

# TODAY

The Parish  
Magazine  
for the  
Exe Valley  
Mission  
Community

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## COMING SOON!



### Here are ten things that you should know about our new rector...

- he is very used to people laughing at his surname and he doesn't mind in the least
- he has been married to Sarah for thirteen years
- he has never lived in the country before, but he loves the great outdoors
- he is sometimes spotted riding a postman's bike
- he was not brought up as a Christian, but he met the Lord Jesus Christ by reading John's gospel at the age of fifteen
- he has been ordained for eight years, but he doesn't always wear a dog collar
- his dog (Alfie) does always wear a dog collar
- he loves to teach the Bible to anyone who is willing to listen
- his current favourite Bible verse is probably Romans 8v28\*
- he is very much looking forward to getting to know the people of the Exe Valley Mission Community

*Steve*

*\* And we know that in all things God works for the good of those that love him who have been called according to his purpose.*

## CHALLENGING TIMES

The interviews are over, the decision has been (unanimously) taken, the appointment has been made, and the countdown is now on, as we await the arrival of the two shady characters on the left! The Rev'd Steven Goodbody and his wife, Sarah, will soon be living and ministering among us, and have decided, having been given a free choice, to live at Withleigh Rectory. Being aware that Steve had a sense of humour, I suppose I should have known what to expect when requesting something by way of a photo and introduction from him for inclusion in this magazine. It will be interesting having competition in the humour department, but challenges do not normally go begging!

And, on the subject of challenges, Steve and Sarah will both be facing some challenges, moving from an urban environment into rural surroundings (with no street lights or pavements!). For Steve it will also be the challenge of his first incumbency, of getting to know the people in our various and varied parishes, of trying to understand what makes each of our communities tick, of bringing his own hopes and aspirations alongside those of us who live and worship in our communities. Both of them are faced with a steep learning curve; my suggestion to Steve that this could be nearer a vertical line, prompted the answer, "Well, so long as it is going upwards, and not downwards!" Steve will generally be taking Friday as his day off; please respect this, and try to avoid contacting him on a Friday, if at all possible.

But the challenges don't stop there. We are all also challenged to play our parts, as our individual parishes move forward as parts of our Mission Community; we are not here to stand still. Life may have

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been "interesting" at times during the past year, and the demands on a number of us may have been more than we would have liked, but Steve will not be able to take over everything, and we should certainly not expect too much of him as soon as he arrives. In spite of the obvious difficulties, the Kingdom, here in the Exe Valley, has been moving forward during the vacancy; the work goes on – it's just that we now have a new branch manager!

The biggest challenge for Elizabeth and myself, has been trying to cover our service patterns during the vacancy, and there has, inevitably, been the odd occasion when it has not been possible for a service to be held in a particular church. With the other vacancies around us, and summer holidays, the situation has not improved, but we are endeavouring to maintain regular services wherever possible. Once again, our thanks go to all the clergy and readers who have helped, and continue to help.

My final challenge this month is ensuring that everything I am sent finds its way into the magazine; my apologies to Rackenford for inadvertently missing out a couple of lines of their notes from the June / July issue.

*Paul Iliff*

### TRIO OF GROUP SERVICES

No less than three group services have taken place in recent weeks, the first of which was the Rogation Day service, held at Loxbeare on 9<sup>th</sup> May. The church was full for this service, which was held in place of the Plough Service which had to be cancelled due to the snow. Tiggs Pearson-Miles gave the address, and effectively demonstrated the art of hand broadcasting!

The Ascension Day service of Holy Communion was also well attended, and held at Witheleigh.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June saw Andrew and Jenny's farewell service at Calverleigh, with John leading the service, and Andrew preaching. During the course of the service, Andrew and Jenny were presented with a cheque for £565 – a gift from all of our parishes. A picnic lunch followed in the shade of the yew tree. [See their letter on page 4]

### DEANERY VISIT TO CATHEDRAL

In the planning stage is a deanery visit to Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2011. This will comprise a tour of the cathedral, a service of Evensong (3pm) and tea. If you are interested, please make a note in your diaries; more details to follow in due course.

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## DEANERY SYNOD

9<sup>th</sup> JUNE, AT TEMPLETON

We began with a talk by Andrew Godsall, a canon at Exeter Cathedral. He was amusing, relevant and thought provoking; though his jumping from subject to subject, with great speed and dexterity, makes it difficult to write a report!! He started by talking about the new training, and explaining that clergy now have continuous training and assessments, and review of their work. This must be a good thing, as it stops them from getting stale. He talked about administration and education within the church.

Andrew then talked about his life. He used to be a sound engineer working for the BBC, and compared the BBC, where everyone is equal, and on first name terms, with the church, where the rector is addressed as rector, and, when he trained, women were definitely lesser mortals than the men. (This has now changed!) Initially, he found it difficult to get his head round this change of culture. He talked about having a vision, and bringing it to reality, when creating something. On the subject of problems, he dwelt on the difference between the means and ends achieved. He also talked about the importance of connecting church with everyday life; also, that progress involves risks, and both ministers and the ministered to, should work together, taking such risks as a partnership as the work in a parish develops.

