



TODAY

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IT'S GOOD TO BE A GRANNIE !!

There are lots of things about being a Grannie I really like – and, if I'm honest a couple of things I don't!

However, the good things far outweigh the bad – the observational comments about the way my skin moves and crinkles, and the deep hilarity at my attempts to play football. What I really enjoy is introducing my Grandson to new things, especially things that mean a lot to me.

Take the Panto for instance! I love the theatre – and there's nothing like a good Panto!

(Oh, yes there is!
Oh, no there isn't!)

And we went to see a really good one, full of old jokes, and familiar routines. If you are five (or even 105) there's nothing funnier than seeing someone trying to milk a pantomime cow!

Of course, there was quite a lot of explaining to do.

Enter Jack

Jack: Hello everybody!
My name's Jack!

Everybody (except Grandson):
Hello Jack!

Grandson: That's not Jack!
That's a girl!

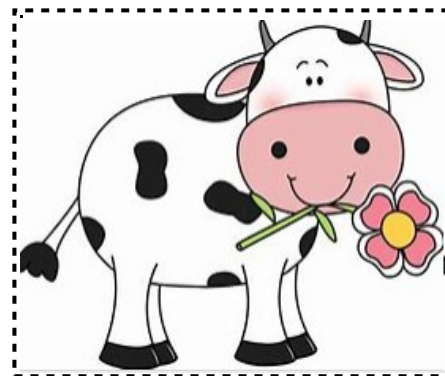
Me: Yes, I know. A girl is
playing the part of Jack.

Grandson: Why?

Me: It's just what happens in
Pantomime.

Grandson: Why?

Me: It just does!
Wait 'til you see Jack's
Mum!



Anyway – once we had got over those little hurdles, we had a wonderful time, and Grandson joined in with gusto, as if he had been an avid Pantomime-goer all his life. And apart from being jolly good fun, it was a Grannie-privilege to introduce him to such delights.

All of which has set me thinking. How wonderful it was to see so many generations of people coming to Church recently,

singing old songs and hearing the old stories. Christmas is a great time to do just that. But there are other times too – and a couple of them are coming up.

We have a Praise Party - which is for all the family, from Granddads to Grandsons, and everyone in between. See page 19 for details.

Mothering Sunday is also a great day to come to Church, join in with the old tradition of saying thank you to God for those who have and still do, love and look after us. See centre pages. Put the dates in your diary and come along. Introduce (or re-introduce) your children and Grandchildren to something old and something new. Enjoy the privilege of doing so. It would be lovely to see you.

*Wishing you and your family
every blessing,*

Steph

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information from Steph on
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EDITORIAL

After wishing you a new Happy New Year, apologies and thanks from us are in order.

Firstly we apologise for the errors in the last issue and many, many sincere thanks to everyone who came to our aid by altering the all important Service dates and times. You saved the day !!

Secondly, we apologise for the Magazine being late this time. Jenny's Mum is very poorly and has been in Hospital, on and off, since 11 December. We have been staying in her home and Geoff, transported the Magazine Laptop and computer desk over, so Jenny has been working on it, as and when she can. Jenny was spending up to six hours a day in Exeter R,D & E and, at the time of going to print, she is now doing the same in Tiverton Hospital. Thank you all for your prayers and kind wishes.

How wonderful it is to see the snowdrops, Jew's Mallow, Winter Jasmine, Camelia and other early signs of colour in the garden! Before long we will be complaining about having to mow the lawn and water the garden. Bring it on !!

Jenny and Geoff

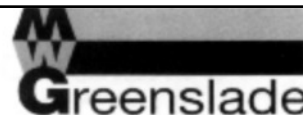
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FROM STEPH

VISITS

It has been great to see so many people over the past few months. Thank you to those who have made appointments to come and see me or have arranged for me to come to you. This is just a reminder:-

- * If you are able to come to The Rectory, please phone or email the Church Office for an appointment.
- * If you would like me to visit you or someone else at home, please contact me and I will come as soon as I am available.
- * Please let me know whether you or someone you know would like a visit while they are in hospital.
- * Please ask if you would like Holy Communion.
- * If it is an emergency please ring, or email. If I am not at home please leave a message and Steve or I will get back to you as soon as we can.
- * If you would prefer, please ask your Church Warden (Name and Contact Details on page 2) to contact me on your behalf.

I look forward to seeing you! Steph

NO PRAISE PARTY OR SING PRAISE IN MARCH

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Did you know that Mothering Sunday is a Christian celebration and always takes place on the 4th Sunday in Lent?

The way we celebrate now has been influenced by America, and a day of celebrating the maternal bond can be traced back to the ancient Greeks. However, in the 1600's in England, Mothering Sunday was celebrated not only as a day to say thank you to mothers but to make the journey back to 'mother church'.

Every church in the Exe Valley Mission Community will celebrate Mothering Sunday. Join us at a church near you!

DEANERY SYNOD

Come and meet the Bishop!
Bishop Jackie, the recently installed Bishop of Crediton is coming to speak to the Deanery on 25 February 2019 at 7.00 for 7.30pm at Cullompton Community Centre. This is an open meeting and everyone is very welcome to come and meet Bishop Jackie.

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'TODAY' 50 years ago

February and March, 1969

The lead article in February bemoaned the "permissive society" and the 'relaxation' of standards, but welcomed the government's firm stance against the legalisation of drugs. Immigration also needed to be regulated.

An article explained the origin of "Black letter days", when contracts were dated as Saints days, and printed in black ink, and "Red letter days", which were Feast days, printed in diaries and prayer books in red ink.

The 'Continental' Sunday Bill was to be debated in parliament, which would allow commercial entertainment and professional sport to take place on Sundays. The fear was that other bills would follow leading to Sunday opening for shops

Snow and ice during February had caused some problems, including broken limbs.

Calverleigh were planning a showing of the film "Singapore Story" following their annual meeting which "shouldn't last more than half-an-hour"!

At Loxbeare, the yew tree had been removed, but the east window was in need of repair due to storm damage.

At Rackenford, the weather had resulted in a one-day closure of the school. They were to host the first Group Service away from Stoodleigh, on Mothering Sunday.

Stoodleigh were also planning a film showing following their annual meeting. They were also to hold a Country Market in Tiverton in May.

A parish meeting at Templeton had decided to purchase the old school, with a view to convert it into a village hall.

At Oakford, the Post Office was to remain open, courtesy of Mrs Tanner.

Washfield W.I. had 'come of age', celebrating 21 years.

Paul Iliff

NATURE NOTES

Many of us will have travelled long distances over Christmas, to visit family and friends and I trust this commitment to love and friendship was duly rewarded. The sense of wonder, as befitting this time of year, would have been greatly enhanced by the sight of motorway roadworks, that had apparently progressed little since last year. In preference to playing iSpy anyone working, I find it more therapeutic to consider the Winter migration of birds.

