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## LIFE AFTER STEVE

**S**o we face another vacancy for a new Rector. Before we all jump to conclusions about the sort of person we need, it might be instructive to consider Steve's achievements amongst us, then how we can move forward from where he has left off.

I have had the great privilege of working with 4 Rectors over my 20+ years in the Exe Valley. I have seen their joys in ministry but I have also seen their frustrations and difficult times and it is probably true to say that the latter outnumber the former. We must all ask "Why is this?" Why have all these Rectors, and indeed many of the Team Vicars working with them, found some of their time in the Exe Valley so difficult to cope with?

Of course we are not alone in this - many rural clergy find ministry quite a strain and it is a sad fact that the number of stipendiary clergy taking time off with stress related problems is far too high. Neither is this a modern experience. In our current studies, in Paul's second letter to Timothy, we find the Apostle in some sadness, even despair, over such things as disloyalty amongst church members, false teaching infecting the faithful and church officers leaving the faith. Indeed, the Apostle warns his young disciple Timothy that suffering is going to be part of his experience if he remains faithful to the Gospel.

As we prepare for a time of vacancy and then, hopefully, for another Rector to be willing to take up the reigns, it is incumbent upon us all to seek to make Parish life here in the Exe Valley workable. We are 9 parishes and we each have our own PCC, so that results in something like 36 PCC meetings a year, demonstrating the impossibility of attending more than a selection. Also we will have to look at the number of services that each parish holds, currently totalling up to 28 a month - the Rector is responsible for the content and preaching in each service, how can we make that task possible?

### RURAL MINISTRY

Steve has taken some brave steps towards making the Rector's job more manageable. He has asked us to limit the number of services each parish church holds. Steve has also set up for us the situation in which we may invite children and adults who are not used to church, to come and worship and hear the Gospel & the Bible explained week by week, in a non "churchy" atmosphere, remembering that "the Church is the only organisation that

exists for the benefit of its non-members". It is great to see that some are taking advantage of this opportunity at EVC.

I am sure that Steve would be the first to admit that he has not always got things right - which of us has never made a mistake? For some of us, his changes have been too rapid and too extreme. For others his attempts to point out the difference between a "Status Quo" Christianity and the transforming Gospel of the Bible, have been a little abrupt but nevertheless he has succeeded in making this contrast. It is now up to us to move forward from this point. Maybe there has been too little emphasis upon village and parish life, which is important to all of us, but again how can we achieve this whilst making the Rector's job feasible?

So as we pray for Steve & Sarah in their new sphere of work in Fremington, let us be encouraged to build on Steve's legacy, and endeavour to make the new Rector's job not only possible but also fulfilling, to the Glory of our great God and Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

*John Roberts*

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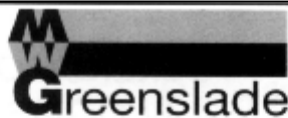
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## EDITORIAL

### NEW BEGINNINGS

At a time when many of our readers are unwell, suffering from chronic pain or sad bereavement, it seems inappropriate to say "Happy New Year" to you all. Instead, may we just say that we hope the new year will bring you "comfort and joy". Now that the snowdrops and daffodils are beginning to brighten our gardens, may they also lift your spirits ~ and strengthen your hopes for 2015.

There will be changes ahead within all our Parishes but everyone is working hard to protect the future of our churches and if we all pull together, we will successfully move forward into a new chapter for the Exe Valley Mission Community.

### Jenny and Geoff

### JOHN ROBERTS' ROLE DURING THE INTERREGNUM

After discussion with John and with the agreement of Bishop Nick, the following role has been agreed:

John's main responsibility will be for Exe Valley Central. He will be responsible for the organisation and setting up of EVC each Sunday, including inviting preachers. He may lead up to two further services a month, once EVC is seen to be stable. He will also oversee the development of a steering Group for EVC.

John will also be responsible for the organisation and running of weekly Home Groups, Lent Groups etc.

John's involvement with occasional services will be at his discretion. If available, he will normally officiate at the weddings, baptisms or funerals of regular church members, but not normally at other occasional services.



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John will undertake such evangelistic and pastoral visiting as from time to time seems appropriate. He will also attend Churchwardens' meetings, and any PCC meetings that he feels necessary.

John will undertake such other initiatives as shall from time to time seem appropriate, for instance being a "facilitator" for holiday Club etc.

*Steve Goodbody*

**NATURE NOTES**

There is nothing more wonderful in the world of Nature than trees. There cannot be a day that goes by without me taking in a single majestic specimen or a woodland that has spread its cloak over the gentle Devon hills. Trees immediately take on the mood of the day whether gaily tossing their heads in a Summer breeze or fighting back against the gales of Autumn or forming dark skeletal silhouettes on a high skyline in Winter.

It is amazing to think that some British trees are over 1000 years old and although Britain is less covered by trees than our Continental neighbours we can at least claim that ours are perhaps the most ancient. The oldest will usually be found as a lonely figure, and though fungi may have eaten away the heart of them [making estimates of actual age difficult], as observers we are never in doubt of their venerability. I do not claim to be a tree hugger but certainly, deep emotions are evoked and imaginations wander, in the presence of something that may have seen both Queens Elizabeth.

It is therefore something of a shock when I find that some trees in the private landscape of my past are no longer there. For instance in the 'Beech Walk'

– the old oak [the one and only tree on this road] no longer stands. Like the avenue of trees that must have lined this road to the countryside during its creation, it too has fallen to advancing suburbia.

But suburban trees also stay in my memory and I can still see the blossoms of cherry, lilac and shocking laburnum, as well as the smell of the sap of the impossible to climb poplars. Surely no-one would arbitrarily fell a tree and I have only ever met one person who did not appreciate trees. A Texan work colleague of long ago complained in all seriousness, that he did not like the landscapes of Britain because "you could not see the scenery for the trees".

