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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

– A Street Pastor's Question

At a recent Churchwardens' Council of the Exe Valley Mission Community we welcomed Chris and Julia, two members of the Tiverton Street Pastors Team, who presented a most instructive Power-point and talk about the work of the Street Pastors in Tiverton.

You may or may not be aware that on each Saturday Night (and hopefully, as the scheme develops, Friday nights also) a team of 4 Christians from various local churches are on the streets from 10.00pm to 3.30am Sunday morning, offering support and, if necessary, physical help to young people and others who are out and about in the town for a "Good Time". These trained Street Pastors work in conjunction with the local police and emergency services on any situation that might develop, whether illness, persons reported missing, or arranging for people to get home safely. One of the more mundane, but effective, ministries is the distribution of "Flip Flop" shoes to those whose evening footwear does not prove helpful after a few drinks!

But the four Pastors on the streets at any one time are not the total force involved. Twenty people were commissioned by Bishop Bob Evens on 20th March this year, and the whole team on any one evening can involve most of these. What are the rest doing? I quote from the 1st Newsletter "We all met at base at 9.30pm which gave us time to pray for the team before they went out. The police met us there for a briefing before the Street Pastors went out on the streets. We prayed a lot (during the evening) When the phone went and the team rang it was great. It always gave us more to pray for, even if it was just for an area of Tiverton itself. Sometimes we

prayed for individual Street Pastors, sometimes for people they had met and were talking to at the time, sometimes for situations".

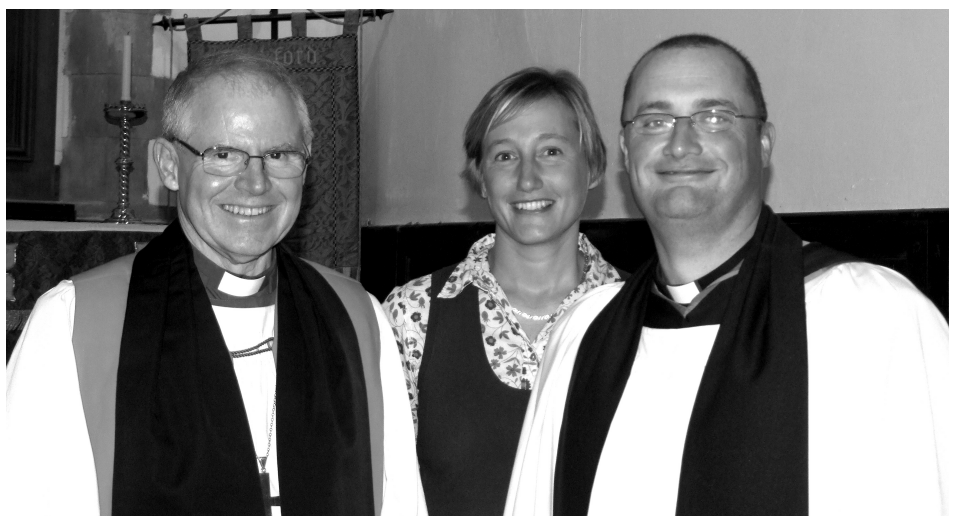
It was clear, from the presentation that Chris and Julia gave, that prayer was at the centre of all that goes on, Some are praying in the base at the CHAT offices, some prayer partners pray at home, but there is no way these individuals can continue this work without prayer support.

But maybe the question arises in your mind (as I must confess it has in mine in the past) why all this time, effort and inconvenience over those who wish to "enjoy" themselves by drinking too much and causing problems on the night streets of Tiverton? Surely the answer must lie in the core of the Gospel itself? Yes, Jesus asks us to be neighbours to those whose lifestyles we might not wish to copy, but I

think it is even more basic than this. If we ask ourselves why Jesus came in the first place, and then, why He freely chose to offer Himself as a sacrifice on the cross, we come nearer to the truth about ourselves; and therefore we can see how hypocritical it is to point the finger at those in Tiverton on a Saturday night. For the Bible is clear that we all - yes each one of us - has turned away from a Holy God. We read in Isaiah's prophecy "We all like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way...". Yes that describes me, and you, and those on the streets of Tiverton, both revellers and Street Pastors!

So the Street Pastors are modelling Jesus' way of service and love - what an example to us all! And Isaiah goes on to say "...The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all". So let us praise and thank him, as we pray for the Street Pastors!

John Roberts



Welcome, Steve and Sarah, to the Exe Valley - See page 2

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**UNDER NEW
MANAGEMENT**

St. Peter's, Oakford, was packed for Steve's licensing service on 11th September. Due to a delay in some of the paperwork he could technically be licensed only as Priest in Charge. His induction as Rector may well have taken place by the time you read this, or will at least be imminent. The service was conducted by Bishop Bob, who preached a thought provoking sermon on the Good Shepherd, from the reading chosen by Steve.

A big thank you to all those who took part in the service, to the ladies of Oakford for the catering, and to all from the Mission Community who provided the food.

Steve and Sarah are now acclimatizing themselves to life in rural surroundings, and very much appreciated the welcome cards and gifts from the various parishes. We now look forward to welcoming them into each of our churches.

For those who may have been anticipating something from Steve himself, I have encouraged him to wait until the next issue, since he and Sarah have both had enough to think about in settling in after their move. Steve, the front page awaits you!

Paul Iliff

**THE EXE VALLEY
MISSION COMMUNITY
TODDLER GROUP**

The Exe Valley Mission Community Toddler Group will aim to be a meeting place for people caring for young children in and around the area. We hope this will enhance our community by providing the opportunity for parents and carers to meet new like minded people. At the same time we will be creating a safe and enjoyable play time for children. The ages will range

from the very small babies to toddlers under 5.

