

Parish News

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Dunterton, Lamerton,
Marystowe,
Milton Abbot and
Sydenham Damerel**



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The Old Testament Books of Haggai and Zechariah



Both of these books start by referring to King Darius, who was the King of Persia and renewed the edict of Cyrus through his appointed governor Zerubbabel to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem after the return of the Jews from their Babylonian exile. Both Haggai and Zechariah prophesying to encourage the people to rebuild the temple and were prominent from 520 to 518 BC.

Haggai this short book of only 2 chapters reiterates the command to rebuild the temple in chapter 1 followed in chapter 2 with messages of comfort and hope on the final rebuilding of the temple.

Zechariah this penultimate book of the Old Testament is longer of 14 chapters; the first part is about the beginning of a new age foretold by 8 visions of the horsemen followed by the horns and smiths, the measurer, the investiture, the lamp-stand and olive trees, the flying scroll, the woman in the bushel and finally the chariots; in this respect there are similarities with visions detailed in the New testament book of Revelation The 2nd part of the book concerns Israel and the nations and final blessings that the king is coming *"rejoice heart and soul daughter of Zion Shout with gladness daughter of Jerusalem see now your king comes to you: he is victorious he is triumphant humble and riding on a donkey on a colt the foal of a donkey.....He will proclaim peace to all nations see 9:10*

Here we have a prophecy of the king, the messiah particular the triumphal entry into Jerusalem - see Matthew's gospel chapter 21 verse 5

With Zechariah and the final book of the Old Testament Malachi together with parts of Isaiah we have leads into the New Testament events of the Messiah namely Jesus Christ the anointed one ! Whose coming we are to celebrate again shortly with the gospel accounts in Matthew and Luke of naivety; the incarnation of the Word as John's gospel proclaims *"...the Word that became flesh and lived among us and we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father's only son, full of grace and truth..."* Chapter 1 verse 14 - NRSV.

Wishing all readers a merry and blessed Christmas and praying for a happy Covid free new year.

Ian Silcox

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Dear Friends in Christ

Normally at this time of year, there would be a great sense of excitement, anticipation and hope. However, as we make our plans for Christmas this year, there is a sense of uncertainty, even worry as we try to make plans to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our usual carol services, crib services, Christingle services and the uniquely special service of midnight Mass, will all have to look slightly different this year.

Our carol and Christingle services will now take place on line. Our most popular and loved services will have to be ticketed so that we can keep everyone safe. Much will look different this year. There will be fewer parties, fewer celebrations.

But let us remember, whatever the restrictions, the changes we anticipate; we will celebrate Jesus' birth, not because it is just a great excuse for a bit of a party, but because his birth gives us hope. Hope for the future. Hope amid this Pandemic, when all seems to be changing around us.

Our Christmas celebrations lead into celebrations of the new year, with a heightened sense of anticipation and hope for all that 2021 might bring. Many will be praying that the next year will be better than the last; others will still be going into the New Year with a deep sense of anxiety and uncertainty.

However, as we approach 2021, we should remember the wonderful promise which Jesus made to us: 'remember that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time' (Matthew 28, verse 20). Jesus promises to be there with us in whatever it is that life brings; in the happy times and in the sadnesses; in the pain and also in the joy.

At Christmas, God welcomes us all to celebrate the birth of His Son, the One who brings hope to the world. God invites us to

May you all have Blessed Christmas and, may you stay safe, stay well, stay connected, and stay firm in your faith; Amen

Fr. Andy



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

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

Our Facebook page: @southtamarmission

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Milton Abbot Church

Please do come and join us for our Christmas Taizé service at **Milton Abbot Church**. The service will start at **6:00 pm** and will last for around 45 minutes.

Taizé worship is a service consisting of Bible readings, prayer, meditative singing and periods of silence.

