

# Parish News

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



South Tamar  
Mission Community

**October &  
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## Diary Dates

Event	October dates	November dates
<b><i>Coffee Mornings</i></b>		
Milton Abbot Coffee morning: Village Hall 10.30 - 12	5	2
Lamerton coffee morning: Community Centre 10.30 - 12	12, 26	9, 23
Sydenham coffee morning at the Church 10:30 - 12	12	9
<b><i>Bingo</i></b>		
Milton Abbot, Village Hall, 7.30pm	14	11
Lamerton Community Centre, 8pm	1, 15, 29	12, 26
<b><i>Church events (Services are on pages 43 and 44)</i></b>		
Taizé Service, Sydenham Church 7pm (page 5)	22	26
Advent Carols at Collacombe 7pm (page 7)		29
Milton Abbot Churchyard Cleanup 10am - 1pm (pg 11)	19	
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Lamerton Fireworks 6pm (page 23)		1
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Lamerton School Quiz Night 7pm (page 28)	11	
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<b>Magazine Deadline for December 2019 &amp; January 2020 Edition</b>		15

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## The Psalms otherwise known as the Psalter or the Psalmody

by Ian Silcox



The 150 individual psalms are both the hymn and prayer book of the bible composed by different authors over a long period of time. They were used by the people of Israel in their worship eventually being included in their scriptures and hence the Old Testament. They are also an integral part of our Common Worship and Book of Common Prayer worship and liturgy. The psalms are basically grouped together into five sections each of which closes with words of praise for example psalm 72 *'Praise be to His glorious name for ever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory Amen, Amen'* Collections of psalms were being composed in King David's time and perhaps earlier; but they had many authors with 73 of the psalms linked to traditional titles to King David 'e.g. 21 verse 1 *'the king shall rejoice in your strength O Lord. how greatly shall he rejoice in your salvation'* as well as being relevant to particular episodes in his life e.g. psalm 51 verses 2 - 4 *'Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight'* - see also the canticle no.6 A Song of Penitence in Common Worship daily prayers. However, the part of the process of composition of the psalms went on for much of Israel's history coming to a peak when the Jews returned home from their Babylon exile and rebuilt the Jerusalem temple.

Everyone, I'm sure, has a favourite psalm; among the most widely known are :- 19/. The heaven declare glory of God 23/. The Lord is my shepherd 46/. God is our refuge and strength 95/. Come let us praise the Lord 103/. Bless the Lord O my soul 121/. I lift my eyes to the hills –a particular favourite of mine and 139/. Lord you have searched me and you know me. The range however is considerable from the utmost joy to the deepest sorrow, but all with the message that in every area of our lives God is present. The psalms present a realism about human experience emphasised by an unmistakable faith in God's love for mankind and His creation.

In our book of daily prayers –the red books available for morning and evening prayer St. Eustachius church by door to the vestry – each of the psalms has an opening and closing refrain and closing prayer so even if you do not have time to read the whole psalm I feel a short prayer/mediation on these would be helpful to supplement your prayer life.

**Ian Silcox**



at St Peter's Church,  
Lamerton

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

This is a free event, but donations are welcome

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**3:30pm - 5:30pm for all the family**

Children must be accompanied by an adult

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## **Taizé 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

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Dear Friends,

After such a long and wonderfully hot summer (*especially the Lamerton Tractor Day*), there's a real feeling of 'back to school' now as I sit down to write this letter. We are only two weeks into the start of a new term and although the end of the year is not yet in sight, there is an exciting sense of new beginnings at this time of year that we maybe don't feel to the same degree in January.

Going way back in history, Michaelmas, originally the 11<sup>th</sup> of October and now fixed in the calendar on September 29<sup>th</sup>, was the beginning and end of the farmer's year. Harvest was over, the Reeve of the Manor would make out the accounts for the year and Michaelmas hiring fairs were held to organise the work force for the months ahead. Of course, those of you fortunate enough to have attended one of the country's long-established universities, will be aware that Michaelmas is also the name of the first term of the academic year.

