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## COMINGS AND GOINGS

At last it feels as if the Summer is here, and with it the arrival of visitors and the departure of people as they go off on holiday.

I love having visitors! Especially in the Summer. Sitting in the garden, in the sunshine, something delicious bubbling away in the oven, lots of laughter and convivial chat, while Lovely Husband perfects his new-found skill of knocking up a Bellini, or a Negroni or an Aperol Spritz ... You see it's a hard, hard life, here at The Rectory!

But there again – having visitors means Bed Making, Sheet Washing and Mega Food Shopping. It means that the night-time dash for the loo is no longer a quick sprint down the corridor. One is required to grope around in the dark for a dressing gown. The leisurely soak in the bath requires booking in advance.

And more outrageously - Visitors Demand Feeding – not just the meticulously selected and executed evening meal, but Breakfast and Lunch and even the odd cup of tea as well!

And then they go. We wave them off, we look at each other, and sigh and say how lovely it's been and how-we-really-must-do-it-again-before-too-long. And we mean it!

Comings and goings are a part of life, and we've have had to say goodbye to quite a few people this year. People who have made a real difference to our lives. And it's hard to see them go.



None more so than John and Marion Roberts. They have been here a long time. They have made a significant contribution to the life of the Mission Community, and to many, many individuals over the years. Their love for Jesus and their desire to serve him shines through all they do.

The day before I had my interview for Rector of the Mission Community, John said that if I was appointed, he would support me. And he and Marion have done just that – and I am deeply grateful.

John and Marion – thank you! We will miss you. We ask God's blessing upon you.

Of course, John and Marion have been far more than visitors. They have been an integral part of our community.

But perhaps it is a timely reminder that for all of us, 'This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through ...' We are visitors.

With God's presence with us, let's make the most of our visit!

Have a great Summer.

*Steph*

Please read additional information from Steph on Pages 3 and 10

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### EDITORIAL

Continuing Steph's theme of "Comings and Goings", we've been thinking how much the Exe Valley Community has changed since we came here nearly 23 years ago. Of course, we are 23 years older and don't have the energy we came with and we've seen many loved ones move away, or pass on. You'd think it might be a sad and despondent place to live but not a bit of it!! Nothing could be further from the truth.

All of us "oldies" are still young at heart and we are fortunate that some wonderful new people have settled in. We've been so encouraged, when reading through the Round-ups, to see that our Community Spirit is alive and well. There seems to be so much going on - it's incredible.

We may have had a record number of Funerals recently but we have also had an encouraging number of Baptisms and Weddings and an inspirational Rector who leads by example.

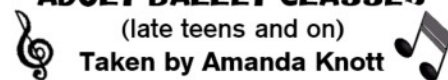
In recent months we have, unfortunately, lost several Organists and some Churches are trying out recorded music, which can be very successful. This may have to be the way forward but if you know anyone who would like to try playing the Organ for Services, please contact Steve, in the Office.

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**Prayer with a Bear' from 10.30 to 11.30 for those with under 5's.** You are also welcome to stay and join in as we start our activities with songs and fun.

We will also be holding a Family Barbecue to complete the week. Please contact Cindy for application forms and if you would like more information.

If you have any time to spare and would like to help please contact Cindy on 01363 866621. All volunteers over 16 need a DBS check. Please do not be put off by this, it is a simple process, which I can do with you, and lasts 5 years.

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## QUARTER CENTURY OF MINISTRY IN THE EXE VALLEY

**S**adly it is time to say "Goodbye". Marion and I moved to East Sidborough in January 1993, the longest time we have lived in one house since our marriage in 1969. We have loved our time here, I fell in love with Devon when I was at school in Barnstaple for five years, after World War 2, and Marion was born and bred just over the border in Somerset.

But life moves on, The Lord is telling us that it is time to move nearer family, so we are off to Shropshire within the next month or so, near to our daughter Charmian and closer to York, where our son Matthew is a Church Minister. Our over-arching feeling is one of deep thankfulness, mixed with a tinge of sadness, at leaving so many friends from the Exe Valley. Thankfulness to you all for your welcome, friendliness and appreciation of my ministry amongst you, and the welcome received in regular ministry in each of the nine churches of the Exe Valley; but special thankfulness to those nine clergy amongst whom I have been privileged to work - 5 Rectors\* and 4 Team vicars\*\*. I have learnt so much from them and I thank them for putting up with my idiosyncrasies and trust that my time as a team member and Licensed Assistant Minister, (latterly having the Bishop's Permission To Officiate, spot the difference!) has been of some help and encouragement to them over the years.

Above all, my thanks must be to the Lord Jesus Himself for the immense privilege of being an ordained minister of the Gospel, being free to preach the Gospel and teach the Bible. My memories extend from leading regular services in each of the nine churches, to the Alpha courses in the early days held at The Mill, Lower Washfield, to the Christianity explored courses in Washfield Hall and Oakford Hall when we discovered from Mark's Gospel, who the Lord Jesus really is. It was a joy and a privilege to see folk come to faith in Jesus and others revitalise their faith. Further memories include the TROGS young people's group and the many Home Group evenings which have been such a precious part of our experience here, where closer friendships have been forged.

When we came to the Exe Valley, the stipendiary clergy had just been reduced from four to three and there was concerned discussion as to how we were going to manage with only three full time clergy!. As time went on this was further reduced to two, to one and a half and of course now to just one. It became increasingly obvious that if regular worship was to be retained in all our churches then it would be necessary to train lay members of the congregations to lead services. When Andrew Rose and I started the SEAN lay leaders' training course, I think I am right in saying that only two parishes had any lay led services; volunteers quickly came forward for training and a course of action was put in place which has been continued under Steph's leadership so that all parishes now have some services led by members of the congregation.

The above are just some of the memories of a quarter-century in the Exe Valley. Our names first appear in the Loxbeare visitors book on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1992 and I took my first service in Loxbeare church at 3.00pm on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1993, in my capacity as Reader, since I was not ordained until the following year.

So again, thank you for all that you have given to Marion and myself over these many years. We have been so happy in the Exe Valley and are, of course, sorry to leave. I have tried to be faithful to The Lord Jesus and to the scriptures which testify about Him and pray that the Exe Valley will always be a Group of churches which put the Bible at the forefront of their preaching and beliefs.

God Bless you all. *John Roberts.*

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### 'TODAY' 50 years ago August and September, 1969

The lead article in the combined August / September issue focused on the recent Apollo 9 moon landing, and the 'confident' prediction that, "... within fifteen years we shall be on Mars"! Whilst admiring the achievement, the suggestion was that it had come about for all the wrong reasons, born out of political rivalry between the USA and USSR, based on fear of what the other might achieve.

On a brighter note, the Group Country Fair at Easterlands was not lacking in superlatives when it came to opinions of its success. Even the Bishop "...admitted that there isn't another Group in the Diocese quite like ours"! The total raised was £363.