Christmas Taizé Service

Tuesday 15th December 6:00 pm

This is a Ticketed service, to obtain a ticket please visit:

<https://www.southtamar.church/our-services/tickets/>

BIBLE READINGS (Year A)

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

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 6th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	Isaiah 40: 1 - 11	2 Peter 3: 8 - 15a	Mark 1: 1 - 8
Sunday 13th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	Isaiah 61: 1 - 4, 8 - 11	1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24	John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28
Sunday 20th December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	2 Samuel 7: 1 - 11, 16	Romans 16: 25 - 27	Luke 1: 26 - 38
Thursday 24th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	2 Samuel 7: 1 - 5, 8 - 11, 16	Acts 13: 16 - 26	Luke 1: 67 - 79
Friday 25th December <i>Christmas Day</i>	Isaiah 9: 2 - 7	Titus 2: 11 - 14	Luke 2: 1 - 14, 15 - 20
Sunday 27th December <i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i>	Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3	Galatians 4: 4 - 7	Luke 2: 15 - 21

BIBLE READINGS (Year A) continued			
DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 3rd January <i>The Epiphany</i>	Isaiah 60:1 – 6	Ephesians 3: 1 - 12	Matthew 2: 1 - 12
Sunday 10th January <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	Genesis 1:1 - 5	Acts 19: 1 - 7	Mark 1: 4 - 11
Sunday 17th January <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10, 11 - 20	Revelation 5: 1 - 10	John 1: 43 - 51
Sunday 24th January <i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	Genesis 14: 17 - 20	Revelation 19: 6 - 10	John 2: 1 - 11
Sunday 31st January <i>Candlemas</i>	Malachi 3: 1 - 5	Hebrews 2: 14 - 18	Luke 2: 22 - 40

BCP – Book of Common Prayer CW – Common Worship (Modern)

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'***.

'With my retirement at the end of September 2020 of my active and licenced Reader ministry, "Thank You" for your many good wishes. Of the 26 years as a Reader a considerable part was spent assisting and officiating etc. at Milton Abbot Benefice services to which I look back to those happy times and of gaining so many friends'

Ian Silcox

St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

The Sydenham Damerel community is as strong as it ever was before Covid 19 changed all our lives. We may not have church services because of social distancing rules, but we still feel connected through our *Covid Chums* group and the *Covid Chronicle* newsletter. We are also campaigning hard to achieve full fibre internet to our rural community as the importance of good digital connectivity has been really emphasised by the pandemic. I believe there is an even more caring atmosphere in the village and a real sense of an 'all for one and one for all' spirit. We have new residents moving in and I know they will all be made warmly welcome by our community.

We all walk the lanes and keep up with the news. When we pass dwellings further a field there are always friendly waves which demonstrates a strong neighbourhood spirit. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful, albeit a little isolated, village and this has become particularly important to help us through difficult times.

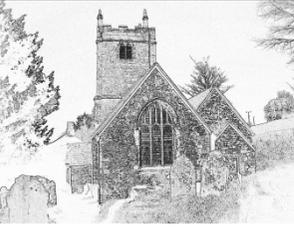
We all look forward to Christmas of course and I am sure that everyone will make the best of the festive season no matter what rules are brought in for our safety and wellbeing. Nobody will be left on their own. Sydenham Damerel will make sure its inhabitants are not forgotten!

Happy Christmas to all in the wider benefice. 2021 will be a better year for us all. Onwards and upwards!



Thanks to John Hearn for the seasonal picture

Margaret Hurdwell



St. Andrew's, Coryton

Well, the return to normal services has been interrupted by a second lockdown. Hopefully, we will be able to have a Service of Celebration on Christmas Day if Covid restrictions at that time allow it. Whilst we hope the service will go ahead please be aware it is a ticketed service. Details of how to obtain tickets are on the inside back page of this edition.

The various ways of keeping up to date with events in the Parish and the Benefice are provided elsewhere in the Parish News. In the meantime, St Andrew's is open for private prayer or meditation.

So, not much news to report and then this!

Thought there was a burglar on the roof! Or was it Santa? Turns out it was our treasurer clearing the gutters!



Josie Whitfield

**Brain Tumour Research
Campaign**

**Annual Coffee Morning
at
Frogwell Cottage, Lamerton**

Is POSPONED until????

**Instead we are taking orders for
BTRC's own quality Christmas Cards**

Please 'phone us 01822 612440



St. Mary's Church, Marystowe



It has been a time of mixed emotions....

Firstly, we reopened our Church and had a wonderful Harvest Service with Holy Communion on the 4th of October, then a delightful Morning Prayers at the beginning of November led by Richard....now it is all shut again. Our Harvest Service collected a magnificent £180 for the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth.

Secondly Deborah stood down as Church Warden at our APCM – she will be sorely missed, especially by Barbara who now is the only Church Warden for Marystowe. We all give Deborah many thanks and are delighted she is staying on the PCC; we also welcome Jonathan who joined the PCC.