But the name comes from a Christian festival, the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels, celebrating the Archangel Michael. He was one of the principal angelic warriors, who was said to be a protector against the dark of the night. What darkness, do you suppose? The long winter nights ahead, the hard days scraping a living from the soil perhaps. Or maybe, in modern times, a friend to help us battle through settling into new surroundings, learning new things and facing new challenges? Or perhaps, fighting against the very real and serious forces that seem to lead humanity to the inhumanity of war and injustice?

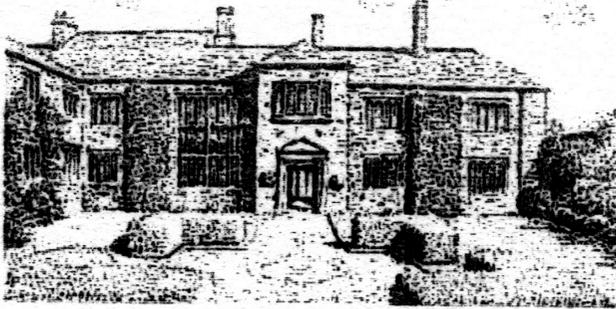
Folklore in the British Isles rather comically suggests that Michaelmas Day is the last day for picking blackberries. This was based on the story that when Saint Michael expelled Lucifer from Heaven, the devil fell into a thorny blackberry bush and cursed the fruit with his fiery breath, making them unfit to eat. So it was considered bad luck to eat the berries after this day and country folk made a Michaelmas pie with the last of the season's fruit.

Now as my waistline will attest to, I think I've had more than my fair share of blackberry and apple pies over time, so I'll welcome a ban on these delicious desserts. But I'll continue to think about how the Church's traditions (however strange some of them may be!) continue to provide a framework for modern life and feel emboldened by the thought that we are not alone - God and his servants, Saint Michael and his fellow angels, are there, helping us to fight for peace and justice in this ever challenging world.

With Every Blessing,  
**Fr. Andy Atkins**

# Advent Carols

at



## Collacombe Barton

by kind permission of  
Mr. and Mrs Forrest

with mince pies and mulled wine

Friday 29th November 7.00pm

Tickets from Angela on  
01 822 810 027

Collection for the repair of the  
organ in St. Peter's Church

## BIBLE READINGS (Year C)

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

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 6th October <i>16th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Habakkuk 1.1 - 4: 2.1 - 4	2 Timothy 1.1 - 14	Luke 17.5 - 10
Sunday 13th October <i>17th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	2 Kings 5.1 - 3, 7 - 15c	2 Timothy 2.8 - 15	Luke 17.11 - 19
Sunday 20th October <i>18th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Genesis 32.22 - 31	2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5	Luke 18.1 - 8
Sunday 27th October <i>Bible Sunday (Green)</i>	Isaiah 45.22 - 25	Romans 15.1 - 6	Luke 4.16 - 24
Sunday 3rd November <i>All Saints' Sunday (White)</i>	Daniel 7.1 - 3, 15 - 18	Ephesians 1.11 - 23	Luke 6.20 - 31
Sunday 10th November <i>Remembrance Sunday (Red)</i>	Job 19.23 - 27a	2 Thessalonians 2.1 - 5, 13 - 17	Luke 20.27 - 38

## BIBLE READINGS (Year C) continued

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 17th November <i>Second Sunday before Advent (Red)</i>	Malachi 4.1 - 2a	2 Thessalonians 3.6 - 13	Luke 21.5 - 19
Sunday 24th November <i>Christ the King (Red)</i>	Jeremiah 23.1 - 6	Colossians 1.11 - 20	Luke 23.33 - 43

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'*.



## South Tamar Mission Community

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

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## St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

As we enter the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness', our children with 'satchel(s) and shining morning face(s) creep like snail(s) unwillingly to school' and I write this whilst we anxiously await the results of the misshapen vegetable class at the Milton Abbot Village Show we can at least relax in the knowledge that we no longer have to worry about keeping the congregation warm at St. Mary's during the winter months. Our under-pew heaters have been really successful (even if our treasurer has bemoaned the quadrupling of our monthly electricity standing order!).