Members of the Mothers' Union had decided that they needed to get out and get on with jobs, rather than just sitting and listening! An action group was to begin at Withleigh Rectory in October.

A Sunday night concert at Calverleigh had raised £34 for the Spastics Society.

The 1st Oakford Girl Guides had enjoyed a treasure hunt in the grounds of Holme Place, and six guides ran the children's corner at the Group Country Fair. They had also attended their first church parade.

The Rackenford sports day had been a great success, with tea sales breaking all records. "With a double sitting at the Gaiety Hall, folk could just be squeezed in". The Sunday school outing to Teignmouth had enjoyed the sunshine.

The Stoodleigh ladies netball team was flourishing, playing at least one match every week. It was hoped that more parishes within the Group would be able to raise a team next year.

The Withleigh sponsored walk had raised £110 towards the cost of a new Group minibus.

*Paul Iliff*

## NATURE NOTES

When the sun shines it is hard to resist the lure of Cornwall, although the journey is always surprisingly long. We are comforted by the thought that the time away allows our new neighbours more uninterrupted time to settle in.

The first was the family of robins. They nest in the bank by the house and their home is not structurally complex but always appears cosy and dry. Even in the poor light of dusk you can see the yellow and radiant open beaks of the chicks as they clamour to be fed. They have long since departed and our attention rapidly turned to the swallows which arrived before the house martins. This year the former decided to build their nest in our 'lean to'. Much mud, straw and grit was collected from the paths and stream and the result is a scruffy lump in the corner, where two roof supporting beams meet. The prospective parents are incredibly alert and immediately depart when they detect any sound or movement around our back door. Their movement is so fast that you have to recover from the flash of black that may be uncomfortably near your head, before the beauty of their flight can be appreciated. It is hard to avoid the feeling of guilt when you need to get something from the lean to, and you enter like a burglar.

Unfortunately the house martins aborted their nest building efforts. As with the swallows it was a two bird job but was slower, requiring many more excited cries and skill but we are only left with lines of graffiti in preparation for their nest in the eaves. Knowledgeable birders inform me that the most likely reason for a halt being called would be the death of one of the pair.

The gloomy mood was not improved by what seemed to be smaller numbers of seals and nesting birds at the coast. It was therefore heartening to hear of the great success story at Lundy where nesting numbers have greatly increased thanks to effective conservation efforts. I hope similar care will extend to our fish stocks – we are surely better than the greedy herring gulls, out for easy pickings by cathedral green or coast.

*Thomas More*

## PARISH ROUND-UP

### CALVERLEIGH

We praise God for the glorious sunshine and give thanks that the farmers and growers have had good weather to be able to get grass cut, dried and stored in readiness for the Winter months ahead.

On 16 May, a Quiet Day was held at the village hall and in the Church by the Archdeacon of Exeter, for Diocesan Readers. A lovely email was received afterwards by an attendee commenting on the peaceful setting and surroundings of both buildings.

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On 29 May Aubrey and Julie Goldsworthy had the great honour of attending a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. A nomination had been put forward by someone who remains anonymous at this time, in recognition of their hard work and dedication over the years for both the church and the community, and a formal invitation was later received. They work

tirelessly to help keep our little church the way it is, much of which is behind the scenes. They had a lovely time although the weather was not as good as it had been, but it did not spoil the wonderful occasion. They enjoyed the splendour of the surroundings, the music provided by Armed Forces bands and the food. Being so close to the Queen and many other members of the Royal Family will leave them with many memories that will never be forgotten. No one deserves it more, so thank you both and congratulations!

The Praise Party at the beginning of June, in the village hall, was a fun and family friendly service and despite a slight technical hitch at the start of the service it continued well with lots of interactive songs and a story told by Steph. Nikki, Dave, Tasha and Marc also took part during the service which was followed by activities for the children and tea and cake for all. The next one will take place at 3.30pm on 1 September, do come along if you can.

With the weather continuing to be set fair, the Open-air service on 30 June was indeed in the open with no worry as to whether we would have to be inside this year. The concern was more whether we would all suffer from sunstroke!! Thankfully there was a slight dip in the temperature and a bit of cloud. The lovely service was led by Nikki and the very entertaining talk given by Rev'd Steph Gordon-Jeffs. Who knew that bananas had so many uses? Rev'd Robert Gordon provided the musical accompaniment with his guitar and played a touching song during the service. It also was good to hear the choir who sang three hymns and Nikki found an appropriate and thought-provoking poem, fit for the surroundings. The service was then followed by home-made fruit punch, tea/coffee and light refreshments. Thank you to all who took part in any way.

On 3 July, Aubrey, Julie and Jackie attended the farewell service of Archdeacon Christopher Fitcher who will be taking up a new post in Cyprus. The Evensong service at Exeter Cathedral was attended by people from all corners of the Exeter Diocese. As they left, our thanks and very best wishes were given to him from Calverleigh.

We give our thanks also to Alison Webber who has very kindly updated the Baptismal Roll. We have seen many Baptisms in the last 12 months for which we praise God and look forward to welcoming more families in the future.

Congratulations go to anyone who has celebrated a milestone birthday, birth of a new family member or any other celebration. We pray that the young people who are awaiting exam results receive the good news that they are hoping for, in readiness for the next stage of their lives.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are awaiting or undergoing treatment at this time and also those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. If you would like to be mentioned personally in our prayers please get in touch so that we can support you prayerfully.

If you are new to the village please make yourselves known to us. We look forward to meeting you in person and welcoming you to the area and it's activities.

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Living in such a beautiful part of the country, we are sure to welcome plenty of visitors this summer! Please bring them to New Creation where they can browse Christian books, CDs, greeting cards and other Christian merchandise. In many parts of the country the local Christian bookshops have closed so a visit to New Creation, not only to browse or look for something to encourage them but also to taste one of Penny's and Kim's range of snacks and cakes, might be a real treat

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

**Saturday 14 September** - Harvest Supper. More details available soon.

**Sunday 15 September** - Harvest Thanksgiving service

**Saturday 5 October** – We are holding a Quiz Night at the village hall in aid of the Church Windows Fund. The cost will be £5 per person in teams of 4 or 5. There will be a bring and share supper as a part of the evening. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Please contact Barb Hill on 01884 252572 or email [honeybeehill5@gmail.com](mailto:honeybeehill5@gmail.com) with your team name prior the event. Alternatively you can also contact Dave Burton using the details at the end of this article.