He also explained the new terms and conditions of vicars' employment. There

will be no more freehold or priest in charge, but all will have common tenure.

This was then followed by the usual 'housekeeping'.

Ann Crawford

## PARISH ROUND-UP

### Calverleigh

We start with 2 apologies concerning reports in the last magazine, one for calling Roger Abbott – Tony, and saying

we had four worship Leaders when we actually have five.

Our sympathy and prayers go to Andrew and Cheryl Webber and family on the loss of Cheryl's Grandma, Peggy Langworthy. It has only been a short time since Cheryl lost her Grandad.

Our Churchwardens and a PCC member went to the Archdeacon's Visitation at St George's Church in Tiverton.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Reverend Hugh Pollock on 28th May. Hugh was with us here in the Exe valley for many years. He will always be remembered for all the good work he did, whether he was preaching, helping

## NEW CREATION NEWS – AUGUST 2010

The Christian Marketplace has been an excellent magazine for retailers over many years. The excellent news is 'The Christian Marketplace at your Fingertips' is a new magazine for customers. This is 48 pages packed with information on BOOKS, MUSIC, DVD's; the Editor's Choice of book, album and resource, plus 12 independent book reviews; July/August copy in store so pick up yours FREE, now.

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Two reasons for a visit not enough? Then we have a third. Church of England DEVON, News from the Diocese of Exeter, August issue, has a feature on New Creation. For the first few customers with a copy of this magazine we have a FREE gift.

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To be a well informed Christian in Devon this summer you need to pay us a visit. Why not invite a friend or summer visitors to enjoy a cream tea, we will be very happy to see you. God Bless.

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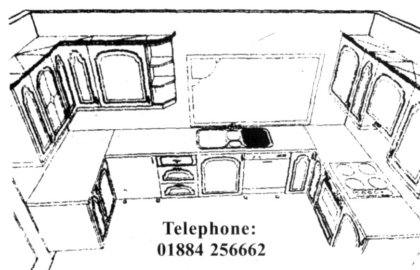
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many people, organising the young people for concerts or football etc. Every day you would see him going from village to village in the familiar Morris Traveller. In the last few years Hugh had suffered ill health but he still had the energy to come back and take some services, and he also helped at Holiday Club which he enjoyed so much. Some of us from the Exe Valley attended his funeral in Pilton on 11th June. The Church was full of people wearing "Happy Clothes", and carrying a sunflower at Hugh's request. Our love and prayers go to all of Hugh's family.

We look forward to September 11th when our new Rector will be licensed. Reverend Steven Goodbody and his wife Sarah are coming to us from Exeter. We hope that they will be happy here with us, and I am sure they will be given a very warm welcome.

Congratulations to Daniel and Robert Webber on their recent parachute jump. They were with a team from Withleigh Young Farmers who were raising money for E.L.F.

Our thoughts are with all those who are ill. Mrs Burnett has been in hospital in London for an operation but, pleased to say, she is now home and recovering well. Gillian Tucker's son, Steven, is in hospital in France and has been very ill, but is now showing a little improvement. Ron Rowe has been very poorly lately, but we hope you will soon be feeling a lot better. You are all in our prayers.

We had a fundraising day on 19th June. The weather was so good we had stalls and Car Boot Sale outside on the Green. There was also a line of coins around the Church paths. In the evening we had a Barn Dance, dancing to Lucy Lastic. We were a little thin on the ground for this, but everyone who came had a great time. We raised in the region of £456.00 on the day.

Another great shock for us all was when we heard of the sudden loss of Tony Anslow on June 11th. Tony and Pam moved into Rose Cottage nearly 4 years ago, and immediately joined in village life. They were regular worshippers at this Church, and they helped with all events. The Church was full of family and friends for Tony's funeral on June 21st. Our love goes to Pam and all the family. We will all miss him so much.

We give a warm welcome to Jim and Pauline who have now moved into The Cottage (the old school). We hope you will be very happy in your new home. Michelle and children have left The Cottage to live in Tiverton, where we hope they will be very happy.

Once again our Open Air service was a great success. Over 55 people met in the Churchyard in the shade of the yew tree to listen to the "Gospel Ship". The service was led by Nick Lineham, and Derek Herniman gave a very thought provoking talk. Hilda Forward was on the keyboard. The choir sang, and it was greatly appreciated. It was a lovely service and the afternoon rounded off with tea and cakes. There were other sporting activities taking place that afternoon, so we were truly blessed with so many people attending. Thank you to all who took part and all who helped to organise it.