We are also looking forward to Christmas (sorry!) but I wonder how we can possibly improve on last year's magical carol service extravaganza. Suggestions and volunteers will be most welcome.

While the days in our ancient little parish meander sedately through the seasons we remain focussed on fund raising. I refer to our huge challenge of installing a much needed toilet facility at St. Mary's. I am hoping we can introduce something rather more socially acceptable than the Romans who expected as many as fifty people to 'sit' in a genial gathering at the same time. Installing a loo in a building with no water supply or main drainage is going to be quite an interesting project and I invite our kind and ever loyal parishioners to make suggestions for the best affordable solution possible.



The churchyard at St. Mary's is looking very smart at the moment with the grass cut (I strongly recommend Jim Jeffery to anyone needing similar service), and the weeds weeded. The church too is neat and tidy with clean windows even in the bell tower beautifully enhancing our pristine new bell ropes.

Now I must return to the meticulous preparation required to ensure my giant marrow seduces the judges into at least an honourable mention!

***Margaret Hurdwell***

## St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

We are pleased to report that, thanks to a lovely donation, we have been able to replace the light fittings in the church, so we are now fully lit complete with energy-saving bulbs. We have also been able to have some remedial works done to stabilise the parapets and pinnacles on the tower, which had suffered some wear and tear over the years. The latter works were accomplished by abseiling down the outside of the tower by West Access. In the coming weeks some repair work is also due to be done in the roof valleys which will hopefully stem the water ingress we have been aware of inside the building.

Once again we were blessed for our Cream Tea on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July, kindly hosted by Sue Champion in her garden. We had a lovely afternoon and left happy and well-fed having raised a magnificent £455 towards our bell fund.

Thank you to everyone who donated their Village Show produce entries to our Harvest Festival Songs of Praise service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – your donations made a wonderful offering which was subsequently passed to the Friendship Group which meets in Milton Abbot Village Hall every Tuesday.

The Skittles Tournament which was held jointly with the Village Hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September was much enjoyed by those who attended and yielded a profit of £221.74, to be shared equally between the church and the Hall.

Our next big event will be the **Lamerton Handbells Concert** to be held in the church on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £2.50 for children to include a buffet supper; please book before the event (for catering purposes) with Pat Lovell on 01822 618452. Any offers of food would also be gratefully received – please contact Pat, or Liz on 01822 870642.

On **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** we will be having our regular autumn **churchyard clear-up day** between 10.00am and 1.00pm. If you would like to help just bring your own secateurs and gloves. Refreshments will be available. Please contact Liz on 01822 870642 if you have any queries.

Our **Christmas Crafts Day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** will give you an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. We will have lots of stalls for you to browse and buy from, as well as our Grand Christmas Draw – tickets are available from PCC members. As always, mince pies, cake and coffee will be there to refresh you. Entry is free; if you would like to have a stall please contact Sandra on 01752 772378.

This year we also have for sale packs of **Christmas cards**; these come in packs of 10 in two designs and cost £4 a pack. Please contact Liz Padmore (01822 870642) or Michael Blatchford (01822 870319) if you would like to buy some. One design is an exterior view of the church under a dusting of snow and the other is of the interior of the church candlelit for Christmas.

## St. Mary's Church, Marystowe

I think we've all been thankful for the glorious weather over the summer months and now, as we go into autumn, the churchyard is still looking really good, thanks to Dean Elliott & Son Garden Care, and volunteers, Chris Taylor, Ross Woods and the Martin family.



Our regular services have been well attended and numbers are still rising. I think we had 19 in the congregation at one of the July services! Many of us have enjoyed the United Benefice services held during August.

Erin and Duncan Dawe were baptised here on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August during a very special service, which was conducted by Rev. Andy and attended by family and friends. The church was absolutely full and it was such a happy occasion! Money from the collection was shared equally between the Maternity Department at Exeter Hospital and Church Funds.