First in mind is the Whooper Swan which seems to favour the West side of the country. You wonder how they decide where to settle and if the birds discuss whether to stay in Ireland or Slimbridge Wetland Centre. Whooper Swans, who desert Iceland for warmer climes in Winter, have much yellow on their bill, as do the Bewick swans and I would be hard pushed to determine the difference between them. As befits the friendly yellow colour of their beaks, they both

seem to be less aggressive than our own mute swans. Certainly belligerent Bob from Somerset, recently departed at the age of 22, fitted the bill for pent up anger and notoriously demanded respect.

However, I wish to commend is the epic journey the Whooper Swans make, and the relief and gratitude they must feel by the time the Christmas feast arrives. They travel around 1,000 miles from Iceland without landfall! Compare the conversation between adults and children constantly asking "are we nearly there yet" and imagine the inexperienced swans thinking their journey was never going to end. In fact observers watch with interest the bobbing communication that the group undertake whilst debating when to go. Apparently 60% of the flock buy in to the decision to go and presumably if bad storms intervene they face death.

If you think life is tough and continual "Delays Likely" mar your journey, making it difficult, I would take a deep breath and try to put it into perspective. These birds are so good they named them twice [Cygnus cygnus].

Thomas More

CALVERLEIGH

We begin by wishing all readers a Happy 2019 and hope that the year so far is finding you well.

Our thanks go to all who helped in any way with our Autumn Fayre back in November, either by coming along, running a stall or serving refreshments. It is always a great social time for all and we look forward to seeing those familiar

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faces who come and support us each year. We raised a wonderful total of £881.26.

In the evening of the same day the Big Quiz for Tearfund was also held at Calverleigh Hall. A number of teams took part from around the valley and also from Tiverton. The questions were challenging and the worthy winners came from Loxbeare with the Goldblends from Calverleigh coming a close second. Thanks go to Jean Heard for all her hard work in organising our part of the national quiz.

The following day 18 November saw a number of the congregation travel to Exeter Cathedral for a Confirmation Service led by Bishop Jackie. There were two candidates from Calverleigh, Paul Furneaux and Gary Smith. It was a lovely Service and it is a privilege to be supporting them, along with their families and friends, in the next step of their faith journey. Congratulations to you both and also to Reg Coffin of Templeton.

Our Christingle Service on 2 December was in conjunction with the Praise Party. Nikki Burton led the service, supported by Steph, with Dave, Tasha and Marc joining in with a drama, explaining what Christingle stands for. A congregation of 75 made their way over to the Hall afterwards for activities and refreshments. Doreen Venn kindly donated the Christingles once again and a donation, from the collection, has gone to the Children's Society who themselves are celebrating 50 years of helping vulnerable children and young people.

There was a full church for our Carol Service on 16 December, which was led by Tasha Gerolimatos. A number of children sang Away in a Manger, helped during the talk and with the collection.

Mulled wine, mince pies and other refreshments were served after the service. It was lovely to welcome so many supporters of our Church along with some visitors.

An Informal Get-together was held on 23 December, with many parishioners enjoying festive nibbles and fellowship. This is a time of coffee (or tea) cake and conversation where people can stay as long or as short a time as they wish.

The Loxbeare/Calverleigh Carol Singers were out and about before Christmas singing around both villages. Over £800.00 was raised over three nights for Force and Mind. Our thanks go to Ron Tidball for his organisation of this festive activity and to those who provided supper on each of the evenings.

Many people came together on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, with a Family Holy Communion led by Rev'd Steph Gordon-Jeffs. It was good to welcome back those who have been part of our congregation over the years and be able to catch up.

A large donation of dried goods and toiletries, from under the Christmas tree was handed to CHAT in early January, for which they were extremely grateful. Our thanks go to all who contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

We were very sorry to hear that Enid Illsley of Frogwell Farm has passed away aged 92. Our sympathy goes to Audrey and Linda White, her sister and niece, with whom Enid lived for many years. Enid will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Our prayers and sympathies go out to anyone who has lost a loved one, or whom is unwell at this time.

As you know, our Church is much loved and well supported for which we are so very grateful.

We would not be able to keep it in such good condition without the generosity and hard work of so many people. Unfortunately we now have to replace some of our windows, so will need to raise several thousand pounds (depending on whether we replace them all at once, or a few at a time). We are certain that there are charitable organisations that we can turn to for some help, but we need to also start our own fund, so an extra effort will be needed. We have already made a start with a few donations and an offer of a fund-raising coffee morning in the Spring, so if anyone has any ideas, can help or support this important cause, we would be very grateful.

Coming Up...

Our next Informal Get-together will be on Sunday 10 March at 10am. All parishioners, whether regular churchgoers or not, are very welcome to join us.

Date for Your Diary:

We will be holding a Fund-raising Coffee morning on 30 March. More details will follow shortly – please see the website for details.

Cleaning Rota

21 Jan / 2 Feb: Mrs M Furneaux
 4 / 16th Feb: Miss S Goldsworthy
 18 Feb / 2 Mar: Mrs A Webber
 4 / 16 Mar: Mrs R Tapp
 18 / 30 Mar: Mrs N Burton
 1 / 13 Apr: Mrs S Greenslade

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Have we missed anything? If there is something that you think we should have mentioned, or you have something for inclusion in the next Magazine, please contact Dave Burton 01884 561499 or calverleigh@exevalleychurches.org and get the latest on the website at: www.exevalleychurches.org/calverleigh

CRUWYS MORCHARD

Easter, on April 21st, (which is very late this year), is our next big festival in the Church.

Lent starts with Shrove Tuesday on 5 March and Ash Wednesday on 6 March. Mothering Sunday 31st March
Palm Sunday on 14 April is the start of Holy Week.

Please look in the centre pages for times and places of the Services during the next two months.

Christingle and Carol Service.

The Church was full as we celebrated 50 years of Christingle in the Church of England. The children dressed up as Nativity characters to help portray the story and explain the meaning of the parts that make up the Christingle. Special thanks to Ed Kingdom for dressing up as a Christingle.

Thank you to all who helped in any way, reading, decorating, making Christingles and providing refreshments, thank you to all who brought donations for CHAT. These have now been delivered and they have expressed their thanks for the generous gifts.

Christmas Eve Communion

It was good that so many people joined us for our Communion with Carols Service, on Christmas Eve, and a pleasure to have our Rector Steph with us.

FLOWER and CLEANING ROTA 2019

Feb 4 / 11 Sue and Pauline Guscott
Feb 18 / 25 Anne Gillbard
Mar 4 / 11 Lorna Warren
No flowers in Lent
Mar 18 / 25 Carol Chisholm and Jackie Mitchell
Apr 1 / 8 Anne Gillbard
Apr 15 Decorators for EASTER

The Mowing Rota will be out in our next edition. If anyone would like to volunteer to help for one month, we would be very grateful. It involves mowing the paths in the old Church Yard and the grass in the new Church Yard, once a week for one month, depending upon the weather. Please ring Sonia on 01363 866864.