The funeral took place in Calverleigh Church of Grace Herniman, the wife of the late Venerable Ronald Herniman on July 2nd. The church was full, with Bishop Bob and many Vicars from all over the district attending. Our sympathy go to all the family on this sad occasion.

The Baptism of Theo Paul James, son of Natasha and Kirston took place on July 4th. Noel is the Great Grandson of Michael and Sarah Turner. The Church was full of family and friends.

#### Notes for your Diary:

The It's a Knockout Village Competition is on August 21st at Calverleigh Hall and Green. Details and posters later.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving weekend is September 11th and 12th. On Saturday

there will be a short service at 2.30pm followed by Sports, and a Bring and Share Tea. Our Harvest service on the Sunday will be at 11.15am.

## **Cruwys Morchard**

Thank you to all who helped with the Flower Festival and scarecrow event. We saw many visitors to our parish over the bank holiday weekend; the smiling faces of all the scarecrows was a very cheery sight. The church looked amazing - thank you to all those who had worked so hard. A special thank you to Pauline Guscott for co-ordinating the event, and to Marian Kingdom and Lynette Parkhouse who did several of the arrangements.

Thank you to the Flower Show Committee and Cruwys Morchard YFC for helping at the church, and providing refreshments on the Saturday and Sunday. Refreshments were provided by the church ladies committee on Monday. Thank you to all who helped in any way. £1,306 was raised for the church. We welcomed Bishop Bob to our Songs of Praise service on the Sunday, when he took the opportunity to meet the people of our parish.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Andrew and Jenny Rose as they left the Exe Valley to return to Frinton. We wish them well and hope they have a long and happy retirement. We look forward to meeting Rev. Steven Goodbody as Rector of the Exe Valley Mission Community.

*Dear Friends,*

*From our lofty perch, 30 feet above the pavement, 30 feet from the nearest streetlight and 100 yards from the cliff top, we send our heartfelt thanks for your very generous farewell gift. We shall endeavour to buy something which will remind us of our friendship over the past three years. Our one regret so far is that it takes much longer to get to Morrisons!*

*We have learnt so much during our time with you in the Exe Valley and have been encouraged by the growth of God's kingdom over the years. We pray with you for further growth "under new management".*

*In the meantime, in the words of St Peter, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.!"*

*With our love and prayerful good wishes.*

*Andrew and Jenny*

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We say farewell to Dave and Ann Gibbs who have moved to Bickleigh; we welcome Bernard and Angela who have moved into Old Winesland.

Our congratulations to Patrick Hook and Claire Saunders whose marriage was blessed in our church in June, and we wish them a long and happy marriage.

We welcomed Edward-Lee Penfold into our church for baptism in May, and Herbert Cruwys in June.

Congratulations to Emily Cruwys and Luke McAdam on the birth of Bernard, and to Robert and Dawn Thomson on the birth of Susan.

We send best wishes for a speedy recovery to all who have been unwell or have had a stay in hospital recently. We send our condolences to Keith Milton and family on the sad loss of Elaine.

**Harvest Festival**- There will be a service in church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm, followed by sports and tea in the parish hall. From 7pm to 10pm, there will be an evening of fun and games for all the family, Brian Gibbs again doing the disco. Help is needed to prepare tea from 1pm. Will those who collect harvest donations, please do so as usual.

**Ladies Committee meeting** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at Cindy's at 7.30pm.  
**Cruwys Morchard Flower Show** - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm. Refreshments and draw.

#### Parish Hall events:

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> July, Sat 28<sup>th</sup> August & Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Bingo & 200 Club Draw - doors open 7.30, eyes down at 8pm. Dinners for full house, Cash Flyer, Children's games. All bingos are at the parish hall.

**Breakfast and Brunch Day** on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August in the Parish Hall from 7am to 2pm. Full English for £3.50 or a BIG breakfast for £5.00. If you can help, please contact Mary.

**Clay Shoot at Weeke Farm** – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August - 10am start; refreshments and draw.

**Barn Dance** on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August at Forke Farm - BBQ & Bar, dancing to local band Barracuda. Tickets £6.00 adults, £2.00 children, from Len and Cissy Tel. 01363 866578.

**Friday 3rd September SUMMER CONCERT.** New WayV and others, in concert at the parish hall. BAR opens 7pm, Concert starts 7.30pm. Refreshments & Draw. Tickets £5 (children U16 £3), includes light supper.

**Coffee morning** on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Pennymoor Chapel, 10-12noon for new hall and chapel funds.

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

This year's **Christmas Craft Fayre** – in aid of church funds will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 – 1.30. If you would like to have a stall, please contact Ann Gillbard - Tel. 01884 256415.