I wish he could have seen the trees of Knightshayes, where even the fallen victims add a defiant magnificence to the rolling hillsides. These prostrate lords of the manor remind me that the RHS and Kew issued a definitive and greatly updated method for tree planting following lessons learned after the hurricane of 1987. I have yet to witness anyone in the real world following this guidance. If you are in any doubt of when is the best time to plant a tree, the answer is "twenty years ago".

*Thomas More*

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**CALVERLEIGH**

On 9 November our Communion Service started with a two minute silence in remembrance of all those who lost their lives in the two world wars. Revd Steff Jeffs from Tiverton led the service. The poppies and laurel leaves

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on the altar and stand were so in keeping with the day.

22 November was the day of our annual Autumn Fayre. The hall was warm and cheery with plenty of bargains on sale. There was quite a good crowd and the smell of bacon butties and homemade soup greeted you on arrival. It was great to see so many familiar faces, not only from Calverleigh but from some of the other villages in the Exe Valley and Tiverton. We wish to thank everyone who came and supported us and all those who worked so hard to make the event so successful once again. We raised £900 for our church funds.

We send our love and sympathy to the Holder family on the death of Alan Holder. Alan had been ill for a few months but sadly died on 26 November. His funeral service took place here in Calverleigh Church on 16 December and he was laid to rest in the Churchyard.

Many of us from Calverleigh attended the Group Service at Rackenford on 30 November. It was encouraging to have such a good response.

On 7 December we held our first Sunday morning informal get together in the Church as we had no planned service for that day. Over 20 people gathered between 10 and 11 o'clock for coffee, biscuits and mince pies - which was very encouraging. We all managed to get around and speak to our neighbours and friends and discuss any topic we wished. It was a very relaxing time and enjoyed by all. We shall certainly be doing this again.

Our Christingle Service was very well attended, with over 50 people joining us for this popular service, which was led by Nikki Burton. We have to thank

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family for making them. Refreshments were served after the service.

Our Church was full with nearly 100 people for our Carol Service on 20 December. The Church looked so inviting with all the Christmas arrangements, crib and Christmas tree - and it was warm. Thank you Aubrey for leading this service and thanks also go to the choir, the readers and to those who supplied mince pies etc., which were consumed with tea/coffee after the service.

Christmas Day saw around 40 people gather for our Communion Service which was taken by Revd Ken Blythe. We were pleased to have 4 young children joining us.

Joan and Gerald Blackmore wish to thank everyone for all their cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 24 December. Gerald also wishes to thank everyone for their good wishes on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. They were overwhelmed by the amount of good wishes and they say "Thank you very much".

The Loxbeare and Calverleigh Carol Singers did their usual rounds, on 3 nights before Christmas. They did so well, they raised £655.14 for the Ebola Crisis and they have to be admired as there were so few of them. Perhaps next year more people would like to join them.

The gifts left under the Christmas Tree for CHAT have now been delivered to them, and they are very grateful for our donation.

There has been so much illness around this Christmas nearly everyone has had one ailment or another. Let us hope that everyone is now on the mend. Look

forward to the spring; we already have clumps of snowdrops in flower!!

The PCC meet on 10 February at Blue Cedars, the home of Derek and Mary Herniman.

## CRUWYS MORCHARD

**A**t the end of January we officially say "Good Bye" to Steve and Sarah. As I write, Steve is still not 100% fit as it is taking him rather longer than expected to recover from his operation. As you probably know, his final service is to be in Templeton Village Hall at 11am, on Sunday 25 January. His main focus over his last weeks with us, will be preparation for the interregnum and for his successor as Rector.

### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We were pleased to see a full Church for our Christingle Service on the Sunday before Christmas. Thank you to all who decorated the Church, read the lessons, made the Christingles, provided the refreshments, and a special thank you to all the children who dressed up and acted the Nativity story so well. It was lovely to see so many of you taking part. A big thank you to every one who brought food for CHAT. This will be put in their stores for distribution to those locally who are in need of it. CHAT, also provide collection boxes in the supermarkets for anyone who would like to continue to give throughout the year.

**THE GROUP SERVICE** was on Sunday 28 December. It was very nice to welcome so many members from the Exe Valley parishes to our church and

share coffee and refreshments with them after the service. Many thanks to Keith Gale for taking the service.

### FLOWER and CLEANING ROTA

January 19 / 26 - Judith Taylor and Anne Gillbard

February 2 / 9 - Sonia Notley

February 16 / 23 - Denyse Standen

March 2 / 9 - Lorna Warren

March 16 / 23 - Carol Chisholm and Jackie Mitchell

### MARCH 30 - DECORATORS FOR EASTER

April 6 / 13 - Sue and Pauline Guscott

### STOVE ROTA

January - Mr M Trick

February - Mr G Cruwys

March - Mr J Lake

Please light the church stove on Saturday (morning if possible) If you are unable to, please contact: Cindy on 01363 866621 or Diana on 01363 860227

### YOUNG FARMERS

Congratulations to William Palmer who has been awarded a travel scholarship from Devon YFC; a tall ship sailing adventure departing from Brixham in August. The Club are making good use of the Parish Hall as they have been rehearsing their pantomime in readiness for the Exe Valley Group competition taking place in February. Good luck to them. They are holding a Bingo evening on 28 February at the Parish Hall starting at 8.00 pm. Their chosen charities of the year are MIND and the new building for Devon YFC. Everyone welcome. The Club meet on the first Tuesday every month at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall. Please come along if you are interested in joining young farmers.

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### PARISH HALL

The Parish Hall Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 March 2015 at 8.00 pm at the Parish Hall. All welcome to attend.

