

# Parish News

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



South Tamar  
Mission Community

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# Questions in Faith

## Do Angels exist? Do they have wings?

Interestingly, I thought that these questions were going to be well above my 'pay grade'. However, having read Hope Price's exhaustively researched and referenced book 'Angels' which documents 192 of case histories there is absolutely no question that angels do exist. This is an ideal opportunity to apply Charles Wesley's theological proving theorem the 'Wesleyan Quadrilateral'. Wesley suggested that when we want to either approve or dismiss a given subject, we seek *scriptural* references, *traditions*, *reason* and *practical experience* to either prove or disprove it.

*Scripture* - Angels appear 108 times in the Old Testament and 177 times in the New Testament. This suggests that angels have been observed since ancient times from Daniel (Daniel 10:13) to the Shepherds in the fields in the hills above Bethlehem (Luke 2:9) to the Virgin Mary's visitation by the Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:26-38)

*Tradition* – Most of the major religions and traditions have angels or 'spirit beings'. According to St. Augustine, 'Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. In other words, there are both good and bad angels.

*Reason* - Given that we can only actually see and observe around 5% of the universe – we can't see, observe or know anything about 95% of it. To deny the vast archive of documented appearances of angels would seem irrational. There are so many things we cannot yet explain within even within the visible universe - why not angels.

*Experience* - Angelic appearances have to be distinguished from divine appearances which are personal encounters with Our Lord or more often the Virgin Mary at Fátima or Lourdes etc. Historically angels seem to be sent to guide, to protect or intervene. They have been seen in either human or angelic forms. The latter appear to be male, larger than life - around 8 feet tall and yes often with wings! They can appear to groups of people simultaneously like the shepherds in Bethlehem (ibid). They will appear suddenly, or unexpectantly and disappear immediately after their mission is accomplished – like the angel who freed Peter from prison (Acts 12:3–19). If you are still not convinced read Hope Prices' amazing book 'Angels'. Yes, angels do exist and - yes some have wings!

**Richard Seawright**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

November can be a sombre month, the darkness draws in, the trees stand bare, and the mornings are clouded in mist. It is also a time of remembering.

The second Sunday of November, the Sunday nearest to the eleventh day of the eleventh month, is a time for remembering those who fell in the defence of freedom, not only in two World Wars, but also in all the conflicts which have shattered nations and peoples since. We look backwards to honour those who gave lives in war, but we must also look forwards to keep faith with them and use our energies to build the sort of world that they held dear. There is an old saying that "those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it" that is why it is important for all of us to remember, and to pray that the world's rulers and statesmen may make wise and honourable decisions on behalf of their peoples. There will be services of Remembrance at Lamerton, Milton Abbot and Marystowe this year.

Remembrance Sunday comes just after the Church's special period of remembrance. All Saints' Day, celebrated on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, commemorates all the unsung heroes of Christian discipleship, the ordinary men and women of every age who have been faithful and loving in their service of God and their fellows. They are our inspiration to persevere in what we believe to be true and good and noble, especially when things get tough for us. Within the Christian family, they remind us too that life in Christ endures beyond physical death, and our fellowship with those we love is not severed when we die. Within this communion of saints, we pause to recall with loving reverence our loved ones who have died.

One way in which we express our continuing love and respect for those who have died is by preserving their values and sharing their vision. There is much in the world today that causes us deep concern and anxiety, and the shadow of war hangs over so many lands. That is why we pause to remember and then pledge ourselves to work towards a new future of peace and justice for all.