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 30 Sep / 12 Oct: Mrs A Webber

### Altar Flower Rota

28 Jul / 4 Aug: Mrs M Furneaux  
 11 / 18 Aug: Mrs M Herniman  
 25 Aug / 1 Sep: Mrs G Tucker  
 8 / 15 Sep: Mrs S Greenslade  
 22 / 29 Sep: Mrs B Hill

### Church Mowing Rota

22 Jul / 3 Aug: Mr D White  
 5 / 17 Aug: Mr K Hayes  
 19 / 31 Aug: Mr A Hancock  
 2 / 14 Sep: Mr C Durnan  
 16 / 28 Sep: The Webber Family  
 30 Sep / 12 Oct: Mr A Goldsworthy

**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](mailto:calverleigh@exevalleychurches.org) and get the latest on the website at:

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

# CRUWYS MORCHARD

### DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES DAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2019

This is an annual event run to raise funds. 50% to your favourite Church and 50% to all Devon Churches. Over the years Devon Historic Churches have contributed a great deal of funds towards projects within our Church, the Screen, the Bells and most recently the Heating. We are very grateful to them. It is a RIDE and STRIDE event, but can just as easily be done by car! Sponsorship forms can be found in our Church in Cruwys Morchard. There will be soft drinks and biscuits and a form to sign in the church on the day. See how many Devon Churches you can visit.

#### PARISH HALL EVENTS

The Parish Hall will be hosting our annual Breakfast & Brunch on Saturday 3 August for Hall funds. Please contact Mary or Tania if you can help for an hour - or more if possible. Please visit the parish website for details of this event and other parish events.  
<http://cruwysmorchardparish.co.uk>  
The Parish Hall will also have Bingo at the end of August.

**THE CRUWYS MORCHARD FLOWER SHOW** is on Saturday 10 August. You still have time to enter if you have forgotten, entries close on Saturday 27 July. The event is in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm, all entries to be in between 9am and 10.30am, they will be judged at 11.00am. Schedules of classes can be obtained from Pauline Guscott at 5 Moor View. 07968 101121, [Pauline.8@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Pauline.8@hotmail.co.uk)  
**Do Come.**

#### CRUWYS MORCHARD YOUNG FARMERS

The Club did very well at Devon County Show with both their individual and Club entries winning prizes. At the time of writing this article, the members are preparing for their Annual Tractor Run, helping out at the Church Fete and creating their entries for Mid Devon Show. Congratulations to two of our members who recently "tied the knot" - Mr and Mrs Stewart Chapple! The members provided a pitch fork "Guard of honour" outside Cadbury Church. This was a total surprise to both the Bride and Groom! Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at The Parish Hall, do come along if you are interested in joining our Club.

**YOGA.** Due to the increased numbers, the Yoga class has now, very successfully, been split into two groups. Both on Thursday mornings :  
9.30am – 10.55am. A general Hatha yoga class.  
11.05am – 12.30pm. A similar class but set at a slower more gentle pace, there are a few spaces in this class, do come and try it.  
Contact Hilary for further information  
01363 866245  
[Hil.tosdevin@btinternet.com](mailto:Hil.tosdevin@btinternet.com)

#### CRUWYS ARMS GARDENERS

Meeting on 5 June at the Cruwys Arms, flying pests dominated the early discussions and suggestions on the best deterrents. Then we drifted on to Morrisons car park in Tiverton which is planted with Catalpa - are the beans edible? Poor seed germination had affected many of us this year - soak peas for 20 minutes before planting to improve germination. Use surplus pea seeds to produce pea shoots which are wonderful in salads.

Tagetes will deter whitefly; so we will give it a try. Lots of bees around and evidence of hedgehog activity in most gardens.

On 22 June we met in Gerry and Sue's lovely garden for the start of our Puddington Safari - finishing at Chrissie's garden for a delicious tea.

We met again on Wednesday 3 July, welcoming two new members.

On Saturday 20 July we meet in Diney and Steve's rose filled garden for our Pennymoor Safari.

Next meeting Wednesday 7 August.

The mystery seed continues to grow, mine is 18" tall, slightly prickly, without smell, I haven't any idea what it is!

**COMMUNITY LUNCH** with raffle, for all those who have been asking me, is to be on Wednesday 16 October in the Parish Hall at 12noon for 12.30pm.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Saturday 10 November

#### FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

July 29 / Aug 5 -	Cindy Trick
Aug 12 / 19 -	Wendy Lake
Aug 26 / Sept 2 -	Marilyn Hill
Sept 9 / 16 -	Mrs J. Townsend
Sept 23 -	Decorators for Harvest
Sept 30 and Oct 7-	Cindy Trick

#### MOWING ROTA

August –	Les Tosdevin
September –	We have no one
– any offers gratefully accepted!	

Our **Harvest Festival** service is at 2.15pm on Saturday 28 September in the church, followed by sports and tea in the Parish Hall. The 11.15am Sunday Service is listed on the centre pages.

Our love and prayers go to all those who are not well.



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## PARISH ROUND-UP

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Cissy Christopher, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday 9 July, in the Hospice in Exeter.

In case I have forgotten anyone new to the parish, welcome.

### PENNYMOOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday services at 4.30pm, followed by tea and biscuits.  
 1st Sunday All ages  
 2nd Sunday Holy Communion  
 3rd Sunday Way Village 2,30pm  
 4th Sunday Praise and Prayer  
 5th Film

## LOXBEARE

On 17 June the monthly Group "Sing Praise" mid-week worship evening was held at Loxbeare and took the form of a Kenya-Style communion service. It was a meaningful and moving service taken by Steph with Marion and Robert leading the worship on their guitars.

At the time of writing we look forward to a BBQ service on 14 July at the Hall with John speaking. The 21 July Family Service will probably be the last service John will be taking for us. We then welcome all the parishes for the Group Service on 28 July.

We will be soon saying a sad goodbye to John and Marion Roberts who will be leaving us sometime in August having lived in Loxbeare for 26 years. We thank them for all their contributions and dedication to the Church, Loxbeare parish and to the Exe Valley Group. John has taken many services, Bible Studies, visiting and was treasurer of the Village Hall. Marion played the organ/guitar

almost every week and led the Woman's Bible Study. Both of them were on the PCC etc and much, much more. It's impossible to cover everything in which they have been involved. The support and encouragement they have given us and when needed to individuals, families and the wider community has been much appreciated. They will be very much missed. We wish them every happiness and God's blessing in their new home.

We also say goodbye to Steve & Liz Barrow, Scott and Pippa who are leaving the Village this month (July). We wish them well in their new home.

Our Harvest celebrations begin on Saturday 28 September at 2.15pm with a service in the Church - when the speaker will be Rev Andy Humm from St Paul's. The offering will be for Tear Fund. This will be an opportunity for the Children to bring Harvest gifts to the front of the Church during the service. Sports and tea will follow. Harvest Songs of Praise will be on Sunday 29 September at 6.30pm. Do come and join us to give thanks to God for his abundant provision. Decorating the Church will take place on the Friday and Saturday morning. Gifts and help would be much appreciated. Our Harvest Supper will be on Monday 30 September - 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets £5. If you wish to go, please let Carol know, on 01884 881480. After supper speaker to be arranged. Proceeds from the sale of produce will be given to C.H.A.T.