A typical morning will include play with a wide range of different toys, crafts, music and a soft area for the very little ones. We will be providing a hot drink for carers, and a snack for children half way through, to give a chance for carers to chat, and children to refuel.

We will be running every Friday morning during term time, from 10am – 12noon, at Calverleigh Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to bring children - mums, dads, grandparents, childminders etc. Each session will cost £1.50.

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations of toys; we are very grateful for your support. Also a big thank you to Julie Goldsworthy who has kindly let us use her great selection of toys, and is also giving up her time to help with the running of group. Julie is very experienced with young children from, in the past, running her own pre-school for a number of years. We would like to thank the Sure Start Children's Centre for their kind advice and support for the group. If anyone is interested in getting involved, or for any other information, please call Liz Heywood on 01884 881583.

**WASTE WATCHERS
HOLIDAY CLUB**

During the last week of July, the annual Exe Valley Holiday Club was held at Calverleigh Village Hall. The theme for this year was "Waste Watchers". We learned about the wonderful world God has made for us to live in, how God created 'something from nothing', how Jesus turned 'water into wine', how Jesus healed the blind man - turning 'darkness into light' and how, through Jesus dying for us on the cross and coming back to life, God brought changes of 'sadness to joy.'

Around 60 children each day enjoyed watching the stories on DVD, and, through the puppet presentations, they joined in with singing, workouts, and took part in

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quizzes. Each child had his or her own Little Green Booklet of activities which they worked through with their leaders. During the afternoons, children split into age groups to take part in sport, games and crafts. Continuing the theme of Waste Watchers, the children made models from things that we throw away, There were some very creative and imaginative models made, and some children put a lot of time and effort into making useful items.

To run a successful Holiday Club we need a team of willing volunteers, Thank you to all who gave up their time to help, Thank you to Anna Hansford and Diana Vincent who helped me with the planning and delivery of the programme, to Shirley Goldsworthy who put a lot of time into making sure we had everything we needed up and running efficiently, Alison Webber who designed the crafts for the week. Ron Tidball who took complete control of the sports and games programme, Nikki Goldsworthy and Dave Burton who, very efficiently, took responsibility in the technical department. Margaret Tidball who supplied the refreshments. Muriel and John Blinman for sorting out the registration and making badges for the teams. Thank you to the Webber family for the marquee and ball pond (always a favourite with the children). Thank you to all who helped in any way, and hope to see you all again next year.

From comments made by parents and children, the event was a total success. Several have asked to come again next year! With a smaller number this year, it was easier getting to know all the children and being able to remember their names. Friendships were made between children, helpers and children, and between the helpers. I would like to think that the children have learned a little more about the work of God, and will take this home to their families.

Fish Club runs during term time at Calverleigh Village Hall, from after school to 5.15 each Friday evening, for children 4-11, with a fun programme of crafts, games, singing and activities that help us to learn

more about the work of God. For more information contact Cindy Trick Tel. 01363 866621.

Cindy Trick

GARTH HEWITT ON TOUR

Garth Hewitt of the Amos Trust is including a visit to Stoke Canon as part of his Autumn tour, "Let Justice Roll". He will be at St. Mary Magdalene church on Wednesday 27th October at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Wagon Works, Jericho Street, Thorverton, EX5 5PA. They are selling at £7, with concessions

for those aged 16 and under, and students, at £4.50. The admission charge includes light refreshments in the interval.

As well as singing some of his latest songs, Garth will be giving an insight into the work of the Amos Trust in Israel / Palestine, South Africa, Nicaragua and India. Expect a thought-provoking evening, and see what God has been, and is doing, through those associated with the Amos Trust.

For further information and / or tickets please contact Harold Whitty at the above address (Tel: 01392-860397, e-mail: wagonworks@hotmail.co.uk).

NEW CREATION NEWS – OCTOBER 2010

October again and time to celebrate our birthday and begin thinking about Christmas. We're 22 on the 4th – our grateful thanks go to our loving Heavenly Father who has enabled and encouraged us, and to all our dear customers and friends who have worked in, and prayed for, this ministry, and supported our efforts to get the Gospel out to Tiverton and beyond. Like ripples in a pool, no-one knows what effect a scripture verse, a book or a card may have on the receiver. We pray that the vision given years ago is still being worked out to His glory. See details of birthday event on opposite page.

Every Christmas we endeavour to stock the widest variety of cards, books and gifts as we possibly can – but we need YOU to come in and choose to purchase from US. This is the time of year when we can easily share the Christian message. All our Christmas cards, calendars, diaries, books and gifts display that message – often lasting longer than the festive season. Please make sure the message of Jesus is not packed away like a decoration.

Have you been looking at 'The Christian Marketplace' magazine? You may have noticed the children's promotion from Barnabas - 'Encourage COMPASSION this Christmas.' If you buy a Barnabas children's book 10% of the cover price will go to Compassion's 'Child Survival' Programme. So we will be stocking all these books. They make excellent Christmas presents, whilst helping those less fortunate children in the third world.

On talking recently to one of our Reps. it appears many Christian bookshops are transforming themselves into book and coffee shops in order to stay viable. He said we were a leader in the field having served the community in this way for over 20 years. May we remind you our café is child friendly with toys to keep little ones amused. Penny and her staff are only too pleased to serve child portions at half-price and indeed accommodate any special requirements if they possibly can. Also New Creation is always available as a Supper Venue for groups up to 18 max. Who knows, a change of surroundings may be a source of inspiration to your group. In years gone by the coffee house was a place to discuss and share - maybe we could be that place for you.