With every Blessing,

Fr. Andy



## 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



## 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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Our Facebook page: [@southtamarmission](https://www.facebook.com/southtamarmission)

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## BIBLE READINGS (Year B)

*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 3rd Oct. <i>18th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Genesis 2: 18 - 24	Hebrews 1: 1 - 4 & 2: 5 - 12	Mark 10: 2 - 16
Sunday 10th Oct. <i>19th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Amos 5: 6 - 7 & 10 - 15	Hebrews 4: 12 - 16	Mark 10: 17 - 31
Sunday 17th Oct. <i>20th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Isaiah 53: 4 - 12	Hebrews 5: 1 - 10	Mark 10: 35 - 45
Sunday 24th Oct. <i>Bible Sunday (Green)</i>	Isaiah 55: 1 - 11	2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5	John 5: 36b - 47
Sunday 31st Oct. <i>All Saints' Sunday (White)</i>	Isaiah 25: 6 - 9	Revelation 21: 1 - 6a	John 11: 32 - 44
Sunday 7th Nov. <i>3rd Sunday before Advent (Green)</i>	Jonah 3: 1 - 5 & 10	Hebrews 9: 24 - 28	Mark 1: 14 - 20

## BIBLE READINGS (Year B) continued

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 14th Nov. <i>Remembrance Sunday (Red)</i>	Daniel 12: 1 - 3	Hebrews 10: 11 - 25	Mark 13: 1 - 8
Sunday 21st Nov. <i>Christ the King (Red)</i>	Daniel 7: 9 - 10, 13 - 14	Revelation 1: 4b - 8	John 18: 33 - 37
Sunday 28th Nov. <i>1st Sunday of Advent (Purple)</i>	Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16	1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - end	Luke 21: 25 - 36

**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’***.

### 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

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## St. Mary's Church, Marystowe

Our Church is looking really lovely – we had a great day on 24th July cleaning, DIY-ing and gardening; it was hard work but made easy by the company; the Church and Church yard resounded with chatter, laughter and the occasional unholy muttering as a tool was dropped. Thanks to Barbara Dawe for lunch for the workers: Rev. Andy, Andy McS, Anita, Babs, Barbara, Carol, Guy, Joy, Lynda, Margaret, Michael, Rita, and Tim.



We are keen to arrange some social events so make of note of the following on your calendars: -

9<sup>th</sup> October 10am – coffee morning in the Church to catch up with friends and neighbours. It is also an opportunity to share the new bell tower book shop, jigsaw library and card display that are now open to everyone. Please pop in as we would love to see you.

17<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am is our Harvest Festival with the collection for Shekinah Mission in Plymouth. If you would like to join in with flowers to decorate the Church, please do bring to the Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> or on the morning of the service.

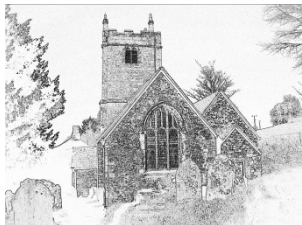
20<sup>th</sup> November 10am – Christmas Coffee Morning in the Church with craft and gift stalls, the launch of our Christmas Hamper Draw

11<sup>th</sup> December – The Traditional (yes let's say two years is a tradition) Marystowe Christmas Dickens Zoom evening. We are beginning to gather thespians/show-offs/has-beens/never-weres together to practise Oliver Twist. As with last year this is a chance for you to embarrass your family and friends by making an exhibition of yourself to be broadcast across the benefice and wider! We are planning to join with the Lifton Singers to include some of the sing along hits from Oliver the Musical. Do please call Joy (01822 860630) if you would like to take part. All proceeds for the evening will be for Marystowe Church and The Children's Society.

Finally, we did make a polite request in our last report on behalf of the volunteers who look after the Churchyard to take away non-compostable rubbish home with you. Unfortunately, a full bin liner was collected again at the beginning of September. We do try and be patient when loved ones are visiting and tending graves, but the beauty and tranquility does rely on our volunteers and we need to nurture them as well!

**Joy McSmythurs**





## St. Andrew's, Coryton

St Andrew's was part of the launch of the brand-new Archangel's Way pilgrimage route on Saturday 31st July as church bells rang out across Dartmoor .

Groups of walkers set off from either end of the route at Brentor and Chagford in the morning and met halfway at Belstone, for a launch event on the village green which included music, morris dancing and an outdoor church service.



During the day, bell ringers rang the bells in eleven historic places of worship all along the route starting with St Michael the Archangel Church, Chagford and finishing with St Michael de Rupe, Brentor. Towards the end of the day, St Andrew's bells were rung by the Chagford bell ringers.