We send our sympathy to Roger Matthews and family, of Old Kitterbury, at the loss of Andrea after a short illness. Also to Jan Page whose Mother In-law has passed away.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are feeling unwell at this time, receiving treatment or waiting for operations.

Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays in August/September and congratulations to those celebrating special occasions.

We hope the children will enjoy their summer holidays and we pray for all who will be starting school or moving to a different school in September that they will soon settle, be happy and make new friends. We encourage children to learn and have some fun at the Holiday Club at Calverleigh.

**Loxbeare Ladies** contact Sue on 01884 259496

**Loxbeare Social night** dates 24 August and 21 September to be arranged 7 for 7.30pm.

Cream teas will be 10 August and 14 September in the hall 3-5pm.

## OAKFORD

St Peter's celebrated mid-summer with an enjoyable Songs of Praise Service on Sunday evening 7 July. The Church was filled with flowers and the congregation heard a variety of uplifting readings. It was fun to sing some old favourite hymns - and attempting the new ones caused some hilarity. Thanks to the readers, to Mary who accompanied on the organ and piano and to Dawn who led the Service and provided some delicious canapés and Pimms afterwards. Come to think of it, we might have sung better after the Pimms!

Looking ahead, the Harvest Service is on Sunday 22 September at 6pm, followed by supper in the village hall. The Harvest Supper & Auction is a traditional Oakford event and was well supported last year.

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### Prayer through the Summer

As we face new changes and new challenges, please do join me for prayer on Monday morning at St Catherine's Church, Witleigh, between 9.00-10.00am. We will meet on 29 July, 5 August, 12 August and 19 August. Alternatively, join us in Spirit, by setting time aside, wherever you are, to pray at this time, each Monday.

### Exe Valley Website

Have you visited our website recently?  
www.exevalleychurches.org

If you haven't, do have a look. It's the best place to go to for updates about what's on and what we do.

A new addition to the website is a monthly **Prayer Diary** with a topic to pray for, each day of the month.

### PRAYER BREAKFASTS

**Come and meet to pray over a croissant and coffee on 31 August and 28 September at 9am in The Rectory, Witleigh**



**Everyone is welcome !**

**4 AUGUST** Proper 13

**CALVERLEIGH**  
See Loxbeare

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
9.30 am Baptism Service  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

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

**OAKFORD**  
10 am Morning Praise

**RACKENFORD**  
9.30 am Family Service

**STOODLEIGH**  
11 am Morning Prayer

**TEMPLETON**  
11 am Family Service

**WASHFIELD**  
See Loxbeare

**WITHLEIGH**  
10.30 am Family Service

### Parish Giving Scheme

The Church of England offers a presence in every community, seeking to be at the heart of it. This comes at a cost – most of which is met by the valuable donations made by people like you! For this we thank you!

The Parish Giving Scheme is an efficient way to make the money, which is given so generously, to be used more effectively, to the benefit of your local church. Brigit Kiyaga, the Diocesan Mission Resources Adviser is coming to talk about

#### The Parish Giving Scheme.

This open to anyone who is interested in the scheme and would like to find out more.

Do please come along to Calverleigh Village Hall on Thursday 29 August 2019 at 7.00pm.

### Street Pastors

It was great to have the Street Pastors with us as we met as a Mission Community at Cruwys Morchard at the end of June. We were able to give them £200 for their work.

### Lego

By the time you read this, the Holiday Club will almost be upon us. Do please read P3 for further details about what we are up to this year. We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has donated Lego for us to use this year.

**28 SEPTEMBER**  
**SATURDAY 2.15pm**  
**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
**HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
**FOLLOWED BY**  
**SPORTS AND TEA**



**28 SEPTEMBER**  
**SATURDAY 2.15pm**  
**LOXBEARE**   
**HARVEST SERVICE**  
with **ANDY HUMM**  
**SPORTS AND TEA**

**11 AUGUST** Proper 14

## HOLIDAY CLUB

**GROUP SERVICE**  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

## ALL PARISHES

**10.30am**

at

## CALVERLEIGH

**18 AUGUST** Proper 15

**CALVERLEIGH**  
11.15 am Family Service

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
See Witleigh

**LOXBEARE**  
6.30 pm Evening Praise

**OAKFORD**  
6.30 pm Evening Praise

**RACKENFORD**  
9.30 am Morning Praise  
*with Steph*

**STOODLEIGH**  
6.30 pm Evensong

**TEMPLETON**  
See Witleigh

**WASHFIELD**  
11 am Family Service

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

**25 AUGUST** Proper 16

**CALVERLEIGH**  
9.30 am Morning Worship

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
11 am Family Service

**LOXBEARE**  
11.15 am Family Service

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

**RACKENFORD**  
See Oakford

**STOODLEIGH**  
See Oakford

**TEMPLETON**  
11 am Morning Service

**WASHFIELD**  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**WITHLEIGH**  
10.30 am Morning Worship

**1 SEPTEMBER** Proper 17

**CALVERLEIGH**  
11.15 am See Washfield  
**3.30 pm Praise Party**  
*See Poster on Page 3*

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
9.30 am Morning Prayer

**LOXBEARE**  
See Washfield

**OAKFORD**  
10 am Morning Praise

**RACKENFORD**  
9.30 am Family Service

**STOODLEIGH**  
9.30 am Morning Prayer  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**TEMPLETON**  
No Service

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

**WITHLEIGH**  
10.30 am Informal Service  
in Church Vestry

**8 SEPTEMBER** Proper 18

**CALVERLEIGH**  
9.30 am Morning Worship

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
11 am Family Service

**LOXBEARE**  
6.30 pm Evening Praise

**OAKFORD**  
See Stoodleigh

**RACKENFORD**  
See Stoodleigh

**STOODLEIGH**  
11.15 am Cluster Service  
Holy Communion and Baptism  
*Jane Wilson*

**TEMPLETON**  
11 am Family Service

**WASHFIELD**  
2.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving  
followed by Sports and Bring  
and Share Tea in Village Hall

**WITHLEIGH**  
3 pm Harvest Festival

**15 SEPTEMBER** Proper 19

**CALVERLEIGH**  
11.15 am Harvest Thanksgiving

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
11.15 am Cluster Service  
with Holy Communion  
*Jane Wilson*

**LOXBEARE**  
11.15 am Family Service

**OAKFORD**  
6.30 pm Evening Praise

**RACKENFORD**  
9.30 am Morning Praise

**STOODLEIGH**  
6.30 pm Evensong

**TEMPLETON**  
See Cruwys Morchard

**WASHFIELD**  
11 am Morning Prayer

**WITHLEIGH**  
See Cruwys Morchard

**22 SEPTEMBER** Proper 20

**GROUP SERVICE**  
*Ian Johnson*

**ALL PARISHES**

**10.30am**

**At**

**RACKENFORD**

**OAKFORD**  
6 pm Harvest Festival  
followed by  
Harvest Supper in  
Oakford Village Hall

**29 SEPTEMBER** Proper 21

**CALVERLEIGH**  
10 am Informal Get-together

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
11.15 am Harvest Festival  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**LOXBEARE**  
6.30 pm Harvest Songs of Praise  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**OAKFORD**  
No Service

**RACKENFORD**  
9.30 am Family Service

**STOODLEIGH**  
11 am Morning Prayer

**TEMPLETON**  
9.30 am Morning Prayer  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**WASHFIELD**  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

**WITHLEIGH**  
10.30 am Harvest  
Songs of Praise

## PARISH ROUND-UP

So why not come along for a tasty meal and bring friends? Tickets £7 from Dawn 01398 324035 or Wendy 01398 351383 (bring your own wine).