Despite being closed we are all busy with our Christmas plans, on Saturday 5th December we are hosting a Zoom reading of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with many familiar faces from Marystowe and around the Benefice. Reverend Andy has kindly offered to 'host' the evening, organise Carol Singing and draw the raffle. This is a free event, although we will be opening a Just Giving page for the night and asking for voluntary donations to be divided equally between the Church and the Children's Society. A local representative from the Children's Society will be joining to give a brief talk about the work of the Charity. We are also planning on delivering Christmas Supper Nibble bags to everyone who wants to be able to sit back and enjoy Christmas snacks while watching our entertainment! More information will be available on the contents and pricing of the supper boxes by email and the website. We are sorry for the delay, but with the lockdown only easing a few days before the 5th we are hoping for more clarity! So here is how to join in:-

- Watch out for the email invitation to the Zoom evening from the Vicar, this will be via the database – if you are not on the database then please contact Joy McSmythurs (01822 860630) to ensure you receive the invitation.
- Contact Joy or Barbara Dawe (01566) 784797 to reserve your Supper boxes early,
- Buy raffle tickets for our Hamper Draw. The tickets are £1 each and available from anyone on the Marystowe PCC. The prizes are five tremendous hampers and photos of the hampers are on the website.

The Bookshop and Jigsaw Library are continuing to deliver so please look out for details in this magazine.

Joy McSmythurs



St. Peter's Church, Lamerton

Just when we were thinking we could get back to some form of normality we are in another lockdown.

If you need help of any sort - practical or spiritual - please contact Andy or either of your Church Wardens - Mike on 614178 or Ian on 810027.

Andy will be keeping us updated on all our services - actual and virtual - as they become available. Our Carols at Collacombe will be a Zoom occasion on Friday 18th December at 7.00pm so do log on and sing along with us. See page 12 for details and the Zoom ID and password.

The Christingle will also be on line on Sunday 13th at 4.00pm - details of how you can obtain an amazing bag with all that is needed to make your own Christingle can be obtained from Barbara on 617229. See page 13 for details and the Zoom ID and password.

We will be putting the cross on the tower again this year and our crib scene will be in the church porch hopefully with carols being played.

Your Church Wardens wish you a peaceful and safe Christmas and hopefully a New Year when we can get together again.

Lucky Lamerton Lottery

A big thank you to all who are taking part in this year's lottery

Winning number for October 2020 draw - 5

Winning number for November 2020 draw - 61

All proceeds go towards St Peter's church, Lamerton



Nine Lessons and Carols



Join us Online for our service of 9 Lessons and Carols.

A mixture of Biblical and Secular readings, along with our best-loved carols.

Bring your own Mulled Wine and Mince Pies and sing your hearts out!

Join our Zoom meeting on

Friday 18th December at 7:00pm

Meeting ID: **816 8110 4168**

Passcode: **000828**

Online Christingle Service



This year we will be holding our Christingle service Online.

Our Elves have very kindly made some DIY Christingle Bags. In the Bags will be everything you need to make your own Christingle. Full instructions will also be in the bag.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

All you need do is assemble your Christingle before the service and then join our Zoom meeting:

Sunday 13th December 4:00 pm

Zoom details:

Meeting ID: **834 1402 9791**

Passcode: **600289**

If you would like a DIY Kit, please do call me on 01822 870298, or e-mail vicar@southtamar.church

Or you can make your own Christingle from your own supplies, see how to make one here.

<https://youtu.be/s-37OVU7Ke4>



**Welcome to our new parish
safeguarding representatives**



Following the APCMs across the parishes within our benefice, please welcome your newly appointed safeguarding representatives. They are there for you to disclose any issues and concerns you have regarding the safety of children and vulnerable adults living in the parish. Be assured that anything you say will be listened to in strictest confidence and the appropriate action taken.

Milton Abbot + Dunterton	David Denton 870431
Marystowe	Anita Townsend 860123
Coryton	Bruce Markham-David TBA
Lamerton +Sydenham Damerel	Julie Hibbert 618221

Rev'd Andy is also available to listen to your concerns : 870298

The benefice safeguarding policy is on the website
www.southtamar.church
 and more information can be found on the diocese website
<https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/>

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Lamerton with Sydenham Damerel PCC

The next PCC meeting will be held on January 19th 2021
with all parishioners welcome to attend.