BURNS NIGHT on Friday 1 February

If any of you would like to come along again or, if you missed it in 2018 and want to give it a try, tickets are now available for Burn's Night. If you don't fancy it but would still like to support Hospiscare, any offers of help - either with setting up the Hall, preparing the neeps and tatties or clearing up afterwards - will be gratefully received.
Many thanks in advance.

CRUWYS MORCHARD YOUNG FARMERS

Thank you all for the really lovely wreaths you made for us.

The Club are holding a Bingo on Saturday 30 March at the Parish Hall. Doors open 7.30 pm, eyes down 8.00 pm; everyone welcome. Please look out for posters advertising our Big Breakfast to be held

in March, again in the Parish Hall. Our annual Tractor Run will take place in early July. This is always a popular event; a must for tractor enthusiasts!

Yoga continues every Thursday morning at 10am, thank you Hilary.

Cruwys Morchard Gardening Club

Our meeting on 3 January at the Cruwys Arms was a quiet drink with just three members, as many members were still in the throes of post Christmas/New Year recovery!

Our next meeting will be on 6 March in the Cruwys Arms, do come.

Our Christmas events, the Quiz and the Bingo made £680 between them, thank you to everyone who worked so hard for Church funds.

Our prayers and best wishes go to all those who are unwell in the Parish, especially Cissy and Jean who have recently been in hospital.

Welcome David Saunders and Hayley Marshall with their family to Pennymoor.

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There is no news yet about a move, but thank you for praying, bringing our situation to the Lord and blessing us by coming into Number 58, Bampton Street. If you believe the work of New Creation is worthwhile and an important addition to the work of the local churches, it needs your support and prayers more than ever. The use of the internet may be easy but it takes the trade away from local shops and, as has already been seen in Tiverton, they close down. If New Creation is to continue here in Tiverton, providing a counselling and prayer room, a resource centre for local Christians, an opportunity for service and a place of refreshment for body, mind and spirit it needs all the local Christians to make it their own and use it on a regular basis.

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Dear Val and Penny continue as our full-time staff but they do need assistance. Our volunteers are very precious to us, we really value them and it is their way of serving the Lord, so could this be your opportunity to serve?
A New Years resolution, perhaps?

Some festivals and events coming soon for which we can provide resources:

- St. Valentines Day – 14 February
- Women's World Day of Prayer – 1 March
- Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) – 6 March
- Mothering Sunday – 31 March
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LOXBEARE

Happy New Year to everyone and trust you experienced the joy of Christmas time, as we celebrated the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We joined with the Christingle Praise Party at Calverleigh this year instead of having one at Loxbeare. Thank you to Calverleigh for their welcome and hospitality in the Hall, after the Service.

Our Carol Service was on 23 December when the Church was almost full. It was taken by John with members of the congregation reading the Christmas story throughout the Bible. The offering of £230 was donated to the Children's Hospice S.W. Presents were placed under the tree and later distributed to Pinnex Moor House / Ashdowne Nursing Home.

It was good to see many at the Christmas Day Service led by John with Steph speaking. This was also a Family Communion Service. Thank you to all who helped decorate the Church and the tree so beautifully. Also to those who cleared up after Christmas and all who helped in any way over the Christmas period.

A big thank you to all the Carol Singers, though few in number. Some who sang on all three nights! To Linda, Jean and Myrtle who kindly provided the suppers. Also to everyone who gave so generously – a wonderful total of £865 which will be split between 'Mind' and 'Force'.

13 January we welcomed Washfield and Calverleigh to the Cluster Service, a good number attended a lovely Service.

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Mothering Sunday 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 and served by the men. Do come and join us.

The Annual Parish Church Meeting will be on Thursday 25 February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Ron and Margaret have been to Australia to see Angela and Family. While they were there, they went to visit Martin and Thelma Honneybun who asked to be remembered to everyone. They also met up with Peter Dunn who some may remember from many years ago, when he lived at Pantacridge, then he moved to farm at Little Silver and later emigrated to Australia, Ron hadn't seen him for 50-60years.

Congratulations to all those with special occasions and "Happy Birthday" to those with birthdays in February/March.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Marlene Taylor and all who are unwell, having treatment or waiting for operations.

The Village Party with a Bring & Share Supper was held on 12 January. It was great fun and enjoyed by young and the not so young! Thank you to Ron and Margaret for organising it, Aubrey Goldsworthy who helped with the games and all who brought food and helped in any way.

The Village Christmas Meal was at Bickleigh Mill and was enjoyed by all - with lovely food and company. Thank you to Sue for organising the evening. Dates & Venues for February / March phone Sue on 01884 259496.

The Christmas Fayre raised £347 and the Bingo evening £147 for the Village Hall.

The next Social Evening in the Village Hall will be 23 March.

Cream Teas will be 9 February and 9 March at 3-5pm.

OAKFORD

The media message for January seems to be that we should all be feeling overweight, unfit and depressed at this time of year. Banish negative thinking - this piece is being written in early January on a stunningly beautiful, crisp, sunny day. There are some snowdrops out in the gardens and early daffodils shooting up. At risk of this being published 'midst snow and ice, dare we say All Hail Mid-winter!

The Bell Tower Fund-raising:

A tea party held in Church at the beginning of December raised £482. Thanks to everyone for being so generous and to Brenda and Connie who were the organisers.

The Carol Service on 23 December was very well attended. Thank you to the ladies and gents for decorating the Church, it looked very festive. Thank you to all the readers, with special thanks to David, Henry, Hugo, Jack, Joseph and Paul. The giggles from the pulpit made everyone smile, followed by an appearance from 'Buzz Lightyear' which brought peals of laughter from the congregation.

Mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed after the Service and a good time was had by all.

The **Annual General Meeting** of St Peter's will be held in the Church, on Thursday 7 March at 7pm. All residents in the Parish are invited to attend to have their say in Church matters. Since the 'doom and gloom' meeting in February 2017 when the future of St Peter's looked threatened, slowly but surely we have come a long way on the road to making the Church a vibrant part of the community. The doors are always open for all to be welcomed to a Service or to just sit quietly in peaceful surroundings.

The Moorland Club:

Thursday 14 February at 7pm in the Village Hall - Fish & Chip Supper followed by a fun quiz. Contact Patsy to order your meal - 01398 351 648.

Thursday 14 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall - presentation of charity cheques to Hospiscare Tiverton and the Village Bus to be followed by a short talk about each of these charities.

Oakford Flower & Produce Show 2019:

Save the date - Saturday 10 August. Watch out for the schedules in April.

Oakford Village Hall:

The Village Hall provides a venue for many Oakford events and activities and has undergone a lot of refurbishment and updating in recent years. We are looking for new volunteers to help with running the Hall so that we can continue to offer a first class facility for all local residents to enjoy. If you can help please call David (351135) or Kelvin (332039).