Saturday 28 March Pink Bingo, in the Parish Hall for Breast Cancer at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Enquiries 01884 860620

**BELL RINGING** We would like to thank the bell ringers for ringing before our Sunday services. They continue to practice every Monday evening at 7.30pm

### CRUWYS MORCHARD – GOT TALENT FINAL

Saturday 7 March at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall

Proceeds to Cancer Charities  
Tickets £6 adults, £3 children  
Enquiries ring Jackie 01363 866 751

### DON'T BE SHY, YOU HAVE GOT TALENT, COME ALONG

**Auditions** on Saturday 31 January from 2.30pm until 6.30pm at Pennymoor Congregational Chapel.

Two categories, under 16 and over 16  
Prize money for over 16 winners . Open to all parishioners born or living in the parish. All auditions to Jackie by 28 January. Call 01363 866751 or email [wackyjacks@btinternet.com](mailto:wackyjacks@btinternet.com)

Tickets for the final will be on sale after 10 February.

**The show needs you.**

### CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Sunday 1 February Puppet Church at 4.30pm

Saturday 7 February Pennymoor Pop-In 11.00 – 12.30pm Coffee morning with Valentine Cards and Crafts for Sale.

Tuesday 17 February Holiday at Home in Pennymoor Pancakes, fun for everyone.

Sunday 1 March Family Service at 4.30pm

Saturday 7 March Pennymoor Pop-In 11.00- 12.30pm Coffee Morning

Monday 30 March Holiday at Home **Easter Eggcitement**, games, chocolate eggs, crafts and tea party, followed by 6-8pm FAMILY FILM NIGHT.

### CHURCH YARD MOWING

I would like to thank all those who so generously give their time and energy to mowing our church yard throughout the year. It always looks lovely.

### FUTURE EVENTS

February 10 Ladies Committee meeting 7.30pm at the Cruwys Arms

February 17 Church PCC meeting in Wringsland House at 7.30pm

March 7 Jumble Sale at the Parish Hall

March 10 Church AGM in Church at 7.30pm

March 15 Mothering Sunday

March 29 Palm Sunday, this is a fifth Sunday and we join with the Congregational Chapel.

### Sunday 5 April EASTER SUNDAY

There are already Hot Cross buns in Morrisons!!

### Please watch out for Service changes during the interregnum.

### BARN DANCE

MC John Ridd and band "Friendly Folk" ran a Barn Dance at the new Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall. It was very well attended by over 50 people. The group has moved here from Bampton helped by Steve and Diney Dyer and was a great success, with a cafe atmosphere. Hopefully this will become a monthly event on the first Friday of the month. Do come, BYOB and snacks. I forgot ours, but there was plenty to go round.

### The Parish Library

A big thank you for everyone who has so kindly given me books for it, I would be very grateful for any more. Please bring them to Wringsland House and not straight to the church as there is very limited space there. The Royal British Legion, (under the old town hall,) would be very pleased to have any books we do not have room for as they have a very busy bring and borrow library.

We would like to welcome Claire and Allan Miller who have recently moved into the parish.

**DANCE TEACHER** needed to take new morning adult dance classes in Cruwys Morchard. Ballet, tap, jazz, Zumba, etc. Please contact Diney on 01363 860048 or [diney@mailbox.uk.com](mailto:diney@mailbox.uk.com)

## LOXBEARE

**A** Happy New Year to everyone and trust you experienced the wonder of Christmas time as we celebrated the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Here in Loxbeare we began the Christmas Celebrations with our Christingle Service on the 7 December taken by John. Linda explained the meaning of the Christingle with the children who, then made them during the service and distributed them to everyone present in the last hymn. Thank you to those who helped.

Our Carol Service again taken by John was on 21 December, with many taking part. Linda did a lovely slot with the children and they sang Away in a Manger. The offering of £138 went to

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Children's Hospice South West. The Christmas Day Service was well attended with many favourite carols sung and readings followed by Communion. The service was taken by John.

The Carol Singers covered Loxbeare & Calverleigh homes during the three evenings 20,22,24 December. A wonderful total of £650 was collected, to be sent to the Ebola Disaster Committee. A big thank you to everyone who sang, provided supper on the three nights and to all who gave so generously.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Steve & Sarah Goodbody this month. Steve & Sarah's last service will be on January 25 at E.V.C Templeton at 11.00am. We thank Steve for his ministry among us, for thought provoking and instructive Bible Studies and faithfulness to God's calling. For Sarah's help, love and future ministry and that Steve will have a complete recovery from illness.

On Ash Wednesday, Loxbeare will be hosting a Mission Community Communion Service in the Church on 18 February at 7.30pm.

Mothering Sunday, 15 March will be in the Village Hall with the Service commencing at approx. 10.30am. This will be preceded by a full English Breakfast from 9.30am, cooked by the men. Do come and join us.

The Woman's Bible Study Group continues to meet alternate Tuesdays at Christine Weatherley's, Churchill House Loxbeare from 2.00-4.00pm. From January 27 we are starting a new series using a study guide entitled 'Promises kept, the whole story of the Bible' - an overview of the Bible. A great opportunity to learn, share and relax over a cup of tea! All ladies welcome. For more information contact Marion on 01884 256302.

A PCC Meeting was held on 8 January in the Village Hall and the next meeting will be the A.P.C.M after the evening service. The Electoral Roll needs to be completely revised and everyone wishing to remain or be added to the

Roll needs to apply. Please contact Marion Roberts on 01884 256302 for forms.

Our thoughts and sympathy are with Janice Page and family on the death of Jack, he will be missed from the village, and also to anyone else who has recently lost loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are undergoing treatment and all who have been unwell recently with many suffering from colds and flu etc. We hope you will soon be feeling better.

A belated goodbye to Sarah Rice, Jack & Olivia who have moved into Tiverton. Also Jenny Pack who moved from Loxbeare just before Christmas having lived in the village for approx. 35 years. You will be greatly missed but we look forward to continuing contact and friendship with you all and welcome you back to many events in Loxbeare and Services in the Church. We welcome Hannah and Henry into the village and hope you will soon settle and be happy in your new home. Congratulations to Maurice and Marlene Taylor on the birth of a great grandson to Amy (John & Pam's Daughter) born on December 23.