Our new fundraiser, the Double your Money Challenge began in July and envelopes with details are still available for anyone who is interested in taking part. The church will provide £10 and challenges you to double it (or more) by our Harvest Festival in October. A small prize will be given to the person who raises the most money. Please contact the treasurer, Guy Talbot, on 01822 860314 for further details.

We continue to offer greetings cards and second-hand books for sale in the Church and in the Schoolroom. If you have any books you have finished with, please call Barbara Dawe on 01566 784797. Collection can be arranged.

### Dates for your diary

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am – **Harvest Festival**.

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 1pm. – **Christmas coffee morning with stalls selling crafts and gifts**. This event will be held in the church, raising money for Church Funds. Anyone interested in having a stall should contact Barbara Dawe on 01566 784797 or Deborah Asbridge on 01822 860378.

**Deborah Asbridge**

## St. Peter's Church, Lamerton



The Outdoor Songs of Praise at Theale was very well attended - thank you to all who came and a special Thank You to Rosie for so ably leading us through the evening. It wasn't wet but we still shared the barn with the sheep and tractors as it was quite cool. There was loads to eat and drink so thanks to you all for your generosity

The Bishop's visit was very special with a thought provoking sermon during our evensong service. He wasn't very hungry during our Bring and Share Supper due to Val and Geoff's lunch and cream tea! He showed great interest in all things farming during his travels with Val and Geoff and I think his tractor driving lesson with Tim was a great experience.

We have recently had our annual overhaul of the organ and it seems that we need a complete renovation of the keyboards. This will be quite expensive - over £2,000 - so we will be having specific fund raising efforts to achieve this sum.

Thanks to Sarah and Ian we have a date for our annual Advent Carols at Collacombe this year which is to be on Friday November 29th at 7.00pm. This will probably be your first chance of the season to sample delicious mince pies so do join us.

## All Saints, Dunterton

We will again be marking Remembrance Sunday early this year to link our Patronal Festival for All Saints. All welcome

*Do join us for the forthcoming events:*

**Sunday 3rd November** - 10.00am Graveside Remembrance followed by Matins in the church.

**Wednesday 25th December** - 9.30am Christmas Holy Communion with carols.

***Gerald Napier***



# Benefice Quiet Day

Buckfast Abbey, TQ11 0EG

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 10am – 4pm**

The annual Benefice Quiet Day will be held at Buckfast Abbey in Devon, home to a community of Benedictine monks, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10am until 4pm. The leader of the Quiet Day is Rev David Runcorn

The day will include communal prayer, talks, free time to spend being still or walking around the Abbey grounds.

The cost is £15 which includes refreshments during the day. You can either bring a packed lunch or eat in the Abbeys Grange Restaurant.

To book a place please either call or e-mail Rev Andy Atkins.

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We will arrange car-sharers nearer the time, when we know who is participating.



## WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD OR VULNERABLE ADULT?



Please speak to your Benefice Safeguarding Representative if you have any concerns for the well-being of a child or adult, or about the behaviour of someone towards a child or adult.

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pray



grow



serve with joy

## St. Andrew's, Coryton



The wedding of Amanda Lawrence and Tom Browning-Young took place at St Andrew's on 27th July. The church looked lovely and the decorations were enjoyed by the Sunday congregation the following day as well. In commemoration of the wedding, members of the Lawrence family had embroidered two kneelers which they donated to the church. They are a very attractive addition to the existing collection of kneelers.

### **Something a little bit different at St Andrew's .....**

At recent meetings, the PCC has discussed the possibility of changing the times of Sunday services at St Andrew's: perhaps moving the services from 11.15 to 10.45 or replacing the monthly service of Matins with a service of Evening Prayer. The Evening Prayer service held on 30th June was a great success and several people have expressed an interest in having this service more often. At the PCC meeting on 15th September it was decided that, starting on Sunday 8th December, on the second Sunday of each month instead of Matins there will be a service of Evening Prayer at 6.30pm. The service of Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday will remain unchanged at 11.15am. Both services will be followed by the traditional 'Coryton Coffee'. The Church Wardens will be interested in getting any feedback in reaction to this change.

