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RELIGION OR RELATIONSHIP?

How would you describe Christianity? Most of us would probably describe it as a religion – a system of beliefs, with associated rules and rituals. The problem is that an increasing number of people seem to find the whole idea of ‘religion’ a bit dull and uninspiring.

To do something ‘religiously’ means to do it in a repetitive and dutiful manner, without much joy or excitement. Karl Marx called religion “the opium of the people” because he thought that it kept them sedated. When you add in to the mix some of the awful things done in the name of religion, it is little wonder that few people are inspired by it.

However, when we read the Bible, we find that the Christian faith is not a religion but a relationship. To be a Christian is to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This relationship will be expressed through some ‘religious’ activities, such as going to church, but the heart of the matter is not rules or rituals; it is a personal

trust in Jesus Christ and a personal devotion to Jesus Christ.

That is why the Apostle Paul describes his chief goal in life as being “to know Christ” (Philippians 3v10). He even says that he considers the outward trappings of religion to be utter rubbish compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Jesus. Paul was convinced that only Jesus Christ could bring him forgiveness of sins, peace with God and eternal security, and so his overriding ambition was always to know Christ.

Religion will do us no good at all, if we do not have a living relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Steve

SUNDAY CLUB

Sunday Club is our new service for the whole family which takes place in Calverleigh Village Hall once a month (normally on the first Sunday). We start with some tea and cakes at 4 o’clock, plus some activities for the

children. This is followed by a short and informal time of singing songs and learning from the Bible. We normally finish by 5 o’clock.

Everyone is very welcome at Sunday Club, whether or not they are regular church-goers. I hope to see you there sometime soon.

The dates for the next three Sunday Clubs are 5th February, 4th March and 1st April.

EDITORIAL

As this is the first issue of TODAY for this year, it is, perhaps, an appropriate time to reflect on what has happened in the Exe Valley during 2011, and what to anticipate in 2012.

Firstly, a big thank you must go to all the retired clergy and readers who have helped us to maintain regular weekly services in our churches, and are continuing to do so. Without their willing help we would not be able to maintain these regular acts of worship. Covering all of the Christmas services is always a problem, and I must single-out Rev. Stephen Knight (former team-

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vicar in the Exe Valley), who took three of our services on Christmas Eve – 7pm at Templeton, 10pm at Cruwys Morchard, and 11.30pm at Withleigh, before returning to his home in Sidmouth!

Our grateful thanks must also go to Martin Strong who, in addition to coping with his other duties at Templeton, has now relinquished the responsibility for the advertising in this magazine. Something of a baptism of fire has been endured by Derek McManus, from Loxbeare, who volunteered(?) to step into Martin's shoes. No doubt the past couple of months have been an interesting experience for him! Thank you, Derek.

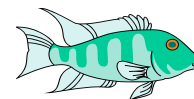
On that note, thank you to all those who have helped to keep us afloat by advertising in this magazine. Many are continuing for another year, a few have opted out, and there are some new advertisers, but we are grateful to you all.

Thank you, also, to the scribes from our nine parishes who provide the copy for each issue. I really will try not to leave anything out this year!

Following tradition, we will again be running a Lent Group, beginning with an Ash Wednesday service in Calverleigh church on 22nd February at 7.30pm. Watch out for details of the course and the venue.

Looking further ahead, there will be a Confirmation Service in the Exe Valley on the fifth Sunday in April (29th), the time and venue yet to be decided. If you are interested in becoming confirmed, or know of someone in the Exe Valley who might be, please contact our Rector.

Paul



FISH CLUB REPORT

Fish Club continues to meet at Calverleigh each Friday after School during term time.

We again held an open afternoon and Christingle service in December, The afternoon began with Christingle making, making decorations, painting glass and answering quiz sheets all while we enjoyed a cup of team, mince pies and cheese scones. Thank you to all who helped. The children took a big part in the service, leading prayers singing and reading the story of Christmas in poem form. Katie Benjamin gave us a talk.

The Christmas party was a great success, the children went home tired from playing all the games but not hungry as they tucked in well to the party tea which included jelly and ice cream.

On Saturday 11th of February, Fish Club and Toddler group will be holding the annual Coffee morning at Calverleigh Hall – please see advert for full details.

If you have children who would be interested in joining us at Fish club or if you are able to offer help please ring me: Cindy Trick Tel: 01363 866621.

Cindy

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ANN'S NATURE NOTES

I am afraid that February is my least favourite month, a month of wet, damp mists, and cold and mud; mud everywhere outside and inside the house. It is traditionally called February fill-dyke. In Anglo-Saxon times it was called sol, - mud month! There are many traditional sayings like when a cat lies in the sun in February she will creep behind the stove in March. I shall be watching Jennyanydots! If February doeth give much snow, a fine summer it will bestow. The farmers at this time of the year used to be busy hedging and ditching, ready for the spring, and it is traditionally the time for lambing and is the start of the early flowers peeping out, like February Gold, an early Daffodil. Crocuses should be out by now, giving lovely colour under trees. Last year we saw a wonderful display in the churchyard at Tewkesbury Abbey under a large tree.

The birds have begun to sing, marking their territory. The Mistle Thrush was first off, but in the mornings the air is gradually getting fuller with song, and it is definitely getting lighter, so spring is approaching. The Rooks by now have started to build their nests, and what a noise they make while doing it. The nearest Rookery is in Cove.

