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## CELEBRATING SIXTY YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS

her husband has been a great help, but her clear Christian faith appears to be the bedrock upon which her long reign has been built.

As Her Majesty once revealed:

*"For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example".*

Her faithfulness is rooted in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. And the good news that Christ's teaching brings us is the promise of forgiveness for our lack of faith. The Queen emphasised this in her most recent Christmas message:

*"God sent into the world a unique person - neither a philosopher nor a general, important though*

*they are, but a Saviour, with the power to forgive. Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love".*

The tasks that God calls us to fulfil may be very modest when compared to the Queen's many years of service, and yet we can all learn from her example of faithfulness, inspired by commitment to Jesus Christ. And we all need to claim that promise of forgiveness for the times when we have abandoned our responsibilities and ignored God's call on our lives.

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1v9)*

Steve

Whether we are fervent royalists or frustrated republicans, we must all surely admire the great faithfulness that the Queen has demonstrated over her six decades of public service. She has experienced difficult times in the life of our nation, as well as within her own family, and yet she has persevered in fulfilling the unique role to which she was appointed.

This level of consistent commitment is highly unusual. We seem to have become a nation of quitters. If a job is too challenging, we abandon it. If a marriage goes through tough times, we give up on it. If doing the right thing is demanding, we do the wrong thing instead. Our national motto has become: 'If at first you don't succeed...give up'.

So what is it that has allowed the Queen to remain faithful to her calling? No doubt the constant support of

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# The Diamond Jubilee Prayer

*The following Prayer, written at The Queen's direction by the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, will be used in the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 5 June.*

God of time and eternity,  
whose Son reigns as servant, not master;  
we give you thanks and praise  
that you have blessed this Nation, the Realms and Territories  
with Elizabeth  
our beloved and glorious Queen.  
In this year of Jubilee,  
grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace  
as she continues in faithful obedience to you, her Lord and God  
and in devoted service to her lands and peoples,  
and those of the Commonwealth,  
now and all the days of her life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## EDITORIAL

**O** Danny Boy, the pipes are calling.....  
As if sorting out the service rotas for our churches with regard to worship leaders were an insufficient issue, there are occasions when finding an organist can compound the problem. Is there anybody out there, or do you know of somebody who would be prepared to cover for holidays or sickness, the latter possibly at short notice. It would be useful to have a list of those who are prepared to help out in this way. Please let myself and Elizabeth know if you are willing, or know someone who is (01884-253473).

The Mission Community – by the time this appears in print, a new series of fortnightly home-groups will have begun, both at Withleigh Rectory and Stoodleigh Vicarage. On the Wednesdays in between, a fortnightly Prayer Meeting for the

Mission Community will also have commenced, at East Sidborough. The dates of both can be found on page 8.

Many of you will, no doubt, remember Rev. Anne Derbyshire who was a minister in the Exe Valley prior to her retirement to Weymouth eight years ago. Elizabeth and I visited her on the wettest, windiest Sunday at the end of April! It is fair to say she is not in the best of health, but maintains a keen interest in our mission community – in fact, she seems to know as much as we do! She asked us to pass on her good wishes to all who remember her.

*Paul*

## HOLIDAY CLUB 2012

**T**his year's Holiday club is called "Champion's Challenge" and it is all about learning what it means for Jesus to be our champion. The Olympics will be

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very much part of our activities, with lots of games and challenges, as well as songs, stories, crafts and new friends to meet.

We will again this year be pre-registering children, and numbers will be limited; all are welcome, but priority will be given to those who attend Fish Club and those who are associated with the Exe Valley Mission Community. If you have children aged 5-11 who would like to come to the Holiday Club, registration forms will be available through your church or from Cindy (01363 866621).

Can you help with Holiday Club, even if it is only one morning or afternoon? We also need people to operate puppets, help with sports and games, crafts, help make tea, etc, etc. We also need people who are First Aid trained. If you are over 16 (though we may need one or two slightly younger helpers) and can offer any help, please contact Cindy Trick (01363 866621).

This year our Sunday Service will be followed by a picnic and a fun afternoon, with games and activities for all the family to join in. Don't miss it!

### ANN'S NATURE NOTES

This is the time of high summer. Time when one lies on the warm grass looking up at the blue sky, watching a few fluffy clouds blowing gently across, and listening to the hum of bees and enjoying the smell of newly mown hay. Am I being optimistic?

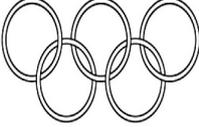
In fact it is rather an in between time, the spring flowers of Cow Parsley, Bluebells and hedge Garlic are a memory, and we await the Willow Herb and Hogweed. This is the time of climbers like Dog Roses, Honeysuckle and Travellers' Joy, and Shrubs such as Guelder Rose, and now is the time to pick Elderflowers to make that delicious Cordial. Now you will see

Poppies in the fields which have not been heavily fertilised, and the large Ox-eye Daisies in the hedgerows, and Meadowsweet is coming out in the damper places. It would seem to be a domination of white flowers.

Some of the Butterflies are starting to emerge, Meadow Brown, Tortoiseshells

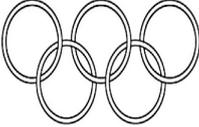
and Common Blue, to mention the more common ones.