### **Harvest Festival**

The traditional Harvest Festival service of hymns and readings will be held on Sunday 13th October at 6.30pm followed by refreshments in the church.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

On Sunday 10th November at 10.45am, it will be Coryton's turn to host the Service of Remembrance which we share with Marystowe. As usual, the service will be followed by 'Coryton coffee'.

*Josie Whitfield*



## A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

### How Much Is Enough?

When we come to church, we hear a lot talk about faith. We read about faith in the Bible and we sing songs about faith, but what is faith? When we say that we have faith, it means that we believe something is true, even when we can't see it. Here is a story that might help us to understand it better.

One day, a little girl became lost on a farm near where she lived. The farmer who owned the land found the little girl and said to her, "Don't be afraid; I'll take you home."

The little child looked up at him, and with a smile, said, "I'm not afraid. I knew you would come; I was waiting for you."

"Waiting for me?" said the man. "What made you think I was coming?"

"I was praying that you would." she said.

"You were praying?" the farmer asked. "When I first heard you, you were just saying 'A B C D E F G.' What was that for?"

She looked up again and said, "I wasn't sure exactly what to say, so I was praying all the letters of the alphabet and letting God put them together the way He wanted them. He knew I was lost and he knew how to put the letters together better than I do."

Even though the little girl could not see God, she had faith that he loved her and cared for her. She had faith that if she asked him to help her, he would.



How much faith is enough? Do we need to have a lot of faith, or will just a little bit do? The answer may surprise you.



The followers of Jesus said to him one day, "Give us more faith."

Jesus answered them, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Do you know how big a mustard seed is? It is so small that you can hardly see it!

When we have faith in God, it isn't a question of how big our faith is, it is a question of how powerful our God is, and with God all things are possible!

Father, we don't ask you to give us more faith. We simply ask that you help us to use the faith that we have and trust you to do the rest. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- \_\_\_ 1. Twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to preach the gospel  
A. pharisees B. apostles C. angels D. troops
- \_\_\_ 2. To make greater or larger  
A. obey B. shrink C. seed D. increase
- \_\_\_ 3. Belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person or idea  
A. obey B. deny C. hope D. faith
- \_\_\_ 4. A small kernel that is buried in the ground to grow a new plant  
A. leaf B. branch C. seed D. twig
- \_\_\_ 5. A thick, yellow liquid that tastes spicy and is eaten in small amounts on meat and sandwiches  
A. honey B. pickles C. jam D. mustard
- \_\_\_ 6. A tall plant with a wooden trunk, branches, and leaves  
A. tree B. flower C. bush D. ivy
- \_\_\_ 7. A large area of salt water partly or completely surrounded by land  
A. river B. sea C. pond D. pool
- \_\_\_ 8. To do what you are told or expected to do  
A. tattle B. gossip C. lie D. obey



# 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.**

In aid of Dunterton Church

# Tamar River Walk

*Sunday  
27th October 2019*



*Start only at Beera Farm between 11.00am and 1.00pm*

*Finish and refreshments at Greystone Bridge*

*No charge for entry, donations welcome at Finish*

**Return shuttle service to car park £2.00 available 1.30 to 4.30**

Dogs on leads welcome

Queries 01822 870285 or 870244

## NEW SERVICE AT ST.MARY'S Sydenham Damerel

Led by Ian Dingle

**MATINS (Book of Common Prayer) @ 10am**

**6 October 2019, 2 February 2020 & 3 March 2020**

ALL WELCOME

### Fundraising for the Triangle Centre

The Five F's - These are what occurred on Tuesday 2nd July at 7pm at a **Fundraising** Bodyshop Party I held with a group of 27 friends in Lamerton in aid of Tavistock's Triangle Centre. This outreach clinic and part of Plymouth Hospitals Charity provides cancer patients and their families with a place to go to receive chemotherapy treatment, counselling and general advice plus alternative health and well being therapies such as Reiki.