Next event:

Saturday 16 Feb at 7pm. 60's & 70's Disco Night featuring local DJ David, Fancy Dress (optional), Bangers & Mash, and a Cash Bar. £10 per ticket from John Phillips - 01398 351648.



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PARISH ROUND-UP

Friday 8 March 7.30pm. Return of "The Great Oakford Taste-Off". Bring your Home-Grown or foraged Sloe Gin, a family secret flavoured spirit or a non-alcoholic based drink. There will also be a "Savoury Bake-Of" so bring your Sausage Rolls for "Blind Tasting" of your own unique recipe. Light refreshments available but bring your own drink. Entry £5 on the door.

Oakford Village Fête:

The ever popular event will be happening again in 2019, date to be decided (probably in June). If you can help in any way, please call Kelvin on 01398 332039, or come along to the next committee meeting (details on the village web sites).

There's lots to look forward to as the days slowly get longer not least the re-opening of The Red Lion due sometime in March. Its closure over many months has made us realise just how valuable the pub is to the community. So roll on the opening date.

If you have suffered from a Winter cold, the 'flu or the nasty chest infection which has been doing the rounds, we hope you will soon be feeling better.

RACKENFORD

Happy New Year Everyone.

Prior to Christmas we enjoyed a variety of Services.

The school children performed their Nativity Christmas Calypso, written and read by Class 3 and performed by Class 1, with two performances - 2pm and 6pm on 5 December. Little Angels also took part. Lovely costumes, singing and prayers, a joy for all parents and congregation to watch. Rev Steph Gordon-Jeffs welcomed

everyone to the afternoon Service. The collection was given to The Alzheimers Society. Well done to all the children.

Our Christingle Service was on 6 December, where the children helped to make the Christingles, with assistance from PCC and members of the congregation. The children sang beautifully with help and encouragement from Marjorie Smith and Tamsin Hyland. The children also read individual prayers with Liz Paxton and Hilda Nott. The lights from the candles and glow of the Christmas tree was a lovely scene as the children sang a Carol. The collection of £150.00 was given to The Children's Society.

Many thanks to the Paxton family for providing our Christmas Tree, decorated by Tim and Herbert. The Church was decorated by Joy and Hilda, once again The Nativity Scene in the stable graced the font. Many admired these knitted figures, made many years ago by Sylvia Crocker (Hilda's mum) and Elsie Carter The stable was made by Ron Kirby.

A Service of Communion with Carols, taken by Steph, took place on 23 December.

Christmas Eve. The Bells rang out and our Church was full - with some having to stand. What a joyful, happy and uplifting celebration of Christmas we shared. It was a great pleasure to have Rev Keith Gale taking our service, with Marjorie at the organ, Tamsin Hyland playing her violin to accompany the children and our choir singing so beautifully. Darren Blackburn also played his guitar. How fortunate we are to have Tamsin and Darren contributing with their talent. We also had the children playing the Bell Plates. All a delight to listen to. Such a joy having a full Church singing with such gusto and a special thank you to our very own Three

Kings, Rev Gale, Darren Blackburn and David Cocks. Many thanks to everyone for all their hard work, practicing and contributing to this special Service we so enjoy. Sharon Saupe played us out on her cornet to "We wish you a merry Christmas" with the congregation joining in as they left. Thank you Sharon.

We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas, although we know many people had horrid coughs and colds etc. to contend with. Hope this is all coming to an end with a happy and healthy start to the new year.

We continue to pray for all those not so well or have been in hospital, Des Reed, Gilbert Isaac, John Issac, Jen and Brian Peace, Pearl Stone and Jacques Cann.

Thank you to our shop for providing us with our Christmas card box - a great asset and stamp saver and also for a lovely raffle drawn on 23 December, along with mince pies and hot or soft drinks. A great idea having a Community Shop Leaflet prior to Christmas giving us details of all the What's On in our village.

Thank you to anyone who helps in any way at all to keep our Church functioning - Glen Hookins who takes care of our clock, and to Mary Cann, Liz Paxton and Herbert Smith for taking some Church Services helped by members of the PCC and congregation.

This year, carol singing and switching on of the Christmas tree lights was held at The Stag. We hope you were all in good voice and had a good evening.

A Christmas Fayre was held in Rackenford club just before Christmas, where there were many stalls to buy gifts and beautiful food items, along with tea, coffee and refreshments.

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- 18 March Washed**
- 25 March Enlightened**
- 1 April Tended**
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Come and hear more about this life-transforming work on Sunday 24 February at 10.30am in Rackenford Church.

PRAYER BREAKFASTS

Come and meet to pray over croissant and coffee on 23 February and 30 March at 9am in The Rectory, Witleigh

Everyone is welcome !



ASH WEDNESDAY
6 MARCH 7pm
LOXBEARE
GROUP SERVICE
HOLY COMMUNION
with Ashes

3 FEBRUARY Epiphany 4
CANDLEMAS

CALVERLEIGH

11.15 am Cluster Service with Holy Communion and Baptism **Steph Gordon-Jeffs**

CRUWYS MORCHARD

11 am Morning Prayer

LOXBEARE

See Calverleigh

OAKFORD

10 am Morning Praise

RACKENFORD

9.30 am Morning Praise

STOODLEIGH

9.30 am Family Service
Steph Gordon-Jeffs

TEMPLETON

11 am Family Service

WASHFIELD

See Calverleigh

WITLEIGH

10.30 am Family Service in Village Hall

10 FEBRUARY Epiphany 5

CALVERLEIGH

11 am Morning Worship

CRUWYS MORCHARD

11 am Family Service

LOXBEARE

6.30 pm Evening Praise

OAKFORD

11.15 am Cluster Service With Holy Communion
Steph Gordon-Jeffs

RACKENFORD

See Oakford

STOODLEIGH

See Oakford

TEMPLETON

9.30 am Morning Prayer
Steph Gordon-Jeffs

WASHFIELD

11 am Morning Prayer

WITLEIGH

10.30 am Morning Worship

17 FEBRUARY Epiphany 6

CALVERLEIGH

11.15 am Family Service

CRUWYS MORCHARD

11.15 am Cluster Service With Holy Communion
Steph Gordon-Jeffs

LOXBEARE

9.30 am Family Service with Baptism
Steph Gordon-Jeffs

OAKFORD

6.30 pm Evening Praise

RACKENFORD

9.30 am Family Service

STOODLEIGH

11 am Morning Prayer

TEMPLETON

See Cruwys Morchard

WASHFIELD

11 am Family Service

WITLEIGH

See Cruwys Morchard

24 FEBRUARY Epiphany 7

GROUP SERVICE

LEPROSY MISSION

Steph Gordon-Jeffs

**ALL PARISHES
SEE RACKENFORD**

CALVERLEIGH

CRUWYS MORCHARD

LOXBEARE

OAKFORD

RACKENFORD
10.30 am GROUP SERVICE

STOODLEIGH

TEMPLETON

WASHFIELD

WITHLEIGH

3 MARCH Transfiguration

CALVERLEIGH

See Washfield

CRUWYS MORCHARD

11 am Morning Prayer

LOXBEARE

See Washfield

OAKFORD

10 am Morning Praise

RACKENFORD

9.30 am Morning Praise

STOODLEIGH

11 am Family Service

TEMPLETON

9.30 am Morning Service
with Baptism *Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