The Archangel's Way is a part of a series of pilgrimage routes developed for the new Devon Pilgrim project, which launched in July. It starts at St Michael's, Brentor, and runs for 35 miles to St Michael the Archangel, Chagford.

Among the people taking part in the pilgrimage was Richard Searight.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Services at Coryton are thankfully back to their normal pattern of Evensong at 6.30pm on the second Sunday and Holy Communion at 11.15am on the fourth Sunday of the month. We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival which will be celebrated with a service of Evensong on Sunday 10th October at 6.30pm.

***Josie Whitfield***

## St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

St. Mary's certainly came out of her shell in August when the First Sydenham Damerel Community Market was organised in conjunction with our new Parish Council. The weather forecast was both terrible and completely wrong, and this forced us to change the plan from a street market to one held inside St. Mary's itself. Pews were moved, canopies erected, the chancel screened and stalls built.

There was such a buzz in the air during the event with a tremendous attendance from the village and surrounding areas. It surpassed everyone's imagination by raising around £600 for St. Mary's from sales of bric-a-brac, cakes, produces, raffle tickets and refreshments. Our very own Sydenham Damerel Brass Band entertained us with a performance of popular music throughout the morning. It was a real village get-together and a huge success.

The primary purpose of St. Mary's is to serve the spiritual needs of the churchgoing members of our community, and this will never be overshadowed but St. Mary's is underused as a church and always struggles to maintain its finances. Our increasingly dynamic community is enthusiastic about keeping the beautiful building full of energy and life and is prepared to fill the gaps in its use with many events. We have no village hall, and our much-loved St. Mary's has proved that it can effectively and sensitively support us all. Watch out for our coming Christmas market, a pantomime (yes, a pantomime), the ever-popular monthly Coffee and many other future events at St Mary's.

***Margaret Hurdwell***



## St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

It has been lovely to be back in church and singing again, even if I am still finding it difficult to juggle with reading glasses and mask when reading the lesson! We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival Songs of Praise on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm, and we are also hoping to have a special Carol Service for our bells in December, as well as our usual Songs of Praise and Holy Communion services over the next months.

Our bells travelled safely up in Loughborough after only a one day delay. The old frame has been dismantled and brought down, the bell chamber floor has been replaced, the clock chamber floor repaired and reboarded, and Taylor's have produced the diagram of the new bell frame, so we are now well on the way with the Bell Project. It has been really encouraging to see things actually happening. We are now looking to raise the last portion of the money which will enable Taylor's to build the new bell frame and do the work on the bells themselves before coming back to install the new frame and rehang the bells.

Two of our old clappers have already been snapped up by people looking for a substantial door-stop! We are asking for a "nice" donation (minimum £100) for these – **only four remaining!** A once in a lifetime opportunity!

The Tavy Turners & Carvers Club have already started to produce items for us to sell which have been made from some of the wood of the old bell frame; please keep an eye out for these as they come on to our on line shop. Pat is also beaver away on her craft items which will also appear in the on line shop as they become available – so please keep checking for new items! Christmas is coming!

Our cookbook is currently being proofread so that will also soon be available for you to buy at a very competitive price. We are hoping to have a stall at Marystowe's Christmas Coffee Morning on 20<sup>th</sup> November when we will have goodies for you to buy and to order for Christmas, together with Christmas cards. We may also be able to have a stall at other events between now and Christmas, so please watch out for news of those.

As if all this wasn't enough, Sarah Atkins has once again very kindly agreed to run another Virtual Draw before Christmas; again, do watch out for news of this. We will have more lovely prizes for you to win!

***Liz Padmore***

## St. Peter's Church, Lamerton

How refreshing to be able to sing hymns again without face coverings. Let's hope it stays that way.



The church and church yard were something to be proud of for our three weddings in ten days. The flower ladies under Shona's leadership have put on magnificent displays both inside and outside. The floral arch for our third wedding was particularly striking. Well done ladies it must have been quite exhausting..