Finally, thank you to all those who recently helped to clean and re-decorate following the installation of new windows in the office and bathroom. We are so grateful.

God bless you all.

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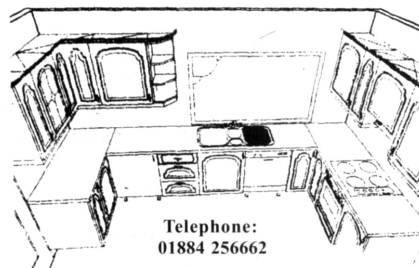
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TIVERTON ROTARY

Dear Reader,

Let me invite you to discover more about the Rotary Club.

Our members come from Tiverton and surrounding villages, and are a friendly, cheery, dedicated bunch of men and women, who enjoy mixing good works with social times.

So people may see the work done for local and international charities, we are holding an informal get-together at the Tiverton Hotel. November 15, 6.30pm, with light refreshments.

Please ring or email me to let me know you are coming, or to ask any questions.

Yours sincerely
Roland Westlake
The Rotary Club of Tiverton
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HOME HEATING

The Diocese of Exeter has joined with Energy Action Devon to promote CosyDevon as a way of helping local people avoid fuel poverty next winter. This involves free and discounted home insulation for households in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.

You may not be thinking about your heating bill during these warmer summer months, but now is the best time to start planning for the winter ahead.

As autumn closes in, more and more people start preparing for the colder seasons and arranging their insulation measures. Be canny and cosy this year by beating the rush and getting your insulation installed during the summer.

Right now there is funding available for all homeowners and private tenants in Devon to offer free and heavily discounted prices on loft and cavity wall insulation.

Installing insulation in your home can save you up to £340pa off your heating bill and can reduce your carbon dioxide emissions, making your home greener, as well as helping you stay warm and cosy.

For further information please ring (freephone) 0800 512012 and quoting 012 as a reference number or visit www.cosydevon.co.uk

Note:
Fuel Poverty is a big concern in urban and rural Devon, defined as when more than 10%

of income is needed to achieve temperatures required to maintain health and comfort. We know, for instance, that many pensioners will skip meals in order to pay for heating.

Clearly one way of addressing this, as a matter of pastoral care and justice, is to encourage people to better insulate their homes. CosyDevon helps by offering free or discounted insulation to homeowners and private tenants if they are in a 'priority group'- being over 70 or receiving benefits such as Income Support, Housing Benefit State Pension Credits or Disablement Allowances. CosyDevon also offers generous discounts to those outside of this group.

We are encouraging our churches to refer people to this opportunity and this is the right time to make plans for next winter. You can either refer people to us or (preferably) direct to CosyDevon based in Plymouth free on 0800 512012 quoting 012 as a reference, or via the website www.cosydevon.co.uk

This scheme has health, environmental and economic benefits and if you can help to promote in your parish or Mission Community it is a positive example of Social Responsibility in local action. The Diocese will receive a small fee for every completed installation, but our reasons for doing this are to address real concerns of people suffering from colder temperatures and also to reduce carbon emissions by wasting less energy.

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PARISH ROUND-UP

Calverleigh

The annual potato competition was held at the Rose and Crown. This was once again organised by Gillian Tucker, family and friends, and was a great social evening with everyone bringing along the potatoes they had grown from the seed that Gillian had distributed a couple of months before. The Rose and Crown provided a supper, which was potatoes cooked in many different ways. A total of £123.00 was raised on the night for Calverleigh Church. Many thanks to all who helped, and many thanks to the Rose and Crown for their hospitality.

Congratulations to Myrtle on becoming a Great Grandma. Grandson Adrian and Sophie presented her with Great Grandson

Freddy Ivan Webber. Betty Slade is also a Great Grandma again.

There was a concert in the hall on 18th July, organised by Kathy Welden and friends, in aid of the Rainbow Craft and Recreation. A very good audience turned up to listen to "In Harmony" (our local Andrews Sisters) and a young lad called Lance Travelling, who entertained us with his skills on the electric guitar. It was a very pleasant evening with tea and cakes in the interval.

Congratulations to all who have celebrated special anniversaries and birthdays in the last two months. A little bird has told us that our dear friend Betty Slade will celebrate her 90th birthday on 2nd October.

Our prayers are with all who are ill at the present; we are thinking especially of Ron Rowe at this time. There is good news on Stephen Tucker, who is making a very good recovery after his recent illness. Hope Gerald Blackmore is feeling "not so sore" after his recent fall from his bike. Does he need to take a cycling proficiency test?! Joking aside Gerald, we hope you are feeling fit again.

We were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Ruth Kittow (nee Hill), sister of Steve Hill of Fulford farm. She was only 63 years of age. She was brought up in Calverleigh and went to school in Tiverton. She will be sadly missed by many in our area who knew her. Our deepest sympathy goes to all the Family.

We hope that all the young folk who sat their exams have received the Grades they were waiting for, and we wish them all well in the future. Some of you will be going on to Universities and Colleges, and some of you may be changing schools. Good luck to you all.

August 21st was the Inter Village "It's a Knockout" Competition and this year it was organised by Calverleigh. This is an annual event between the villages of Calverleigh, Stoodleigh Club, Templeton Club and Washfield Club. This event was restarted again last year by Washfield Club, and the shield was won by Calverleigh. This year, Washfield Club won the shield by gaining one point more than Calverleigh. It was a fun afternoon with brilliant sunshine, competitive teams, and a wonderful atmosphere all around. Many spectators enjoyed the imaginative games that had been organised by a willing, hard working team. We wish to thank all who gave so much of their time in the weeks

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preceding the event, making and putting together all the equipment, and working so hard on the day, then clearing it all away. Thank you to all local businesses and farmers who loaned equipment, straw bales, and even water for the games. Thanks must also go to all who provided food and drink throughout the afternoon. Last, but not least, thank you to our two nurses who were on duty. Luckily their services were not required during the afternoon. The only mishap was when one of our nurses gave us a hand in the kitchen in the morning cutting up onions, managing to cut her own finger!! It was a great event and we managed to give Calverleigh Church £312.21. Well done to everyone involved.

