Sydenham Damerel Church**. The service will start at **7:00 pm** and will last for around 45 minutes.

Taize worship is a service consisting of Bible readings, prayer, meditative singing and periods of silence. To learn more about Taizé and to listen to some of the music please visit

<http://www.southtamar.church/taize/>

Future Dates:

Tuesday 23rd October

Tuesday 27th November

No service is planned for December

If you have any questions please do call Rev'd Andy on:
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at St Peter's Church, Lamerton

Crafts • Games • Stories • Drink
A Meal • Fun • Family Time

This is a free event but donations are welcome

Friday 12th October

Friday 9th November

Friday 7th December

3:30pm - 5:30pm

for all the family

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Contact Rev. Andy on: 01822 870298

*An
“Antiques Road Show”
with
Supper, Raffle & Prizes
Lamerton Community Centre
Friday, 6.30pm,
21st September 2018*

*Tickets £12.50
(Bring your own wine)*

Proceeds in aid of

*Plymouth & Cornwall Cancer Fund
& Marystowe Church, Chillaton
Tickets in Advance*

Contact Tel: 01566 784797

or

01566 783779



A Story on the Theme of Respect

The Respectful Prince and the Dwarves



Once upon a time, the King's two Princes were playing in a forest, and, meeting one at a time, they came across four dwarves who asked them to be more careful.

The first dwarf had a headache and he asked them not to shout. The second dwarf was painting a landscape, and he asked the children to move away because they were blocking out the light. The third dwarf was doing a giant jigsaw puzzle in the middle of the road, and he asked the children not to tread on it. The fourth dwarf was watching a butterfly and he asked them not to frighten it away.



The Prince who respected others did as the dwarves asked, but the disrespectful Prince ignored the dwarves' pleas, and kept bothering them. In the evening, both boys had become separated and lost. They needed to get back to the palace quickly.

Each of the Princes separately came across the four dwarves again, and asked for their help. They refused to help the disrespectful Prince, but with the respectful Prince they did whatever they could to help, and took him along some secret tracks which led right to the palace.



The other Prince arrived home much later, and was punished for it.

He now understood that it's much better to respect everyone if you want to have friends.



MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE SHOW

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE HALL

You don't have to live in the parish to enter and there are plenty of classes to interest everyone...from fruit, veg and flowers, to baking, preserves, handicrafts, art and photography with cups and rosettes to be won. There will be plenty of classes for the children too, from cookery and kite-making, to Lego models and a flower arrangement of smelly flowers in a wellie, with pocket-money prizes and trophies for the winners.

Find us on Facebook : Milton Abbot Village Show, and keep an eye out for the schedule and entry forms at local venues.

Lamerton's Grand Quiz

at the
Village Hall

Friday 5th October
7.00pm

Nibbles Provided - Bring Own Drinks
Super Raffle

Teams of 6 (max) or individuals and we can make up teams

Tickets £5
all proceeds for St. Peters Church

For further info, contact
Margaret on 616 141



christmas

Crafts

Milton Abbot Church
Saturday 24 November
11am - 3.30pm

Choose from a wonderful selection of crafts and products for your Christmas gifts. Grand Draw. Refreshments available.

To book a table call Sandra on 01822 870218



Lamerton Sports and Community Centre

Phases 1 and 2 of the planned refurbishment of the playground are now completed at a cost of over £27,000. Help and support has come from many of you within the community and to see children using the new equipment makes it worth all the effort. We still intend to complete Phase 3 which is to provide for the older children. So our fund raising goes on!

Special Coffee Morning

At the coffee morning on **18th August** we will be having an opening of the playground when we can thank those who have made this project successful. We do hope you will join us and bring along your children/grand children.