This is the time to go and watch the famous Starling roosts at Ham Wall. You need to get to Ashcott Corner on a FINE late afternoon; dress up warmly, and wait. After a while, when dusk approaches you can watch wave after wave of Starlings overhead as they settle for the evening. It is a really fabulous sight.

Ann



VOLUNTARY SUPPORT SCHEME

Every now and then somebody experiences such a profound psychological or emotional blow that their life comes to a full stop and they can't seem to get going again. It can be through illness or accident, the loss of a job or a relationship, or perhaps just years of carrying a burden they can't manage any longer. There will be people struggling to cope in your area as you read this.

The Voluntary Support Scheme operates in Mid Devon. It helps people work out what they need to do to make their lives better, and then helps them to do it. We link experienced, well-trained volunteers to visit people, typically, for an hour a week in their homes. We try to find the best fit of volunteer for each person. The relationship people have with their volunteers can be the most important thing in their lives.

We take referrals from many sources, such as, GP Surgeries, Devon NHS Mental Health Team, voluntary organisations, concerned family members and self-referrals. We can react quickly to referrals, normally within a fortnight. We do not charge for any of our services but do need to raise funds to pay the sala-

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on

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If you have any items you would like to donate they can be handed in at Fish Club or Toddler group on Friday 10th February!

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Calverleigh

A very peaceful, happy and healthy New Year to you all.

On November 9th we all heard the sad news that Lester Tapp had suddenly died. We could hardly take in the news, as all you who knew him saw him as a very fit and healthy man. What a great shock for Rita and all the family. Our love and prayers go out to you all. Lester's funeral service took place at Calverleigh Church, and he was laid to rest in the Churchyard. Well over 500 people attended. The Church was filled to capacity. The service was relayed to the

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Churchyard and village green which was full of people who wanted to pay their respects to Lester, and support Rita and family. John McInerney gave a wonderful eulogy, and told of the many activities of Lester. We, in our Church, will always remember all the hard work Lester put in to keep our Church and Churchyard so immaculate. Grass cutting, hedge trimming, path and Church cleaning, you name it - Lester did it. Lester had been a very active member of our PCC for many years, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Our Autumn Fayre was once again a success raising £1,014.58 for our Church funds. It was great to see so many of you attending; without you we could not have raised this grand amount for the Church. There were many stalls, draws and competitions, coffee, tea, snacks and lunches to enjoy. Thank you to all helpers for their hard work.

On the afternoon of November 13th, Steve organised a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance here in Calverleigh Church, which was very well attended. Many people who had lost loved ones, either way back or more recently, really appreciated this service, especially as many of the names were read out. Thank you, Steve for organising this - an afternoon to remember.

On 14th November Derek and Mary became Great Grandparents. Granddaughter Michelle and Dave presented them with a bouncy baby boy, Joshua Thomas. Congratulations to them all.

The wiring and new lighting in the Church are now complete. We wish to thank James Ayre and Staff for the excellent job they did, with such little disruption to our Church.

A very successful evening of entertainment, quiz and supper was held at the hall for The Teenage Cancer Trust. It was organised by Jean Heard and friends, and the magnificent sum of £900 was raised.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are ill at the present time, and we are thinking especially of Mary Walker and Joan Ayre.

Our Christingle service this year was well attended, and was led by Nikki Burton. A lot of thought and preparation had gone into organising this service. We were all given a cut-out paper Christingle which we had to assemble and colour and write our thoughts on it. When the real Christingles were distributed to everyone, the Church lights were turned off, and the candles made a lovely glow. We have to thank Doreen Venn once again for donating the Christingles, and thank you to all who assembled them.

What a wonderful Carol service we had. Every seat was filled, and spare chairs had to be brought in. Many thanks to the Choir for their contribution, and thanks to Rob for leading this service. It was great to see so many of our young people taking part in the readings. Most of the congregation stayed after the service for refreshments, giving them time to greet friends and neighbours.

Our Christmas morning communion was also well attended, with Reverend Gale leading our service.

Many gifts were left under the Christmas tree, and these have now been delivered to CHAT for them to deliver to those who need food, toiletries, etc.

Our next PCC meeting will be on 14th February at 7.30pm, at the home of Derek and Mary Herniman.

Cruwys Morchard

The Christmas Jazz Concert on 3rd December was a real treat, and a great success! It was a fantastic evening, very ably organised by Abi

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Dent, with brilliant musicians from 'Just Misbehavin' playing, and professional singers Lynn Thornton, Emily Wraith and Mike Long charming the audience with their delightful singing in a wonderful setting.

The bells were being rung as people arrived, and many enjoyed the chance to watch the ringing. Some of our ringers and visitors from other towers enjoyed the chance for an extra ring too.

When the music started, the lights were dimmed, and there were candles flicker-



ing, fairy lights twinkling, and holly with more berries than anyone had ever seen decorating each of the windows in the church. The music was fabulous, smooth and swinging, and enjoyed by all.

There was an interval with delicious mince pies, Dave's famous shortbread, warm mulled wine, and the time to chat to friends, and then more fantastic jazz music.

The church makes an excellent, atmospheric concert hall, with good acoustics.

Hopefully we will have lots more great evenings there. Our warmest thanks to all who organised and helped with this event, and to those who came and brought family and friends along. Your money will be going towards re-hanging our lovely bells - an exciting and very necessary project.

Our Christmas services were well attended, and it was good that we did not have to worry about the snow! The traditional Carol service, held on the 11th December, was enjoyed by all, and a big thank you to Guy Cruwys for organising the service. The church looked lovely for the Christmas services; thank you to all who helped prepare the church for Christmas.