A Service of Blessing took place in our Church on Saturday 4th September. We wish Katherine and David every happiness in their future life together. Katherine is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Lineham of Manitoba, Calverleigh.

Our morning service on Sunday 7th November will be led by Mr Ken Grant from Morchard Bishop, and friends, who will give us a talk on the work of The Gideons Society. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Cruwys Morchard

This year's fete was a great success; the Exeter Morris Men were very popular, and even got some parishioners to join them in their dances. Thank you to Sonia Notley for organising them, and to those who sponsored the Morris Men. Thank you to all who helped in any way, and to those of you who came to support the event.

We welcome Peter and Anita Ingram and family who have moved into Lytheland Farm, and also to Andy and Christine who have moved into New cottage, Pennymoor.

We send best wishes to Anita Endicott and Rupert Oxlade for their marriage at Cruwys Morchard Church in September.

We send best wishes for a speedy recovery to all who have been unwell, or have had a stay in hospital recently.

The dustbin from the new churchyard has gone missing! Has anyone got a spare dustbin that they would like to donate to the church? If so, please ring Sonia 01363 866864.

Devon County Council are about to undertake a review of Cruwys Morchard's byways. Everyone is welcome to a Parish Public Meeting for the opening of the Definitive Map Review in Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall on Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm.

Christmas Craft Fayre – in aid of church funds - will be held on Saturday 13th November – 10.30 - 1.30. There will be a variety of stalls, lots of ideas for Christmas. Refreshments include soup and rolls. If you would like to have a stall please contact Ann Gillbard Tel. 01884 256415.

Parish Hall events:

Sat 2nd October, Sat 13th November & Sat 27th November, Bingo & 200 Club Draw- doors open 7.30pm, eyes down at 8pm. Dinners for full house, Cash Flyer, Children's games. All bingos are at the parish hall.

Coffee morning on Saturday 2nd October at Pennymoor Chapel, 10-12 for new hall and chapel funds. Cakes and produce, books, plants, bric-a-brac and draw.

Di & Dave's Christmas Quiz – Saturday 11th December – at the Parish hall.

For information on any of these events: Tel Mary 01363 83030 or mailto:cmparishhallmary@btinternet.com or contact at www.cruwysmorchardparish.co.uk

Is there anyone who would like to take over from me the writing of the parish notes for this magazine? Tel. Cindy 01363 866621.

Flower and Cleaning Rota

September 20th - Decorators for Harvest
September 27th and October 4th -

Ann Gillbard & Judith Taylor

October 11th and 18th - Sue and Pauline Guscott

October 25th and 1st November - Marilyn Hill
November 8th and 15th - Carole Chisholm and Jackie Mitchell (cleaning)

November 22nd and 29th November - Denyse Standen (Cleaning)

December 6th - Lorna Warren and Margaret Southwood (cleaning)

Mowing Rota

October – Roland and Sonia Notley
Any problems ring Sonia:
Tel. 01363 866864.

Stove Rota

November – David Vincent
December – Jim Carter
January - Michael Trick

Loxbeare

At the time of writing we are having a spell of dry weather, enabling farmers and gardeners to gather in the harvest. Our Harvest Festival will, God willing, have taken place over the weekend of September 18th – 19th, with services, sports and tea, giving thanks once again for God's provision for us. Our Harvest Supper will also have been held in the Village Hall on Sept. 23rd, our guest of honour being Bishop Bob, the Bishop of Crediton.

We welcome our new Rector and his wife, Steve and Sarah Goodbody, and pray for God's blessing and guidance on their ministry in our Mission Community.

We also welcome the new families recently moved into the Loxbeare Barton barn conversions. We hope you will soon feel settled, and enjoy living in Loxbeare.

August activities included a games evening on the beach at Woolacombe, and a meal at Northgate on the way home. A village barbecue was held at Ron & Margaret's in aid of Village Hall funds. Also we held another continental - style breakfast, followed by an informal family service, on a Sunday morning, in the village hall. It was good to see so many there.

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MISSION COMMUNITY SERVICES

Sunday 31st October
10.30 am Holy Communion
at
Cruwys Morchard

Sunday 28th November
10.30 am
Group Advent Service
at
Rackenford

OAKFORD

3rd October

9.30 am Holy Communion

10th October

9.30 am Morning Prayer

17th October

9.30 am Holy Communion

24th October

9.30 am Family Service

31st October

See Cruwys Morchard

7th November

9.30 am Holy Communion

14th November

10.50 am Remembrance Service

21st November

9.30 am Holy Communion

28th November

See Rackenford

RACKENFORD

3rd October

11.15 am Morning Prayer

10th October

6.30 pm Harvest Praise

17th October

11.15 am Holy Communion

24th October

9.30 am Morning Prayer

31st October

See Cruwys Morchard

7th November

11.15 am Morning Prayer

14th November

10.50 am Remembrance Service
At War Memorial

21st November

11.15 am Family Service

28th November

10.30 am Group Advent Service

STOODLEIGH

3rd October

11 am Harvest Festival

10th October

9.30 am Holy Communion

17th October

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

24th October

11 am Holy Communion by
extension

31st October

See Cruwys Morchard

7th November

11 am Morning Prayer

14th November

10.50 am Remembrance Service

21st November

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

28th November

See Rackenford

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3rd October

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10th October

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17th October

11.15 am Songs of Praise

24th October

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

31st October

See Cruwys Morchard

7th November

11.15 am Morning Worship
(Gideons)