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

#### **Flower and Cleaning Rota**

August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> - Wendy Lake

August 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> - Penny Harvey and Vine Spragg

August 30<sup>th</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup> - Cindy Trick & Pat Cross

September 13<sup>th</sup> - Mrs J. Townsend

September 20<sup>th</sup> - Decorators for Harvest

September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup> - Ann Gillbard & Judith Taylor

#### Mowing Rota

August – David & Diana Vincent

September – Rod Chisholm

October – Roland and Sonia Notley

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## **Loxbear**

It is sad to report the death of the Rev'd Hugh Pollock, who was curate here in Loxbear from October 1968 - 1963. Being a young unmarried man, Hugh spent many hours around the parishes encouraging parishioners of all ages. He was the first minister to play the guitar, and young people flocked in to the churches. After leaving the group, Hugh joined the staff of Lee Abbey, and later moved with his family to Dressingham in Norfolk, where he sang to the Queen Mother at a W.I. meeting. In later years he worked in north and south Devon before his retirement. Hugh lived his faith to the end, and was a fine example to us all. We send our love, prayers and deepest sympathy to Simon, Katy, Isobel, Scott and their families.

Also the death of Mrs Grace Herniman, whose late husband Rev'd Ronald Herniman was the first Rector when the Exe Valley Group of churches was formed. She very ably supported her husband and worked hard in the group, and was a very wonderful lady. We send our thoughts, prayers and sympathy to all the family.

We wish Andrew and Jenny Rose God's richest blessing and every happiness as they move back to Frinton. We thank them for their ministry amongst us for the past three years. We look forward with great anticipation as to what God is going to do in our Exe Valley Mission Community, and we welcome our new Rector and his wife, Steven and Sarah Goodbody, in September.

The vacancy has meant the occasional necessity of joint services, leaving us without a service in our church. Thank you for your loyalty to your church on those occasions by bringing your offering envelopes to the next service. 2010 has brought about a steep rise in our Common Fund contribution to the

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11 am Holiday Club service in  
Calverleigh Hall

### Sunday 29th August

10.30 am Holy Communion at  
Withleigh

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON HARVEST SERVICES

11th September, 2.30 pm  
**Calverleigh**

18th September, 2 pm  
**Loxbeare**

25th September, 2.15 pm  
**Cruwys Morchard**

## OAKFORD

### 1st August

See Calverleigh

### 8th August

9.30 am Morning Prayer

### 15th August

9.30 am Holy Communion

### 22nd August

9.30 am Family Service

### 29th August

See Withleigh

### 5th September

9.30 am Holy Communion

### 12th September

9.30 am Morning Prayer

### 19th September

9.30 am Holy Communion

### 26th September

2.30 pm Harvest Festival

## RACKENFORD

### 1st August

See Calverleigh

### 8th August

11.15 am Holy Communion

### 15th August

11.15 am Join with Calverleigh

### 22nd August

9.30 am Morning Prayer

### 29th August

See Withleigh

### 5th September

11.15 am Morning Prayer

### 12th September

11.15 am Holy Communion

### 19th September

11.15 am Family Service

### 26th September

9.30 am Morning Prayer

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### 8th August

11 am Morning Prayer

### 15th August

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

### 22nd August

11 am Holy Communion

### 29th August

See Withleigh

### 5th September

11 am Morning Prayer

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11.15 am Join with Rackenford

### 19th September

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

### 26th September

11 am Holy Communion

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## CALVERLEIGH

### 1st August

11 am Holiday Club Service

### 8th August

9.30 am Holy Communion

### 15th August

11.15 am Family Service

### 22nd August

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

### 29th August

See Witleigh

### 5th September

11.15 am Morning Worship

### 12th September

11.15 am Harvest Festival

### 19th September

9.30 am Holy Communion

### 26th September

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

## CRUWYS MORCHARD

### 1st August

See Calverleigh

### 8th August

11 am Family Service

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11 am Family Service

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9.30 am Holy Communion

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11 am Harvest Festival

## LOXBEARE

### 1st August

See Calverleigh

### 8th August

11 am Family Service

### 15th August

6.30 pm Evening Praise

### 22nd August

11 am Family Service

### 29th August

See Witleigh

### 5th September

9.30 am Family Communion

### 12th September

11 am Family Service

### 19th September

11 am Harvest Praise

### 26th September

11 am Family Service

## TEMPLETON

### 1st August

See Calverleigh

### 15th August

11 am Family Service

### 22nd August

11 am Holy Communion by extension (Anna Hansford)

### 29th August

See Witleigh

### 5th September

9.30 am Holy Communion

### 19th September

11 am Family Service

### 26th September

11 am Morning Prayer

## WASHFIELD

### 1st August

See Calverleigh

### 8th August

11 am Morning Prayer

### 15th August

11 am Family Service

### 22nd August

9.30 am Holy Communion

### 29th August

See Witleigh

### 5th September

2.30 pm Harvest Festival

### 12th September

6 pm Evening Prayer

### 19th September

11 am Family Service

### 26th September

9.30 am Holy Communion

## WITHLEIGH

### 1st August

See Calverleigh

### 8th August

11 am Family Service

### 15th August

11 am Holy Communion by extension (Anna Hansford)

### 22nd August

9.30 am Morning Worship

### 29th August

10.30 am Group Holy Communion

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Diocese, and higher electricity prices, which has meant that the average cost of running the church has risen to over £600 per month. Thank you all for your support.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> we welcomed into the church family Evie Jane Heywood, second daughter of Les and Ly Heywood and granddaughter of Gerald and Linda. It was a lovely service, taken by John, and we continue to pray God's love and blessing on Evie's life.