Lamerton Parish Church Council (PCC)

The next meeting is on

Tuesday 11 September

in the Priest's Room, Lamerton

at

7.30pm

All parishioners are welcome to attend

Lamerton Women's Institute

Meetings are at Lamerton Sports and Community Centre, 2.00pm

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| 7 August | Produce and Craft Show meeting |
| 11 August | Produce and Craft Show |
| 4 Sept | 'The Brontes', with Yvonne Tom |
| 2 Oct | 'Games through the Ages', with Peter Hood |

New members are very welcome

**Join us for Cake and a Cuppa!
after church service at Milton Abbot
Sunday 5th August**

On Wednesday 5th September at 11.am., I will be doing a sponsored ZIP WIRE flight in aid of Plymouth Hospitals charity and especially for the Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy Outpatients' Department.

To raise extra funds for this cause, there will be slices of homemade cakes for sale to go with a cuppa after our united benefice service at 11am, Milton Abbot on Sunday 5 August.

Please help me support this charity.

Kate Leeves



**Lamerton Parish
Council**

Part-Time Parish Clerk/
Responsible Financial
Officer

Due to retirement we are seeking a good communicator and administrator to support the work of the parish council, Hours and rates negotiable based on experience. Cv.s to Chairman.

Roger Geake, Higher Haye Farm,
Lamerton Tavistock PL19 0LJ



*Lamerton Bellringers'
Outing 2018*

Saturday 1st September

*We will tour round Dorset this year,
with Dorchester as our main stop.
Call 612202 to book your place*

Don't miss out!





Nature Notes by Bluebell – August and September 2018

Rewilding is a hot topic

(Peter Burgess www.devonwildlifetrust.org). Amongst concern for the destruction of nature and wildlife on our beautiful planet there are some hopeful initiatives.

Bluebell has been reading about a large farm, Knepp Castle Estate, in West Sussex, which has been ‘wilded’ since 2000. The story is told in a fascinating book by Isabella Tree, *“Wilding”*; Picador 2018; of the decision she and her husband, Charlie Burrell, took to stop struggling to make a living by in-hand conventional farming, and to let their estate return to Nature, gradually, and with some reservations. Farmers do not want to damage the land, they mostly love deeply the acres they farm, and love to look on the beauty of the countryside, and hear the birds sing. The story of Knepp Castle Estate is now an astonishing success, home to rare butterflies, turtle doves and nightingales, after years of risk and struggle, and it is winning awards for landscape restoration and recovery of nature.

A major influence was a visit to the Oostvaardersplassen, a huge and controversial nature reserve on reclaimed land in the Netherlands. It is the project of Frans Vera, a Dutch ecologist, whose book, *“Forest History and Grazing Ecology”* has caused a big stir in conservation thinking, and questions the received theory that most of Europe and the UK was originally covered by dense forest.

All is not yet lost; Bluebell has been delighted by the return of the swifts, now, in July, screaming round her house and nesting under the eaves. The little bats are about in the evening. Stonechats, with their dark caps, white collars and pinkish breasts stand singing on the highest tips of gorse bushes. *“The Thames Overflows with Returning Seals”* **Times** 29th June 2018; and though there may be no sparrows in London, there are quite a few in Chillaton. The sky is the most tender blue and the stubble a beautiful, wholesome gold. A buzzard mews in the blue sky far above.

Close at hand the egg shaped prickly heads of huge teasel plants are ringed with little lavender coloured coronets of flowers which the bees love. Crawling over the flower heads are lots of handsome furry bees with whitish grey bottoms and gingery collars (buff-tailed humble bees). Each bee extends his long black proboscis, repeatedly, rhythmically, delicately probing the pale violet flower tubes. The red tailed humble bees with black furry bodies and reddish-orange foxy bottoms mostly prefer the white clover.

One evening, right close, under the golden Irish yew, Bluebell found a marvellous hedgehog, blinking nervously in the torch light. There has not been a hedgehog here for years. Once common, their numbers are in steep decline, so Bluebell was very happy to see it.





GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG

The season of village shows is upon us and the excitement is building. Doug's nerves are rattled by the greenfly on his sweet peas, under-performing runner beans and his totally empty water butts. Too hot, too wet, too cold, too dry; but we do find that sweet spot from time to time here in Devon.