14th November

9.30 am Holy Communion

21st November

11.15 am Family Service

28th November

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CRUWYS MORCHARD

3rd October

9.30 am Holy Communion

10th October

11 am Family Service

17th October

11 am Morning Prayer
with Baptism

24th October

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

31st October

10.30 am Group Holy Communion

7th November

11 am Morning Prayer

14th November

10.50 am Remembrance Service

21st November

9.30 am Holy Communion

28th November

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LOXBEBARE

3rd October

9.30 am Family Communion

10th October

11 am Family Service

17th October

6.30 pm Evening Praise

24th October

11 am Family Service

31st October

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7th November

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14th November

11 am Family Service

21st November

6.30 pm Evening Praise

28th November

See Rackenford

TEMPLETON

3rd October

11 am Harvest Festival

17th October

11 am Family Service
With Baptism

24th October

9.30 am Holy Communion

31st October

See Cruwys Morchard

7th November

11 am Toddlers' Service

14th November

10.50 am Remembrance Service

21st November

11 am Family Service
With Baptism

28th November

See Rackenford

WASHFIELD

3rd October

6 pm Evening Prayer

10th October

11 am Morning Prayer

17th October

11 am Family Service

24th October

9.30 am Holy Communion

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Our thoughts and prayers are with James Taylor, recovering after an operation. James is the son of Viv and Alan, and grandson of Maurice and Marlene; we extend our love and concern to them and all the family. Also our love and prayers are with Ella Partridge, who has had a time in hospital. We hope that she will soon be feeling much better. We also pray for all who are recovering from any mishaps or illnesses, and hope you will soon be back to health. We shall be holding a special prayer day in the Church on Saturday, October 2nd from 11.00am – 4.00pm. Anyone will be welcome to come and pray, either privately, or with a member of the prayer team who will be there throughout the day. A reminder that there is a book in the Church for prayer requests to be made at any time.

Loxbeare Women's Bible Study Group continues to meet twice a month, on the second Tuesday at Pauline's, and on the fourth Tuesday at Marion's, from 2.00pm. This Autumn we shall be looking at Paul's letter to the Colossians, in six studies, entitled "Confident Christianity". All ladies are welcome to join us for any or all of the studies! Dates are: Sept. 28th, Oct. 12th & 26th, Nov. 9th & 23rd, Dec. 14th.

It will soon be time for making up Christmas boxes for needy children, organised by the Samaritan's Purse. All those wishing to donate a box, please contact Carol Radford on 881480 for more details, or see the enclosed leaflet. Carol will need to receive the boxes by Nov. 14th, or they can be left in the church by that date.

Congratulations and best wishes to all with special birthdays or anniversaries. Sue Troake will be celebrating her 60th birthday on 22nd October. She will be doing a 60 mile charity walk starting from home, to Iddersleigh and back on the 19th and 20th, to raise funds for the Guide Dogs. Anyone wishing to sponsor Sue can contact her on 259496.

Loxbeare Ladies: October 4th: 7.30pm at the Village Hall. An evening with some children from the young carers section of the charity "Unite", "Kids Who Care". There

will be a talk and photographs to highlight some of the situations in which these children have found themselves. Donations for this evening will be most welcome. Cheese and wine will be supplied. More details from Carol Benn, 254986.

December 6th: Bingo in aid of Village Hall funds. Doors open 7.00p m. Eyes down 7.30pm. Details from Carol Radford, 881480.

December 13th: Village Christmas Meal at The Quarryman. Details from Sue Troake, 259496.

Oakford

On the 23rd July a 'surprise cream tea' was held for Joyce McManus who has closed the shop after many years of service to the village. Joyce and her late husband, Bob, not only ran the shop, but were also involved with the Exe Valley Community bus, the church, and many other things that happened in the village. The hall was full with many friends from all over the Exe Valley to wish Joyce a happy retirement, and £500 was raised in appreciation of all her efforts over the years.

Friends and relatives gathered at the church for a memorial service for John Dowsett, who sadly lost his fight for life a couple of months ago. His sons paid a fitting tribute to a much-loved father.

We welcome Graham and Maryann Rolfe, who have recently moved here, and hope they soon settle in the village.

A lovely show of flowers, produce, cakes, jams and handicrafts were on display at the Moorland Club Flower and Produce show. It was a great success, though perhaps not as many entries as last year. In spite of this, the judges thought the standard was of excellent quality. Elaine Trump, former Mayor and post lady, presented the cups. Our congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to all who took part, helped, and supported it.

A new flag of St Peter will soon be flying from the tower. Lyndsey Brock has kindly donated this replacement flag in memory of her late husband, Jonathan.

Church Diary

Remembrance Service This will be held on Sunday November 14th 10.50am, starting at the War Memorial, and followed by a service in the church. With the current conflicts and demands on the armed services, it makes this service even more poignant. The collection will be in aid of the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Other events

There have been a number of books donated in aid of 'Help for Heroes'; these are available at Joyce's Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. There will also be a coffee morning and 'bring and buy' on Saturday October 9th at 10.30am. Please come and support this worthy cause.

Moorland Club

October 14th - Crediton to China
with Mrs Toms
November 11th - The Art of Belly-dancing

Saturday November 13th Moorland Club Christmas Fayre 11a.m.