At the time of writing we are planning a farewell 'bring and share' tea and presentation from the Church & Village for Pauline Cowdero, who left Loxbeare in December to take up residence in Castlegrove, Bampton. We are hoping this will take place in the Village Hall on Sunday 18 January at 3.00pm. Pauline was our oldest member and we will miss her greatly and thank her again for all she has done in the Church and Village. We pray she will soon settle and be happy in her new home.

The Christmas Fayre held on 29 November raised a total of £350. Thank you to all who contributed or helped in any way towards the success of the morning. The Village Christmas Meal this year was at Bickleigh Mill. Thank you to Sue for organising the evening.

Loxbeare Ladies dates: On 16 February a trip to Snowdrop Valley is planned leaving the Church at 10.00am. This will be for anyone wishing to go. Contact

Sue on 01884 259496. 2 March an evening at Anne's - Ladies only, to see photos on TV of the sponsored bike ride from Devon to Paris which Anne's daughter-in-law Mary and granddaughter Emily took part in. Monies raised went to 'Papyrus' a charity which helps prevent suicide in young people. Contact Anne Ackland on 01884 253013. 13 April will be skittles night.

There will be a Village Party on Saturday 31 January in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Bring and share food. Contact Ron for further details on 01884 881362.

Loxbeare Bingo will be on 30 March at 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Contact Carol Radford on 01884 881480.

## OAKFORD

A mild Christmas meant that all the Christmas festivities went without a hitch. The Christmas Tree Festival was held in the church on 13 December. Organizations and individuals from the village took part. We had twenty Christmas trees - amazingly with all different themes! We have some very creative people in the village. Cream teas were available in the afternoon and also a stall with gifts. We raised £198 for church funds. Our thanks to Brenda, Connie, Jean, Karen, Joy and Wendy who provided the tea, and to all those who took part, helped and supported this truly village community event.

The children decorated the Church Tree the evening before and at 6p.m. about 25 gathered around the Village Tree to sing carols. Our grateful thanks to Patsy and John who provided mulled wine and those who brought mince pies and sausage rolls - and to Bun and Brenda for providing the Christmas Trees for the church and the village.

On Sunday 23 December the 'Carols by Candlelight' service took place. The church looked lovely with all the Christmas tree lights twinkling. The children dressed the crib and Mary's granddaughters sang a carol. Many

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On Saturday 28th February we hope to hold a planning day in St. George's Extension where you can come along and share with us ideas for the future. Hopefully we shall pray together and then discuss how best New Creation can move forward. Refreshments will be available. Please pray that the Lord will give you ideas to share, as to how He wants New Creation to proceed – we shall be doing the same.

**Penny has special offers in the café:** for February a lunchtime soup and roll for £2.50; and for March a cheese scone with apple, cheese and pickle and a cup of tea or coffee for £2.95. (Penny works very hard to produce tasty lunches and tea-time treats but she really needs more volunteers to help her - people who are willing to help on a one-day-a-week basis and also be able to take over if she was ill or on holiday. Our volunteers are very precious to us and we really value them. Also it is their way of serving the Lord soooo ... could this be your opportunity too?)

**Some festivals & events coming soon for which you may need resources:**

**Education Sunday – February 1st**

**St. Valentines Day – February 14th**

**Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) – February 18th**

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thanks to the Rev. Richard Maudsley who took the service, our organist Mary, all the readers, Dawn and Geoffrey for the mulled wine and Brenda, Jean, Connie, Sue and Wendy for mince pies. The collection from this service was £137.63 for the Children's Society.

We now look forward to Easter which will soon be here as Easter Sunday is 5 April. We hope you will be able to join us in this celebration of Christ.

### Other events

**Hearts and Flowers: PANCAKE COFFEE MORNING at Oakford Village Hall.** Pancake races for all.

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**Moorland Club: Thursday 12 February at 7.15p.m.** Fish and Chip Supper with themed Valentine's desserts and a quiz.

**Thursday 12 March at 7.30p.m.** Focus on our chosen charities and cheque presentations.

## RACKENFORD

**W**e are already nearing the end of January and wish you all a belated healthy and Happy New Year.

As mentioned in the last issue we were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Gwendoline Arscott on 4 November 2014. Gwendoline's funeral was held at our church on 14 November followed by an internment, next to her dad Jack. Family and friends gathered to pay respects and to support Mrs Joan Arscott (Gwendoline's mum). Donations of £317.92p were given to Rackenford Churchyard Fund, for which we are most grateful.

Our deepest sympathy also to Mrs Daphne Weston and family on the death of her husband David who died on 10 November 2014. Family and friends gathered at our church for a Service prior to a cremation. Daphne and friends are very much in our prayers.

Thanks to Keith Gale for the many Services he has taken for us - so nice to have him with us. One of them was The Group Service on 30 November. It was a lovely service and with the sun shining and the bells ringing, it was a warm welcome for everyone. Refreshments followed the service.

Many thanks to Graham Fennel for providing the materials and repairing our church organ. We are most grateful to you and indeed the many people who care for our church in so many ways.