Our first fund raising event since Covid closed everything down was providing cream teas at the duck race. Hillary and her team were up to the mark and put £140 into our coffers - big thank you.

This third week of September has seen our Bunting Tosser (First Class) well up with his battles - flags to mark Battle of Britain, Operation Market Garden (Arnhem) and finally International Pirates Day. Where would we be without him?

Our very talented deputy organist, Val, will be playing for us at our **Harvest Service on the 3rd October at 6.30pm. Do come and join us for a bring and share supper afterwards**

Val will again be with us for our Remembrance Sunday at 10.30am on the 14th November playing hymns for the service with the Lamerton branch of the British Legion. Please meet at the school corner at 10:20am to walk to the cemetery.

We welcome Annie and Mike back after too long an absence - I'm sure they will soon be in harness again!

We will be meeting the new owners of Collacombe Barton - Mr and Mrs Kirkwood - to see if it is possible to resume our very popular Carols at Collacombe.

## ***Lucky Lamerton Lottery***

***A BIG THANK YOU***

***to all participants for your generosity and support***



Winning number for August 2021 = 13

Winning number for September 2021 = to be confirmed

### **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 along with some 'fun' flag days

<b>7th October</b>	<b>World Smiley Day</b>
<b>21st October</b>	<b>Battle of Trafalgar</b>
<b>24th October</b>	<b>UN Day</b>
<b>11th November</b>	<b>Remembrance Day</b>
<b>14th November</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
<b>20th November</b>	<b>Prince Charles' Birthday</b>
<b>30th November</b>	<b>St Andrews Day</b>

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 WI**

The speaker for the October meeting (Tuesday 5th) is Rosemary Griggs who will give a talk entitled 'An Audience with the Lady Catherine & a peep inside her wardrobe'

The speaker for the November meeting (Tuesday 2nd) will be Ann Mercer who will be speaking with slides. The talk is entitled 'Kathmandu and its World Heritage'

As always, new members are very welcome, please do come along to the hall in Lamerton at 2pm.

# **Slideshow and quiz on France and Italy**

**Friday 15th October  
at 7pm;**

**Lamerton Village  
Hall  
fun, prizes, wine and  
nibbles**

ENTRY £5 per person, all proceeds to  
DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST  
CONTACT Annie and Mike Jefferies for tickets  
01822 614178

## A Story on the Theme of Compassion

### Mirror with a Malfunction

There was once a boy who was very rich and clever. He had practically everything a boy could ever want, so he was only interested in the most rare and curious of objects. He found a very old mirror and convinced his parents to buy it for him from a mysterious old man. When the mirror arrived home, the boy went to see his reflection in it. His face looked very sad. He tried smiling and making funny faces, but his reflection continued with its sad expression.



Surprised, the boy went off to buy sweets. He came home as happy as can be, looked in the mirror, but his image was still sad-looking. He bought all kinds of toys and old junk, but always looked sad whenever he looked in that mirror. Fed up, the boy stuck the mirror off in a corner.

"What a terrible mirror! It's the first time I've seen a mirror that didn't work properly!"

That same afternoon he went out to play, but on his way to the park he saw a little boy who was crying his heart out. The boy was crying so much, and looked so lonely, that the rich boy went over to help him and to see what had happened. The little one told him that he had lost his parents.



Together the two boys set off in search of them. As the little boy wouldn't stop crying, the rich boy spent his money on buying him sweets to cheer him up. Finally, after much walking, they found the little boy's parents who were out looking for him, and were very worried.

The rich boy said goodbye, and walked off towards the park. But, seeing the time, he decided to head for home, without having been able to play and without money. At home, he went to his room, and noticed a shining light in the corner, the same corner where he had left the mirror. Seeing this, he went over to the mirror, and realised that the light was coming from his own body, so radiant with happiness had he become.

And so he understood the mystery of that mirror, the only mirror which could faithfully reflect the true joy of its owner. He realised it was true; he felt genuinely happy at having helped that little boy.