Gifts, Bric a Brac, Cakes, homemade chocolates, mini- hampers, plant and bulb stall, Light Lunches, etc. All sorts of presents for Christmas!

Oakford Players Christmas Pantomime.

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's pantomime - a traditional panto with a twist - which promises to be as good as the past 21 that the Players have produced. The performance, in the Village Hall, runs from December 2nd to the 4th at 7.30pm with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets go on sale on Sunday 14th November, at the Village Hall, starting at 9am. Tickets always sell out quickly, so make a date in your diary, now! If you can't make the sale, please call Dawn Williams on 01398 351525 after the 14th.

Proceeds from the Pantomimes go to local charities, and, since the first pantomime in 1988, over £18,000 has been donated. So come along, have a great time, and let's make it £19,000 this year!



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Rackenford

The sponsored walk raised the grand sum of £1,495.50. Many thanks to walkers, sponsors and helpers.

Grateful thanks to Mr & Mrs David Scott for inviting us to their home for the Cream Teas. So nice to have a dry day and sit in the garden. Connie Isaac presented Mrs Scott with a basket of fruit. £590 profit was made. Many thanks to everyone who supported this in any way, and thanks to all helpers.

Congratulations to Dawn (at Little Angels) and Robin on their engagement in July. Every happiness to you both.

Well done to Paula & Bethan Hallett on all your achievements BMX racing.

The Big Foot Theatre Company paid a visit to Rackenford School to organize the end of term play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Helen Hyland presented the leavers, Laura Muchmore, Zoe Williams, Catherine Smith, Jasmine Blackford, Oliver Perry, Thomas Warne, Rowan Herbert, Beth Baker and Tom Thornton-White with Bibles from the PCC. Mrs Buckley thanked the children for all their efforts, and wished them well at their new schools, giving them gifts of framed photographs of their year group, and t-shirts. The children sang a farewell song to Year 6, and Year 6 presented the school with a gift of Hoodies to keep the children and staff warm in their outdoor pursuits. A barbecue followed. Good luck to all the leavers, and welcome to the new children beginning their school life.

Our deepest sympathy to Sue Cole on the death of her sister, Janet, at the end of July. We were saddened to hear of the death of Douglas Bishop who had lived at The Sheillings for many years, but lately at a Bampton residential home. Doug's cremation took place at Exeter, followed by a thanksgiving service at our church where we heard of Doug's life at sea during the war. Doug's ashes were placed with his late wife Myra's at our churchyard. Our deepest sympathy to Doug's sister Linda, family and friends.

Congratulations to Rebecca Cole and Peter on the birth of Phoebe Charlotte, a first grandchild for Richard Cole, and 4th Great Grandchild for George & Jean Cole.

Megan Isaac passed her Grade Five Piano theory exam with distinction, and Nell Baillie has passed her Grade Three piano exam. Many congratulations to you both.

Grateful thanks to the great community effort and the hard work of all volunteers for the continued success of our village shop.

We hope everyone has enjoyed the various fundraising events that have taken place during the summer. These include the Royal Derby, Charity Summer Ball, Club Barbecue, Clay Pigeon Shoot, and the darts competition in memory of Neil Cole. This particular event raised £275 for the Devon Air Ambulance.

Many thanks to Glenn Hookins for keeping our church clock ticking.

Harvest Praise is on Sunday October 10th with Bishop Bob. We are going to have a Harvest Supper again this year. It's going to be held in the Stag Hall (many thanks to Sophie) on Monday October 11th, followed by an auction which is usually good fun, with eager bidders!! Tickets and details are available from Jane Phillips (881512) or Herbert Smith (881375). Prices for adults are £6.50.

We send our love and prayers to all who are poorly, lonely or depressed and to all who mourn.

Stoodleigh

Brilliant new lighting has now been installed in the church, with special spot lamps to highlight our increasingly famous Bosses. Many thanks to John Fewings who has worked hard on this project.

We are looking forward to meeting our new Rector, Steve Goodbody and his wife Sarah on their first visit to St Margaret's on September 19th.

THE BELLS WILL RING AGAIN

News came through at the beginning of August that we have been awarded a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £44,000, (representing 58% of the total), so that we can "undertake a conservation and learning project which will see the clock restored, a new bell frame, repaired bells, repaired wall plates and bosses, and a wide ranging programme of educational activities aimed at local primary, secondary and adult learners". This is really exciting news, and we are most grateful to the HLF for their generosity. They took into account the amount we had already raised - an enormous help to them in reaching their decision. Work started on the restoration of the bells on 31st August, and they will be back in situ by the end of January 2011. The clock has to be removed for this period -- sleep well all those in the vicinity of the church and look forward to counting the night-time hours again from February! The conservation work will follow completion of the bells. As the whole project is on-going over the coming months, we are on the lookout for volunteers to help in fulfilling the HLF brief.

Contact Jennifer Rowlandson (01398 351402) if you would like to help, or wish to know more.

So much has been achieved by Jennifer's untiring work and we thank her.

GARDEN SHOW

Stoodleigh Garden Club had a successful annual flower and produce show on 27th August, and we were pleased to welcome several newcomers to the village, who both exhibited and joined in the social evening.

Once again we must thank those who took part, and who managed to produce some excellent exhibits in spite of the difficult season - we have many talented people in Stoodleigh, as all who came in the evening to view the exhibits and enjoy a glass of wine and canapes will agree. Our 'Best in Section' winners were Elaine Morison for her box of mixed vegetables, Judith Kelland for her splendid fern, Phil Bird for his outstanding photograph, Betty Wotton for her Swiss roll, Pat Aplin for her flower



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arrangement, and 9 year old Emily Pennington for her plate of home produced vegetables - all worthy winners, and the overall cup for most points in the show went to Elaine Morison for the second year. Well done everyone.