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Teaching Programme until Lent  
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### Chapter 1 The Charge to guard the Gospel

4 Jan 2 Timothy 1. 1-12 Our responsibility to keep  
the Gospel

11 Jan 2 Timothy 1. 12-18 Our responsibility to  
proclaim the Gospel

### Chapter 2 The Charge to suffer for the Gospel

18 Jan 2 Timothy 2. 1-13 Handing on the truth  
leads to suffering

25 Jan 2 Timothy 2. 14-26 Good soldiers,  
athletes, farmers

### Chapter 3 The Charge to continue the Gospel

1 Feb 2 Timothy 3. 1-9 Godlessness in the  
last days

8 Feb 2 Timothy 3. 10-17 The faithful Gospel  
Minister

### Chapter 4 The Charge to proclaim the Gospel

15 Feb 2 Timothy 4. 3-8 The charge to preach  
the Gospel

22 Feb 2 Timothy 4 9-22 Personal sadness and  
victory

Home Groups on these topics from  
14 January at East Sidborough

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8 Feb Morning Worship

15 Feb Holy Communion

22 Feb Morning Worship

1 March Sunday Club cafe style

8 March Group Service at EVC

15 March No EVC - Mothering  
Sunday in Parish Churches

22 March Morning Worship (in  
Loxbeare Church)

29 March Palm Sunday

Morning Worship

5 April No EVC - Easter Day

Services in Parish Churches

**A Service of  
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**will take place in  
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**at 7.30pm**

**Ash Wednesday**

**18 February**

## OAKFORD

**1 February**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**8 February**

9.30 am Morning Prayer

**15 February**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**22 February**

9.30 am Family Service

**1 March**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**8 March**

**Group Service**

11.00 am Templeton Village Hall

**15 March**

9.30 am Family Service

**22 March**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**29 March**

9.30 am Morning Prayer

## RACKENFORD

**1 February**

No Service

**8 February**

11 am Morning Worship

**15 February**

9.30 am Songs of Praise

**22 February**

11 am Holy Communion

**1 March**

No Service

**8 March**

**Group Service**

11.00 am Templeton Village Hall

**15 March**

9.30 am Family Service

**22 March**

9.30 am Morning Worship

**29 March**

11 am Holy Communion

## STOODLEIGH

**1 February**

11 am Family Service

**8 February**

11 am Morning Prayer

**15 February**

11 am Holy Communion

**22 February**

6.30pm Evening Prayer

**1 March**

11 am Morning Prayer

**8 March**

**Group Service**

11.00 am Templeton Village Hall

**15 March**

11 am Family Service

**22 March**

11 am Holy Communion

**29 March**

6.30pm Evening Prayer



**CALVERLEIGH**

**1 February**

No Service

**8 February**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**15 February**

11.15 am Morning Worship

**22 February**

3 pm Evening Prayer

**1 March**

No Service

**8 March**

**Group Service**

11.00 am Templeton Village Hall

**15 March**

11.15 am Family Service  
With Baptism

**22 March**

3 pm Evening Worship

**29 March**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**

**1 February**

No Service

**8 February**

9.30 am Holy Communion  
by extension

**15 February**

11 am Family Service

**22 February**

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

**1 March**

No Service

**8 March**

**Group Service**

11.00 am Templeton Village Hall

**15 March**

11 am Family Service

**22 March**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**29 March**

11 am Morning Prayer

**LOXBEARE**

**1 February**

6.30 pm Evening Praise

**8 February**

No Service

**15 February**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**22 February**

No Service

**1 March**

6.30 pm Holy Communion

**8 March**

**Group Service**

11.00 am Templeton Village Hall

**15 March**

9.30 am Breakfast followed by  
Family Service in Village Hall

**22 March**

No Service

**29 March**

No Service

**TEMPLETON**

**1 February**

11 am Family Service

**8 February**

No Service

**15 February**

No Service

**22 February**

9.30 am Morning Prayer and  
Holy Communion

**1 March**

11 am Family Service

**8 March**

**Group Service**

11.00 am Templeton Village Hall

**15 March**

Join with Withleigh

**22 March**

No Service

**29 March**

9.30 am Morning Prayer and  
Holy Communion

**WASHFIELD**

**1 February**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**8 February**

11 am Morning Prayer

**15 February**

11 am Family Service

**22 February**

3 pm Evening Prayer

**1 March**

11 am Holy Communion

**8 March**

**Group Service**

11.00 am Templeton Village Hall

**15 March**

11 am Family Service

**22 March**

3 pm Evening Prayer

**29 March**

11 am Morning Prayer

**WITHLEIGH**

**1 February**

No Service

**8 February**

11 am Family Service

**15 February**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**22 February**

11 am Morning Worship

**1 March**

No Service

**8 March**

**Group Service**

11.00 am Templeton Village Hall

**15 March**

11 am Family Service

**22 March**

9.30 am Holy Communion  
by extension

**29 March**

11 am Morning Worship

## PARISH ROUND-UP

Claire Joyce welcomed everyone to the school's Nativity play at church and with all the lovely singing, prayers and acting and a solo from Harry Vanstone, along with the beautiful costumes, we all enjoyed a really lovely service by the children. The collection taken was given to Water Aid.

Rackenford Club put on a Christmas party for the village children with a delicious tea, an entertainer and a visit from Father Christmas, with a gift for everyone to take home after a very exciting afternoon.

Our Christingle service was held on 14 December when all the children were invited to join Anna Hansford and make the Christingles themselves, which was such fun and a lovely idea. Many thanks to Anna for such a thoughtful service. The collection of £44 was given to the Children's Society.

Thank you again to Tim and Liz Paxton for providing our Christmas Tree and to those who decorated it, and the church, ready for all the celebrations.

Our Carol Service on Christmas Eve saw a full church, which was wonderful. The bells were ringing and we were so lucky to have Rev Jane Wilson taking our service and giving us such a warm welcome. A perfect start to Christmas. The Stable (made by Ron Kirby many years ago) and the nativity figures and animals (which were made by the late Sylvia Crocker and Elsie Carter) were, as always, on display on the font but were brought to the front of the church so the children could all go up with Jane and view it all close up. A lovely happy service. A shortened service of Holy Communion followed. Many thanks to Rev Jane Wilson, Marjorie Smith, our choir and all who did readings.

At the time of going to print (12 January) Bob Mogridge is very poorly in Exeter hospital. We remember him in our prayers and also to Pam Lester and anyone that we have not heard about either in hospital or at home. We continue to remember our friends Ken Blackford, Mrs Clark and Mrs Arscott.