Our love and congratulations to Ron and Margaret Tidball, who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary in September. Belated congratulations to Ron and Rosemary Perry on their Ruby Wedding at the end of June. Best wishes to all with birthdays and anniversaries.

We continue to pray for Eda Gooding, Steve Troake, Richard Heywood and all who are feeling unwell. We send you all our love and best wishes and hope you will soon be back to good health soon.

The prayer team are available to pray for anyone with particular concerns or needs, after each Church Service. Also there is a book in the church for those who prefer to write prayer requests for themselves or others. This can be anonymous if preferred. October 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a special prayer day in the church from 11 am – 4 pm. Anyone will be welcome to come and pray, or be prayed for.

In May we had a barbeque supper at Lower Ingrams, followed by Songs of Praise. On June 13<sup>th</sup> we held an informal family service in the village hall, preceded by a continental-style breakfast.

Loxbeare Women's Bible Study Group will meet again on September 28<sup>th</sup> after the summer break. We shall be looking at Paul's letter to the Colossians, in six studies taking us up to Christmas. The series is entitled "Confident Christianity" and we shall be finding out from St. Paul the way to grow and be fruitful as a Christian believer, starting from an understanding of exactly who Jesus Christ

is – the awesome ruler of the universe who became man to reconcile us to God.

#### Other dates:

3<sup>rd</sup> August a games evening at Woolacombe. Contact Ron on 881362 for details.

14<sup>th</sup> August Village B.B.Q. at Ron and Margaret's at 7.30 pm. Tickets: adults £5, children £3, from Pat Dalby on 881332.

22<sup>nd</sup> August a continental-style breakfast from 10 a.m. onwards, followed by an informal family service, both in the village hall.

8<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Service at 2 pm., followed by games and tea.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Harvest Praise this year will be at 11 am.

Harvest Supper on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 pm for 7.30 p. Tickets from Carol Radford on 881480.

#### Loxbeare ladies:-

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Canal Walk followed by a ploughman's at the Tea Pot Cafe. 5 p.m. start. Contact Sue Troake 259496.

September 6<sup>th</sup> Quiz combined with a pie and pudding evening at the Village Hall. 7 pm for 7.30 pm start. Cost 50p. Contact Viv Abbott on 881209.

## **Oakford**

Although it seems a while away, Harvest is the next big festival in the church. The Harvest service will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm, with tea afterwards at the back of the church.

The Harvest supper will take place on Monday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the village hall, with an auction of produce, given at the Harvest Festival, afterwards. Tickets £5.00. All are welcome. Please phone 351383 for details.

We welcome the new family in Chapel House, and hope you will soon settle down to life in the village.

On a sad note, we were sorry to hear of the death of John Dowsett, and our sympathies are with Brenda and the family.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, twelve gardens were opened in and around the village. With a sunny day, and cream teas in the village hall, over 100 people enjoyed visiting the varied and beautiful gardens. It was a great success and raised £1,400 for Children's Hospice Southwest.

The weather was absolutely glorious for the village fete which took place on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The stalls were well supported, the children were entertained by the magician, and great fun was had in the races - especially the egg-throwing. It was a great success, as was the evening event which was a 'bring and share' supper, with entertainment by the local group 'Just Us'. Thank you to all who helped and supported it. Some of the proceeds will be given to the Devon Air Ambulance (£200) and to the Exeter Hospice in memory of John Dowsett (£200).

#### Forthcoming events

August 7<sup>th</sup> Table Top and Car Boot sale at the village hall. Sellers 1pm. Buyers 2pm. Cream teas available.

Moorland Club August 12<sup>th</sup> Rag Rugging with Deborah Hastings

September 9<sup>th</sup> Life in Africa

Oakford & District Flower and Produce Show Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Organized by the ladies of the Moorland Club. Open to anyone in Oakford and surrounding areas. Entries to be staged by exhibitors between 9am and 11.30am; Open to the public at 2.30pm. Entry forms must be in by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Contact Chris on 01398 351573 for details.

There will be a Village Hall social event sometime in September.

October 16<sup>th</sup> A 60's and 70's evening in the village hall in aid of Children's Hospice South West.

Please look out for posters for these events.

## **Rackenford**

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Lawrence who has been in hospital. You are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

The sponsored walk took place on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many thanks to Liz Paxton, who has now taken over from Herbert. We haven't got a final figure yet, but the walkers did well, and it was a great success in more ways than one. The weather was on our side for a change, and the walk around Wimbleball Lake was enjoyed by all who gave their time and supported this event. Many thanks to all walkers, sponsors, and those who helped with transport.