The migrant birds have now settled, and are busy nesting and feeding their young. The resident birds may be coping with their second brood. They are all far too busy tending their young, so there is no time for them to sing; anyway they have



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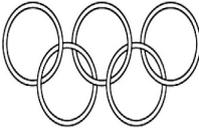
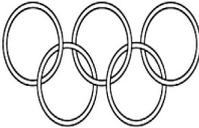
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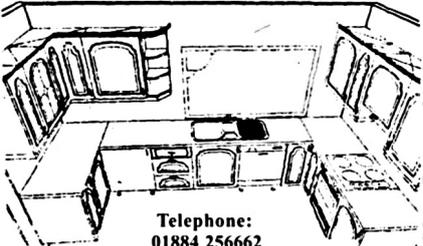
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found their mate and have their own territories. The little birds are often in the tree-tops feeding on aphids and caterpillars there; they are very acrobatic and fun to watch, but difficult to identify. The Blackbirds are digging for worms, if the ground is not too hard, and then the larger birds are feeding their young on the results of raids on other smaller birds' nests.

For the walk for the month, I would suggest a day on one of the local moors, Dartmoor, Exmoor or Molland Moor, but take your map and make sure you know where you are going and follow the footpath. Most are well marked.

Ann



## DISCOVER BELL RINGING

An appeal to all in the Exe Valley Mission Community, and anyone else interested.

Bell ringing is an ancient art, over 400 years old, and there are over 4,000 churches in the UK with bells hung for ringing. Once gained, bell ringing is a skill for life you will never forget, and it can open up a lifetime of experiences and enjoyment. Learning to ring is all about technique - much more than it is about strength or mathematical ability.

Learn to ring and you will find an enormous number of opportunities open to you, both social and in visiting churches in other localities. Bell ringing is obviously part of a church and its services - the half hour call to a service is one of the pleasant sounds on a Sunday. Bells are rung for weddings and occasionally funerals, and other celebrations. As a ringer, you are welcomed as a visitor in other towers.

The Stoodleigh bells have recently been re-hung in a new frame and are a light peal, the tenor (heaviest) just 7cwt. Age is no limit (although height could be a problem with very young children, but at the upper end my brother, for example, learned when he was over 60!). Lapsed ringers, experienced ringers, and especially those interested in learning - you are all very welcome.

So.... come to Stoodleigh on Thursday 12th July at 7pm and find out more. You will be able to watch the bells being rung, go up the tower to see them and have a go at ringing.

Jennifer Rowlandson

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

### Calverleigh

We had a full Church for our Mothering Sunday service. It was good to see more children joining us and collecting posies from the Altar to give to mums, grans, aunties, etc. It was also a very special day for Joshua Thomas Longmire, who was baptised during the service by Rev. Godfrey Bell. David and Michelle are Joshua's parents and Derek and Mary



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Herniman are his great Grandparents. Thank you Vanessa for the flowers in the Church, they looked beautiful. Many thanks to all who made posies, and thank you to Joshua's family for taking such an active part in the service. A very special thank you to Godfrey for taking the service.

The Agape meal this year was hosted by Washfield. The ladies worked very hard preparing and serving this meal. About 50 people attended. Thank you, Washfield.

The Church was once again beautifully decorated for Easter, and Bishop Bob wrote and praised the ladies for their hard work. We had a very good attendance for our Easter Day Communion.

The APCM was held on April 17th in the Church. It was chaired by Steve, there were two Churchwardens and PCC members present plus two from the general public. After the Parishioners meeting we held the annual PCC meeting where we re-appointed our two very efficient Churchwardens, Aubrey Goldsworthy and Jackie Herniman. We have the same members on the PCC with the addition of David Burton whom we welcome and look forward to working with in the future.

Our heating, lighting and rewiring are now complete, but there are still other tasks that will need attention, so there is still a great need to fundraise to enable us to keep our Church running smoothly. Our Treasurer informs us that it costs considerably more to run our Church than the money we receive from our weekly collections.

We have to thank all the volunteers who cut the grass and keep our Churchyard looking so good, without you we would have a bill every year for that service; we are so grateful to you all, you do such a wonderful job.

We have just had our Annual Spring Clean of the Church. The faithful band of

cleaners turned up, scrubbed, swept and polished all the morning with just a short break for coffee and biscuits. Our ladies on the cleaning rota do a first class job every week, but the spring-clean is just a little extra top up.

We hope the two young people that have had accidents lately are on the road to recovery.

Our prayers are with those who are ill, thinking especially of Mary Greenslade who at present is in the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. She has been very poorly, and we hope that she will soon be feeling much better.

Our thoughts are also with all who are now in care homes, thinking of Joan Ayre, Betty Slade, Susan Luffman and Leonard Elston. We are also thinking of Mary Walker who is ill at home and needs constant care.

Best wishes to Tasha Goldsworthy as she starts her new job in Tiverton.

On Sunday June 3rd we have a special service in our Church to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of our Queen. The service is at 11.15 am and this will be followed by celebration cake, sparkling wine, tea and coffee in the Church. Please come and join us.

Do not forget the Cheese and Wine evening at Calverleigh Court (By kind permission of Sir Ian and Lady Louise Amory) on June 29th, 7pm-9.30pm. Limited tickets can be obtained from Churchwardens or PCC members. Tickets are £5 each to include a glass of wine and savouries. There will be a draw. Please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

## ***Cruwys Morchard***

Our annual Church meeting was held in March. Thank you to all who help to keep the church and churchyard looking so well cared for and welcoming throughout the year.

On Mothering Sunday we were very pleased to welcome Cruwys Morchard Young Farmers to lead our service. They were ably led by Richard Stanbury who gave a very interesting talk, assisted by the young farmers, on Mothers. It was lovely to see so many young people taking part. The service was very well attended, and the posies of flowers were very much appreciated by all the Mums. Thank you to the ladies for providing the posies.