**The Bells, the Bells!** For 200 years the joyful bells of St Peter's have rung in our Parish. They've marked our services, weddings, funerals and national occasions but unless major restoration is carried out very soon, Oakford's bells may ring no more. A major restoration appeal is under way. A particularly effective way to offer your support to this appeal is to give a heart to the paper dolls in the church. You can give as many as you like. Each heart costs £1 per week which is collected by direct debit via the Parish giving Scheme (PGS). The scheme is free to use. Gift Aid is added and 100% is paid into the appeal fund. The beauty of donating in this way is that you are also giving clear evidence of committed community support. This will help us when we apply for grants. Each month the paper dolls receive their shiny new hearts (and messages) to represent every £1 given in this way. You can stop giving at any time, but we hope you'll keep it up for at least a year.

An explanatory leaflet and PGS Gift Forms can be found at the back of the Church or contact Dawn 01398 324035 dawnannwilliams1@gmail.com or Mary 01398 351154 oakridgepork@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the **Oakford Community Survey**. The responses highlighted 3 particular areas that the proposed community hub development in the Church could support:

**Social** – a place to meet together, coffee mornings, craft group, community gatherings, Wifi/Broadband

**Youth** – activities suggested by children & young people included Lego club, play area, climbing tower

**Music** – concerts, music clubs, jamming sessions.

The PCC, supported by 'Growing the Rural Church', will continue taking this forward.

**Go, Go, Go ...** Come along to Oakford on Saturday 3 August to watch and cheer the first ever Oakford Soap Box Derby. Racing begins at 2.30pm and early arrival is advised to gain a good viewing spot. Drinks available and there's a BBQ at the Village Hall. All proceeds to the Church Restoration Appeal. Contact Andy Burton 01398 351436 or Dawn 01398 324035 for entry forms.

Not the usual Oakford Fête this year! The weather forecast was not at all encouraging so we decided to relocate from the Playing Field to the Village hall. It proved a wise decision as, although the sun did shine in the afternoon, there was a terrific thunder storm the night before which could have flattened the marquees. Despite all, it was a great event with lots of visitors joining in and enjoying cream teas, a BBQ and beer and showing off their dancing skills (if not very accomplished) with Avtar, an Indian Dancing Group. Thanks to everyone who helped during the year and supported and helped on the day. Also to all the visitors. Donations have been presented to this year's charities – 'Kids Who Care' and the Exe Valley Community Bus.

**The Village Hall AGM** will take place on Wednesday 14 August at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited to drinks and nibbles. Volunteers are always welcome and ideas for fund-raising activities or events are encouraged.

**The Oakford Players Annual Car Treasure Hunt** is on Friday evening 16 August.

Details from davidbannister10@hotmail.com.

**Date for your diary:** Murder Mystery & Supper in the Village Hall on 1 / 2

November. Could be an explosive evening – watch out for details!

Your Parish Council has put together a working party to concentrate on enhancing the Oakford Community Area (Playing Field) to be more appropriate for all our villagers to use and enjoy. Perhaps allotments or raised beds, more fruit trees or a nature walk, basket swing or even a climbing frame? All ideas welcomed. There are funds we can tap into for financial help, so please put your thinking caps on! If anyone has any experience in garden/landscape/public space design, we'd love to pick your brains. Contact Julia Mayer – juliabluehayes@yahoo.co.uk

### The Moorland Club

**Thursday 8 August** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall – a talk by Chris Price on Devon Freewheeler voluntary blood bikes.

**Thursday 12 September** at 3-5pm Tea Dance in the Village Hall. Tea and Cakes

**Saturday 14 September** Oakford & District Flower & Produce Show in the Village Hall. Open to visitors from 2-4pm. All the fun of the competitions for the biggest and the best and lovely tea & cakes. The Show is open for anyone in Oakford and the surrounding villages to enter. Schedules and entry forms from Brenda Burrows (3, Manor Cottages, Oakford 351331), Patsy Phillips (Chapel Cottage, Oakford 351648), the Red Lion in Oakford, the Toucan Bistro in Bampton or Chris Holdom (332039). Exhibits can be staged between 8.30-11am on the Show day, so why not have a go you never know your luck!

**The Pyncombe Trust** offers grants to school leavers who have been accepted for educational courses in September. To be eligible, you must have been resident in Oakford Parish for a minimum of one year. Please contact us with your personal and Course details before 1st

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

September and you could receive up to £150 towards study costs. For more details please contact Sue Llewellyn on 01398 351338 / sue.llewellyn@hotmail.com or Dawn Williams on 01398 324035 / williams.dawn@btinternet.com.

Such a lot going on this Summer in a relatively small community – what a great place to live – looking forward to seeing you. Keep in touch with your community – go to the Facebook pages of Oakford Village Massive or Oakford News and join up now.

## RACKENFORD

On 6 June we remembered the events of that day 75 years ago, as thousands of people were marking the Anniversary of D Day landings at a series of events in the UK and France.

Many thanks to Liz Paxton who organized everything for our church sponsored walk on 25 May, a circular route from East Anstey Common. She chose the perfect day, warm and sunny, beautiful scenery and good company. We enjoyed our picnic lunch together at Tarr Steps. Thank you to the 7 adults and 2 children, our drivers and especially to all of you who so generously sponsored us, raising a total of £1,762.50. We are so grateful.

The weather was kind to us again for our Cream Teas at Rackenford Manor on 6 July. Many thanks to David and Moy Scott for welcoming us to their home and gardens to relax and enjoy cream teas / strawberries and scones etc.

Many stalls were dotted around, also games to play, competitions to enter and a good draw. Thank you to all who

supported the afternoon, to everyone who worked so hard and we hope you all enjoyed it. So pleased to announce £705.15 was raised.

Reminding you that the **Gardening Club Autumn Show** is on 24 August 2.30pm at West Backstone (Refreshments available).

If anyone can join our **Church flower rota** for Altar flowers only, please get in touch, as we have lost several helpers over the last few months. You would be on the rota no more than twice in 6 months, you don't need to be an experienced flower arranger. Thanks.