Rackenford School Fete was held in the school playground, with numerous stalls. The fete started with a gymnastics display which was a delight to see. The weather was beautiful, and over £700 was raised.

The Sports Day was blessed with another beautiful day, with gazebo and ice cold drinks, etc., keeping the children as cool as possible as their families cheered them on - a lovely display of sportsmanship. The parents also joined in some races!!

A warm welcome to Rob, Jack and Olivia Stuckey, who have moved into 'Hedgelands'.

It's nice to see the inside of the church path hedge cut. Many thanks to whoever did the job. Many thanks once again to Evan Baillie for all his hard work in cutting the churchyard and banks, and keeping it so nice - especially difficult in the midst of the heat.

We are pleased to hear that a new rector has been appointed - Rev. Steve Goodbody. We look forward to meeting him.

The Bingos continue to do well; many thanks to everyone who give us their support.

Congratulations to anyone celebrating special birthdays, anniversaries etc.

Our prayers to all who mourn, are lonely, sad or depressed. We remember you all.

Advance Notice: Bishop Bob (Bishop of Crediton) will be preaching at the Harvest

Songs of Praise on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2010....only 4 months away!!!

## Stoodleigh

The Arts & Crafts Festival held on 3rd & 4th July was an opportunity for visitors to see and appreciate the work of local residents - paintings, photographs, metalwork, skilled craft work, carpentry, millinery, poetry, medicine, music, jewellery, and needlework, with impressive flower arrangements, offering individual interpretations of different aspects of the Arts.

The evening concert was quite a revelation with musical duets, a singing group and a variety of readings including a spellbinding original short story, with hand-bells also ringing out, making a memorable event!

The sun shone on the 12th June for the Village Fun Day and it was indeed a "Fun Day". There was something for everyone to enjoy with delicious free teas, thanks to a SWAG donation. The children's tug-of-war was possibly the highlight of the afternoon. Many thanks to the organisers.

Our best wishes for their future happiness go to Charlotte Alice Scholes and Benjamin Richard Holt who were married at St Margaret's on 29th May.

We extend a warm welcome to Mr & Mrs Jones who have come to live at Langdale, and to Mr & Mrs Titchener and family who have just taken up residence at The Old Farmhouse. We hope you will be very happy in Stoodleigh.

There will be a Ploughman's Lunch and Walk on Monday 30th August from 12 noon at Parkhouse Water, in aid of Church Funds. Thanks to Margaret Cunningham and Julian.

Stoodleigh Parish Hall - the Management Committee is delighted to report a successful couple of months. The Progressive Supper, organised jointly with the Church, on 28th May was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The Hall received £220

(half the profit). Thank you to the hosts for the evening, those who provided food, and the diners who took part. The Mid-Summer Market and Coffee morning, on 26th June, raised £303.25 towards the refurbishment fund. Thank you to all those who in any way supported the event.

Three more volunteers have increased the Committee to ten members, bringing extra enthusiasm to furthering our refurbishment project. Extra volunteers and helpers are always welcome, though we are aware that the Parish Hall is not the only fundraising group in the village.

Classes will resume in the Hall in the autumn - Line Dancing - Thursday 2nd September  
Pilates - Monday 13th September.

Wine-Tasting and a Festive Market is planned for the autumn - watch the notice-boards for dates and details.  
Ring Geraldine Talbot 01398 351391, if you wish to use the Hall for any event.

Stoodleigh 100 Club - June prize-winners were - 1st John Shepherd, 2nd Richard Hill, 3rd John Fewings.

The August Draw will take place at the Ploughman's Lunch on 30th August. You can still join if you wish - contact Christine Palfrey - 01398 351271.

SWAG - The visit to Thelbridge Glassworks, and dinner afterwards at the Thelbridge Arms, was well-supported, informative and enjoyable. Diary Date - Friday 29th October, 7.30pm Village Hall, The Panama Jazz Kings.

Sponsored Walk - Record broken by a staggering 51 minutes! Jennifer completed her 31 mile perambulation of the Royal Forest of Exmoor in 9 hours 15 minutes and to date has raised over £632 in sponsorship. The 19th June was an ideal day for walking; overcast but dry with a light breeze. This, combined with being dry underfoot, helped to speed things along. No blisters this year! After a day of rest on Sunday, aching muscles were back to normal. Grateful thanks from Jennifer to all who sponsored her, and especially to



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Liz at the Club for a wonderful finale to a long day.

The Bell Fund - The total is now £32,600. An application has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Faculty has been approved. A group from Dulverton NADFAS were greatly impressed by the church and its artefacts. The use of a "mirror trolley" allows a much more comfortable way of viewing the bosses. The display board shows intriguing details of the bosses and of the "green man" foliate head wall plates. Visit and enjoy St. Margaret's.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Church Fete has been cancelled.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service is at 11.00a.m. Sunday 3rd October. Harvest Supper (with auction) in the Village Hall on Monday 4th October at 7pm.