It was good to see so many at our Easter Service this year as we celebrated the risen Lord.

On Easter Monday a coffee morning was held at the Cruwys Arms for church funds. Despite the rain, the morning was very successful in raising £361.00. Thank you to all who came to support it, and to everyone who helped in any way. A special thank you to Rod and Val Randerson for their hospitality. The children enjoyed the Easter craft activities that were on offer.

We will be holding a Songs of Praise service at 6.30pm on Sunday 3rd June to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Please let Sarah Cruwys or Diana Vincent know if you have a favourite hymn you would like included in the service.

On Sunday 3rd June there will be a Street Party in Pennymoor to celebrate our Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Tables and some chairs will be laid out in the street, and everyone in the Parish is welcome to come along. It will be a bring-and-share

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

lunch, starting at 12.00 noon. If you have picnic chairs, please bring them with you, as well. We are hoping to have a bouncy castle for the children to play on, but parents will be responsible for the safety of their own child/children. If the weather is bad, the party will move to the Parish Hall.

On Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, the Ladies' committee will be providing a 'free' lunch to parishioners who are over 65. If you would like to come and see old friends and meet new ones, and be well fed, please ring Di on 01363 860227 or Val on 01363 866662, and make your reservation! If transport is a problem, please tell us when you ring and we will arrange for you to be picked up.

Congratulations to Emily Cruwys and Luke McAdam on the birth of their daughter Celeste. We keep in our prayers all those in our parish who are unwell and those who care for them.

On Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, Cruwys Morchard Young Farmers Club won the National Final of the Street Dance Competition at Torquay. Competing against stiff opposition from seven other teams, the team of thirteen performed their routine perfectly and wowed the crowd with all their "tricks" and their costumes. On completion of the dance, Matt Baker, from Countryfile and The One Show, said that he was amazed at the routine and all the "tricks" that the team performed, and he would happily take them to the opening of the 2012 Olympics, which had to be in the theme of the performance.

Cruwys Morchard YFC started their street dance journey back at the end of February where they were selected to represent the area at the County Finals, in which they came first, and went on to be the Devon Team at the South West Area Finals at Weston-Super-Mare which success, at the beginning of March, brought them to the National Finals.

The maximum points that could be achieved in the Competition were 120 and Cruwys Morchard gained 108, nine points ahead of the team that came second! The team were absolutely overjoyed with their success, and were all a credit to the Club.

Their continual practice of the dance routine over many nights during the past weeks certainly paid off, and a lot of fun was had!!! Special thanks must go to Lynnette Parkhouse and Sue Arthurs for all their time and hard work with costumes and the dance routine.

### Ladies Who Lunch

Our next date for lunch is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 12.30 - 2.00 at Hollowmoor Farm. It is a chance for women of any age in Cruwys Morchard parish to have some time out, fun and catch up over a very informal bring and share lunch. If it is good weather, we may be able to sit in the garden! The cost is £5 per person, and all of this goes to a local charity, which we decide on together at the lunch. We hope you can join us, and if you would like to find out more, please ring Judith on 01363 860056 or Jenni on 01363 866017.

### Forthcoming Events

PCC Meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of May at Wringsland House at 7.30pm.

Church Fete at the Parish Hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm, stalls to include refreshments, cakes, books, white elephant, plants, coloured stall, games and sideshows

Breakfast and Brunch - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August - village hall.

The Cruwys Morchard Flower show is on Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm. if you would like a schedule and entry form please contact Pauline Guscott Tel. 01363 866754

### Bingo Dates

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August

PLEASE NOTE: Bingos are at the parish hall and are for Parish Hall Funds, (running costs of existing hall), unless stated otherwise.

### Flower and Cleaning Rota

May 7 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Cruwys -
May 21 <sup>st</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup>	Vine Spragg
June 4 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>	Diana Vincent and Val Randerson
June 18 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Trick and Pat Cross
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> and July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Lake

### Mowing Rota

May	Lee and Hilary Tosdevin
June	Steve Guscott
July	Dave Berry
August	Dave and Di Vincent
September	Rod Chisholm
October	The Notleys

## **Loxbear**

On April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Group Service at Oakford we had the joy of witnessing the confirmation of Liz Haywood, Dawn & Lucy Radford, with two from Bampton, by Bishop Michael. Our love and prayers are with them as they follow the Christian way of life. It was a lovely service, meaningful and personal, led by Steve with Bishop Michael speaking on love.

In April we had Margo Greenwood from Exeter to share and update us on the very important work of Tear Fund in meeting people's needs around the world. A total of £268 was given with other donations promised.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Family Service at 11am Natalie Husk will be speaking to us about the Leprosy Mission Work. The offering will be towards this work. Natalie very bravely completed the South West Coastal Path walk last year, raising in excess of £10,000 for the leprosy mission.

The Ladies Bible Study Group is now breaking for the summer months, starting up again in September.

We send our love and deepest sympathy to Jack and Janice Page on the loss of Janice's mother. We pray for Chris, recovering from a major operation, and to all who are feeling unwell - Pauline, Richard, Steve and Ella and anyone else who is suffering ill health at the moment.

Congratulations to Maurice and Marlene Taylor on the birth of their great grandson Louis born on 4<sup>th</sup> May to James and Donna Taylor. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to all celebrating during June and July.



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## NEW CREATION NEWS - JUNE 2012

"Faithful One, so unchanging..." † We have sung that so many times! But do we believe it? On many occasions since New Creation opened we have experienced, and still experience, God's provision for this outreach work in the area. (\*see below) So, yes, we do believe it!