Carol singing, along with tasty mince pies, were all enjoyed at The Stag just before Christmas.

We continue to remember Rev Steve Goodbody and Sarah in our prayers and hope that he returns to good health soon. His final service will be held at Templeton Village Hall on 25 January and we wish him every happiness in his move.

On 15 February at 9.30 am we have a Songs of Praise Service, so if you have a favourite hymn you would like to have, please contact Marjorie Smith and we will include it in the service for us all to enjoy with you.

We were sad to hear that Percy Stone had passed away on 5 January. Percy will be remembered with great affection. He farmed at Laneland for many years with his wife Pearl and here they went on to raise their five children. After retiring Percy and Pearl moved to Trinity View but due to very poor health Percy ended his days at Ashdowne House, Tiverton, with constant visits from his family and friends. We send our deepest sympathy and prayers to Pearl and all the family at this difficult time.

On a happier note we send congratulations to Mary and Jacques Cann who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 1 January. We hope you had a memorable day. We also understand that Brian and Jen Peace are looking forward to celebrating their Diamond

Wedding anniversary on 19 March. Many congratulations as you look forward to this very special day and to anyone else who has something to celebrate, birthdays or anniversaries amongst us.

## STOODLEIGH

On the Friday before Christmas, a small but harmonious band of carol singers ventured out to bring some Christmas cheer to villagers and £80 was raised in aid of the church, for which many thanks.

Yet again the Carol Service was a great success. The church looked magnificent: many thanks to Peters Broadbent and Browne for decorating the Christmas tree, to Bryan Rigg for the crib, flying angels and star and to all the flower ladies for their wonderful arrangements. Audrey had a fine group of 11 children for her nativity play, ably supported by Nicola Palfrey on the clarinet. Thank you to all of them (and their supportive parents!) for taking part so well. You gave a lot of pleasure to the large congregation. Jennifer had a choir of seventeen who as usual on one short rehearsal added greatly to the singing: her thanks to all who sang. Many have been coming for years and look forward to the Stoodleigh Carol Service: book the next one - Sunday 20 December 2015! Finally, enormous thanks to the Reverend Tim Hunt, Chaplain of Blundell's, who, having agreed to sing in the choir, was then roped in to take the service in Steve's absence.

The Christmas Day Service, which was admirably led by Bishop Nick McKinnel, was well attended. We thank Bishop Nick for stepping in to replace Steve, who couldn't come because of illness.

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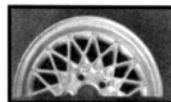
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## PARISH ROUND-UP

It is with real pleasure that we learn of Steve's improving health after his operation, but with deep regret that he will be leaving us so soon. Sadly, his last service in the Exe Valley will be on Sunday 25 January, 11am, at Templeton Village Hall.

Looking back a bit further, a big thank you to all who came to use their time (and muscles!) for the annual churchyard clear-up on 22 November, with such worthwhile results.

The Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6 December was a truly attractive, festive and well-supported community time. There are so many to thank – all who planned, helped, gave, supported and generously bought. Not forgetting thanks to our special visitor – Father Christmas. All the hard work and enjoyment raised just over £1,000 for church funds.

'Seven Years around Stoodleigh' is a joint Church and Hall event, which will take place on 27 February, 7.30pm, at the Parish Hall. Following the successful 'Year on Exmoor' slide show by Jennifer Rowlandson in 2014, this year Jennifer will not only be showing her own photographs taken around Stoodleigh but will also show your Stoodleigh views. You're invited to submit your photographs to Jennifer, either on a disc or memory stick, with information about when and where the photograph was taken. All photographs must be with Jennifer by 13 February. More information about tickets will be available on notice boards and the website, or ring Geraldine on 01398 351391 or Margaret on 01398 351252 for more details. Funds are in aid of St Margaret's Church and the Parish Hall.

### PARISH HALL

The Christmas Bingo & Grand Draw was a great success. Thanks to those who supported it by donating prizes, buying draw tickets or coming to play Bingo. We raised a grand total of £725 towards Parish Hall funds.

### What's On at the Parish Hall:

Easter Market & Coffee Morning: Saturday 4 April, 10am-12pm.

Book & Coffee Mornings: Saturdays 10.30am-12pm.

Pilates Classes: Mondays, 7-8pm

Zumba Classes: Thursdays, 7-8pm, starting mid-January, spaces available, ring 01398 351391

SWAG: David Wotton Snr has retired from SWAG. Alistair Morison is the new chairman and Geraldine Talbot continues as secretary.

**Stoodleigh 100 Club:** Christmas Draw – 1 Alistair Morison, 2 Iris Wotton, 3 Jennifer Ayre, 4 Peter Browne; extra prizes for Christmas – Linda Sharrock, Philip Turner, Elaine Morison, Pat Pennington.

### Church Flower Rota

February 1 / 8 - Betty Wotton

February 15 - Trish Fish

Feb 22 to March 29 - Lent (no flowers)

April 4 - Easter: all help please

## TEMPLETON

We hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and we wish you a happy and healthy 2015.

Our Christingle Service on 14 December was well attended and many gave presents for less fortunate children in the Tiverton area. We delivered them to

CHAT, who gave them to Social Services and they were gratefully received. Our church was beautifully decorated (Thank you to all who helped with that) for our Carol Service followed by Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. The Rev'd Tony Fensome officiated and the church was full.

Our Rector Steve and his wife Sarah will be leaving us at the end of January for 3 parishes in North Devon. We thank them for all they have done and wish them well, both in the parishes and in health in the future.