Our Christingle service this year was a real family affair, with those of all ages joining in. Thank you to those who provided the refreshments, giving us all a chance to have a good chat, and the children to play. Diana and Cindy would be interested to hear your views on this service, so we can improve on it for this year's service. We hope, with so many young children in the parish, we can perform a short nativity play. On behalf of CHAT, can I thank everyone who gave so generously of food and provisions to be distributed to those in need. CHAT are always grateful for anything you can spare, and gifts can be dropped into them at any time at their offices in Gold Street, Tiverton.

We send our prayers and good wishes to those who have had operations or are undergoing treatment for illness, and we hope you will soon be well.

Forthcoming Meetings:

Ladies Meeting - Tuesday, February 7th at Hilary Tosdevin's at 7.30pm.

PCC Meeting - Tuesday 14th of February at Wringsland House at 7.30pm.

Church AGM - Monday 19th March at the Church at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend this meeting. If you would like to join or be removed from the church electoral please speak to Cindy.

Bingo Dates:

Pink Bingo - Saturday 31st March. Doors open 7pm - eyes down 8.00pm. Half of the profit will go the Breast Cancer.

Bingo - 28th April.

Flower and Cleaning Rota:

January 30th and 6th February -
Sonia Notley

February 13th and 20th -
Denyse Standen

February 27th and March 5th -
Lorna Warren

March 12th and 19th - Marilyn Hill
Lent - No Flowers

March 26th - Carol Chisholm and
Jackie Mitchell

April 2nd - Decorators for Easter

Stove rota:

February - D. Edmonds

March - J. Lake

Please light the church stove on Saturday (Morning if possible). If you are unable to, please contact:

Cindy Tel: 01363 866621

Or Diana Tel: 01363 860227.

Loxbeare

A Happy New Year to everyone. We hope you all had a great Christmas as we celebrated the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. At least this year the weather did not hamper activities taking place. Here at Loxbeare we had our Christingle Service on December 11th, which was taken by Linda. Thank you to all who helped, and for those who made the Christingles which were distributed to all present.

It was good to see so many at the Carol Service on the following Sunday the 18th at 6.30pm, taken by Rob, with many

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villagers reading the lessons, and a good number of carols were sung. Linda led the Children in singing 'Away in a Manger'. Presents were taken to the front during the first hymn, later to be distributed to residents at Pinnex Moor. Mince pies and coffee / tea were served in the Village Hall after the service. The offering of £132 was donated to the Children's Hospice South-West.

The Carol Singers covered Loxbeare & Calverleigh homes during the three nights of 20th, 22nd & 24th December. A wonderful total of £650 was raised, to be divided between C.H.A.T and 'Help for Heroes'. A big thank you to everyone who gave so generously, to the singers, and to those who provided supper on the three nights.

The Group Family Service was held at Loxbeare on the 1st January, and was taken by John.

On the 2nd January we had a mid-day New Year's Party, to officially open the extended and refurbished Village Hall, and new kitchen - a great improvement. Many thanks to everyone involved in any way; we hope it will be well used. Mrs Pauline Cowderoy, our most senior resident, and Mrs Hilda Forward cut the



ribbon, and were presented with pot plants by Mya & Freya Partridge. We all enjoyed some lovely refreshments and,

with a bring & buy and a raffle, just over £400 was raised for Village Hall Funds.

On the 14th January the men were invited by Loxbeare & Calverleigh Churches to a Men's Breakfast Special at Loxbeare Village Hall, with a brief comment on an aspect of the Christian Faith by our Rector. Also, from Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm: MEN - come and explore what we believe - we will be meeting in Loxbeare Village Hall to explore what it is Christians believe, in an informal and relaxed way. There is no pressure for any man to feel that he cannot say what he likes, or remain silent to listen to others. We have no pre-conceived ideas about what anybody attending might believe or want to say. Beer, sandwiches & coffee will be available. Men, come and join us!!! Contact John Roberts 01884 236302.

Our Mothering Sunday Service is on March 18th at 11am in the Church.

The Woman's Bible Study Group has begun a new series from Hebrews, entitled 'Consider Jesus'. We meet on the second Tuesday at Marion's, East Sidborough, and the fourth Tuesday at Pauline's, Highgate Cottage, at 2pm. All Ladies welcome. Contact Marion on 01884 256302.

We send our love and prayers to Trish Bending and Viv Abbott who have had operations, and for Marion Roberts who is due to have one during the week of writing. We hope you are all well on the way to recovery by the time the magazine comes out. We pray, too, for Steve Troake, and any who have been feeling unwell.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to all celebrating during February and March.

On Saturday 21st January, at the Loxbeare Village Hall, there will be an all-age Village Party from 6.30pm-10pm, with a bring & share supper.

Jean wishes to thank everyone for their support in raising a fantastic £900 for Teenage Cancer Trust at a social evening she organised in November at Calverleigh Village Hall. Carol would also like to thank those who gave draw prizes for the Christmas bingo. A total of £140 was raised for Village Hall Funds. Easter Bingo will be on the 2nd April in the Village Hall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Contact Carol on 01884 881480.

In December, Loxbeare Ladies, husbands and friends enjoyed their Christmas meal at The Quarryman's in Bampton. Thank you, Sue, for organising the evening. At the time of writing dates and venues for 2012 are yet to be decided. Contact Sue on 01884 259496.

Viv is organising a quiz night on 24th February at Loxbeare Village Hall, with a bring and share supper. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £5 a head, for Village Hall Funds. Contact Viv on 01884 881209.