Paul, writing to the Philippians, says:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God ..."

So each day begins with prayer. On Thursdays, upstairs in the front room, the whole morning is devoted to praise, thanksgiving and prayer - for the world, our country, and the local area including all the Christian fellowships and their leaders. We invite you to join with us either in the shop or at home but, please, also include prayers for the work here. There is a great need for God's word to get out into the community and we pray for a great awakening throughout the area. We give thanks for the many people who have supported this ministry over the years. New Creation came into being as a resource centre for all the local Christians to use in their efforts to spread the Gospel. Please help us to continue with this work.

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We welcome Mark and Liz Lewis to Leightown and hope you will be very happy in your new home.

Jean wishes to thank all those who supported and helped in any way at her coffee morning, and for all who donated. Monies raised went towards Open Doors and the Village Hall.

The progressive meal held on April 20th in aid of the Village Hall raised £341.63. A big thank you to all who hosted, and provided the lovely food. A very enjoyable evening.

A reminder of our Jubilee Celebrations which begin on Sunday the 3rd June at

11am with a Family Service of Thanksgiving. On Monday the 4th June we will be having a celebratory lunch, weather permitting, in front of the church 12.00 for 12.30pm with a bring and share buffet-savoury and cakes. Bring your own drinks. There will be a presentation of mugs for the children of the village at 1.30pm followed by games. Fancy dress optional. In the evening a BBQ will be held in the field at the top entrance of West Sidborough at 8.30pm. Admission - Adults £2.50, children free, to include BBQ food. Again bring your own drinks. Lighting of the beacon will be 10.00 - 10.30pm.

The walking group have enjoyed walks around Chevithorne and then back to Up-

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lowman for lunch, and also Buzzards to Bickleigh with lunch at the Fishermans Cot.

Carol would like to thank all who supported the bingo in April, when a profit of £130 was made for the Village Hall funds. Anyone still wishing to join the 100 Club contact Carol on 01884 881480.

There is a 'CHAT' box inside the Church for anyone wishing to donate non-perishable items for the homeless in Tiverton.

## Oakford

April was quite a busy month, starting with a reflective service on Good Friday, and then the Easter Celebration on Sunday. This went well, with a good number of adults and some children. Whilst the adults had coffee and Easter biscuits afterwards, the children enjoyed chocolate eggs.

On Sunday April 29th the Exe Valley Mission Community and the Hukeley Mission Community joined together for the Confirmation Service which was held at Oakford. The Right Reverend Michael Langrish, Bishop of Exeter, confirmed five candidates, three from the Exe Valley - Lucy and Dawn Radford and Liz Haywood and two from Bampton - David Simper and Michelle Durnell. We also welcomed Rev. Lynne Burgon from the Hukeley Mission Community, who joined Steve and Rob in assisting the Bishop with the service. About seventy-five people attended this solemn but enjoyable occasion. After confirmation the candidates joined their families and friends and the congregation in receiving communion. Most people were able to stay afterwards for coffee, tea and cakes, and had the opportunity to chat to Bishop Michael. Many thanks to those who brought cakes, and helped to wash up afterwards. No mean feat with our limited space!

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## MISSION COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Sunday 3rd June Sunday Club

4pm at Calverleigh Village Hall

### Sunday 1st July Sunday Club

4pm at Loxbare Village Hall

### Sunday 29th July Holiday Club Service

11am at Calverleigh Village Hall

### Mission Community Prayer Meetings (at East Sidborough)

6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June  
4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July

### Mission Community Home-groups

(at Withleigh Rectory & Stoodleigh Vicarage)  
30<sup>th</sup> May  
13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June  
11<sup>th</sup> July