Please don't forget recipes etc for Fiona (Recipe book). See last issue or notice board for details.

**Church Bingo 8 August** at Witheridge and **12 September** - Venue to be arranged. Contact Herbert Smith. 881375

Our very best wishes to Philippa Fraser, Andrew Shovelton, Paula Hallet, Brian Peace, Jacques Cann and all who are not well.

A warm welcome to Oliver, Eileen, Elliott and Annmarie Defew who have moved into our village. We hope you will be very happy here.

## STOODLEIGH

What a superb June we had in St Margaret's Church. The Festival of Flowers and Music was an enormous success. Our eleven flower ladies, led by Betty Wotton and Phyllis Hill, included Pat Aplin, Trish Fish, Angela Hill, Linda Hill, Enid Hamidullah, Yvonne Lang, Linda Sharrock, Geraldine Talbot and Mandy Widdowson.

They were aided by the Creative Carpenters, Richard Hill and Phil Talbot, who fashioned structures which enabled the musical instruments to be displayed prominently amongst the flowers.



Special thanks go to West Buckland School for lending a variety of musical instruments - these were enhanced by loans from many of our villagers. The Church was open from Friday 21 June and there was a steady stream of visitors over that weekend to enjoy the displays and refreshments. The Church was also open on reduced hours during the following week. Altogether £762 was raised to help with the urgent work required on the Church's tower and heating system.

On Sunday 23 June, the Church was full for a rousing Songs of Praise. Fifteen hymns, chosen by a variety of people, were sung interspersed with poems read by Enid Hamidullah, Roland Chant, Christine Broadbent, Daisy and Bertie Faulkner, John Davis, Olivia Wotton and, with a welcome return, Audrey Rigg. We were delighted that Steph Gordon-Jeffs was with us and her contributions to the poems caused much amusement. The whole evening was put together by Margaret Cuninghame, who found interesting details with which to introduce each hymn, and Jennifer Rowlandson, who kept the singing moving along with her skilled organ playing.

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

To complete the Festival, on Friday 8 June the Barle Singers, their conductor Steven Pugsley and accompanist Jennifer Rowlandson presented a concert of British Songs for Summer. These included a selection of choruses from The Gondoliers and The Mikado, as well as songs by Vivian Ellis, Edward German and Noel Coward. The audience was delighted with the wide range of music and readings from the Barle Singers and Jennifer Rowlandson once again showed her extensive talent at the piano.

This year's **Stoodleigh Family Dog Show** is on Saturday 10 August. Gates open at 1.30pm for judging at 2.00 pm. This joint event, organised by St Margaret's Church and the Parish Hall committee, will take place at Orchard View, Vials Corner, by kind permission of Fred and Pat Robinson. The afternoon will include cream teas, a Pimm's and beer tent plus a variety of stalls including bring and buy, cakes, a raffle and various competitions around the dog show ring. Competition classes are best puppy, best veteran, prettiest bitch, most handsome dog, best condition, best trick, best junior handler, the dog which the judge would most like to take home (theoretically) and finally the best six legs.

There will also be a fastest recall and sausage retrieval (dogs only!) to add to the fun. We will be welcoming Lewis Phillips, owner of Oasis Grooming in South Molton, as our judge this year. Entry to the Show is free and class entries are £1 each.

Please come and support this event - there will be plenty of shelter in the marquees from sun or rain. Telephone Geraldine Talbot (351391) or Margaret Cuninghame (351252), for details or visit the parish website <https://parish.middevon.gov.uk/stoodleigh/parish-hall/hall-events-and-fundraising>.

On Monday 26 August there will be the annual Bank Holiday Ploughman's Lunch. This year it is kindly hosted by Margaret Cuninghame. Everyone is welcome and please let Margaret (351252) know if you wish to come.

**STOODLEIGH ANNUAL SHOW - SATURDAY 31 AUGUST at 2.30 pm**  
If you enjoy growing flowers and vegetables, cooking, crafting, artwork or photography then this show is for you - to both enter and to support. The Parish Hall will be open to exhibitors between 10.30 and 11.45 am to enable the setting-up of entries. At 2.30 pm come along and enjoy tea and cake while admiring the entries. All information, including the schedules and entry forms, are available on the Stoodleigh website where you can print off copies, or from the Parish Hall when open.

**SWAG** has organised a trip to Wells on Wednesday, 11 September. For more details please telephone Margaret Cuninghame (351252).

Our new Stoodleigh Parish Councillors for 2019-2023 are Leo Biles (Chairman), John Widdowson (Vice Chairman), Sharon Davey, Will Knowles, Geoffrey Parkman and Comley Payne. Details of their various responsibilities and how to contact them can be found on the parish website at <http://parish.middevon.gov.uk/stoodleigh/parish-council/parish-councillors> and on the two parish noticeboards. The next scheduled meeting is on Monday 29 July at 7 pm at the Parish Hall and anyone is welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on the parish website and on noticeboards at least three clear days before the meeting.

Christine Palfrey would like to thank all those who celebrated her special birthday with her and for their donations for the Tiverton Hospital, which raised £230.

**Flower Rota**  
11/18 August Betty Wotton  
25 Aug/1 September Enid Hamidullah  
8/15 September Pat Aplin  
22/29 September Christine Palfrey

**Stoodleigh 100 Club** - congratulations to the following winners:  
May - 1st Peter Neusinger, 2nd Kay Bassano, 3rd David Wotton, 4th Elaine Morison  
June - 1st Lesley Ayre, 2nd June Jones, 3rd Doreen Wyatt, 4th Alison Palfrey  
Some subscriptions are now overdue and Christine would ask you to pay immediately, please.

Keep in touch with Stoodleigh news via email or the parish website. Get the news directly by email to your phone, tablet or laptop from [stoodleighweb@gmail.com](mailto:stoodleighweb@gmail.com) - just send an email request to be included in the group. Go to the parish website for news and updates from the Church, parish council, parish groups and organisations and check the village calendar for coming events - find them all at <https://parish.middevon.gov.uk/stoodleigh> Please send items of news for circulation to the email address above.

## TEMPLETON

Services at St Margaret's Church, Templeton. Did you know that St Margaret's Church, Templeton holds Family Services and Morning Services at least twice a month? Why not come and join us and stay for coffee and biscuits afterwards. St Margaret's Church also hosts a regular - and very popular, 'Knit and Natter' morning on the last Wednesday of each month between 10.30 am and 12 midday, so do come along and bring any sewing or knitting with you, or just come along for a chat with coffee and biscuits.



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## PARISH ROUND-UP

### Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot

On Saturday 8 April, the Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot at Town Farm, Templeton was a really enjoyable day for all, despite the changeable weather conditions, with plenty of food, drink, fun and shooting skills! Congratulations to winners Teddy (individual) and Jodie, George, James and Ginge (team). Many thanks to all those who took part in the day and helped to make it such a successful and safe event! All proceeds to St Margaret's Church.