Forward Date: The Progressive Meal will be on Friday 20th April. Anyone wishing to host either a starter or main course, please contact Pat Dalby on 01884 881332.

Oakford

We take this opportunity in wishing everyone a happy and peaceful New Year.

Congratulations to Kitty and Malte, whose wedding took place on 10th December in Oakford Church. We also congratulate Raymond and Joy Fisher on the birth of their granddaughter, Alisha, on 2nd December, and Chris and Shirley Hutter who, too, have a granddaughter, Paige.

We were very pleased that the Christmas services went off without a hitch; the

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A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who shopped with us at Christmas, our Christmas takings were better than last year. We thank and praise the Lord that His Word has gone out and we pray it will bear fruit. The trading year in general was steady but low, so it is thanks to donations, and from those we were able to claim back gift aid, that we have ended the year in the black. God is Good and we will be here to serve you as long as we honour Him. So thank you all who support us in each and every way. God Bless you.

Many of you will have attended the Christian Resources Exhibition at Westpoint on 25th & 26th January. Although the staff of New Creation spend a day there it is impossible to take on board all the different items available in the Christian market. If you found a company supplying the kind of things of interest to you it would be helpful to us if you came to see us (rather than ordering via the internet) – we can almost certainly set up an account with them – enabling us to order for you and providing a wider choice in the shop.

There are fewer companies employing retail reps. and without exposure to new material it is difficult to keep up with what is being produced. Therefore as you research your own field of interest we would be grateful for any information. You can email, phone or call in, we want to resource you to the best of our ability.

LENT starts on 22nd February – we will have details on Lent Courses and Books to help groups and individuals to make the most of this preparation time for Easter.

May we remind you of The Christian Marketplace Magazine with information on new publications copies are available in New Creation or go to the link on our website.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 27th February – 11th March. There are BIG BREW Resource Packs available from Traidcraft free which provide an event guide, quiz, game, stickers, posters etc. and you can get your food supplies from us.

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weather was very kind to us this time. The children came to decorate the Christmas tree in the church on 11th December and, an hour later, we went to the village Christmas tree by the old shop, the lights were switched on, and a good crowd sang carols and enjoyed mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies.

The candlelit Carol Service was very well attended. Many thanks to Dawn Goodwin, who started the service off beautifully with the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City', and also to all those who did readings. The church looked

lovely, with all the windows, altar and pulpit decorated with flowers. Thank you to Dawn Williams for the candlelit votives and mulled wine, to all those who provided the mince pies, and to everyone who helped to make this such an enjoyable service. We were able to send £77 to the Children's Society. The Christmas Eve service went well, and the Christmas morning family service was well organized, as usual, by Brian and Pauline.

Our Mothering Sunday Service will be on 18th March.

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The Moorland Club

The Christmas Fair was a great success, and we will be giving £1,200 to our agreed charities - Exeter Leukaemia Fund and 'Stop Abuse for Everyone'. Since 2006 we have raised £6,280 for Charity at our Christmas Fair, and we thank everyone who has supported us.

The Moorland Club events:

February 9th: Cheque Presentation to our chosen Charities.

March 8th: The Moorland Club entertain the Shillingford Ladies to an evening of song and dance, with Jenny Parnell.

Annual Pancake Race!

This will take place at the Red Lion, by kind permission of Emma and Dave, on Saturday 18th February at 10.30am. Pancakes and coffee £1.00, including entry to races for adults and children. Cake stall, raffle and Bring and Buy. All proceeds to charity.

The next Children's Hospice South-West happening will be two Sloe Gin Tastings and Competitions, coming up in February and March - one in Stoodleigh and one in Oakford. Dates to be confirmed; watch out for posters.

Rackenford

Our Remembrance Service, at the War Memorial, was attended by approximately 50 people, coming together to pay their respects, and to remember the past and present wars. Many thanks to Derek Herniman who kindly takes this service for us each year, and who also prepares many interesting items for us to read. Your kindness is always much appreciated Derek. Thank you also to Cyril Blackford for the music, and to George Cole for laying the wreath