## OAKFORD

### 3rd June

6.30 pm Songs of Praise

### 10th June

9.30 am Morning Prayer

### 17th June

9.30 am Holy Communion

### 24th June

9.30 am Family Service

### 1st July

9.30 am Holy Communion

### 8th July

9.30 am Morning Prayer

### 15th July

11 am Holy Communion

### 22nd July

9.30 am Family Service

### 29th July

See Calverleigh

## RACKENFORD

### 3rd June

6 pm Songs of Praise

### 10th June

11.15 am Holy Communion

### 17th June

11.15 am Family Service

### 24th June

9.30 am Morning Prayer

### 1st July

11.15 am Holy Communion

### 8th July

11.15 am Morning Prayer

### 15th July

11.15 am Family Service

### 22nd July

9.30 am Morning Worship

### 29th July

See Calverleigh

## STOODLEIGH

### 3rd June

6 pm Songs of Praise

### 10th June

11 am Morning Prayer

### 17th June

9.30 am Holy Communion

### 24th June

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

### 1st July

11 am Family Service  
And Holy Communion

### 8th July

11 am Morning Prayer

### 15th July

9.30 am Holy Communion

### 22nd July

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

### 29th July

See Calverleigh

**CALVERLEIGH**

**3rd June**  
11.15 am Songs of Praise

**10th June**  
9.30 am Holy Communion

**17th June**  
11.15 am Family Service

**24th June**  
3 pm Open-Air Service

**1st July**  
11.15 am Morning Worship

**8th July**  
9.30 am Family Service

**15th July**  
11.15 am Holy Communion

**22nd July**  
6.30 pm Evening Worship

**29th July**  
11 am Holiday Club Service  
in Village Hall

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**

**3rd June**  
6.30 pm Songs of Praise

**10th June**  
11 am Family Service

**17th June**  
9.30 am Holy Communion

**24th June**  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

**1st July**  
11 am Morning Prayer

**8th July**  
11 am Family Service

**15th July**  
9.30 am Holy Communion

**22nd July**  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

**29th July**  
See Calverleigh

**LOXBEARE**

**3rd June**  
11 am Jubilee Family Service

**10th June**  
11 am Family Service

**17th June**  
6.30 pm Holy Communion

**24th June**  
11 am Family Service

**1st July**  
9.30 am Family Communion

**8th July**  
11 am Family Service

**15th July**  
6.30 pm Evening Praise

**22nd July**  
11 am Family Service  
(The Leprosy Mission)

**29th July**  
See Calverleigh

**TEMPLETON**

**3rd June**  
4 pm Songs of Praise

**10th June**  
No Service

**17th June**  
11 am Family Service

**24th June**  
11 am Morning Prayer

**1st July**  
9.30 am Holy Communion

**8th July**  
No Service

**15th July**  
9.30 am Family Service

**22nd July**  
11 am Morning Prayer

**29th July**  
See Calverleigh

**WASHFIELD**

**3rd June**  
6 pm Songs of Praise

**10th June**  
11 am Morning Prayer

**17th June**  
11 am Family Service

**24th June**  
9.30 am Holy Communion  
by Extension

**1st July**  
6 pm Evening Prayer

**8th July**  
11 am Morning Prayer

**15th July**  
11 am Family Service

**22nd July**  
9.30 am Holy Communion

**29th July**  
See Calverleigh

**WITHLEIGH**

**3rd June**  
11 am Jubilee Songs of Praise

**10th June**  
9.30 am Morning Worship

**17th June**  
11 am Morning Worship

**24th June**  
11 am Holy Communion

**1st July**  
11 am Family Service

**8th July**  
9.30 am Morning Worship

**15th July**  
11 am Morning Worship

**22nd July**  
11 am Holy Communion

**29th July**  
See Calverleigh

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Unfortunately, Jean Marcus has broken her ankle and we wish her a speedy recovery as she convalesces at home.

### Dates for your Diary:

As part of the Jubilee celebrations in the village, a 'Songs of Praise' will be held on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.30 pm in the church. We hope to include readings and poems and the 'Jubilee Choir' will sing some hymns and an anthem on this happy occasion.

### Future events:

The Moorland Club - June 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, Round the World the wrong way. Speaker: Alec Crawford.

July 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm start - BBQ by kind invitation of Clare Edwards at Highfield Gate, Blackerton Cross.

Bampton Short Mat Bowls Club are looking for new members for the afternoon and evening sessions, held on Tuesdays in the Church Hall, Bampton. Lots of fun, no experience required, bowls available. Please call Chris Holdom on 01398 351573 for more information.

On April 21<sup>st</sup> the Village Hall held a very successful Mediaeval Murder Mystery. A good time was had by all, and over £800 was raised towards hall funds. Thank you all for your support.

### John O'Groats to Land's End:

At the time of going to press, Trish Luxton and her team, having made good progress, are in Gloucester on their way back to Devon. The hospitality from people from John O'Groats onwards has been amazing. The ponies have been doing well and looking great. On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of May the team will be in Oakford, and a social evening will take place in the Red Lion. I'm sure there will be many villagers to cheer them on. By June Trish will be back in Oakford for a well-earned rest having raised so far over £10,500 for the Teenage

Cancer Trust. If you would like to donate, you can do this by text – Pony48£3-10 to 70070, or by visiting [www.justgiving.com./samsstory](http://www.justgiving.com./samsstory) Follow Trish's progress on [www.ponydriving-end2end.co.uk](http://www.ponydriving-end2end.co.uk)

## Rackenford

Best wishes to Geoff Boundy who has now moved to Witheridge. Welcome to the new occupants of Hunter's Lodge. We hope you will enjoy living in Rackenford.

Mothering Sunday on March 18<sup>th</sup> was celebrated with an 11:15am Family Service. Posies were given out during the service.

Our Easter Service celebration was a 6pm Holy Communion. Many thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the church or brought flowers. Our church did look very pretty with such a variety of spring flowers.

Muriel Blinman decided it was time to stand down as Church Warden at the AGM. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Muriel so much for all her loyal service to Rackenford Church over many years, and also for her years as treasurer. Apart from the duties she has carried out as Church Warden, Muriel has always been willing to help with many fund raising events, altar flowers, meetings, choir duties – too many tasks to mention, and all undertaken with dedication and love of our Church. Muriel will continue as a member of the PCC but, all being well, will enjoy a little more time to herself. During the family service on April 15<sup>th</sup> she was presented with a garden voucher as a thank you. We give a warm welcome to Mary Cann as our new Church Warden. Thank you Mary.

Many thanks to various organists who have been helping out with our services while Marjorie continues to recover from her eye operation.

A little reminder of the exhibition that is taking place in our church on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any items you would be willing to lend would be so much appreciated – things that were used in homes years ago that are no longer available to buy, postcards, photographs, newspapers, Royal mugs, etc, etc. Ring Liz Paxton 881331 or Jane Phillips 881512. Everyone welcome, and refreshments available.

It's nice to see 'The Stag Inn' open again. A warm welcome to the new family, we wish you every success.

Congratulations to Natasha Hagley on passing her Grade One on the clarinet. Also to Megan Isaac who has passed Grade Four Saxophone with Merit, and Connie Isaac who has passed Grade Seven flute - also with Merit. What talented girls we have in our village.