A Story on the Theme of Courage

From Weakness to Strength

A 10-year-old boy decided to study judo despite the fact that he had lost his left arm in a devastating car accident.

The boy began lessons with an old Japanese judo master. The boy was doing well, so he couldn't understand why, after three months of training the master had taught him only one move. "Sensei," (Teacher in Japanese) the boy finally said, "Shouldn't I be learning more moves?" "This is the only move you know, but this is the only move you'll ever need to know," the sensei replied.

Not quite understanding, but believing in his teacher, the boy kept training. Several months later, the sensei took the boy to his first tournament. Surprising himself, the boy easily won his first two matches. The third match proved to be more difficult, but after some time, his opponent became impatient and charged; the boy deftly used his one move to win the match. Still amazed by his success, the boy was now in the finals.



This time, his opponent was bigger, stronger, and more experienced. For a while, the boy appeared to be overmatched. Concerned that the boy might get hurt, the referee called a time-out. He was about to stop the match when the sensei intervened. "No," the sensei insisted, "Let him continue." Soon after the match resumed, his opponent made a critical mistake: he dropped his guard. Instantly, the boy used his move to pin him. The boy had won the match and the tournament.

He was the champion. On the way home, the boy and the sensei reviewed every move in each and every match. Then the boy summoned the courage to ask what was really on his mind.

"Sensei, how did I win the tournament with only one move?"

"You won for two reasons," the sensei answered. "First, you've almost mastered one of the most difficult throws in all of judo. And second, the only known defence for that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm."

The boy's biggest weakness had become his biggest strength.

Moral: Sometimes we feel that we have certain weaknesses and we blame God, the circumstances or ourselves but we never know if our weaknesses can become our strengths one day. Each of us is special and important, so never think you have any weakness, never think of pride or pain, just live your life to its fullest and extract the best out of it!



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

Don't Miss Christmas!

It's here! Christmas is finally here! What do you like best about Christmas? Is it the Christmas tree with its blinking lights? Maybe it's the beautiful music or the delicious Christmas goodies. For some it might be the parties or visiting with family and friends. For many people the best thing about Christmas is the presents — both the ones we give and the ones we receive. Especially the ones we receive!



Hmm. . . Can you think of anything I have left out? Oh yes! It's someone's birthday, isn't it? That's right! It is Jesus' birthday. You know, sometimes we get so caught up in all of the decorations, lights, parties, and presents that we miss the real Christmas.



That reminds me of a story about a little boy who had always wanted to go to a circus. One day he saw a poster in a store window which said a circus was coming to town and that a ticket to the circus cost one pound. The boy ran home and asked his father if he would give him a pound to go to the circus on Saturday.

His father told him that if he would work hard and get all of his chores done, he would give him a pound to go to the circus. Saturday morning came and the boy got up early and did all of his chores. The boy's father gave him a pound and the boy headed into town filled with excitement about seeing wild animals, trapeze artists, and all of the things that come with a circus. Since he arrived in town so early, he was in the front row when the circus parade started down the main street of town. The boy was thrilled when the animals and other circus acts paraded by.

At the end of the parade came the clowns and following the clowns was the ringmaster. When the ringmaster passed by where he was standing, the boy ran out into the street, took his pound coin from his pocket, and handed it to the ringmaster.

"Thanks mister," said the boy, "that was a great circus." Then he turned around and walked home. He never knew what he had missed. He thought he had been to the circus, but he had only been to the parade.



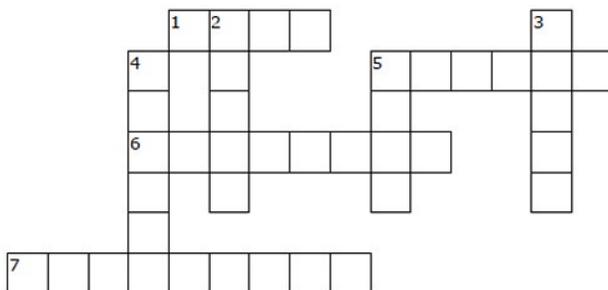
If we are not careful, we can be like that little boy. We can get so caught up in the celebration, the decorations, and the gifts that we miss the real Christmas -- the birthday of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Dear Jesus, it is your birthday. We pray that we won't get so caught up in the celebration that we miss the real meaning of Christmas. Amen.