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5th February

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12th February

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9.30 am Family Service

4th March

9.30 am Holy Communion

11th March

9.30 am Morning Prayer

18th March

Mothering Sunday

9.30 am Holy Communion

25th March

9.30 am Family Service

RACKENFORD

5th February

11.15 am Morning Prayer

12th February

11.15 am Holy Communion

19th February

11.15 am Family Service

26th February

9.30 am Morning Prayer

4th March

11.15 am Morning Prayer

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11.15 am Holy Communion

18th March

Mothering Sunday

11.15 am Family Service

25th March

9.30 am Morning Prayer

STOODLEIGH

5th February

11 am Family Service
and Holy Communion

12th February

11 am Morning Prayer

19th February

9.30 am Holy Communion

26th February

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

4th March

11 am Holy Communion

11th March

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

18th March

Mothering Sunday

11 am Family Service
and Holy Communion

25th March

11 am Morning Prayer

CALVERLEIGH

5th February
11.15 am Morning Worship

12th February
9.30 am Holy Communion

19th February
11.15 am Family Service

26th February
3 pm Evening Prayer

4th March
11.15 am Morning Worship

11th March
9.30 am Holy Communion

18th March
Mothering Sunday
11.15 am Family Service

25th March
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

CRUWYS MORCHARD

5th February
11 am Morning Prayer

12th February
11 am Family Service
with Baptism

19th February
9.30 am Holy Communion
by Extension

26th February
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

4th March
11 am Morning Prayer

11th March
11 am Holy Communion by
Extension

18th March
Mothering Sunday
9.30 am Family Service

25th March
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

LOXBEARE

5th February
9.30 am Family Communion

12th February
11 am Family Service

19th February
6.30 pm Evening Praise

26th February
11 am Family Service

4th March
9.30 am Family Communion

11th March
6.30 pm Evening Praise

18th March
Mothering Sunday
11 am Family Service

25th March
11 am Family Service

TEMPLETON

5th February
No Service

12th February
11 am Morning Prayer

19th February
11 am Toddler Service

26th February
11 am Holy Communion

4th March
No Service

11th March
9.30 am Holy Communion
by Extension

18th March
Mothering Sunday
11 am Family Service

25th March
11 am Morning Prayer

WASHFIELD

5th February
3 pm Evening Prayer

12th February
11 am Morning Prayer

19th February
11 am Family Service

26th February
9.30 am Holy Communion

4th March
3 pm Evening Prayer

11th March
11 am Morning Prayer

18th March
Mothering Sunday
11 am Family Service

25th March
9.30 am Holy Communion

WITHLEIGH

5th February
7 pm Songs of Praise

12th February
9.30 am Morning Worship

19th February
11 am Holy Communion
with Baptism

26th February
11 am Morning Worship
with Baptism

4th March
11 am Morning Worship

11th March
9.30 am Morning Worship

18th March
Mothering Sunday
11 am Family Service

25th March
11 am Holy Communion

PARISH ROUND-UP

for us. Our flag was flown at half-mast, so thank you to the thoughtful person who did that for us. The collection taken, £185, was given to The Royal British Legion.

It's good to be able to report that our church window and small stained glass section has now been repaired. The work was carried out by David Gibbon & Son of Exeter.

Our best wishes to Carol Cranch who has left Rackenford, and thanks to her for all the hard work she carried out with the newspapers at the Village Shop on our behalf. A warm welcome to the new owners of 'Rose Cottage', and also to the people who have moved into The Old Bakery.

Our very best wishes to Bob Mogridge who has not been feeling too well, our thoughts are with you Bob.

How sad we all were to hear of the death of Wendy Langden (Blackford), such a sad time again for Wendy's husband Rodney, Linda & Mike and Jasmine. Our deepest sympathy goes to all family and friends. Wendy's service was held in Tiverton, and was followed by a private cremation.

On Thursday 15th December, Rackenford Church of England Primary School performed their nativity play, 'No Place to Stay', and what a beautiful story they told. The children's singing was amazing, and the acting a credit to them all. The church was full of very proud families and staff. Well done to everyone.

On Sunday 18th December our Christingle Service was held. The service was taken by Rev. Rob Brewis. Many thanks

to everyone who helped to prepare for this special service, and to all those who joined us. Once everyone had received their 'Christingles', the lights were switched off, and we sang our last carol by candlelight which was beautiful. The collection of £75 was given to the Children's Society.

Congratulations to Mrs Arscott who celebrated her 90th birthday in December. Hope you enjoyed your special day!

Our church was full for our Christmas Eve Carol Service and Holy Communion. Herbert even had to bring in a form for people to sit on!!! How wonderful it was to see so many people coming with their families and friends to join in a warm and welcoming service taken by Rev. Steve Goodbody. Thank you to anyone who helped to decorate our Church for us all to enjoy.

It was very kind of the Village shop volunteers organising our Christmas card local deliveries; a very kind and helpful idea.

As we go to print, Rackenford Club are about to put on two performances of their pantomime 'Cinderella', with village "talent"!! We will have to report on that next time, hoping everyone will have enjoyed it.

We have also just heard of the death of Mrs Jakeman, whose funeral service and burial was held at our Church on 6 January. Our deepest sympathy goes to family and friends.

Many thanks to all the ladies for their continued help and support with the Altar flowers, and to Fred Phillips and family, Glen Hookins, Ewan Baillie, Jen-

ny Sleep and Marjorie Smith for all their various work during the year.

We continue to remember Percy Stone, Ken Blackford, Mr & Mrs Clark, Mrs Arscott and Gwendoline. Our thoughts and prayers go to everyone, especially those who are in ill health.

Stoodleigh

Christmas and New Year have hurried by, and we are already well into 2012, the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – which sounds as if it will be a major event here in Stoodleigh – and of the London Olympics.

Looking back... on the Sunday before Christmas we had another excellent, traditional Carol Service. This is always a heart-warming occasion, full of wonder. It is a time when the welcome in the church feels warmest, and this year it was marvellous to have the bells to summon the congregation – for the first time at Christmas since they were re-hung.

The service began with the clear tones of Jennifer Rowlandson's voice singing, alone and unaccompanied, the first verse of *Once in Royal David's City*. The invited choir of sixteen joined for the second verse, and then the organ, played by Jennifer, and congregation let rip. The selection of well-known congregational carols was augmented by two choir items: *Infant Holy*, *Infant Lowly* and the lovely *Shepherd's Farewell* by Berlioz.

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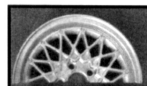


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Audrey Rigg, not put off by the lack of child participation, nobly organised a playlet with Christine Broadbent, and David Wotton read from *A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas. It was good to have Steve Goodbody with us on this celebratory occasion, which ended with coffee and mince pies.

Two days later, a hardy group of ladies braved a damp evening to sing carols round a selection of homes in the village – another traditional event, greatly appreciated. They raised a total of £70, which was split between the Market Bus and St Margaret's Church.