#### Flower Rota:

7th August - D. Ayre,  
14th & 21st August - A Rigg,  
28th August - B. Wotton,  
11th September - P. Hill,  
18th & 25th September - D. Ayre,  
2nd October - Harvest,  
9th & 16th October - L. Hill,  
23rd & 30th October - B. Wotton.

#### Stoodleigh Club - Lizzie reports -

Sunday 29th August - A Lawn-Mower Race, with food available all day. Open from 12 noon.

Sunday 5th September - open from 12 noon, with roast lunches (please book ahead). From 3pm an afternoon of Quizzes and Bingo all in aid of Devon Air Ambulance. Their representatives will be with us to receive a cheque for all the monies raised at the Club. Please support this worthy cause.

## Templeton

OUR CHURCH MIGHT CLOSE WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

A survey has shown that many people living in Templeton would not want to

lose our village church, whether it be for historical, traditional reasons, or for family christenings, marriages, and funerals, but unfortunately the truth is it will close if we don't all work together to prevent this happening.

For those who are unaware of its history, a church has been on this site for 700 years. Originally it was built by wealthy knights returning from the Crusades in the Holy Land, and it was named St. Margret, after St. Margret of Antioch, by the Knights Templar in the late 13th century.

Many feel it is worth preserving and, to that end, a group met on 21st June when the Treasurer informed us that this year's deficit was £3,000. A recent inspection of the church has shown that many repairs are needed, some quite urgently. These include the Tower and the Bell Chamber, which would cost well over £20,000. Our church cannot afford this, and has indeed been struggling for some time to meet repair and running costs. Therefore, to start this enterprise, the first phase will be launched at the Templeton Fete in August. Those who are unable to attend will be contacted. We do hope you can support our village church.

We were sorry to see the Rev'd Andrew and Jenny Rose leave the Exe Valley in June, but we look forward to welcoming Rev'd Steven Goodbody and his wife Sarah in September.

We send our love and thoughts to Len and Margaret Reed on the death of their daughter Elaine on 3rd June. We were sad to hear that the Rev'd Victor Taylor has passed away on June 8th after a long illness. Victor had been a missionary in China and had occasionally taken services at Templeton Church. We remember his wife Pat at this time.

On a happier note we would like to congratulate Philidia and Martin Strong on the birth of their second grandson, Luca.

Our Annual Fete will be on August 14th, opening at 1.30pm. There will be an

auction as well as all the usual attractions. We hope that you will come and support us.

The Country and Western evening will take place on the 22nd and 23rd October. If you would like to take part or help in any way, please contact Sue Coffin on 860369

#### Flower and Cleaning Rota:

Teresa Pancherz	1st - 8th August
Sarah Coffin	15th - 23rd August
Audrey Mcinerney	29th August - 5th September
Lynda Newnes	12th - 19th Sept.
Sara Floyd	26th September - 3rd October

## Washfield

We were pleased to learn of the appointment of the Rev. Steven Goodbody as the new rector for the Exe Valley Mission Community. Our new rector has agreed to preach at Washfield's Family service at 11am on Sunday 19th September. It is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will attend, to meet and extend a warm welcome to Steven and his wife, Sarah. Posters will give details of all arrangements.

We were again blessed with a fine day for our annual church fete. We were welcomed to the lawns of the Old Rectory with the church bells resonating in the background and the melodious music of the Tiverton Concert Band in the garden. Mrs Holmes declared the fete open, and she was presented with a basket of flowers by little Matilda Herniman as a thank you. A large crowd came to support the event, emptying the stalls and enjoying the sideshows and bouncy castle. A delicious tea was served, as usual, in the hall. The generosity, always apparent at such events, never fails to amaze us. The PCC wishes to thank Bronson and Camilla Albery for welcoming us to their home, also to all helpers and stall holders, sideshow

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organisers and the tea ladies and others who worked so hard in setting the scene beforehand. Thanks also to Denise Wood for the use of the field for car parking. The great sum of £880 was raised.

We send much sympathy to Andrew Herniman, his sisters Charis and Christa and their families, on the death of Mrs Grace Herniman. Grace came to live in Washfield in 1961 when her husband, the Rev. Ronald Herniman was appointed to the post of Rector. After a few weeks he became the Rector of Stoodleigh also, and, shortly after, the first Group of churches in the diocese was set up with the Rev. Herniman in charge. Mrs Herniman was always very involved with church and village events, running a monthly Thursday Club at the Rectory. Ronald and Grace instigated this very magazine, printing it out between them at the Rectory on an old Adana printing press! (As they say: even a marathon starts with small steps) We send sympathy and love to all her devoted family.