And since then, each morning when he looked in that mirror and failed to see a special shine, he always knew what he had to do to bring it back.



## A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

### They Are Precious in His Sight

People often place a welcome mat outside the front door to their house. What is the real purpose of a welcome mat? Sometimes it can mean, "Please wipe your feet before you come into the house," but the word 'welcome' really means to greet someone in a warm and friendly way. When someone comes to our house, do we really make them feel welcome? What if it is someone whose skin is a different colour from our own? What if it is someone who doesn't dress as nicely as we do?

Do people feel welcome when they come to our church? Does the homeless person feel welcome in our church? Do people from different races feel welcome in our church? And here is another question: are children made to feel welcome in our church? What if they don't know how they are expected to act in the worship service? What if they whisper and pass notes to their friends? What if they wiggle and squirm and disturb our worship?

This is nothing new. Even in the day in which Jesus lived some people were not made to feel welcome. Even Jesus' own disciples sometimes didn't understand that everyone was welcome in the Kingdom of God. One day Jesus was teaching and people were bringing little children to have Jesus touch them. The disciples criticized the parents and told them to stop bringing their children to Jesus. When Jesus heard what his disciples were saying, he was very upset. "Let the children come to me and don't stop them!" Jesus said. "The Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. Anyone who doesn't come like a





little child will never enter." Then Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them.

Wow! Jesus sure knew how to make a child feel welcome, didn't he? Imagine how those children must have felt when Jesus took them up in his arms and blessed them? Shouldn't all of us make everyone feel welcome like Jesus did?

Dear Father, we want to learn the lesson that Jesus taught us. Help us to make everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, feel welcome in our homes, in our church, in our schools, and in our circle of friends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## They Are Precious in His Sight

And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 3:16 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
X	G	I	Q	M	B	S	V	P	T	F	Z	Y	J	K	U	L	N	D	C	W	O	E	R	H	A

- 17-3-10-10-17-23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-24-16-10-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-17-23-7-7-23-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 26-24-5-7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-22-16-20-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-26-18-19-7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 15-3-18-2-19-22-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-3-18-19-23-24 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-23-17-22-18-2-7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-25-3-17-19-24-23-18 \_\_\_\_\_

KINGDOM	BELONGS	HINDER	HANDS	ARMS
BLESSED	TOUCH	TRUTH	CHILDREN	LITTLE

### **Mischievous Mabel**

Many congratulations to Kate (Catherine) Leeves on her new book *Mischievous Mabel*. The book is available for purchase at £5.99 from Kate and on Amazon. Kate writes about her inspiration for the book:

“I was on the ‘Tail End’ of completing a basket of ironing one afternoon last August, when I got a message from a friend Christina about the latest antics of her border terrier puppy called Mabel. It was at this point I got a spark of inspiration (not from the iron thankfully) to put pen to paper and write a children’s book about a very naughty puppy - always getting into scrapes!”



## **Lamerton Primary School Christmas Fair**

Saturday 27th November 2021, 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 Esther on (01822) 832326 or 07974 820710  
£5 for a small table (3 x 3ft) or £10 for a large table (3 x 6ft)

## NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL

*“Michael, row the boat ashore! Alleluia!”*



The song is for St Michael, one of the seven Archangels, who defeated Satan, or Lucifer, in the great war in Heaven. Michael was not only the warrior leader of the angelic host, he was also sometimes seen as the receiver of the souls of the departed as they crossed the River Jordan to land ashore in heaven.

The feast day of St Michael and all Angels falls near the Autumn Equinox, on 29<sup>th</sup> September and is associated with the beginning of Autumn and the shortening of days. Darker nights and colder days begin as the year edges into winter and St Michael is called to protect us against the encroaching dark of winter nights as well as the darkness of Satan's evil angel host. His feast used to be very important in the Christian year, as St Michael and his angels had overcome Evil in heaven and sent the Devil tumbling to Earth. He was said to have fallen into a bramble bush, and therefore blackberries must not be gathered to eat after Michaelmas, for then the devil spat on them in his fury.