The Ploughman's Lunch and walk on a beautiful day at Park House Water on the 30th August was a great success. £290 was raised for church funds, and we thank Margaret Cuningham for hosting this event.

Kate Hutchinson and Kees De Waole were married in St Margaret's on 4th September, and we wish them much happiness. Congratulations to Emily Wotton and John Northam on their recent engagement.

Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 3rd October at 11am, followed by Harvest supper on Monday 4th October at 7pm in the village hall; we look forward to many people joining us.

THE GRAND CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Will take place in the village hall at 6pm on Friday 3rd December. Please note the date, and come and support this worthy and entertaining evening. Peter Broadbent will be delighted to receive your offers of help on 01398 351374.

SWAG - Panama Jazz Kings on Friday 29th October 7.30pm in the village hall. Tickets £5 from SWAG members, or ring 01398 351217. Bring your own picnic and drinks.

Stoodleigh 100 Club - Prizewinners for July:-
1st Mervin Brice, 2nd David Wotton, 3rd Peter Broadbent.

Prizewinners for August:-
1st Fiona Rolfe, 2nd Bryan Rigg, 3rd Phil Talbot.

October 4th draw at Harvest supper. 6th November draw at Country Market.

Anyone wishing the join contact Christine Palfrey – 01398 351271.

FLOWER ROTA

2nd October 10am Decorating for Harvest.
9th - 16th October Linda Hill.
23rd - 30th October Betty Wotton
6th - 13th - 20th November Eileen Fewings.

Other Diary Dates -

Wine Tasting - 15th October 7.30pm Village Hall.
Garden Club Outing - Stourhead Gardens
18th October.
Festive Market and coffee morning -
6th November 10am Village Hall.

STOODLEIGH CLUB NEWS - Lizzie reports.
Over £300 was raised for the Air Ambulance with the afternoon quiz and bingo. Many thanks to all who came. Thanks also to members who represented the club in the recent "It's a Knockout", and thanks to Calverleigh for hosting it. Well done to Stoodleigh's Cricket Team, and thank you for the support after the games.

Winter hours will be: -
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday Closed.
Tuesday 8pm - 10pm.
Friday 8pm-11pm.
Saturday 8pm-11pm.
Sunday 12-2pm 8pm-10.30pm.

The Washfield Shoot has entrusted us with their catering arrangements. This means there will be several Mondays and Wednesdays when we will be open to members. These dates will be on display on the club.
Please call in if you would like to arrange a function.

Templeton

By the time you read this the Toddlers Service will have taken place on September 19th, Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday 3rd October at 11.00am - see the Parish Notice Board for details.

We officially welcomed Rev'd Steve Goodbody into the Exe Valley on September 11th, and look forward to meeting him at Templeton church in the near future. We hope that both he and Sarah, not forgetting Alfie, are beginning to feel at home in their new home and the surrounding area.

Jan and Trevor Heptinstall's grandson, Ryan, was christened on July 10th, and we were fortunate to have the Rev'd Harold Whitty to officiate.

A Clay Pigeon Shoot was held on September 26th, the proceeds for the church tower fund. We thank those who organised it and those who supported the event. Several from the parish went on a farm walk at Kelly Farm on July 31st. It was a very enjoyable afternoon, and many thanks to Philip Bell and Ali, who gave up their time to walk with us.

The village fete was a great success, although the weather wasn't so good. We raised £1,340. Thanks to all who contributed in any way - your help was very much appreciated.

The "It's a Knockout" competition was held at Calverleigh this year, and, although Templeton weren't amongst the winners, a good time was had by all. A sincere thank you to the hosts for putting on the games, and for providing the refreshments.

A Country and Western Extravaganza will be held on October 22nd and 23rd. If you would like to take part, please contact Sue Coffin on 860839.

The Bonfire and Firework Party theme this year will be a "spooky castle". It will be held on October 30th. Everyone is welcome.

Ladies' evening at the village hall will include Body Shop Christmas Collections, handmade crafts and jewellery, to be held on Friday November 26th at 7.30pm.

We would like to welcome Bindy and Roger to The Mill, Templeton Bridge, also Gordon and Caroline Woods to No.1 Dry Close. We hope that they will be happy in Templeton.

Flower and Cleaning Rota

Jill Rose 26th September - 3rd October
Jan Heptinstall 10th / 17th October
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As we write these notes at the beginning of September we are looking forward to welcoming the Rev. Steve Goodbody and his wife, Sarah. We hope you are settling into your new home and life in the Exe Valley.

We held our Harvest Festival Thanksgiving on September 5th, the Rev. Gordon Millier taking the service. He amused the children with his bag of mystery goodies which yielded all manner of fruits of the earth. Adrienne Pannifer kindly played the organ in a church decorated with fruits and vegetables proudly displaying their autumnal colours. Thanks to everyone who donated and decorated. Also thanks to Mike and Kay Bassano who took the produce to Charlton Lodge afterwards. The traditional sports followed on the Old Rectory lawns (ably run by the Tobey family, thanks to them) and then into the hall for a lovely tea. Thank you so much Bronson and Camilla Albery for once again welcoming us into their garden.