### Scrap Metal Challenge

On Saturday 25 May, Templetonians heeded the call for any metal; old pots and pans, washing machines, caravans, car batteries and items from the 'back of the barn' for our Scrap Metal Challenge. Tractors and trailers were out and about before the event collecting items from homes and farms all over Templeton. Other residents delivered more scrap on Saturday morning where another team of Templetonians was standing by to sort and stack the skips. Newberry Metals, the Scrap Metal Merchants kindly provided Templeton Village Hall with two huge skips. We received so much scrap metal that we filled the two skips in one day and asked for a third skip which was filled on the following Tuesday! A big thank you to everyone for all their efforts; the givers, sorters, loaders, cooks and those with tractors who went around the farms and houses collecting the metal. A special thank you for Cathy Hunt too, for suggesting the scrap metal challenge and to Julie Dent for making it happen! We raised £1,643.41 for village funds which is great. Well done everyone – what a great team effort.

### Church repairs

The work needed to support, and repair St Margaret's Church continues. Every five years, the church building must be inspected by an architect or chartered building surveyor approved by the

Diocese. The next quinquennial review is in November this year and there are still some outstanding jobs to carry out before this review, such as improving the drainage around the outside of the church and treating the woodwork in some of the pews. These jobs will be carried out in July and August. The inner east wall and the tower inner wall need to be stripped and re-plastered – and this is likely to be costly. The church bells and the frame supporting the bells are in quite good condition but the supports for the frame within the tower would be unstable if we wanted to ring the bells again. Repairing this could be expensive!

### All good wishes

Our thoughts, prayers and all good wishes go to those in the village who are unwell, in hospital, receiving or awaiting treatment or going through a tough time.

### Future events

This year's Templeton Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 10 August at Templeton Village Hall from 1.30pm. There will be the famous Grand Auction as well as an auction of pledges, face painting, a free bouncy castle with slide, traditional cream teas, hot dogs, bar, bric-a-brac, book stall, cake and local produce stalls, tombola, jam jar jamboree, raffle and jumble and lots of fun and games. Please turn out your cupboards and 'glory holes' for any unwanted or unused gifts and nearly new clothes etc. Help is always appreciated for setting the hall out on the Friday prior to the big day as well as on fete day itself.

### Annual Charity Bike Show

On the afternoon of Saturday 17 August, an Annual Charity Bike Show, organised by Pentagram Motorcycle Club, will be held at Templeton Village Hall, in aid of Devon Air Ambulance. There will also be live band music in the evening so do come along and enjoy the day. All welcome.

Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival Templeton Village Hall will host a Harvest Supper on Saturday 5 October at 7.30pm, with musical entertainment from several musicians including Andrew Curtis. Andrew Curtis is a popular and talented pianist, organist, harpsichord and keyboard player. He has enjoyed playing and directing classical, operatic, choral and folk music and has, for many years, been a music teacher in several local schools. Do come and enjoy this popular musical evening which includes supper – and most excellent puddings. More details to follow but please put the date in your diary. St Margaret's Church Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 6 October at 11am.

### Flower and Cleaning Rota

Claire Trevelyan-Thomas	4 / 11 Aug
Bindy Linden	18 / 25 Aug
Eleri Pugh	1 / 8 Sept
Gloria Woollacott	15 / 22 Sept
Philleda Strong	29 Sept / 6 Oct

## WASHFIELD

*It was only a sunny smile  
and little it cost in the giving  
but like morning light,  
it scattered night  
and made the day worth living*

Summer is here! The village looked its festive best on Saturday 6 July, when the Green was adorned with a stunning array of floral hanging baskets, waiting to be judged and for everyone to enjoy, on their way to the Annual Church Fete and the new Planters in front of the Village Hall look wonderful. Well done and many thanks to the organisers and everyone who participated in this wonderful display. The money raised went to church funds and the PCC is very grateful for this generous contribution from the Social Club.

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

The Rectory Garden was looking immaculate and our thanks go again, to Bronson and Camilla for their hospitality and for catering for all the children who love to bounce! Stalls and games did well and, as usual, Anne and her valiant 'tea-ladies' worked hard to provide lavish food and numerous cups of tea. A good time was, we hope, had by all and at the same time the church benefited from the magnificent total of £1,024. Thank you all for your support.

The next big event for the church is Harvest Thanksgiving on 8 September, so please put it in your diary. It is such an important day on which to give special thanks to God for all our food and the beautiful countryside where we live and to thank the farmers who work so hard on our behalf. We are hoping to have the Revd. Alan Sheath to talk at the Service, which is at 2.30 pm. Alan Sheath was a farmer on Exmoor and so will be speaking from experience! There will be a collection of food for CHAT, and produce and flowers for decorating the church will be welcomed. Sports and a 'Bring and Share' tea will follow as usual, including plenty of Devonshire cream!

On a more sober note our thoughts have been with Dennis Parsons and the Bowden family in their great sadness in losing Margaret. Her Funeral saw a full church of family and friends, meeting in her memory and hearing many moving tributes from her family, giving thanks for her loving and caring life.

Please see in this magazine all the activities and opportunities arranged by our hard working Rector. Something for everyone, including lots of fun and interest at Holiday Club starting on Tuesday 5 August. The next Praise Party is at 3.30pm on Sunday 1 September in Calverleigh Hall. There is no Sing Praise in August, so the following one is 26 September at 7pm, also in Calverleigh.

Congratulations to our Churchwarden, Jeanne (who is an inspiration to us all) on her 90th birthday! She puts the younger folk in the village (under 85 !!) to shame with her steel willpower, deep love of God and devotion to our Church, which keep her going when others wilt around her. She is also passionate about everything happening in our Village - and the wider Community. She is an active member of the Social Club and tries to attend every event. Her achievements are too many to mention but she must be congratulated for being such a shining example to us all. We send love, thanks and best wishes for your special birthday Jeanne.

We also send special congratulations to Tony and Ann Roberts who celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary in June, with all their family around them. A very special occasion deserving of our good wishes.

Happy welcome and wedding wishes are sent to Richard and Lydia who have moved into Garden Cottage, Cotleigh and are soon to be married. We hope you have a fantastic wedding and are happy living in Washfield.

And still the congratulations flow as we know of two of our young people who have achieved amazing degrees.

Stephanie Symns of Smithayne has achieved a First Class BA degree - in History, from Birmingham University.

Lily Juleff also has her degree - in Geography, from Manchester University and plans to take up a 15-month post teaching English in Nanjing, China, from September. Well done to you both and good luck in your next ventures.

Congratulations too, to everyone else celebrating exam success and moving on to new schools.

Prayers and kind wishes go to anyone who is unwell at this time particularly Bill Bolt who we know is in hospital at present. We hope that you (and anyone else who is ill) will soon feel better.