Most churches built on hilltops, like our own at Brentor, are dedicated to St Michael and All Angels, in honour of the victory of the Angels in the heavenly battle.

Michaelmas is one of the four quarter days in England, for settling rents and accounts, and the beginning of the judicial and academic year. The new Lord Mayor of London is elected at Michaelmas. The Goose Fair was for hiring labourers after the harvest, as well as selling the flocks of geese hatched in the spring. A roast goose or two was traditionally eaten for dinner. Michaelmas day was the last day of the harvest and the end of the farming year. It marked the end of the fishing season, the beginning of the hunting season, the traditional time to pick apples and the time to make cider and the start of the new cycle. Old Michaelmas day is 11<sup>th</sup> October (Gregorian calendar).

When our food supply was seasonal, harvest time really mattered. Now it is not, we have become disassociated from Nature, (though less so in the country) and so follows all the horror of global warming.

***“The Michaelmas daisies, among dede weeds, Bloom for St Michael’s valorous deeds”***

## GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



Well, as I write this the weather has changed from that fantastic hot, dry spell that we had for the Lamerton Duck Race to - umm, a bit grey and drizzly. What a weather whirlwind this year.

Tomatoes! You will remember those if you grew some? If they were outdoors, you won't want to talk about them; I understand. I had 3 outside. They were surplus/extras. Day 32, they were fine. Day 41, they were offering up lots of nice toms. Day 43, they were black, plagued, finished! I'm not the only gardener to experience this. Blight! The toms in the greenhouse were more or less ok. Mustn't grumble! Climate change, mate!

For the first time I grew some tomatoes called 'Rosella'. They are small, dark red with a bit of green on top. Ooh, lovely taste. I shall grow again. Just the thing for a school lunch box. Yum! Easy! Well, yes, they were in the greenhouse.

Doug has been confused by Hydrangeas. Why, when grown on Acid soil do they flower blue? Remember your Chemistry lessons? Blue is alkaline! Red is acid! I'm looking at one that was very blue and now - 3 weeks later - it's red! Well, pinkish. And, why are young runner beans so tender and 'melt in the mouth' and then, only a few days later, so stringy and tough that you chuck 'em in the food waste? Well that's gardening for you. Perhaps it explains why gardeners spend so much time in their beds. There you are, weeding away, just getting on top of it ..... and the phone rings. 'I'm in my bed! Ring me later. Bye!' There are so many questions, without perfect answers, and that's the fun of it. Perhaps, because of all the conundrums, we enjoy it. Like life?

Buy some daffodils - buy from Cornwall - save the industry! Why not? You can't have too many daffs, can you? Maybe some tulips? It's not too late.

Get some catalogues and get thinking about Next Year. If you're new to it all, get one of the gardening magazines; Amateur Gardening or Gardeners World maybe? Or, look at the RHS website for inspiration. It's free.

Here's a Doug sunflower with the sun setting behind it. The birds love the seeds. God Bless. Enjoy!



## FARMING LIFE, BY HAYSEED

### *Out Standing In His Field*

*"All is safely gathered in  
e're the winter storms begin!"*



Those two lines come from the first verse of that well known harvest hymn - Come ye thankful people come. While I am writing this, the first line has nearly arrived - but I hope that the second line does not arrive at all!! There I go talking 'bout the weather again.

These last few months have been good to us from a harvesting point of view. Virtually all the cereals have been harvested and some corn crops have been particularly very heavy yielding this year. My neighbour records a bumper crop of Barley that yielded over 3 tons an acre, he has never had a crop like it. In fact the straw that was baled up after cutting the corn was also more than expected. Generally around we hear that yields have been very good. The past few weeks have seen crops of good quality second and third cut silage and with some lovely warm rain lately some could even see yet another cut! Maize silage is coming on and soon will be ready for harvesting probably the contractor will be much in demand with everyone wanting them at the same time. Let's hope that we can have another dry spell when that happens.