We offer a big thank you to all those who helped in grey, dank conditions in November with our annual clear-up of the churchyard. Its general tidiness has been greatly improved.

We all enjoyed having several young families in church on December 5th for the Family Service, with the children taking an active part. For your diaries, the next Family Services will be on February 5th and on Mothering Sunday, March 18th, both at 11am.

Thank you to the many people who gave of their time and combined their individual talents to bring colour, warmth and beauty to the church Christmas decorations. It was greatly appreciated by all who came into church.

We send our love and prayers to those in Stoodleigh who are ill at this time, especially thinking of those undergoing exhausting treatment.

Luxtons at Thorne

From time to time a long-standing connection between one family and a particular place, finally comes to an end. This has now happened with the Luxtons of Thorne Farm, Stoodleigh.

The first Luxton to farm there was Charles, who was born at the former Stoodleigh Club. Charles farmed, with his wife Charlotte, at Wheatland before taking over the tenancy of Thorne, where they worked for 32 years. He was followed by his son Hubert, who farmed there with his family for 36 years. Hubert's son Edward then took over with his wife Ann. Ann was a member of the PCC for 30 years.

Edward and Ann retired to Tiverton in 1999 and their son Keith took on the farm. When the tenancy ended in the autumn of 2011, the Luxton family had occupied Thorne for almost 80 years. We wish Keith, his wife Kim and son Oscar every happiness in their new life.

And, looking to the future, we extend a warm welcome to the new owners of Thorne, the Wetheralls.

The Stoodleigh Inn

Stoodleigh Club reopened in mid-December in its new form (and with a smart new sign) as The Stoodleigh Inn. It is now leased by Lizzie and Mike

Isaac, and is technically a pub rather than a club, but they say there will be no major changes in the day-to-day running of it.

Lizzie said: "I would like to thank the three trustees for acting so swiftly and professionally in the change-over, and to thank all the committee for working so hard, and my family for the many hours' decorating – and to thank Lee from Orbital Signs for donating the lovely new sign to the village. Let's hope it hangs here for many years to come."

Opening hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 5-11pm; Saturday 7-11pm; Sunday 12-2pm and 7-11pm. Bingo 1st Friday; Quiz 2nd Friday; Curry Club 3rd Friday; Roast lunches 3rd Sunday.

Stoodleigh Parish Hall

Date for your diary: Easter Market and Coffee Morning on Saturday April 7th, 10am-12. Don't forget you can hire the hall for events, classes and private parties. Enquiries to geraldinetalbot@tiscali.co.uk or 01398 351391.

Church Flowers: February 5th - C. Miller; February 12th & 19th - P. Aplin; February 26th to April 1st (Lent flowers only) - D. Ayre and B. Wotton.

Stoodleigh 100 Club prize-winners: November – 1 Janet Russell, 2 Jennifer Ayre, 3 Henry Ayre; December – 1 Eileen Fewings, 2 Hamish Miller, 3 Margaret Mills, port



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Templeton

The Choral Evensong held at St Margaret's on 20th November was truly uplifting, and enjoyed by all who came. Our sincere thanks to the choir who travelled many miles to Templeton, and to the ladies for their delicious refreshments.

It was good to see so many at the Toddlers Service, and younger Mums taking part.

Our church was full for the Carol Service on Christmas Eve. It's good to see the community coming together to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas at the start of the holiday season. The church was decorated so beautifully, with such thought and care. Our thanks go to all those who arranged the flowers and decorated the tree.

Our church fund-raising appeal continues. A dinner hosted by the Newnes and the Pearsons made £210.00. The Trevelyan-Thomas's Cheese and Mulled Wine evening made £115.00. Thank you to them all for their hard work.

We were really sorry to hear that Lester Tapp had passed away; he had lived at Partridge Farm for many years, and was a founder member of the Village Hall Committee. Our thoughts are with Rita and family at this sad time. Both Reg Coffin and Martin Hill have had operations on their shoulders recently, and we

wish them a speedy recovery. We hope that Phillipa Laing is much better now after her stay in hospital, and we send all good wishes to anyone who has been ill or in hospital at this time.

Congratulations to Dan and Emma Tremble on the birth of their second daughter, Daisy, a sister for Grace.

The winners of our annual games tournament at the hall were as follows: Men's Darts, winner Martin Saunders, R.U. Frank Saunders. Ladies' Darts winner, Monica Salisbury, R.U. Teresa Pancherz. Men's Skittles, winner Martin Saunders, R.U. Frank Saunders. Ladies' Skittles, winner, Rose Tout, R.U. Julie Dent. Pool, winner Tom Pancherz, R.U. Dan Pancherz.

The TEMPLETON CHURCH LIBRARY will be opening on Wednesday 7th March, between 3pm and 6pm, and thereafter on the first Wednesday of every month. We still need recent books, in good condition, both fiction and non-fiction, and also children's books, together with DVDs, CDs and Jigsaw Puzzles (complete). We hope you will come along and support the library.

We hope to start a bi-monthly BOOK GROUP too. All are welcome. The first meeting will be held in Templeton Church on Wednesday 4th April at 4pm, to discuss choice of books, suitable dates, times and venues. We look forward to seeing you there. However if you are unable to come, but are interested, please phone Jan Heptinstall on 01884 255399.

LOST - A white Jack Russell named Daisy, with brown ears and a loving nature

has gone missing. If you find her, or know of her whereabouts, please contact Teresa and Mike Pancherz on 01884 255030.