Gentle rain at night, sunny and warm in the day. And, as I write this - before the first rain in weeks - the lawn is looking magnificent; a lush golden yellow that hasn't asked to be cut for three weeks or more. Much better than that *Astroturf* which stays the same colour all year round. Once the lush green reappears a good feed will be welcomed. If you were on top of your jobs list you'd have scarified the moss and thatch to death by now.

My viburnum has taken its usual hit from the beetles this year leaving much of the spring foliage looking like lace. Fortunately, the later growth seems healthy and the bush romps on unrestrained.

Annual flowers have been superb this year as were the hedgerows earlier in the season. All those flowers have been welcomed by the bumble bees and the honey bees and, no doubt, many other insects too. There should be a bumper crop of honey this year for those who reacted quickly to the opportunities.

If you haven't already sown wallflowers for next year, now is a last chance. Now is also a good time to take cuttings of tender perennials such as fuchsias, pelargoniums, penstemons and others, again for next year's tubs and borders. You might want to think about collecting seed from this year's hardy annuals to sow later in August/September. If you're not sure how to do any of these tasks look at the RHS website which has lots of clear advice.

And, don't forget to water the slugs and snails, they could do with a good drenching after all that dry, dry summer. Did I really say that!?



Viburnum beetle damage



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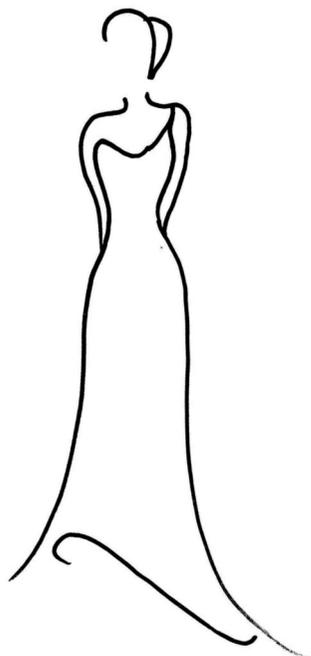
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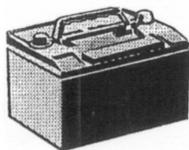
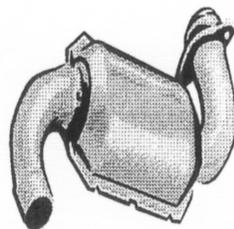
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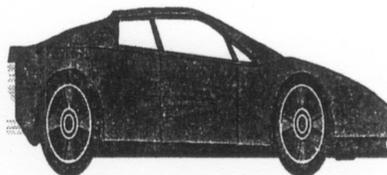
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Sunday 9th Sept. <i>15th after Trinity</i>	10.30am HC CW			11.00am Harvest Festival		11.15am Matins BCP
Weds : 12th Sept.	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 16th Sept. <i>16th after Trinity</i>		11.00am HC CW			9.30am Family Service Morning Praise	
Weds 19th Sept.	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 23rd Sept. <i>17th after Trinity</i>	6.30pm Songs of praise	6.30pm Harvest Festival		11.00am HC CW		11.15am HC CW
Tues 25th Sept.	7.00pm, 'Taize Service' St Mary's church, Sydenham Damerel					
Weds 26th Sept.	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 30th Sept. <i>18th after Trinity</i>	United Benefice Service at St Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel 10.30am Holy Communion, (CW)					

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CHURCH SERVICES

August, September 2018

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunterton	St Constan- tine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
Sunday 5th August <i>10th after Trinity</i>	United Benefice Service at St Constantine Church, Milton Abbot 11.00am Holy Communion by extension (CW)					
Sunday 12th August <i>11th after Trinity</i>	United Benefice Service at All Saints' Church, Dunterton 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)					
Sunday 19th August <i>12th after Trinity</i>	United Benefice Service at St. Mary's Church, Marystowe 9.30am Holy Communion (CW)					
Sunday 26th August <i>13th after Trinity</i>	United Benefice Service at THEALE, Lamerton 6.30pm Open air 'Songs of Praise'					
Sunday 2nd Sept. <i>14th after Trinity</i>		6.30pm BCP Even- song			9.30am HC CW	
Weds 5th Sept.	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					