All the lambs have either been sold or retained for breeding - the latter are used to keep the flock numbers right. The ewes will be put to ram soon so that all can be in-lamb. At the moment the group of rams are having some concentrate feed to keep them in good condition before that are put with the ewes -it's called 'Tupping'

The calves will be weaned off the beef suckler cows in the next month or two so that the cows can have a good rest before the next crop of calves arrive in early Spring. They will be coming in and fed on silage and concentrates - not forgetting the mineral buckets. It is so important that minerals are kept at the right levels all year round. The most nutritious ones we use are molasses based and are very palatable. Cattle and sheep just love it and they always seem to "bloom" on it! Well it's time to put the old pen down again -

'Til next time

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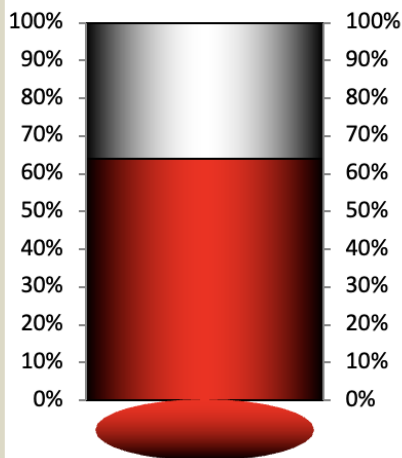
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Please keep a regular eye on the shop as items will be regularly added.

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# On behalf of Friends of Lamerton School

(Registered Charity Number 1056785)



We are pleased that we have been able to arrange a collection from Bag2School on the morning of **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. Bag2School are a free fundraising scheme, established in 1999, for anyone wanting to raise funds by donating unwanted clothes.

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Are you able to please donate any items from the list below?

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**Please bring your bag/s to the main school entrance on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

Between 8am and 8:30am (Lamerton Residents) or

Between 8:30 and 9am (Parents of children at school).

You can use any bag to donate your items

If you can't bring your items for donation on the day, please contact Esther (FOLS Chair) on 07974 820710 or (01822) 832326 and I'm sure we'll be able to find a way to ensure your items can be donated. Thanks for your support



# Open The Book

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It is wonderful to be able to be back in schools telling Bible Stories, at Lewtrenchard School we have been telling stories by Zoom; we are still dressing up and using props even though we are at home. This can involve some explaining however! Our telling of the Last Supper did give my husband a little cause for concern when he saw me retreat to my study with a stale bread roll and glass of Malbec at 9am in the morning, he fears that my method acting approach has become too literal. In addition, pity must be given to the poor Meter Reader who interrupted Norma and was a little bemused by her tea towel headdress, we all hope he does not return this week when he will be confronted by a tinsel halo (she is of course an angel!).

At Lamerton we were able to destroy the walls of Jericho in the playground, in my excitement at a live performance, I got ready at home rather than taking the costume to change into, so I left the house in my Joshua robes (old curtains and tea towel) and then wondered at the looks I received while driving. Apologies are given to anyone who was disturbed at the noise in the playground as the story tellers and children were very enthusiastic in marching round blowing imaginary trumpets and cheering.

*Joy McSmythurs*

## LAMERTON COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee mornings at Lamerton Parish Hall are back:

October 9th, November 6th and December 11th.

Do come along, meet friends and catch up.



## Lamerton Sports and Community Centre

Our first fund raising event since Covid took over our lives was the Duck Race and was a great success. It was the most profitable in 19 years bringing in over £1,500. All 1000 ducks were sold. The day was beautifully sunny and it was a joy to see people out and being human again. Particularly good was to see the children enjoying mud and water!

The Duck Race always entails a lot of hard work bringing everything down to the field and then taking it back at the end of the day so big thank you to all who helped.

Coffee Mornings have restarted - thanks to Shona and Barbara - and it was good to see our old faithful friends back with us. They will be held once a month until Christmas when we are hoping to resume fortnightly gatherings.

The saga of the MUGA drags on. A month after saying that they would hold their price Wicksteed informed us that they in fact wanted another £17,000 as prices of all their materials had gone up whilst we awaited a planning decision.