Flower and Cleaning Rota:

Hannah Nobbs	January 29 th - February 5 th
Ginah Palmer	February 12 th & 19 th Lent - (no flowers)
Jan Heptinstall	February 26 th March 4 th
Teresa Pancherz	March 11 th & 18 th
Gloria Woollacott	March 25 th April 1 st

Washfield

Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle ... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream.

As we write these notes early in January the Christmas celebrations are over for another year. We wish everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. What a contrast from last year's snow and ice! We have been blessed with mild weather that made travelling so much easier.

Remembrance Sunday, which came after the Today news had gone to print, was the respectful occasion it deserves to be. Martin Hansford conducted a very reverent service, remembering members of the Armed Forces, wherever they are. The fallen of Washfield

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were brought back to mind as their names were read out by Mr Maurice Balment. The cash collection went to support the work of The British Legion.

The Church was beautifully decorated before the Christingle service, with the crib and tree enhancing the festive arrangements. The service was taken by Anna, and the Christingles given out to the children. We thank all those who worked so hard to make it all look so festive. The cash collection was sent to The Children's Society.

Our Christmas Eve Carol service was taken by Frank to a full church. Coffee and mince pies were then served. Thank you Frank; we send our blessings for a full recuperation to you. The Rev. Steve Goodbody conducted the Christmas morning Holy Communion service to a large congregation.

The Christmas Coffee Morning, hosted by Garth and Jeanne Jones, was very successful. A full house appreciated the many festive goods, homemade cakes, produce, etc., and £220 was raised for Church funds. We thank Garth and Jeanne for their enduring hospitality, and those who came and supported this event.

We welcome FIVE new families into the parish. William and Janey Diggle have come to live at Lower Wynefreds. David, Katie and Ann have arrived at Balmans Wood End. Martin and Julie Hayes are now living at Kensington Court. Adam and Frannie have chosen Spillifords as their residence of choice, and James and Angela have settled at Cotleigh Cottages. We welcome you all, and hope you will be very happy living in Washfield. We also wish much happiness to those who have moved on, including Brenda Cornwall who, with her late husband John, lived in the village for many years, and Gavin and Holly

Haigh who were also long-standing members of our community. We will miss you but, as you haven't moved too far away, hope to see you from time to time.

Our two sets of Carol singers once again braved the elements to bring the Joy of Christmas to our doors. The village group, including members of the W.I., raised £140 for the Air Ambulance, and concluded their evening with a 'bring and share' supper at the Social Club. The Courtenay Cottages and upward group raised £141 for The Children's Hospice South West. They wish to thank Philip and Vanessa for providing them with supper after. Thank you to all the singers, and to those who gave so generously to these good causes.

We are thinking of everyone who is not enjoying good health at this time, and pray that you will soon feel well again.

The W.I. Christmas party was its usual success, and was enjoyed by all those who attended. A good meal was enjoyed, and the usual entertainment (provided by the ladies of the W.I.) brought the pleasant evening to a close.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 9th February W.I. in hall at 7.30pm. A musical evening.
 Thursday 23rd February Lunch Club in hall 12 for 12.30 meal. Please let Anne know if you are able to come.
 Thursday 8th March W.I. in hall at 7.30pm. Travel with Gill Juleff.
 Saturday 10th March EVBH Race Night at Social Club.
 Sunday 18th March Mothering Sunday service.
 Thursday 29th March Lunch Club in hall 12 for 12.30 meal.

Church Flower Rota:

February 5th Mrs Tobey
 February 12th/19th Mrs Bolt

February 26th – April 1st LENT

Church Cleaning Rota:

February 12th/19th Mr and Mrs McCahon
 February 26th/March 4th Mrs French
 March 11th/18th Mrs Arnold/Mrs Bicknell
 March 25th/April 1st Mrs Harding/Mrs Jones

Witleigh

As another new year begins, we send our best wishes to you, that 2012 will be a good year for one and all.

Our Christmas Craft Fayre, held in November in the Village Hall, was a great success, realising the sum of £641.12 for Church funds. Thank you to all the stallholders who attended, and those from Witleigh who ran and contributed towards the cake stall, jam and preserves stall, draw and the refreshments. Special thanks to Laura who organised this profitable day. One of the challenges for those who supplied the preserves was in finding enough jars so, if you have, or accumulate any spare jam or pickle jars, please pass them to Margaret Gale, or they can be left in the church porch.

We send our love and sympathy to the family of Mary Dobree. Mary was interred in our churchyard to be with her husband, Peter. Mary remained living at Highfield after Peter died, but her health deteriorated, necessitating her move to a nursing home at Nynehead. Peter and Mary were both regular members of our church here at Witleigh.



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We welcome William and Cathy Shere to Glendon, together with their two young children, Grace and Harry. We hope you are settling in, and look forward to seeing you all at more of our village activities.

The children's party was a happy occasion, with over thirty children attending, and with their parents and grandparents acting as models for the dressing up games. Father Christmas found time to distribute presents to eager awaiting faces as he called their names out to come forward to collect their present. Many thanks to Sue for organising the games, and to Sara for being the contact person for the party.

Our Christmas services were well attended. Christingle proved to be a special service, as always. Thank you to those who contributed the Christingles, and £77.80 was sent to the Children's Society, being the collection from the service.

The Carol Service was renamed 'Christmas Praise' this year, and took a totally different format, though with the usual carols. This was well received, and ended with mulled wine, coffee, mince pies and shortbread. Items for CHAT were left by members of the congregation under the Christmas tree. Taken in to CHAT the following day, these were very much appreciated.