The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



ACROSS

1. An infant or very young child
5. The place where Mary laid the baby Jesus
6. A person who takes care of sheep
7. The city where Jesus was born

DOWN

2. Heavenly being that told the shepherds about Jesus' birth
3. The savior of the world
4. The earthly father of Jesus
5. The mother of Jesus

JOSEPH	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY
MARY	SHEPHERD	JESUS	MANGER



GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG

*I beg your pardon
I never promised you a rose garden
Along with the sunshine
There's gotta be a little rain some time
When you take you gotta give, so live and let live **

Well, nearly four years ago if you'd been in the grounds of the White House, you might have heard FLOTUS serenading POTUS with this song? Or, was it the other way round, or just a dream?

The White House Rose Garden was established in 1913 by the wife of Woodrow Wilson, redesigned in 1961 by the Kennedy's and more recently Melania, aka FLOTUS, decided on another redesign with removal of some trees and new white and pale pink rose bushes intermixed with seasonal bulbs and annuals. The Rose Garden has hosted many historic events and will no doubt host many more.

So, how does your own Rose Garden compare? Doug has just replaced one poorly performing rose with a new one called *Dame Judy Dench*. This time of year is a great time to plant roses and buying bare root is a great way to go. The plant is dormant over winter and you can easily buy bare root by mail order, avoiding the risk of shopping. It will arrive in a paper sack weighing almost nothing along with detailed instructions for planting (not that it's difficult). Bare root roses are cheaper than the same rose in a pot. One well known supplier is David Austin Roses and if you like roses then a copy of their catalogue will give you a happy hour or two**. If you are redesigning a garden, or just a patio, or even just a pot, then roses do have a lot to offer.

And, if you like the internet in these strange times, look at the RHS website. You don't have to be a member to access lots of information on all things horticultural. Well worth a visit.

And, when you can safely do so, visit local nurseries and plant centres to support them and get some colour for these dark days.

* Written by Joe South and sung by Lynn Anderson.

** Call David Austin 0800 111 4699 if you don't get along with the internet thing.



NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL

*“To see a world in a grain of sand,
And a Heaven in a wild flower,
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand,
And Eternity in an hour.
A robin redbreast in a cage
Puts all Heaven in a rage.”*

William Blake; from Auguries of Innocence

Winter draws in on the earth, not very cold yet, but very wet here in Devon. Bluebell has been visited by a large hedgehog and seen flocks of the incoming winter thrushes, fieldfares and redwings, on ploughed fields. Woodcock are back in the woods, and snipe on the edge of the Moor.

Bluebell flushed a snipe from its cover of reeds and gorse. It rose with a little snort of a cry, distinctive, and dashed away, low and jinking over the ground.

A shocking, sad sight: the poor deer dead. One delicate hoof caught tight in a barbed wire fence between the field and wood. It was a small, young roe deer with a soft brown coat.

Conifer seeds, in cones, are extremely important food for many rodents and birds in the winter. The seeds mature in autumn, but as long as the weather stays damp, the scales remain tightly closed to protect and retain the seeds. The scales lignify as the cones mature, and become extremely hard so that it takes a huge amount of effort for an animal to get to the seeds. This will leave distinct marks, from species to species. Birds also feed on cones. The Great spotted woodpecker wedges them in a crack or anvil in bark.

Cones are an important food for squirrels who primarily forage up in the trees, and damaged cones and gnawed off scales are to be found scattered around the base of the tree. Squirrels will also feed on fallen cones on the ground, sitting on a little hillock or tree stump so it can spot danger approaching. There will be a little pile of gnawed cone axes and scales at such feeding sites. Cones gnawed by squirrels have a frayed appearance. Cones gnawed by mice and voles are left smoother and neater. Mice always feed on loose cones at concealed feeding sites. (Animal tracks and signs; Bang and Dahlstrom; Oxford; 2001)

Bluebell wishes all her readers Faith, Hope and Love, and good health this Christmas, and into the New Year.



FARMING LIFE, BY HAYSEED

“Feeding livestock every day. Roots and Corn and Ricks of Hay”

With the winter season now in full swing with us farmers, that old saying is as important now as it was in those days. Feeding livestock is a full time job so the first line of the saying hasn't changed at all but I think the second line needs just a little explaining.

Roots were grown extensively in the old days and the word “roots” covered crops such as mangolds, swedes, turnips, fodder beet and many others. Mangolds were a heavy yielder with up to 50 tons per acre but are rarely grown anywhere today. I can remember pulling them by hand when my late father used to grow them. They were clamped and covered up to keep the frost off them and fed during the winter period.