With my local friend and bodyshop consultant Lucy Griffiths on board to help and advise my on a variety of skincare products including, **Fra-grance**, make-up and sun protection items. It was an evening of **Friendship**, **Fun** and **Food**. Cake and tea or coffee to be precise.

Thankyou very much to those who came along, we raised £155 in cash with a £150 hamper of body shop products for this very worthy cause.

The Five F's being: **Fund-raising**, **Fragrance**, **Friendship**, **Fun** and **Food**

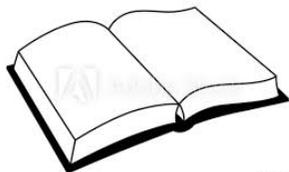
Many thanks  
**Kate Leeves**

*Ed. - apologies for late inclusion, space was limited in the last edition*



*Pictured are Kate Leeves, Lucy Griffiths & Shona Dickinson with Triangle centre staff*

## OPEN THE BOOK



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As I was going out earlier this summer my husband asked why was I wearing an old kaftan of my mother's, had on a lot of fake jewellery and enough eyeliner to rival Johnnie Depp in Pirates of the Caribbean!

*"Channelling my inner Elizabeth Taylor/Cleopatra" I trilled.  
"Well better than the aged crone" was the answer I received.*

He was, I hope, referring to my only other acting role during Summer Term as Abraham's wife Sarah – that time I was channelling Julie Walters/Acorn Antiques. Yes I do Open the Book.

Our group are beginning a new school year, and I willingly admit that I have missed my Thursday morning visits to Lewtrenchard and Lamerton schools as part of a group of volunteers presenting bible stories to the pupils.

Nationwide there are two thousand registered primary schools taking part in Open the Book and over 11,000 volunteer Bible storytellers across the UK providing a resource that assists schools in meeting their statutory collective worship obligations.

Open the Book offers primary school children an opportunity to hear Bible stories, with props, costumes, sound effects and last, but probably most importantly, active input from children. As props coordinator for Moses' Flight from Egypt, I was sitting with the pre school class and was enchanted by their faces as I slipped a red silk scarf on an old blue sheet to portray the curse of blood in the river. For their part I think they loved throwing the sheet over the older children who – as the Egyptian soldiers – were drowned as the Red Sea closed behind Moses. In an age of so many sophisticated effects it was wonderful to see our simple props working like magic to our audience.

If you would be interested in helping Open the Book please contact:

Joy McSmythurs 01822 860630  
Anita Townsend 01822 860123  
Barbara Meikle 01822 617229

**Joy McSmythurs**

## SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE



**DUNTERTON - Sunday 3rd November -**  
10.00am Graveside Remembrance followed by  
Matins in the church.

**MILTON ABBOT - Sunday 10th November -**  
10:45am Remembrance Service.

**CORYTON - Sunday 10th November - 10:45am**  
Remembrance Service.

**LAMERTON - Sunday 10th November -** meet at school crossroads at  
10:20am for walk to war memorial. A short service before walking to  
the church for 10:50am where the service starts at 11am to observe the  
2 minutes silence.

Those wishing to join the Royal British Legion lunch at the Blacksmiths'  
Arms are asked to contact Gerald Cramp on 01822 615464 (places are  
limited and must be booked in advance).



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## GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



Well, what a summer? One day clear skies and hot sunshine, another grey with torrential rain. Many plants (and the slugs and snails) have coped well and apples, plums, raspberries and gooseberries have too thanks to bees and other pollinators.

Planting flowers especially for pollinators has become something of a fashion, but bees have been prized in the garden since the Ancient Egyptians. Even in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century bees were considered ideal role models – industrious, clean, and well organised with a solid social hierarchy - the Queen, her Workers and the Drones (don't even think about Parliament or Brexit!).