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival this year on SUNDAY September 5<sup>th</sup>. It will begin with a 2.30pm service in the church and then to the Old Rectory gardens for the sports followed by a Bring and Share tea in the village hall. Decorating of the church will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> (any donations of produce would be gratefully appreciated).

The Social Club's annual Garden Show takes place on Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope you have been sowing and growing!! Schedules are available from Gill Robinson 01884 253589.

Prayers and caring thoughts are sent to all coping with illness, difficulties and pain at present.

Happy congratulations are sent to Sarah and James Herniman as they rejoice in the arrival of baby Gilbert (a brother for Matilda).

The Social Club celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August, and a party is planned to mark this occasion. Tickets for the evening are £5 (to include a freshly cooked fish and chip supper provided by a visiting van). Dancing to Oliver's disco will burn off the calories of the food, and there will be a raffle. Look out for posters. Tickets (to be purchased in advance) are available from Social Club committee members.

The Memorial Hall committee are pleased to be hosting an evening with the much sought after Men of Morchard. It promises to be a fun evening of music and laughter with the accomplished singers. A light supper is included in the £8 ticket price so snap up yours quickly before they go! Available from Anne Moore or other hall committee members.

#### Dates for your diary

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August Garden Club's Annual Show

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August Lunch Club 12 noon for 12.30

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August Social Club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary party night. Tickets £5 - from any of the committee. Come and celebrate with us and enjoy the fish and chip supper included in the ticket price. Disco and raffle too.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Festival service (2.30pm), sports and tea.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, Concert with the 'Men of Morchard'; Tickets £8, to include light supper, from Anne Moore 255298.

#### Church Flower Rota

July 25 <sup>th</sup> /August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Cockram
August 8 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Moore
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Bassano
September 5 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs E Arnold
September 19 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Boundy

#### Church Cleaning Rota

August 1 <sup>st</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	Mr and Mrs McCahon
August 15 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs French
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup> /Sep 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Arnold/Mrs Bicknell
Sep 12 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Jones/Mrs Harding
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Horsey

## **Withleigh**

The PCC dinner on 12<sup>th</sup> May, at Lower Ford Farm, went down very well (how else?!). Our grateful thanks once again to Janet Sellick for organising this annual social event.

Paul and Elizabeth would like to thank all who supported their coffee morning on 5<sup>th</sup> June. The total sum of £215 raised has been equally divided between St Catherine's redecoration fund and Thika Orphans and Grandparents Society.

The Village Hall AGM was also held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Thank-you to all who attended the meeting, supporting the hall

committee in their work to keep our hall so well looked after. Thank you to Duncan Kittow who agreed to stay as chairman, also to Christine Luxton as secretary and Lynn Judd as treasurer, for agreeing to carry on the good work. Also thanks to all of the committee, especially Michael & Linda Taylor who have decided to take a well earned break - thank you for all of your hard work.

A lovely morning greeted us for our Open Garden's day though, unfortunately, a few showers came our way during the afternoon, but this did not dampen the spirits, and everyone who toured the gardens had an enjoyable day. The gardens were varied and inspirational, reaching high standards. The guess is that some of the visitors will be re-thinking their own gardens but, there again, when all is said and done, more is usually said than done! The theory is OK; it's the practical that's the tricky bit!

The 160 people who visited the gardens also went home well fed and watered, as many of the gardeners put on food and drinks. Thank you to all of the parishioners who opened their gardens for the day, especially Henry, Shirley and family for the lunches, Harry, Sylvia and family for the Cream Teas, Christine, Sara, Kate, Louise, Rosie, Mary, Margaret, Ray, Lynn, & Gill for food and drinks at the various venues. The total money raised was £1,250, which will be put towards the redecorating of St Catherine's.

Don't forget our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Garden & Produce show, on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Doors open at 7.30pm to look around the show entries, and also for the BBQ (please bring your own drinks). Your help is also needed to help judge one of the cake classes! Show exhibits will be on display until 9pm, when the presentation of awards will be made.

Our September social evening on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September will be a Rounders evening followed by a Hot Supper in the Hall. The rounders will begin at 7.30pm in the field opposite the hall.

Partly due to the licensing service on the evening of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, and also the general drop in support for the Saturday service, sports and tea last year, the PCC decided that our Harvest celebrations this year will be restricted to the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am, and the Harvest Supper and

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#### Forthcoming events:

31<sup>st</sup> July - Garden & Produce Show at 7.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> September - Rounders followed by Hot Supper at 7.30pm.

12<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival service at 11am.

13<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Supper - 7.30 for 8pm.

#### Flower rota

Aug	1 <sup>st</sup> )	Linda Taylor
	8 <sup>th</sup> )	
Aug	15 <sup>th</sup> )	Shirley Cruwys
	22 <sup>nd</sup> )	
Aug	29 <sup>th</sup> )	Ann Gornall
Sept	5 <sup>th</sup> )	
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