The Social Club's annual show was a great success with more entries, and of a very high standard (the judges opinion) Principal winners were:

Vegetables – David Bowden (David Balment Cup)

Home Craft – Anne Boundy (Nora Palfrey Cup)

Floral Art – Carol Bolt (Garden Club Cup)

Flowers – Rene Bolt (Barbara and Dennis Gill Cup)

Children 4-8 – Shared by Lucy Heard and Dom Vause (Arnold Family Shield)

Children 9-12 Shared by Tatty Vause and Fiona Heard (Peter Bicknell Cup)

Harry Olive won the Sylvia Goodacre Cup for best exhibit in Children's section

Top Tray – David Bowden

Top Vase – Bett Bowden

The "grow a potato in a bucket" competition was won by Grace Bicknell with 6lbs 5³/₄oz

On the same day as the show, Washfield's team in the 2nd 'It's a Knockout competition' held at Calverleigh won by one point and so it was winners all the way that day. What talented people we have in our village! The Social Club held a very enjoyable 20th anniversary party in August when 120 partygoers enjoyed a fish and chip supper, music and dancing. What a great evening!

Dave and Bett Bowden would like to thank all family and friends who came to their 30th Wedding anniversary party for making it such a special evening. Also for their kind

donations which raised £305 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thank you all very much.

We send a sincere welcome to Hugh and Juliet Ellis who have come to live in School House. We hope you will be happy here. Many congratulations go to Adrian and Sophie Webber on the birth of Freddie Ivan, their first child and a first grandchild for Robin and Christine.

We are praying for, and thinking of, everyone who is not enjoying good health at the moment. We wish Colin French and Sylvia Cockram get well wishes, and also send love and good wishes to Barbara Gill and Nancy Ayre (both at the Firs), Ann Taylor (at St Georges) and to Margaret Elston. We miss you all around the village, but our thoughts are with you. Anne Moore thanks everyone who sent her Get Well cards and good wishes recently.

The Pumpkin weigh-in competition will take place on Saturday 30th October so get feeding those monsters. Please look out for posters for the date of the PCC's Christmas coffee morning at The Cottage. Remember to book your place at the W.I.'s Christmas meal and party on Friday 10th December (all welcome - see any member). As always, it will be a fun evening.

Other Dates for your diary

Thursday 14th October

W.I. Annual meeting in hall 7.30pm.

Thursday 21st October - Note date

Lunch Club in hall 12 for 12.30pm

Thursday 11th November - W.I. in hall.

Speaker Tom Coleman on Peru

Church Flower Rota

October 3rd/10th Mrs Horsey

October 17th/24th Mrs A Balment

October 31st/Nov 7th Mrs Bicknell

November 14th/21st Mrs Trout

November 28th/Dec 5th Mrs Hansford

Church Cleaning Rota

October 3rd/10th Mr and Mrs McCahon

October 17th/24th Mrs French

October 31st/Nov 7th Mrs Arnold / Mrs Bicknell

Nov. 14th/21st Mrs Jones / Mrs Harding

November 28th Mrs Horsey

Withleigh

With 199 entries, our 1st Annual Garden & Produce show, on Saturday 31st July, proved to be a great success. Vegetable, handicraft and cooking classes all had an excellent standard of competition. With the

prizes being distributed around the exhibitors, it was difficult to see who would come out the overall winner. The highlight of the evening was when we all got to taste and judge the cakes in class 35, and what a selection we had! Gill Mobbs came out the winner with a delightful Lemon Sponge, well done Gill, and everyone else who made a cake to be tasted by those attending the evening BBQ. The overall winner of the adult classes was Henry Cruwys, with the Children's classes being won by Alexandra Mobbs; well done to you both. Many thanks to Gill and Michael Williams, who spent a lot of time setting up, as well as acting as show secretaries, making everything run smoothly on the night. Also thanks to Lynn and Ray Judd for providing the BBQ. A follow up evening is to be held on October 21st, at 7.30pm in the village hall. Anyone with comments or ideas for next year's show, please speak to a committee member, or come along to the meeting. Your ideas will be most welcome!

Our fete was a great success, with little concern for the weather, though a stiff breeze did provide a cooling effect! The total raised was £1,150 – an excellent result. Our grateful thanks to the Tiverton Town Majorettes, to all who helped set up and run the stalls and sideshows, to Phyllis Gale for opening the event, and to all who came along to give their support to a very enjoyable occasion.

The Horse Show, once again, was a very successful day. Donations will be given to St Catherine's church, Witleigh village hall, Edward Chanin's Riding for the Disabled, and the Majorettes who performed at our Fete. A big thank-you to all who helped in any way to make it a happy day.

It was good to see a large number in church for the Group Service on 29th August, with every parish represented. Thank you, Ben, for taking the service.

Our September social evening was great fun, with rounders in the field followed by a Hot Supper in the hall. A certain player who managed to lose the ball across the lane into the field the other side, used delaying tactics! But the game was eventually called off due to bad light, the team batting second were declared the winners by the odd rounder or two! Thank-you Duncan for organising the rounders and also to the ladies of the hall committee for the delicious supper, much needed after all that running around!

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This year's Team Skittles event will take place on Saturday 2nd October, at 7.30pm in the village hall. Bring a team of 6, or just come along and make up a team on the night. Hot Pasties and Sausage Rolls will be served, along with some cold drinks, please bring your own drinks if you like something a little stronger!

Our service on 10th October will be a Songs of Praise, beginning at 7.00pm. The service is being organised by Laura, together with David and June Muir who will be returning for the occasion.

Bonfire and fireworks evening is to be held on Saturday 6th November, lighting the bonfire at approx 7pm. Please give any donations for the fireworks to Duncan (01884 252949) before the 31st October. Also, any contributions to the bonfire, please ring Duncan. Hot Dogs, etc, will be available in the village after the fireworks.

Congratulations to Mark and Sue Arthurs on the birth of their first grandchild, Mia, and also to Andy and Samantha, her proud

parents. We send our love and best wishes to you all.

Other Forthcoming events:

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