It was long thought that bees reproduced asexually. They were believed to spring to life spontaneously in rotting meat and having done so, lived chastely together like angels, free from sin! Only later did the functions and roles of the workers, drones and queen become properly understood. The *birds and the bees*, the *honeymoon*, the *bees knees*, the *hive of activity*.... a long list of sayings are established in language.

Show-time has been and gone but the challenge is ever present. Oh, to get a 'First' for that bunch of flowers or set of courgettes. Next year could see it happen? Maybe? Shows have been a big thing for hundreds of years. In the 1820's it was reported there was a florist's society in almost every town and village. Well, up North, anyway. The Horticultural Magazine of 1847 tells of a florist who, rather than see his flowers spoiled by frost, gave up the blankets from his bed, and subsequently died of a chill.

My garlic has done well this year. Every clove produced a plump delicious bulb. The variety (and, there are many to choose from) was 'Solent Wight' but a different variety the year before was a dismal failure.

Dahlias and Ageratums looking good together in a vase – see the photo. The Ageratums (try *Ageratum Houstonianum* 'Timeless') are easy to grow from seed in spring and need very little ongoing care; producing loads of flowers to cut for the house in late summer and autumn.



If you've got a perennial which has got too big for its trousers dig it up, chop it in two, replant one half and pop the other in the neighbour's porch.

**Doug**

## FARMING LIFE BY HAYSEED



*What's brown and sounds like a bell?..... Dung*

"In the autumn dung your field, and its bounty it will yield".  
What's all that 'bout? It's hardly Keats or Byron but if you're interested, read on...

Doug's gardening notes in the last Parish News made for interesting reading and his reference to Percy Thrower brought back memories for me. From an agricultural point of view, our greatest icon, in those days, was the legendary John Cherrington. He presented Farming News on Sunday afternoons during the 60s and 70s and we never missed it. It was accompanied by the weather forecast too, same as Countryfile is nowadays. Doug would no doubt agree too, that runner beans will grow like mad when they get their roots down onto the good old dark brown stuff and almost any crop is the same.

With most of the corn crops out by now, most of the 'harishes' will get a good coating of dung shortly (or Farm Yard Manure as the experts call it) and this will be ploughed down to help the soil structure. It will also provide some natural fertiliser for the next crop. A good coating of FYM on the grass fields during the autumn and winter period will also help grassland where a lot of nutrients will be drawn up during the dormant period.

Not all 'harishes' get this. An empty corn field is an ideal candidate for a catch crop but time is short. Winter is nearly upon us and the window of opportunity is tight. To get the best out of these catch crops you may need to use a little artificial fertiliser to get them started. All farmers have differing views on this but it needs to be remembered that you can't keep taking things out of the soil without putting something back in!

Catch crops are grazed during the late autumn and winter period and once grazed the field gets a coating of FYM that I've been talking 'bout.

Livestock wise, most of the lambs have been sold fat or as stores by the time you read this and the ewes need to be away from them. Lambing starts in the Spring and as well as having a rest, the ewes need 'flushing', that's another term for some extra food so that they are in good condition for the rams to go in.

With all this FYM, 'flushing' and artificial fertiliser helping keep things in good condition out on the farm, I'm off now to see what's for supper - hopefully something to keep me in good condition too during the autumn days to come.

'Til next time, Hayseed.

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## Parish News Deadlines

Issue covering the months of	Deadline for submissions	To advertise events taking place in
December 2019 & January 2020	15 Nov 2019	December 2019 onwards
February & March 2020	15 January 2019	February 2020 onwards

*Due to the lead time on printing the magazine the deadline will be set at the 15th for forthcoming editions to enable it to reach you in good time.*

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## **Lamerton Women's Institute**

Meetings are at Lamerton Sports and Community Centre, 2.00pm

1 October	Alison Yeo discusses "Secret London"
5 November	Peter Christie discusses "Ladies of the Night"
10 December	Musical Presentation with Adrienne Hesketh
7 January	Resolutions + Hearing Loss with Rosie Goodman