Some of the other root crops are still grown and grazed by the animals. Cattle are strip grazed while the sheep flock are referred to as “folded”. These two old sayings are still alive today.

Now, “Ricks of Hay” are never made today. It was well before my time but grass was made into hay and taken into an area known as “The Rick Yard” Making a rick was a real craftsman's job, gradually stacking out at an angle in a complete circle before capping off or thatching. The rick would be about 30 feet high and to a raised point. Machinery came into it's own at the beginning of the 20th Century and hay is now baled up into a much easier crop to handle.

That's enough about the past, so what's happening on the farm today. All the cattle are in and are feeding on big bale silage and hay. The feed is of excellent quality but as I have said before it is important that molasses based minerals are available for the cattle to lick when necessary. All the calves have been weaned off their mums and are on a high protein concentrate as well as their silage. The cows are now enjoying, what we call the “dry cow” period before they start to calf again next Spring. The cows and calves have been drenched to treat them against fluke and worm infection and this is now routine at housing. We also clip off a narrow line of hair on all the backs of the housed cattle. This is done to stop them from sweating and avoid pneumonia. They certainly feel a lot more comfortable after that! I shave every evening and feel more comfortable too!

'Til next time
Hayseed

Churchyard Regulations for the South Tamar Mission Community

The Parish Church Council's of this Mission Community, endeavour to maintain the churchyards so that they may be a place of peace, reflection and remembrance and in accordance with the Diocesan Churchyard Regulations 2013.

To help us in this task we respectfully request:

- No artificial flowers or ornaments.
- Bulbs may be planted in the soil of any grave, adjacent to the headstone.
- Fresh cut flowers may be placed in a receptacle for flowers on the stone base of the headstone.
- Otherwise, they may be placed in a removable container (*not glass*) which must be completely sunk into the ground, close to the headstone. They must be removed as soon as they have withered.
- No planting of shrubs/plants/trees.
- No containers/troughs with plants or flowers.
- Where there is no headstone, one removable flower container (*not glass*) may be used, which must be completely sunk into the ground adjacent to the memorial cross.

Full details of the guidelines can be found on the Notice Boards of our Churches. If you need any further help or guidance, please contact Andy

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

6th January	Duchess of Cambridge's birthday
20th January	Duchess of Wessex's birthday
<i>Other days</i>	
7th December	International Civil Aviation Day
25th January	Burns Night
26th January	Australia 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 and it will be passed on to the Chief Bunting Tossler

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For an extra charge we can gift wrap books for Christmas, and if you are shielding and not venturing out – we will also post them on your behalf.

Please do call Joy if you would like to talk about the stock and have help with ideas for presents – but here are some thoughts:-

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And don't forget to treat yourself – revisit Poldark? Get immersed in a Ruth Rendell? Or try a new author.

SAFETY NOTICE

Please note the books are kept in the Church (which is currently always locked) and, at present, are only handled by Joy and Andy McSmythurs and Barbara Dawe.

All books are quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours before being added to the stock.

Services in Church

See back page for services in December 2020 & inside back page for January 2021

At the time of writing (mid November 2020) we are in the middle of the second national lockdown for England. Whilst we hope and pray that services are possible in December and January please be aware that this may not be the case. In the event of lockdown continuing or Churches being unable to reopen please check the website below for up to date information.

Where services can take place please be reassured that social distancing, hand sanitising and 'one way' systems are in place. Paper copies of orders of service are yours alone to handle and keep afterwards.

Please ensure you wear a mask

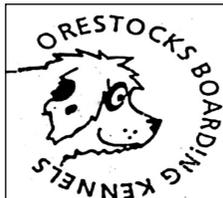
Please keep an eye on the South Tamar Mission Community website
<http://www.southtamar.church/>
 for developments.

Parish News Deadlines

Issue covering the months of	Deadline for submissions	To advertise events taking place in
February and March 2021	15 January 2021	February 2021 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.