Revisiting Russell Play's quote we found that it had gone up even more. So, we have given Wicksteed an order to build it. Having chased them several times for a time line they now say that they cannot start before Christmas. As the field could be quite wet in the middle of winter and as the £9K grant from Devon County is due to run out at the end of the year it will be interesting to see what transpires.

The Paxman Family are busy preparing for another brain teasing Quiz Night which will be on Saturday 20th November at the hall - please bring your own drinks and nibbles, teams of up to 6.



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We have rung for four weddings and a funeral (no, not the theme music for Hugh Grant's film!) with the help of fellow ringers from within the benefice, this has not only been good for inter-tower relations but has meant that due to everyone's generosity a large part of the fees have been donated to the Milton Abbot Bell Appeal.

New recruits are still needed to strengthen our numbers but we are making steady progress.

As always, please contact Tavistock 612202 if you or someone you know might consider learning.

***William Dawe***

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Milton Abbot Village Hall

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## **Brain Tumour Research Campaign Christmas Cards**

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We have a supply at Frogwell Cottage in Lamerton, together with some crafts for sale, but sadly due to social distancing in our house we feel we ought not to have a coffee morning.



Hopefully we will have a table at the Schools Christmas Fair on 27 November at Lamerton Hall 11am – 2pm.

Thank you for your on-going support and hopefully see you at our coffee morning in the spring.

***Rosalind & Robert Wiggins***



# St Peter's, Lamerton

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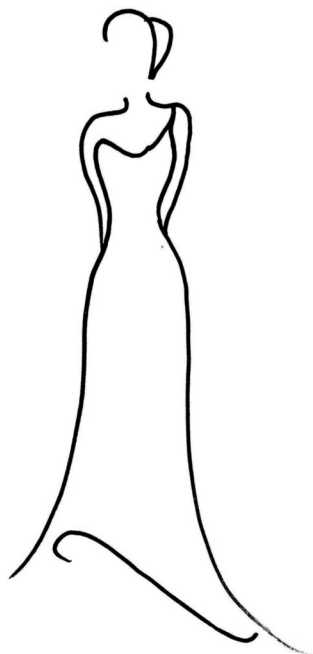
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## November 2021

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunterton	St Constantine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
<b>Weds. 3rd Nov.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion</b> Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 7th Nov.</b> <i>3rd Sunday before Advent</i>		<b>6:30pm BCP Evensong</b>			<b>9:30am HC / CW</b>	
<b>Weds. 10th Nov.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion</b> Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 14th Nov.</b> <i>Remem- brance Sunday</i>		<b>10:20am Remem- brance Service</b>		<b>10:45am Remem- brance Service</b>	<b>10:45am Remem- brance Service</b>	
<b>Weds. 17th Nov.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion</b> Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 21st Nov.</b> <i>Christ the King</i>		<b>11:00am HC / CW</b>			<b>9:30am Family Service Morning Praise</b>	
<b>Weds. 24th Nov.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion</b> Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 28th Nov.</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>6:30pm Songs of Praise</b>			<b>11:00am HC / CW</b>		<b>11:15am HC / CW</b>

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## October 2021

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunterton	St Constantine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
<b>Sunday 3rd Oct.</b> <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>		<b>6:30pm Harvest Festival</b>			<b>9:30am HC / CW</b>	
<b>Weds. 6th Oct.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 10th Oct.</b> <i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<b>10:30am Harvest Festival</b>			<b>6:30pm Harvest Festival</b>		<b>6:30pm Harvest Festival</b>
<b>Weds. 13th Oct.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 17th Oct.</b> <i>20th Sunday after Trinity</i>		<b>11:00am HC / CW &amp; Baptism</b>			<b>9:30am Harvest Festival</b>	
<b>Weds. 20th Oct...</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 24th Oct..</b> <i>Bible Sunday</i>	<b>9:30am United Benefice Service Marystowe HC / CW</b>					
<b>Weds. 27th Oct.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday. 31st Oct.</b> <i>All Saints' Sunday</i>	<b>11:00am United Benefice Service Lamerton HC / CW</b>					