Our deepest sympathy to Joy, David, Pam, and families, on the death of their mum Winnie Cox who died on 20<sup>th</sup> April. Some of us had known Winnie for many years. Her funeral service and interment took place at All Saints on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our deepest sympathy also to Joan Clark and Mr & Mrs Maraga and family, on the death of Joan's husband, Bill, on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bill was always so kind, and willing to help our church with heating problems. Bill's cremation took place on 1<sup>st</sup> May at Taunton. Winnie and Bill had both reached the remarkable age of 92!

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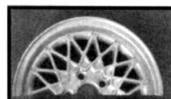


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Congratulations to Liz & Tim Paxton who will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary in June.

We send our very best wishes to Jenny Sleep on a speedy recovery and to anyone who has been in hospital or just not feeling well.

Our prayers continue for Percy Stone, Ken Blackford, Joan Clark, Mrs Arscott and Gwendoline.

### Stoodleigh

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Eddie Luxton, a very kind, gentle and hard-working family man. He was born at Thorne Farm in Stoodleigh, and then continued in his father's footsteps farming there for the rest of his working life. His funeral service and burial took place at St Margaret's Church on 18th April. The church was packed and overflowing with his many relatives and friends who came to say farewell. We especially remember now his wife Ann, and all members of the family, and send them our love and prayers.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on March 29th. All the present-serving church members were re-elected for 2012/13. Churchwardens: Mr J Fewings and Mrs M Cuningham. Treasurer: Mrs C Broadbent. Secretary: Mrs A Rigg. PCC Members: Mr P Broadbent, Mrs E Fewings, Mrs C Palfrey, Mr B Rigg, Miss J Rowlandson.

Once again the church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers for Easter, and we send appreciative thanks to all those who gave of their time and talents to achieve this. The Easter Day service

was well attended, and it was a delight to have the service led by our former vicar, Rev. Ben Luck. We send him our thanks.

Congratulations to Emily and John Northam on the birth of their daughter, Eve Amelia; and to the Wottons, proud grandparents and great grandparents.

Please make a note of the following dates and support us if you can:

Sunday 3rd June: for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend, we shall be celebrating in church with a Songs of Praise service at 6pm. Stoodleigh families are being invited to choose their favourite hymns.

July 27th: a BBQ will be held at Champles Barn at 7pm.

August 27th: the annual ploughman's lunch at 12noon, and walk from Parkhouse Water.

14th September: there will be an antiques' valuation time held in church. Full details later.

Church Flower Rota:  
8th & 15th July - E. Hamidullah;  
22nd & 29th July - T. Fish.

#### Diamond Jubilee

When you read this, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be almost upon us and the flags will be out all over the village. At the time of going to press, close to 200 people have bought tickets for the Indoor Street Party in Roger Hill's barn at Quoat-at-Cross, with hog roast, and dancing to *The Lucy Lastic Band*. So it should be a really memorable event.

As mentioned above, the celebrations start with a Songs of Praise in church on Sunday evening. On Monday, the Royal Games are at 3pm on the cricket ground

with races and competitions for children and adults, including egg-throwing/catching and tug-of-war, and free teas and cakes for all. The evening party gets going at 6.30pm (don't forget to bring your tickets for the hog roast, and bring your own drinks, salads, desserts, etc.). The music will have a mainly Irish flavour – and with luck the dancing will too! There will be a draw at the supper for the chance to light Stoodleigh's jubilee beacon bonfire, which will happen soon after 10pm, just up the hill from the party in a field by Coldblow.

#### Church Path

Message from Pat Pennington, Parish Council Footpaths Officer: "Many thanks to all who helped to clear up the Church Path. It is our intention to put down the chippings at some future date, yet to be organised, and the help of many people will make light of the work and be gratefully appreciated."

The work done at the end of March, organised by Pat, certainly improved the state of the path and this was appreciated by people who use it. Another thing often appreciated, when coming up The Drive and enjoying the primroses or the bluebells, is that someone has been out and quietly removed the drinks cans and takeaway food cartons that were on the side of the road the day before. You can't help wondering... Who chucks them out? Who picks them up? Two of life's small mysteries.

Stoodleigh 100 Club has donated £200 to the church and £200 to the Village Hall over the past year. Prize-winners for April: 1 Dorothy Ayre; 2 David Wotton snr; 3 Alyson Murray.

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Dartmoor - 17th July. To join either event, contact Margaret Cuningham, 351252.

Stoodleigh Inn: Sunday 3rd June – fundraising for Exeter Neonatal Unit, 12noon to 11.30pm. Auction, bouncy castle, face-painting, BBQ.

## Templeton

Our Easter Garden and Easter Day services were well attended. The flower arrangements were beautiful so thank you to everyone for taking so much care and trouble over them.

Congratulations to Alison and William Withers on the birth of their third grandchild, Emily.

The winner of our monthly 100 club draw for April was Demelza (Strong).

The scrap metal challenge held on 21st April was a great success; it raised £2,346.00. This is to be shared equally between the church and village hall funds. A lot of hard work went into the day and we are very grateful for everyone who helped in any way.

### THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:

There will be a Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving Service for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and for the restoration of the church tower. This will held at St. Margaret's Church on Sunday 3rd June at 4pm. A cream tea will follow the service. We hope to see everyone there.

On the following day, Monday 4th June, there will be a celebration Jubilee Meal to be held in the barn at Little Holmead, the

home of Bruce and Christine Pearson. Look at the village Notice Boards for details.

The Templeton Fete will take place on Saturday 11th August with an auction and all the usual stalls, hot dogs, ices, cream teas, a draw and many games.