Our Holy Communion Service on Christmas Eve was another special service. We must thank Rev. Stephen Knight for taking this late service for us, and then having to return to Sidmouth afterwards, but he was in no hurry at all to leave us on what was, by then, Christmas morning!!

We also thank Paul and Elizabeth for officiating at our Christmas services, and a big thank you to our group of floral decorators who always transform our Church with their floral arrangements and extra props, especially the candles this year. Thank you Mark and Cathy, once again, for the gift of the Christmas tree for our Church.

We say farewell to Yvonne from Cider Barn, who has decided to return to Germany. We wish her well for her future. We welcome Mrs Celia Carson from Surrey to Cider Barn. We hope you will be happy here in Withleigh.

Scottish Dancing classes began on Wednesday 4th January in the Village Hall, and will continue every other week until Easter. It is a fun evening, with really good instructors making it easy for us all to join in the dances. Anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome; we begin at 7.30pm, then break for a mid-session drink, and end at 9pm. Please wear sensible shoes for dancing. The next class will be on Wednesday 1st February, then again on Wednesday 15th February, and so on. For more details please ring Giles or Rosie 257123 or Brenda 252431.

There will be a PCC meeting on 15th February at 7.30pm at 6 Southfield Way, Tiverton. The Church Annual Meeting is on 21st March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Our annual Easter Beetle Drive will be held on Saturday 31st March at 7.30pm.

Looking further ahead, our Easter services will follow the usual format, with a service in the Village Hall on Good Friday morning, and Holy Communion at

8.30am, followed by breakfast and then a short Family Service, on Easter Sunday. Please feel free to join us at any one or all of these services.

We send our get well wishes to those who have had to spend time in hospital, those recovering from operations or receiving treatment, and to all those who are suffering in any way. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Forthcoming events:

- Wed 1st February Scottish Dancing Class at 7.30pm in the hall.
- Wed 15th February Scottish Dancing Class at 7.30pm in the hall.
- Continuing every other Wednesday evening
- Sat 31st March Easter Beetle Drive at 7.30pm in the hall.

Flower rota:

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- Feb 5th)
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- Feb 19th)
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Watch. Peter Allen, the Drive programme presenter on BBC 5 Live, joked: "Of course, some people believe that's already happening, with a big camera in the sky - those of a religious disposition." Meanwhile in the States a case currently before the Supreme Court could open the way to the police tracking the movements of mobile phone users without a warrant. The government lawyers' argument is that the defendant, whose car was bugged with a GPS tracking device, does not have "a legitimate expectation of privacy". In this case the American Civil Liberties Union is sounding warning bells.

As Spooks' fans will be aware, software for tracking mobile phones already exists and is highly sophisticated. As tabloid haters will be all too aware, the software for hacking into phones and computers is advanced and often, it seems, employed. The Leveson Inquiry is beginning its quest to uncover the extent of the abuse. The tipping-point came with the revelation that murdered teenager Milly Dowler's phone had been hacked. That seemed to be in a different category from 'celebrities' and politicians who themselves court the media for publicity. The Dowlers and the McCanns, appearing before Lord Leveson, came across as ordinary folk whose private grief was gratuitously invaded and trampled on by journalists who had abandoned human decency and lost the gift of empathy in pursuit of 'the story'.

What is a legitimate expectation of privacy? How private should our lives be? In Scripture it is true that nothing is hidden from God, as the old prayer has it, "Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hid". In that sense, Peter Allen is right. As Jesus warns: "Nothing is hidden except to be made manifest" (Mark 4.22). But this is far from being a snooping God. If I may put it that way, He has better things to do with time. He is into redeeming it. His ultimate judgement is to raise our sights now. He's the Jesus who knew all people and what was in human-kind (John 2:24-5).

The fact of God's omniscience does not give us the right to know everything

about each other. That's His prerogative. It's not something we could handle. In fact our overriding duty to each other is that of love, and in the Christian community "love covers a multitude of sins" - which seems to mean that where love abounds, offences are frequently overlooked and quickly forgotten (ESV Study Bible). Frequently, but not always. Sadly the Church has too often employed cover-ups rather than being transparent and repentant - which fools no-one and undermines its prophetic integrity. Often it's secular media which have blown the Church's cover.

Privacy deserves protection. Intrusion into private life and conversations can rarely be justified. Yet a responsible free press is a blessing, without doubt. Perhaps it should be guided by this motto: "Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth."

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CHARITABLE COMPASSION

(by Carole Pilley)

How can small charities hold on to the values that have shaped us in the face of powerful external forces that currently challenge us and what are these forces?

The starting place has to be the recession and the consequences are well evidenced in terms of increasing needs and less money available to meet them. That inevitably has led charities to review the way they work and how they can fund their work. This has been followed by massive funding cuts and political changes that are re-shaping and reducing the role of the state whilst increasing the power of the market and this has led many charities to compete and vie for their place within an albeit financially constrained market.

The increased use of 'commissioning' and the move away from grant funding to procure services means that local organisations can be forced out of the market because they cannot compete with national or international organisations. The commissioning body decides what is to be delivered and thus retains control over what they consider to be a need.

The size of some contracts being offered means that for small charities they may be unable to compete. *The Independent* reported that 'LSSI, an American firm which manages 13 public libraries across the US, has set itself a target to manage libraries in eight British local authorities by the end of the year and to capture 15 per cent of the market within five years... Private firms Serco, Sodexo and Mitie have been chosen as preferred bidders to run the Community Payback scheme for offenders, currently run by probation staff, with no voluntary groups making the shortlist, and there are many more examples.

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