WASHFIELD

11.15 am Cluster Service

With Holy Communion

Steph Gordon-Jeffs

WITHLEIGH

10.30 am Family Service

10 MARCH Lent 1

CALVERLEIGH

10 am Informal Get-together

CRUWYS MORCHARD

No Service

LOXBEARE

6.30 pm Evening Praise

OAKFORD

See Stoodleigh

RACKENFORD

See Stoodleigh

STOODLEIGH

11.15 am Cluster Service

With Holy Communion

Steph Gordon-Jeffs

TEMPLETON

No Service

WASHFIELD

3 pm Evening Prayer

WITHLEIGH

9.30 am Morning Worship

Steph Gordon-Jeffs

17 MARCH Lent 2

CALVERLEIGH

11.15 am Family Service

CRUWYS MORCHARD

See Templeton

LOXBEARE

11.15 am Family Service

OAKFORD

6.30 pm Evening Praise

RACKENFORD

9.30 am Family Service

Steph Gordon-Jeffs

STOODLEIGH

11 am Morning Prayer

TEMPLETON

11.15 am Cluster Service

With Holy Communion

Steph Gordon-Jeffs

WASHFIELD

11 am Family Service

WITHLEIGH

See Templeton

24 MARCH Lent 3

GROUP SERVICE

Steph Gordon-Jeffs

**ALL PARISHES
SEE STOODLEIGH**

CALVERLEIGH

CRUWYS MORCHARD

LOXBEARE

OAKFORD

RACKENFORD

STOODLEIGH

10.30 am GROUP SERVICE

TEMPLETON

WASHFIELD

WITHLEIGH

31 MARCH Lent 4

MOTHERING SUNDAY

CALVERLEIGH

11.15 am Mothering Sunday
Service

CRUWYS MORCHARD

11.15 am Family Service

Steph Gordon-Jeffs

LOXBEARE

9.30 am Breakfast

10.30 am Family Service (Hall)

OAKFORD

9.30 am Family Service

Steph Gordon-Jeffs

RACKENFORD

9.30 am Family Service

STOODLEIGH

11 am Family Service

TEMPLETON

11 am Family Service

WASHFIELD

11 am Family Service

WITHLEIGH

10.30 am Family Service

PARISH ROUND-UP

Welcome Matt and Tara to Meadow View and congratulate them on the arrival of their baby. We hope you will enjoy living in our village, also welcome to the occupants of Corner House (one of the new builds) and also The Denno Family who have moved to the top of the village, from South View. Welcome to anyone who we haven't heard about who have moved into our village.

Congratulation to Chris Maddocks on being awarded the B.E.M. for services to athletics.

Notice in advance our AGM will take place on 11 April at 7pm. We welcome you to join us to give your opinions and suggestions for the future.

Anything you would like to be included in future Rackenford Notes must be received a week before the date on the bottom of the front page of the magazine. Phone 881248. Thank you.

STOODLEIGH

Happy New Year to all our readers

The Christmas period for St Margaret's has been very busy. It started with the Christmas Fayre at the beginning of December where £775 was raised. There were a number of varied stalls and an incredibly generous raffle, with prizes donated from many local businesses, to whom we are very grateful. We were delighted to see Father Christmas making his annual appearance. On 18 December a small group of Carol Singers visited many houses in and around the village and enjoyed some generous hospitality. The proceeds of £126 were used to support the Exe Valley Market Bus and will go towards a new vehicle.

A large Christmas Tree, kindly donated by John Widdowson and collected by Peter Broadbent, arrived at the Church and it was good of Alex Hannis to give up so much time to help erect and decorate it. The height of the tree made this additionally difficult!

In order for our Rector to be present at Christmas Services in all her Parishes, our Carol Service was held on the Saturday before Christmas. The Church was full and Jennifer Rowlandson not only managed to raise a choir of twenty-two but, after a long absence, was back to play the organ again. The Church flower arrangers surpassed themselves and the Christmas flowers were truly wonderful. Audrey Rigg's Nativity Play was great fun. Following her house move, she will be sadly missed - for playing the organ at so many Services and also, next Christmas for organising this play. On Christmas Day the Communion Service was taken by Ken Blyth and again the Church was full. We are always grateful to visiting clergy.

With regard to the churchyard, the area around the tower has been roped off, as there is a risk of falling masonry. This precaution will remain in place for several months pending repairs to the tower.

Sadly, at the end of last year, we said goodbye to Martine and Peter Browne who left Stoodleigh. Martine was a great contributor to our village life, both helping to organise the Village Fun Day, making fantastic font arrangements at Christmas and Easter and running her stall of handmade crafts at the annual Christmas Fayre. Peter was editor of the Stoodleigh entry in the Today magazine and also took on the role of locking and unlocking the Church every day, as well as helping with the annual churchyard clear-up and Christmas Tree decorating. Martine and Peter will both be sorely missed and we wish them both well.

Just before Christmas we were pleased to welcome Paul Hemingway to The Old School and we hope that he will be very happy in Stoodleigh.

Parish Hall News

A huge thank you to the community and local businesses who generously donated prizes for the Village Draw and Bingo evening, which took place on Monday 17 December and provided much entertainment and fun. There were some fabulous prizes won by people from across our neighbourhood and £840 was raised to help maintain and improve the Parish Hall. Thank you to all who took part or contributed.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 2 March: Village Breakfast, Walk and Lunch. Another event in the popular series of Stoodleigh walks. Arrive at the Parish Hall for breakfast before going off into the wonderful countryside for a guided walk then back to the Hall, where non-walkers are welcome to join in, for a delicious lunch and community chat. Full details will be available soon but ring 351391 if you are interested in taking part.
Saturday 23 March: Auction of Promises. This event is being organised jointly for St Margaret's Church and Parish Hall funds and will appeal to everyone! If you are able to provide support, ideas or "items as promises" for our Auction, we will be delighted to hear from you - please contact Geraldine Talbot on 351391 or Margaret Cuninghame on 351252

Saturday 20 April: Easter Market and Coffee Morning where regular and new stallholders are always welcome. Bookings for tables are now being taken; please call 351391.

Saturday 8 June: Village Fun Day. Fun and games for both children and adults plus lots of tea and cake.

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PARISH ROUND-UP

Saturday 10 August: Stoodleigh Family Dog Show organised jointly by St Margaret's Church and the Parish Hall team.

Saturday 26 October: Autumn Market and Coffee Morning.