Please make a note in your diary for the duck race to be held on the afternoon of September 22nd, starting at Esworthy and finishing at Dart Coombe Mill for cream teas.

Just a reminder that the Templeton Library will be open the first Wednesday afternoon each month, 3pm – 6pm. Please come along and see the broad selection we have; served with tea and cake, all for free. The Book Group started well; we have ten members and were meeting on 24th May to discuss our first book, entitled the Blue Flower by Penelope Fitzgerald.

#### Flower and Cleaning Rota

Sally Greenslade	3rd June - 10th June
Audrey McInerney	17th June - 24th June
Bindy Linden	1st July - 8th July
Gill Rose	15th July - 22nd July
Hannah Nobbs	29th July - 5th August

## Washfield

*Sometimes I think: Why doesn't someone do something about this? And then I realise, I am someone!*

The Mothering Sunday service was taken by Joan, with the children eager to present the posies to the Mums, this is always a special, family service.

With families in mind, the PCC has recently amended and simplified the monthly Family Service format at Washfield church to make it more attractive to the young (and young-at-heart). Come along and see for yourselves.

The Easter services began with Anna taking a service of Meditation on Good Friday which was followed by tea and hot cross buns. On Easter Saturday the children gathered at the church clutching their precious, decorated eggs to be judged by Mrs Liz Fathi (thank you Liz, for this) and then off to Brook Lane to roll them. Thank you Sarah and Oliver Tobey for organising this so well, also to Denise for once again allowing us the use of the lane. The winners can be found at the foot of this column.

A Coffee morning was held in the village hall after the Egg Rolling which was a

<u>Easter Saturday Competition Winners</u>				
<u>Decorating</u>	<u>1-2 year olds</u>	<u>3 year olds</u>	<u>4-5 year olds</u>	<u>6+ years</u>
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2nd	Gilbert Herniman	Tilly Herniman	Sophie Webber	Isabella
3rd		Rosa		
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great success. There were stalls of plants, cakes and produce, and coffee and hot cross buns and a raffle. The PCC wishes to express sincere thanks to everyone who contributed; we know you were busy growing and dividing plants, cooking, etc. Thanks too, to the helpers and those who supported this new event. The sum of £157 was realised for church funds. Thank you.

The Easter Day service was attended by a large congregation, and taken by Rev. Kenneth Blyth, a very special time in the church calendar. Once again the church was beautifully decorated with arrangements of spring flowers. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to make it so.

We were very fortunate to have St Peter's Church choir join us at our Evening Prayer service on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Their delightful, harmonious singing complemented the service, which was taken by Joan, and followed by refreshments. We wish to record a sincere thank-you to all the choir members.

On the Sunday of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend (June 3<sup>rd</sup>) a Songs of Praise service will be held in the church. We hope that many of you will participate and choose your favourite hymns; we have an hour to fill, so need as many as possible. Please let Anna or Joan know your request. If possible, could church decorators once again do an arrangement for this event, as we are hoping to have the church open as usual for all to see over the celebratory bank holiday weekend? If you are willing, could they be put in on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> please?

The Church Fete will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm. The stall holders and tea ladies would once again like to PLEASE ask for contributions. Items will be needed for all the usual stalls: Cakes, Bottles, Produce, White Elephant, Tombola, Books and, of course, food for the Teas. Thank you in anticipation, you never let us down! There will be a Fete

planning meeting on Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the church. All welcome.

We were so sorry to hear that Mrs Ann Taylor is very poorly and in hospital, all our love and prayers are sent to her. Also to everyone who is not enjoying the best of health at this time, including Carol Scholes as she recovers from a recent fall, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We send love and sympathy to Sarah and Michael Turner after the sad passing away of Sarah's father, coming so soon after the loss of her mother. Our love and thoughts have been with you.

We are delighted to send warm congratulations to Frannie and Adam of Spillifords on the birth of their baby daughter, Eva; also to Camilla and Bronson on the birth of Eliza Rose, a beautiful new daughter and welcome little sister for Henry and Sebastian. Another little girl making an appearance in the parish is Olivia Grace Gibbs, a first child for Jen and Kelvin of Lower Pitt Farm. We wish all three little girls and their proud parents much love.

We would like to wish a friendly hello to Tim and Jo Faulkner and their twins who are, at the moment, living at Beauchamp Cottage.

Frank and Joy Smith would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all the love and help they have received from neighbours and friends over the past few months. Special thanks to Joan McCahon, Kay Bassano, Hilary Arnold, Paul Symns and Peter. Thank you all.

You should have received a flyer outlining the planned Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Washfield. We hope you will join in with the events you are able, and make this a village occasion to remember!

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Meeting to plan Fete in church 7.30pm. All welcome  
 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Queen's Diamond Jubilee programme of events (see flyers and posters for details or phone Paul 256284 or Anne 255298  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Euro 2012 football at SC  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June - W.I. in hall at 7.30pm.  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Euro 2012 football at SC  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Lunch Club in hall 12 for 12.30 meal.  
 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July Church - Fete 2.30pm  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July - W.I. in hall 7.30pm  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July - Lunch Club in hall 12 for 12.30 meal

### Church Flower Rota

June 3 <sup>rd</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs McCahon
June 17 <sup>th</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Voysey
July 1 <sup>st</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Bassano
July 15 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs H Arnold
July 29 <sup>th</sup> /Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Robinson

### Church Cleaning Rota

June 3 <sup>rd</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>	Mr and Mrs McCahon
June 17 <sup>th</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs French
July 1 <sup>st</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Arnold/ Mrs Bicknell
July 15 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs Harding/Mrs Jones
July 29 <sup>th</sup> /Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mr and Mrs McCahon

## Withleigh

At the Annual Parochial meeting Paul Alliff agreed to be Churchwarden again and Brenda Tucker agreed to replace Janet Sellick as she had requested to stand down. Paul thanked everyone for all their work in maintaining the life of the church. A presentation was made to Janet in appreciation of her service as churchwarden. We welcomed Sylvia Hann to the PCC. We are sorry to lose Laura as she has moved to Bristol to live. Paul



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wished her and Tommy well. Laura will be returning on the first Sunday of each month to play the organ for us which we truly appreciate. We would like to thank Paul and Elizabeth for all they do for us in Withleigh, particularly for taking our services so regularly. We also thank Sylvia for taking on the church cleaning.