It's a shame to have to write this again but a reminder to those of us lucky enough to have a dog in our life that part of the responsibility of owning one is cleaning up after them. Leaving it in verges assuming that it's covered by grass is still irresponsible and a nuisance.
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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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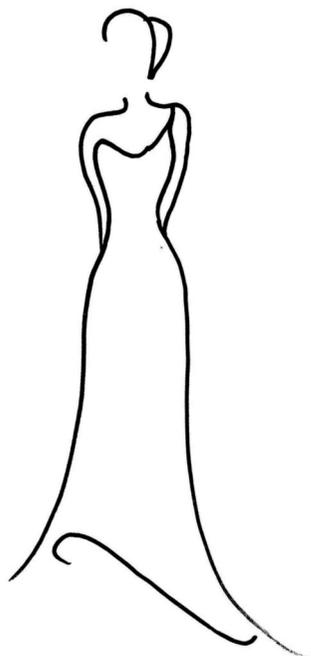
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Milton Abbot Road Safety & Speedwatch Campaign

A number of Milton Abbot villagers were becoming dismayed, alarmed, and concerned by the increasing incidents of speeding, inconsiderate driving, and poor pavement provision in the village. The safety of all road users is very important to us.

So we've been super busy- here's an update of what we've done:

- Set up a website for those able to browse - www.miltonabbotspeedsafety.org.
- Set up a funding campaign online via GoFund me; <https://www.gofundme.com/f/milton-abbot-community-safer-roads-campaign>
- We are firmly in the queue with Devon and Cornwall police for speed watch, awaiting the training of our co-ordinators.
- Raised £310 so far, and growing, which will help to repay a kind loan that enables us to buy all the village school children high viz vests to wear on their winter walk to school
- Planning a fundraising Christmas raffle (tickets/donations/prizes via angus@miltonabbotspeedsafety.org or see website)
- Liaised with the Highways department who have widened and cut back hard the footpaths to school.
- Received coverage in the Tavy Times regarding the campaign
- Between 16th -22nd November, we transformed the village into a speed awareness zone with lots of homemade 30mph signs that will greet drivers from both directions and encourage courteous and speed safe behaviour. Our lovely Rev Andy kindly agreed to some strategically placed signs inside the church grounds, so a huge thank you

We continue to explore funding opportunities that support our rural road safety and also will consult with both Parish Council, Councillor Neil Jory, and our MP Geoffrey Cox.

If you'd like to take part or support our campaign, please reach out to Sonia on either Sonia@miltonabbotspeedsafety.org or 07929 796693.

Together, as a community, we can really make a difference in the safety of our villages roads.

Sonia, Chris, Brian, Karen, Craig, Di, and Angus - just a few of a small and growing group of dedicated helpers.

CHURCH SERVICES - January 2021

Sunday 3 Jan	11am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Lamerton
Sunday 10 Jan	11am	Holy Communion	St Mary The Virgin, Marystowe
Sunday 17 Jan	11am	Holy Communion	St Constantine, Milton Abbot
Sunday 24 Jan	11:15 am	Holy Communion	St Andrew, Coryton
Sunday 31 Jan	11am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Lamerton

<http://www.southtamar.church/live-services/>

To obtain tickets for the “Ticketed Services” please go to:

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The Pastoral Care Team within our Benefice

At this particularly challenging time, the pastoral care team is there for you - to offer time, company and a listening ear in times of loneliness, bereavement or health problems. We can also offer prayer.

If you would like to see a pastoral care visitor or discuss this in more detail please contact

Rev Andy Atkins: 01822 870298
email: vicar@southtamar.church

CHURCH SERVICES - December 2020

Sunday 6 Dec	11am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Lamerton
Sunday 13 Dec	11am	Holy Communion	St Mary the Virgin, Marystowe
Sunday 13 Dec	4pm	Christingle	Zoom <i>Meeting ID:</i> 834 1402 9791 <i>Passcode:</i> 600289
Tuesday 15 Dec	6pm	Taize	St Constantine, Milton Abbot Ticketed Service
Friday 18 Dec	7pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	Zoom <i>Meeting ID:</i> 816 8110 4168 <i>Passcode:</i> 000828
Sunday 20 Dec	11am	Holy Communion	St Constantine, Milton Abbot
Thursday 24 Dec	6:30 pm	Christmas Communion	St Mary the Virgin, Marystowe Ticketed Service
Thursday 24 Dec	11:30 pm	Midnight Mass	St Peter's, Lamerton Ticketed Service
Friday 25 Dec	11:30 am	Christmas Celebration	St Andrew, Coryton Ticketed Service
Sunday 27 Dec	11:15 am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, Coryton