The tower repairs have now been completed but the east wall and vestry are in urgent need of repair. While we are applying for grants, we still need to raise money ourselves and so, on Saturday 14 March we have booked Wildwood Kin, a three piece folk / indie band who last year won the Open Mic UK competition at the NEC in Birmingham. You can hear them on YouTube or Google them and they are also on Facebook; they really are an up and coming group. A supper will be served at 7.45pm and the bar will be open from 7.30pm. Tickets available from 1 March from Gloria Woollacott (01884 254509) or Bindy Linden (01884 860655).

Our Christmas Fayre, held on 28 November, raised £540.00. It was an enjoyable evening, thanks to all who helped and supported the event. There will be a Quiz held at the Village Hall on 13 February and organised by John and Audrey. It starts at 7.30pm. Teams of 4-6 can enjoy the fun of discovering how much they actually know, with supper at half time and perhaps a prize. Contact John McInerney (01884 253068) to book a place for your team.

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

The Children's Christmas Party, held on 13 December, was enjoyed by about 20 children. Thanks to Tony Loosemoor for organising this, also to the ladies who helped and to Father Christmas who came along at the end of the party. On the same evening, a draw held in aid of Children's Hospice South West made £210.00. Thanks to all who donated prizes and supported the charity.

The usual game tournaments were held on the run up to Christmas with the results as follows: Mens Darts R/U Roger Linden – Winner Martin Saunders Ladies Darts R/U Sara Stone – Winner Claire Hunt Mens Skittles R/U Mark Stone – Winner Martin Saunders Ladies Skittles R/U Teresa Pancherz – Winner Bindy Linden Table Tennis R/U Martin Rose – Winner David Leeming Pool R/U Mike Pancherz – Winner Tom Pancherz

### Flower Rota

Feb 8/15 Flowers & Cleaning Hannah Nobbs  
Feb 22/March 1 LENT NO FLOWERS Clare Trevelyan  
March 8/15 Cleaning Only Jan Heptinstall  
March 22/29 Cleaning Only Gloria Woollacott

The church was beautifully decorated and adorned with a lovely Christmas Tree (thanks to everyone who made the church look so festive once again). There was also a crib which added to the enthusiasm of the children at the Christingle service. This service was led by Camilla, assisted by other parents and children who took part, making the Christingles (a good way of learning about their meaning) and ably reading passages. A large congregation attended this delightful service from which the cash collection was donated to The Children's Society.

The Christmas Eve Carol Service was led by Martin to a full church. It had a lovely atmosphere of community togetherness with many of the readings being delivered by those back at home for the Christmas period. Grateful thanks to Sarah Tobey, who accompanied the carols on the organ and also organised a lovely choir, which added to the special ambience of the occasion. The positive mood continued as most of the congregation were able and happy to enjoy the abiding fellowship offered over coffee and mince pies. A lovely evening.

We were able to celebrate Holy Communion on Christmas morning thanks to Anna who took the Service by Extension, in the absence of clergy. Once again there was a good congregation. Thank you Anna.

We once again thank Jeanne and Garth Jones for hosting their annual Christmas Coffee Morning. What a success it was - raising £310 for the church. It was a lovely social get-together before Christmas. Thank you to everyone for all your support and help on the day.

In keeping with the generous nature of our village, we are pleased to report that the two sets of Carol Singers raised

great sums of money for their chosen charities. The 'village' group raised £185 - with their money going to the local Hospiscare centre (Pine Lodge) and the 'higher' Washfield singers raised £253.60 for the Children's Hospice South West. Congratulations to you all for collecting these amazing amounts.

Mothering Sunday is on 15 March so we would welcome lots of children (young and not so young) bringing their Mothers to this service, to receive a posy of flowers on their special day.

We are pleased to welcome two new families to Washfield. The Taylor-Ross family have come to live at Moorhayes Farm; Jim and Annabel with little Patrick and Mum, Mrs Mary Ross. We are so pleased to have been able to meet with you all at recent village events.

Most welcome too, are Mark and Sharon Yeoman who have come to live at 2 Balmans Wood. They are no strangers to Washfield, as next door live Mark's Mum and Dad, Pat and Terry Yeoman and Mark grew up here. We hope that you will all be happy in our community. We will be sorry to lose Karen and Vincent Webber who are leaving The Firs but, as they are only moving to Tiverton, we hope to keep in touch.

We are thinking of those people who are not well; many with ongoing illnesses. We do miss seeing you in the village and we expect you miss coming out. Many have also succumbed to the nasty viruses that have been doing the rounds recently. All are remembered and thought about in our prayers.

Best wishes to everyone celebrating special birthdays and occasions.

## WASHFIELD

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How Christmas has flown by. The children are now back at school and, as we write these notes, it is still early January so we wish everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

The donations of food items given to the local CHAT from the church porch this year has amounted to a sterling 177. Thank you all for these contributions for those who are not so fortunate and keep up the generous gifting.

The W.I. Christmas party was once again a wonderful evening with good food, great company and excellent entertainment put on by Jenny Parnell with Sue and Andrew Herniman. Everyone went home happy.

The Social Club's New Year's evening was immensely enjoyable. A lot of people put in a lot of work and effort to make it so much fun. Martin made a great Master of Ceremonies and looked the part. A builder's Male Voice Choir sang about members; Enid was in the Mastermind black chair with Gill firing questions at her; there was village gossip and of course the brave couples taking part in Strictly Come Dancing and being judged by the 'critics' as is usual. The enthusiasm was boundless and the eventual winners were Michael Kerslake and Abby Wood. Well done to them and all of the participants and contributors to the entertainments including Tony, Ann, Gill, Maggie, Paul and so many others. We thank you all for a great evening which, with such fun and laughter, can only be a sign of a great social year to come. Please join the Social Club by paying your £6 subs as this is a small price to pay for such a wonderful village asset, not just at New Year but all year round.

A reminder that Easter, with all our usual events, is earlier this year. The decorated egg and rolling contests at the church, followed by the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall, will be on Easter Saturday 4 April from 10am. Please, can you get sowing, growing

and planting to help make the Plant Stall overflow and the whole event the unbridled success it was last year.