Regular weekly classes and events at the Parish Hall

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Tuesday 10 - 11am Low Impact Keep Fit

Thursday 7 - 8pm Zumba/Aerobics/Toning

Saturday 10.30am - 12 noon Coffee Morning

And don't forget you can hire the Parish Hall for private parties and events. For details about the above, ring 351391.

Church Flowers Rota

3 February Trish Fish

10 /16 February Pat Aplin

24 February Enid Hamidullah

2 March Enid Hamidullah

10/17/24/31 March **Lent no flowers**

7 / 14 April **Lent no flowers**

Stoodleigh 100 Club winners for November and December:

November: 1 Jeannie Morrisey; 2 Jean Winter; 3 Sheila Davis; 4 Phyllis Hill

December: 1 Annette Penwill; 2 Peter Ayre; 3 Mandy Widdowson; 4 Elaine Morrison

Extra prizes: Sam Earl; Trevor Cope and Joyce Lacey.

Stoodleigh Inn

Lizzie Isaac would like to extend sincere thanks to all her regular customers for their support during 2018 and over Christmas and the New Year.

See full details about Church Services and village events on the Stoodleigh Parish website at

<https://parish.middevon.gov.uk/stoodleigh/events-calendar>

Valerie Drew 80th Birthday



On 12 February, Valerie has a "Special Birthday" and she's having an Open Day at Champles Lodge from 10.30am to 5.30pm. Please pop in to help her celebrate this happy occasion.

No cards or presents please but donations can be made to the Beacon Centre, Musgrove Hospital, Taunton, in memory of Valerie's twin brother, who passed away with Prostate Cancer four years ago.

TEMPLETON

Christmas celebrations are a distant memory. It's cold and dark outside and we have returned to our routines but it is important to take the Cheer into the New Year!

Past events:

Church activities

The vestry building work at our beloved St Margaret's Church, Templeton is finished but this means that our funds are now low. Our next project is to rewire the Church storage heaters. Heartfelt thanks to those who have given their time and effort and also to those who continue to support St Margaret's through events and fund-raising. There will be two Church Services each month in Templeton and we hope you can come and join them. The dates and times will be shown on the Parish notice boards and in the centre pages of this magazine.

POSTPONEMENT - official 'opening' of the Lighting Column for the DAAT helicopter landing site. This was due to be on Friday 11 January. Due to

Parliamentary business in the House of Commons, Neil Parish, MP was not in the constituency, so our grand opening of the Lighting Column has been temporarily postponed. A new date will be set soon.

Friday 14 December

Christmas Supper and musical event at Templeton Village Hall. This free community event, for all villagers, was to thank everyone for their generosity and support over the year. The music quiz was followed by entertainment by Ade and Yvette and family and the evening finished with a 70s/80s music disco provided by Tiverton Community Radio. Many thanks to Matthew Palmer and Julie Woollacott for a delicious supper, and to everyone who contributed desserts.

Saturday 15 December

Annual Children's Christmas Party organised by Tony Loosemore. A big thank you to Steve and his bubble and foam disco, which was followed by an impressive high tea, as we awaited the arrival of a special visitor. Yes - Father Christmas came too. Many thanks to all those who support this wonderful event every year.

8 December to 22 December

Christmas Tournaments / Bar Games at Templeton Village Hall. Gripping games and epic matches of table tennis, pool, skittles and darts provided nail-biting entertainment every Saturday night, with trophies for the winners and runners up. Many thanks to all those who took part and who supported these events. This year, congratulations go to:

Mixed Pool: Winner: Mark Stone Runner Up: Martin Saunders

Ladies Darts: Winner: Gloria Woollacott Runner Up: Teresa Pancherz

Mens Darts: Winner: Mike Pancherz Runner Up: Jake Pancherz

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PARISH ROUND-UP

Ladies Skittles: Winner: Sue Gammon
 Runner Up: Gloria Woollacott
 Mens Skittles: Winner: Martin Saunders
 Runner Up: Jake Pancherz
 Mixed Table tennis: Winner: David Leeming
 Runner Up: Reg Coffin

Sunday 23 December 4pm

Candlelit Carol Service with Holy Communion. Led by Steph Gordon-Jeffs, this hugely popular service is always well attended but is also an opportunity for neighbours to join together as a community. Thank you to everyone who contributed with readings and the nativity tableau.

Goodbyes and Welcomes

We wish Jeanne and Frank Cregan well in their new home in Saltash, Cornwall, and thank them for their generosity of time and spirit in all the things they have done for our Community; including the Church, Village Hall, and the Parish Council over their many years here in Templeton. Cornwall will be very lucky to have you but for us, in Templeton, you are irreplaceable.

We welcome Don and Liz Plumb who moved into Emerole Cottage on 14 January. We hope they will be very happy here.

Deepest sympathies

Our deepest sympathies go to Ellie Reed, whose mother died in December after a period of ill-health. Our thoughts are with Ellie and her family at this sad time.

Future events:

Pilates anyone?

We are hoping to start Pilates Classes at Templeton Village Hall, one afternoon a week. Open to all ages and beneficial to all, Pilates works through controlled and progressive movements. Cost will depend on numbers so why not give it a try? If you are interested or for more

information, please contact Lynda Newnes (881318) or Linda Thorington (860025).

Saturday 16 March

Safari Supper in Templeton. Each course is consumed at different hosts' house over the same evening. Safari Suppers are great fun as we move from house to house and meet up with different people each time. Tickets are £10 each, available from Reg (860246), Bindy (860655), Gloria (254509), and Lynda (881318). All proceeds to go to St Margaret's Church, Templeton. More information to follow.

Sunday 14 April

The Exe Valley Rotary Club are organising their annual Templeton Trail with a marshalled route for runners (or walkers), starting at Templeton Village Hall and continuing through Town Farm, Partridge Farm, and Cruwys Woods and ending with refreshments at Templeton Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part, please get in touch with Charles Denman (charlesedenman@gmail.com) for more information about registration.

Saturday 9 June at 10am

Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot at Town Farm, Templeton – with refreshments during the event and a barbecue afterwards. All proceeds to St Margaret's Church. More details later but put the date in your diary! For more information contact William (251513)

Church Flowers and Cleaning Rota:

Claire Trevelyan-Thomas	3/10 February
Bindy Linden	17/24 February
Eleri Pugh	3/10 March
(Cleaning only)	
Gloria Woollacott	17/24 March
(Cleaning only)	
Teresa Pancherz	31 March / 7 April
(Cleaning only)	

WASHFIELD

The flowers of late Winter and early Spring, occupy places in our hearts, well out of proportion to their size !!

We hope you all had a very Happy Christmas! It was a busy time in the church where we had three Services and it was so encouraging to have good numbers at all of them. It was lovely to welcome the young people back home for the festive season. It was very good, too, to have our Rector, Steph, with us on Christmas Eve, when she was able to meet a church full of her flock, singing all the favourite carols, receiving Holy Communion or a Blessing and with a chance to chat afterwards over mulled wine, on this happy occasion.