New members are always very welcome

## **Lamerton Handbell Ringers**



### **46th Annual Handbell Festival**



*Saturday 12th October 7pm*  
*Lamerton Sports & Community Centre*

## POLE POSITION

It may not have escaped your attention that the flag at the top of St. Peter's Church in Lamerton changes rather regularly. Some flags are flown for specific events, Saints days or occasions but in particular the Union Flag is flown on the following days in the coming months

**21st October - Trafalgar Day**  
**24th October - United Nations Day**  
**10th November - Remembrance Sunday**  
**11th November - Remembrance Day**  
**14th November - Prince of Wales' Birthday**  
**20th November - Her Majesty's Wedding Day**  
**30th November - St. Andrew's Day**

If you do spot a flag and want more information about it and why it was flying then feel free to email [parishnewsmag@gmail.com](mailto:parishnewsmag@gmail.com) and it will be passed on to the Chief Bunting Tosser



## Lamerton Primary School Christmas Fair

Saturday 30th November 2019, 11am—2pm

at Lamerton Community Centre

Come and join us for Christmas shopping, raffle, refreshments ... there may also be a visit from Father Christmas!

If you are a vendor and wish to reserve a stall, please contact Chrissy on 01822 616965 or 07779 514512  
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## MILTON ABBOT PLAYERS

*This year the Milton Abbot Players are celebrating their 70th anniversary.*

It is actually 91 years since Mary Kelly started putting on plays in the village. In the early years the plays were performed in the vicarage barn, above the stables. Later, when the Village Hall was built, the Duke of Bedford had a stage installed to provide a more theatrical venue and he even provided costumes for the more ambitious productions. During the Second World War the group, renamed The Gasbags was unable to put on plays and instead put on variety shows. After the war the Milton Abbot Players were reformed and in 1949 Victor Ward took on the job of producer. His first production was 'Three Half Crowns'. Since then a play has been performed every year in the second week of November.

Traditionally the Players perform comedies and for their 70th anniversary production they have chosen 'Funny Money' written by the master of farce Ray Cooney. The Players can always be relied on to raise a laugh - mostly intentionally - and 'Funny Money' provides an excellent vehicle for this company's flair for comedy.

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To enable me to include as much content as possible I would appreciate it if you could, when submitting adverts, content and event listings, send them through ideally in a word or editable format so that I can ensure the best fit within the magazine. If in doubt send them through in word and PDF.

In the main, events advertised in A6 landscape will be able to be placed on a half page. Adverts which are A5 portrait invariably either require a whole page or a quarter of a page which can be (for some) too small to read)...your assistance and contributions are, as always, much appreciated.

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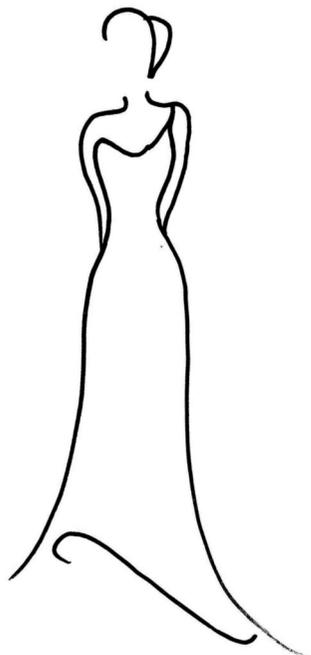
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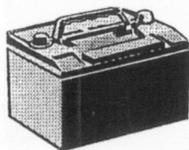
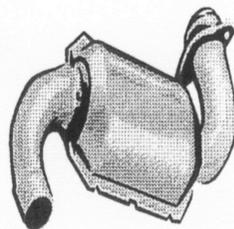
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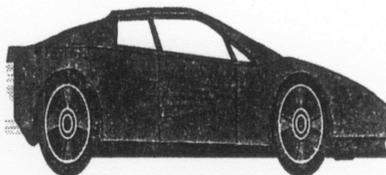
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