### Dates for your diary

Saturday 24 January Coffee morning in Village Hall 10am - 12noon with cakes, jewellery, raffle and lots more (In aid of EVBH)

Tuesday 10 February teatime@the hall from 2.30pm. Come along and partake in tea, cake and friendship.

Thursday 12 February W.I. in Hall 2.30pm. 'The Land Army'

Thursday 26 February Lunch Club in Hall 12 noon for 12.30. **Please book in - for this first one after the break.**

Tuesday 10 March teatime@thehall from 3pm. All welcome

Thursday 12 March W.I. in Hall 2.30pm Wiltshire Farm Foods

Sunday 15 March Mothering Sunday Service in Church

Thursday 26 March Lunch Club in Hall 12 noon for 12.30

### Altar Flower Rota

January 25/ February 1 Mrs J French  
February 8/15 Mrs Bassano

### LENT No Flowers

April 5/12 Mrs Ellis

### Cleaning Rota

February 9/16 Mrs French

February 23/ March 2 Mrs Arnold

March 9/16 Mr & Mrs Parnell

March 23/30 Mrs Harding & Mrs Jones

April 6/13 Mr & Mrs Ellis

with Christmas bunting, thanks to Margaret Gale and Shirley Headon, adding to the festivity of the stalls. Many thanks to Laura for organising the Fayre, and thanks also to everyone who gave and helped in any way.

The Children's Christmas party went off, as usual, with much activity and laughter. Thank you, Sue, for organising, once again, with such enthusiasm, all the games the children love to play. We must not forget to thank Father Christmas for calling in and distributing presents to eager looking children, waiting for their name to be called to collect their present. A big thank you to the Village Hall Committee for their continued support for this event, with the cost of prizes and sweets for the games, etc., being paid for from Village Hall funds.

Our Christingle Service was well attended, with Christingles being distributed to everyone in the Church before singing the final hymn by the candlelight of the Christingles. Thank you Paul and Elizabeth for officiating at this service. A donation was sent to the Children's Society from Witleigh Church.

We had a lovely evening for Carol Singing this year. We congregated at the Village Hall and made our way down to and along the main road. We would have loved to have sung to many more of you but sadly, time does not allow when only singing on one evening. Thank you Nigel and Brenda for your hospitality at the end of the evening. £59.70 was collected and sent to Children's Hospice South West.

Our Carol Service was also well attended - taking another different format, followed by mulled wine, mince

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## WITHLEIGH

Our Christmas Craft Fayre on 29 November, 2014 was an enjoyable and profitable day, realising £1,050 for Church funds. The hall was adorned

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pies, shortbread and chocolate truffles. We are very grateful to Andrew Herniman for playing the organ for us, and thank you Paul and Elizabeth for leading the service and to all the readers. Gifts were placed under the Christmas Tree for CHAT, and were kindly delivered to them by Paul and Elizabeth. CHAT were very grateful for what was given.

Our Church once again looked a joy with all the festive floral arrangements together with the splendid tree. Thank you Mark and Cathy, once again, for donating this. The Nativity scene was in its usual place - with an addition this year - Gill's camel, and this will always be a reminder of a much loved organist and friend of our Church.

Holy Communion on Christmas Eve was a lovely service officiated by the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Tiverton, Rev. Robert Gordon. It was good to welcome him and his wife into our church, and we do thank him for coming out to us on this special night. Everyone did not seem to be in any hurry to go home on which was, by the end of the service, Christmas morning. Thank you Laura for playing the organ.

Our Plough Service on 11 January was very well attended, with the Young Farmers taking part, and Brenda giving the talk which was based on the parable of the Sower. It was also interesting to hear about the activities in which the Young Farmers are involved during the year.

Our next PCC meeting will be on 24 February at the home of Paul and Elizabeth.

Our Annual Parochial and Church Meetings will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 24 March at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

We say goodbye to Lucy who has moved from Windyridge. We hope you have settled into your new home. We welcome the new occupants to Windyridge and look forward to seeing you in the village.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to any who are celebrating special birthdays or anniversaries around this time.

We send get well wishes to all those not well at the moment, especially all those who have suffered the nasty cough and cold virus that is circulating. We hope all those who have had a spell in hospital, especially those known to us who spent Christmas in hospital, are now progressing well. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

### Witleigh WI, new programme for the beginning of 2015.

Thursday 12 Feb, with Bob Crook, demonstrating Glass Blowing.

Thursday 12 March, with Felicity Jones, speaking on the Council's Revamp of Recycling.

Thursday 16 April, with Dr and Mrs C Holme, speaking on the Charity for Child Bereavement, 'Balloons'.

Our meeting place is Witleigh Village Hall, usually on the 2nd Thursday of each month. New members are very welcome to join us - for further details please call Rosie on 01884 257123.

### Flower rota:

Jan 25 & Feb 1 / 8 Brenda Tucker  
Feb 15 LENT (Please remove flowers)

### Monthly Diary Dates:

First Thursday - Bingo  
Second Monday - Whist Drive  
Second Thursday - W.I.

## Thoughts for Everyday ~ by Patience Strong ~ 1 February "Hints and Glimpses"

This is the soul's month; the month of whispered hopes; the month when we feel that, at last, we can turn our faces towards the glad promise of Spring. The beds and borders are peppered with green tips and a few snowdrops have swung their fairy bells in the teeth of a raw wet wind but these are mere intimations.

The days between Candlemas and St Valentine, are days in which we must be content with hints and glimpses.

Winter has not done with us yet but the listening heart has caught a far-away sound on the wind and Hope will no longer be denied.

## KEEP SMILING ...

After the Sunday Morning Service, the Rector congratulated Mrs Wilson on how well her son had behaved during the second half of his sermon (He had spotted that the boy had been noticeably fidgety during the first half).

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