Earlier in the Winter there was a very successful and enjoyable evening of Frog Racing, organized by The Social Club. A great "fun night" it was, with keen competition from the jockeys and lots of spectator participation! The organisers, Tony and all his helpers deserve a huge "thank you". The total profit of around £1200 was divided between The Devon Air Ambulance and The Church Lych Gate Appeal. The PCC are very grateful indeed for their share which will help to restore this important feature in our Village.

The WI and supporters sang Carols around the village in Christmas week and donated their collection of over £700 to the Lych Gate Appeal as well and, again, the PCC is extremely grateful for such generosity.

The really excellent Bible Study Course started again on 16 January. See "Today" Magazine. Do join us in the Village Hall.

On 16 December the Church was filled for the happy occasion of the Baptism, by The Revd. Steph Gordon Jeffs, of baby





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PARISH ROUND-UP

Olivia Margaret Bowden, during the Christingle Service. She was surrounded at the font by her parents and Godparents, a large company of family and friends, and by children with Christingle candles, all welcoming her into the Church family.

The customary **Easter Coffee Morning** is to held on Saturday 20 April. The Plant Stall is an integral part of this event now and we sincerely appreciate your help in stocking this so, because Easter is late this year, we would like to give a gentle reminder to please get sowing and growing for us, thanks.

Look out for details of the upcoming Social Club's events: A Scottish Theme Night on Saturday 26 January from 8.30pm and a Family friendly event (for families with younger children) on Saturday 23 February from 4.30pm. See Dates for your Diary, posters and website for further details.

All good wishes for 2019 to everyone. Our prayers and kind thoughts especially go to those who are not well, are having or have had treatment or surgery and are unable to be with us at all our activities, at this time. We hope you make a speedy recovery.

We send belated welcome wishes to Mark and Mandy Grant who have been living at Olands for quite some time now and also to the new owners of Plantation House who have just moved in. We hope you will all be very happy living in Washfield.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 26 January Scottish Theme Night at Social Club with food, whisky tastings, raffle and music. Scottish dress optional. From 8.30pm
 Tuesday 12 February teatime@thehall from 2.30pm

Thursday 14 February W.I. in hall from 10.30am Speaker: Sue Dawe on Armchair Fitness.

Thursday 21 February Lunch Club restarts. 12 for 12.30 in Hall. New diners always welcome. Please phone Anne 255298 to book in for this first one please.

Saturday 23 February Family orientated evening at Social Club from 4.30pm. Food, games, toys and more.

Monday 4 March Hall AGM 8pm with light refreshments and drinks. All welcome to attend. New potential committee members always welcomed on board.

Saturday 9 March EVBH Hip flask evening at Social Club.

Tuesday 12 March teatime@thehall from 2.30pm

Thursday 14 March W.I. Open Evening Speaker: Stephen Powles on 'Otters - Coming to a river near you!' Sounds fascinating, all most welcome to attend from 7.30pm

Thursday 21 March Lunch Club in hall 12 for 12.30pm

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Saturday 20 April Coffee Morning in hall after Egg Decorating and Rolling with plant sale, cakes, raffle etc.

Church Altar Flowers Rota

January 13/20	Mrs French
January 27/February 3	Mrs Dickman
February 10/17	Mrs May
February 24/March 3	Mrs Pannifer

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Church Cleaning Rota

January 28/February 4	Mrs Albery
February 11/18	Mr & Mrs Ellis
February 25/March 4	Mrs French
March 11/18	Mr & Mrs Dickman
March 25/April 1	Mr & Mrs Parnell

WITHLEIGH

Our Christmas Craft Fayre was a great success, raising £1,171 for Church funds. A big thank you to those responsible for the catering, to Laura for arranging the stall-holders, to all who helped in any way, including donating draw prizes, and to all who supported the event.

A well attended Christingle Service was held on the afternoon of Sunday 2 December, the loose collection being sent, as usual, to the Children's Society.

Both our 'traditional' Carol Service on 16 December and the 11.30pm Holy Communion Service on Christmas Eve were very well attended. It is always encouraging to have a good crowd to join in the singing of the carols, and there is something special about stepping out of Church after the 'midnight' Service, as it is by then Christmas morning.

The Carol Service was followed by mulled wine, coffee, mince pies and shortbread. During the Service, gifts of non-perishable food, toiletries and cleaning items were collected under the tree for CHAT. Our grateful thanks, once again, to all who decorated the Church so beautifully, to Mark and Cathy for the Christmas tree, to Janet Sellick for organising the lesson readers, and to Janet Roche for playing the organ at both services.

Sunday 6 January saw Barnaby Joe Butcher, second son of Laura and Tommy, welcomed into our Church family at his Baptism, which took place during our afternoon Service.

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PARISH ROUND-UP

'The Three Ps' evening was held on Saturday 12 January, when locals enjoyed freshly cooked pasties followed by a wonderful selection of home-made desserts. There was plenty for everyone to have seconds or even thirds! A complementary drink was included in the cost of the ticket and it was all washed down with a cup of tea or coffee.

A brain teaser competition on 'Place Names in Devon' kept everyone thinking throughout the evening. Helen and her friends came out victorious, getting 17 out of the 20 clues correct. Many thanks to those who made the delicious desserts and to those who helped put the evening together. We made a total profit of £295 for Village Hall funds.

Work on the installation of a new boiler and fan-convector heaters in Church should, by now, be well under way, though it will mean that our Service on 3 February will take place in the Village Hall. Following on from the December/January magazine, a structural engineer has reported on the condition of the East wall to the effect that the cracks are largely limited to the internal plaster, and caused by minor (probably historical) settlement to the South-east corner of the chancel. There is, therefore, no immediate cause for concern.

An Evening of Entertainment which will include Janet Stacey's most recent Drama entitled 'Grandma' will take place on Friday 22 February. The evening will include refreshments during the mid-session break. Tickets are £8 per person, £4 for children. Please call Christine 257571 or Brenda 252431 for tickets or for more information.

Our Annual Church Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 28 March, beginning at 7.30pm. All are welcome to

attend, and to elect Churchwardens and PCC for the coming year.

Witleigh WI meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 7.15pm. Guests are always welcome to come along. For more information please ring Rosie 01884 257123.

Thursday 14 Feb, Meet at Banana Café, Witleigh Nursery, for a flower demonstration of Valentine Gardening at 7.15pm.

Thursday 14 March, Guest speaker Chris Richards, on First Aid and the use of a defibrillator. In the Village Hall at 7.15pm.

We welcome the new occupants of Glendon into our community, and hope you will be happy living in the village.

Get well wishes go to all those known to us who are receiving treatment, recovering from operations, or who are not well at the moment. Our prayers and love are with you all.