Washfield WI are holding a Family Garden Party on 14 September at 2.30pm. This special event is being held in the gardens of Brookvale, Washfield which is the home of the WI President Jenny and her husband Don. There will be Cream Teas available and Duck Racing on their stream. Everyone is welcome. Please come !!

The Memorial Hall committee is happy to present a second archive 'Britain on Tour' Film Night. After the resounding success of our first, 'Rural Life' we are now happy to announce that 'Coast and Sea' is coming to a hall near you on Friday 20 September at 7pm. Tickets (to include a light supper and drink) are £7.50/£2.50

The Social Club continues to thrive with a variety of events for all members and guests. The bar occasionally opens earlier at 5pm for family events and the next of these is Saturday 10 August combined with 'Jeanne on the Green' a celebration of Jeanne's 90th birthday. All welcome

Summer nights on the Green are to start again soon so look out for details of these on posters and social media.

Washfield now has a lively women's Book club. Meetings are held in the Hall on Tuesday Social Club evenings - every six weeks or so. The next meeting is 27 August when we will talk about our current book - The Salt Path by Raynor Winn - share home-made cakes and discuss our favourite reads. All are welcome, we are social not literary.

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

### Dates for your Diary

Saturday 10 August Jeanne on the Green + bar open early at Social Club

Tuesday 13 August teatime@thehall from 3pm. All welcome for tea, cake and companionship

Thursday 22 August Lunch Club in Hall 12 for 12.30 meal

Sunday 8 September Harvest Festival followed by sports and teas

Tuesday 10 September teatime@thehall 3pm All welcome

Thursday 12 September W.I. in hall 7.30pm. Speaker: Tim Nichols on Flower arranging

Friday 20 September Archive film show 'Coast and Sea' 7pm. Get tickets (£7.50/£2.50) from Anne Moore 255298.

### Church Altar Flowers Rota

July 28/August 4	Jessica Lampard
August 11/18	Mrs E Arnold
August 25/Sept 1	Mrs Lane
Sept 8/15	Mrs A Boundy
Sept 22/29	Mrs S Balment
Oct 6/13	Mrs Hansford

### Church Cleaning Rota

July 29/August 5	Mr & Mrs Ellis
August 12/19	Mrs French
August 26/Sept 2	Mrs Harding/Mrs Jones
Sept 9/16	Mrs Albery
Sept 23/30	Mr & Mrs Ellis

or Whist Drive helper, 100 Club organiser, grass cutter, cleaner, or just coming and supporting the events. Thank you one and all.

With the view of letting everyone know what is happening within the Village, it was agreed at the Village Hall AGM that we set up an e-mail group. The idea of the group would be to send out an e-mail with details / posters of forthcoming events. E-mail addresses would not be available to the rest of the group and you could let the secretary know if you ever wished to be removed from the group. If you are interested in receiving these e-mails, please could you send your details to tucks@btconnect.com.

The **Garden & Produce Show** is on Saturday 17 August in the Village Hall. Don't forget to get your entries to Henry Cruwys by Tuesday 13 August. Doors open to the public at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome to come and see all the exhibits and the prize winners.

Our **Harvest celebrations** begin on Sunday 8 September with our Harvest Festival service at 3pm. This will be followed by tea, also in church. The Harvest Supper will be in the Village Hall on Monday 9 September, 7 for 7.30pm, followed by the auction of produce, the proceeds from which will go to the Tiverton Hospital League of Friends. As there are five Sundays in September, there will be a 'Songs of Praise' service in church on Sunday 29 at 10.30am. Since we only ever sing four hymns at our harvest Festival, here is the chance to come and join in some other well-known Harvest hymns.

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

**Thursday 8th August**, Summer Outing on the Tiverton Canal Barge with cream tea aboard.

**Thursday 12th September**, Devon & Cornwall Fire Service, Fire Home Safety. Thursday 10th October, joint meeting with Washfield, at Witleigh. Speaker, 'Lilly Warne and Wool' (part 2) From Farm to Yarn. Paula Steer.

Congratulations to all those celebrating special birthdays or anniversaries.

Our best wishes for success to all who are awaiting exam results, and to those changing schools or starting school for the first time.

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. Also, our condolences to the families and friends of Jim Headon and Bob Gollner, both of whom were laid to rest in the churchyard in June, and also to Mark and Sue Arthurs on the death of Mark's mother. Our prayers and love are with you all.

### Forthcoming Events:

**Thursday 8 August** - A Trip on the Grand Western Canal.

**Saturday 17 August** - Garden & Produce Show, in the Hall at 7.30pm.

**Sunday 8 September** - Harvest Festival at 3pm, followed by tea in church.

**Monday 9 September** - Harvest Supper in the Hall, 7 for 7.30pm.

**Thursday 12 September** - WI in the Hall at 7.15pm.

**Sunday 29 September** - Harvest 'Songs of Praise' in church, 10.30am.

**Thursday 10 October** - WI in the Hall at 7.15pm.

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## WITHLEIGH

On Pentecost Sunday, St Catherine's hosted the Group Service. We were pleased to be able to welcome so many members of our other Exe Valley churches as we celebrated the Church's birthday with a service of Holy Communion.

At the Village Hall AGM, everyone was thanked for their continuing support, whether as a committee member, Bingo

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

**Flower Rota:**  
 August 4 / 11 - Daphne Chown  
 August 18 / 25 - Janet Stacey  
 September 1 - Wedding  
 September 8 - Wedding / Harvest  
 September 15 - Janet Sellick  
 September 22 / 29 &  
 October 6 - Shirley Cruwys

**Weekly Events;**  
 Tuesdays - Yoga in the Village Hall at 7pm.  
 Wednesdays - Short Mat Bowls in the  
 Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**Monthly Diary Dates:**  
 First Thursday - Bingo  
 Second Monday - Whist Drive  
 Second Thursday - W.I.

## MISCELLANY

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Someone once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept some people looking so hard for the facts but for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam because they could not find them but now the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To some it was a difficult job but others found that it was a most fascinating search. Yes, there will be some names that are hard to spot, and may require judges to help. We will admit that it usually takes some working out. There are sure to be loud lamentations. One lady says that she brews a pot of tea, so that she can concentrate better. It may help you to compete. Relax and see if you can discover the 16 books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph.

*(Answers in The Bible or by request from the Editors)*

**Thoughts for Everyday**  
 by Patience Strong ~  
 for 16 August

Out into the unknown future  
 Be prepared to move -  
 Even though it means you have  
 to leave your cosy groove.

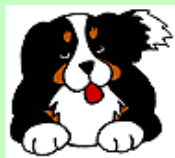
Fresh conditions may confront  
 you, face them hopefully.  
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**ROUND-UP ON PAGE 14**

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**Thoughts for Everyday**  
 by Patience Strong ~  
 for 17 September

Forget the times of trouble  
 but not the truths they taught.  
 Forget the days of sorrow, but  
 not the strength they brought.


Forget the storms you battled  
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