Forthcoming Events:

14 Feb, WI at Witleigh Nursery at 7.15pm.

22 Feb, Evening of Entertainment at 7.30pm. Please see notes.

14 March, WI in the Village Hall at 7.15pm.

28 March – Annual Church Meetings in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

31 March – Mothering Sunday Family Service in church at 10.30am.

Flower Rota:

Feb 3/10 Brenda Tucker

Feb 17/24, Mar 3 Janet Stacey

LENT (Please remove flowers)

Monthly Diary Dates:

First Thursday – Bingo

Second Monday – Whist Drive

Second Thursday – W.I.

So ... you think you know everything !!

A goldfish has a memory of three seconds.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

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The information we receive about how we can do better in this situation is often contradictory and the results seem puny beside the size of the problems. Both the government and the informed tell us that whatever we can do, does make a difference and that we should not be put off by negative news stories of unsorted recyclables, plastics being shipped to China or rubbish being dumped at sea.

There is a local organisation that has ten different groups within it working across the Tiverton area. These groups include "ReRooted" producing good healthy food from raw materials that would otherwise go to waste; "Green Energy", helping to develop fuel free transport; "Give or Take", an opportunity to give unwanted usable items to those who could use them and perhaps find things you need; "Repair Café" holding sessions across the area repairing items that would otherwise go to waste; and a soils group, an apple group, bee-keeping, community energy and others.

TACT works across Tiverton and the surrounding villages.
 On 21 March at 7 pm it will be holding an Open Evening and a brief meeting in the Town Hall in Tiverton. Everyone will be welcome, as TACT seeks to support all our efforts to maintain a habitable planet.
 Do not feel defeated by the future but work with us to mend it.

Ian Johnson
 Chairman, Tiverton Area Community Transition
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MOTHERING SUNDAY MICE

HOLIDAY CLUB 2019

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There will be a planning meeting on Monday 4 March at Cindy's, Valley View, Pennymoor.

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Someone's got to make the music
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Someone's got to clear the clouds
and let the sunshine through.
Someone's got to brighten the
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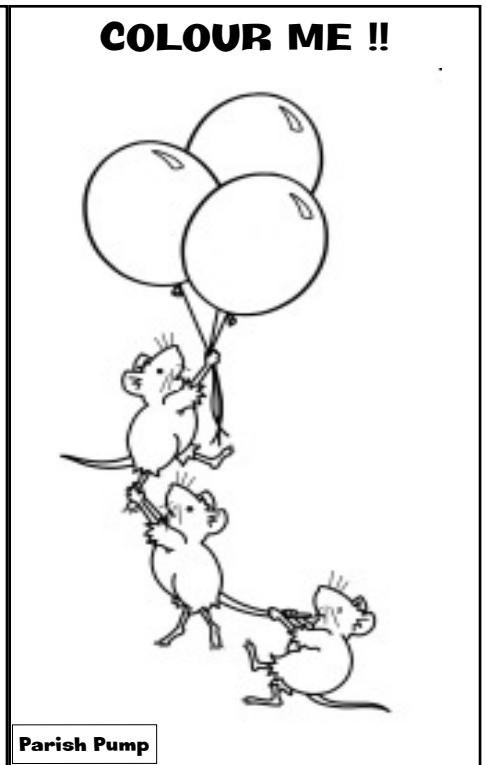
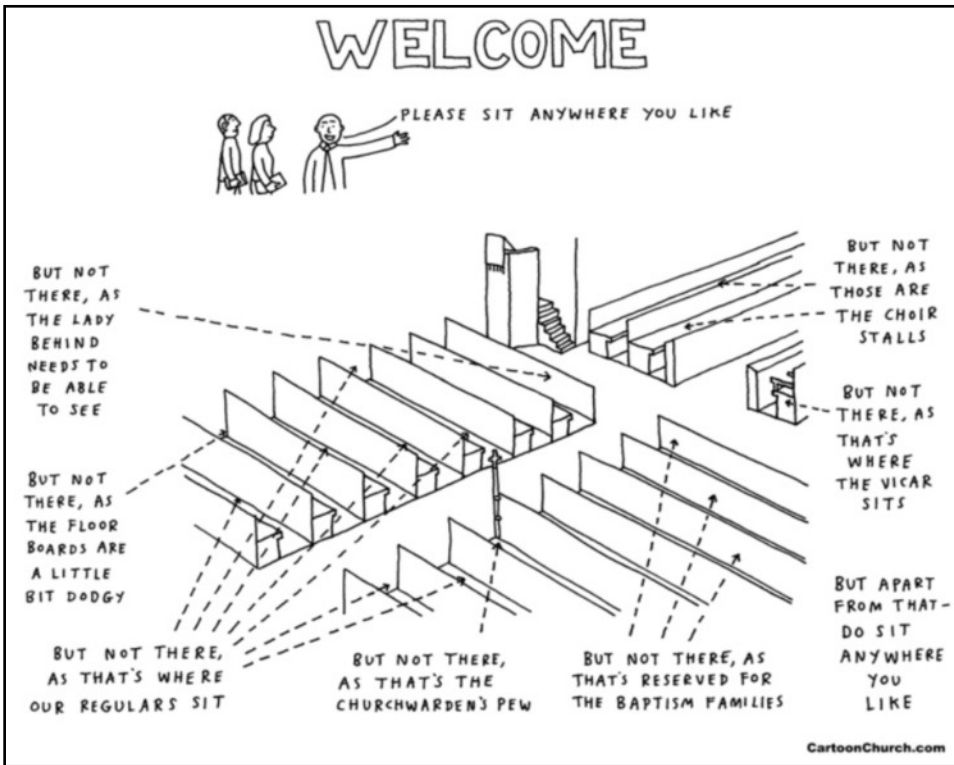
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for March 2019**

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or the rainbow in the sky -

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Steve Gardner Street Pastor Co-ordinator
 01884 257242 or 07734770837
 Charles Lanham Prayer Pastor Co-ordinator
 01884 258098 or 07800537769
 Email: tiverton@streetpastors.org.uk

Could we please ask you to include the Street Pastors Team in your prayers and in particular the need for new team members (of every role) to come forward.

The Team would welcome the opportunity to come and speak at a Service, we also have posters and leaflets available for display, so do please let us know if this would be of any interest to you.

MORE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT MOTHERING SUNDAY

Did you know ...

Mothering Sunday was once known as "Refreshment Sunday" because the fasting rules of Lent were relaxed, in honour of the Feeding of the Five Thousand.

SOME WELL-EARNED PRAISE FOR OUR RECTOR

What a wonderful Festive time we have had at Calverleigh, Christingle, Carol Service and Communion at 9.30am on Christmas Day. We have had good attendances of both young and old at all the Services. We welcomed friends from Cruwys Morchard, Cove, Cadleigh, Oakford, Witheridge, Loxbeare plus others from afar.

STEPH held the attention of every member of the congregation, from the very young, through to the very old like me, with her excellent Sermon. We all felt that it was a great start to our day, thanks to her well thought out programme. WELL DONE.

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