It was lovely to see adults and children alike enjoying our Easter Egg Beetle Drive. The much sought after eggs were keenly contested, with Duncan coming up with some novel ways to pass the dice on to the next person. Our thanks to Duncan for organising this event, and for getting the prizes.

The Easter weekend began on Good Friday with an informal service in the Village Hall, preceded by coffee and hot-cross buns. The theme of the service was "The journey of a lifetime". Both of our services on Easter Sunday were well attended, and the intervening breakfast in the Village Hall also went down well! Thank you to Steve and Rob for officiating at the services, and to all who provided for the breakfast, and also to all who decorated the church so beautifully – you do us proud.

Members of the Women's Institute, together with guests, including some men, enjoyed the talk and slide show given by Stephen Powles on the otters that live in our rivers nearby. Our programme for the rest of the year is very varied, and new members are always welcome. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Members are now busy planning their entry for the Mid Devon Show.

Our PCC dinner at The Mill at Washfield was an enjoyable occasion, with PCC members being joined by spouses and other members of our congregation.

Thank you Roger and Liz for the catering, and Brenda for organising us!

The afternoon of Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May saw sixty-four intrepid explorers successfully embark on a Bluebell Walk across the fields and through Plainsfield Woods, perhaps a little early to see the bluebells at their best, but returning in good time to join with others to enjoy a cream tea in the village hall. We were really lucky to have a perfect day, no rain and not too hot. Many thanks to Sara and Duncan for kindly inviting us onto their farm and for organising the event. With thanks also to Gerald and Ken for allowing us access across their field. Also thank-you to all who gave cakes and scones, and helped out on the day. A total of £300 was raised, £100 for St Catherine's Church, £75 Withleigh Village Hall, £75 Hospice Care and £50 Talking Newspaper.



*It's uphill back across the field from the woods, but a waiting cream tea is a good incentive.....*

### QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, 3rd JUNE 2012

9 am - Breakfast in Village Hall – please let us know if you wish to join us for Breakfast

11 am – Songs of Praise – hymns already chosen by yourselves

Monday, 4 JUNE 2012

2.30 pm - Treasure Hunt followed by tea at the Village Hall

7.30 pm - "Diamond" Party at the Village Hall  
Music, local talent acts and supper. BYO drinks.

### "Scarecrow" Queen Competition

Each household is invited to make a "Scarecrow" Queen and stand her outside their house! Judging will take place during the week commencing 28 May 2012 so "scarecrows" will need to be in place before this date.

We hope this will be a spectacular and enjoyable event for everyone in Withleigh. Please contact Brenda Tucker – 252431, Paul Iloff – 253473 or Cathy Luxton – 255038 and *let us know to which events you will be coming, in order to help with numbers for catering.*

Be sure to keep these days free and come and join in the fun! Please check the Village Hall Notice Board regularly for up to date information.

Our Fete is on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July at Bona Vista and will be opened by Bob Cruwys at 2.00pm. At a recent meeting, it was decided to have the usual stalls, so items for the cake stall, garden/plant/jams and chutney stall, tombola, book stall, and prizes for the draw would be greatly appreciated. (There will not be bric-a-brac this year). These can be left with Henry & Shirley Cruwys, Christine Luxton or Janet Sellick. The Tiverton Concert Band will be



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present and, of course, some sideshows. The next Fete meeting is on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00pm at Bona Vista. Please come along if you feel you can help in any way.

Our thoughts, prayers and get well wishes are with all those receiving treatment, in hospital, not feeling well or recovering from an illness.

We wish success to all those taking exams over the next few weeks.

Congratulations to Cruwys Morchard Young Farmers who put Cruwys Morchard firmly on the map when they won the National Young Farmers Street Dancing competition. Well done to you all.

**Forthcoming events:**

3rd & 4th June - Diamond Jubilee Celebrations (details above)  
 12th July - Summer Fete at Bona Vista, opening at 2pm  
 11th August - Withleigh Garden Show - open to the public at 7.30pm.

**Flower Rota:**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> ) Diamond Jubilee  
 10<sup>th</sup> )  
 June 17<sup>th</sup> ) Shirley Cruwys  
 24<sup>th</sup> )  
 July 1<sup>st</sup> ) Linda Taylor  
 8<sup>th</sup> )  
 July 15<sup>th</sup> ) Val Kingston  
 22<sup>nd</sup> )  
 July 29<sup>th</sup> ) Rosie Edmondston -Low  
 Aug 5<sup>th</sup> )

## FAIRTRADE AND GLOBAL WARMING

We are constantly being reminded that Climate change is real. Its effects are already being felt and these will continue to increase exponentially should the current status quo remain. As the world powers wrestle over commitments to decrease emissions, climate change continues to impact people's lives. Unfortunately, when the elephants fight, it is the grass which suffers, in this case, natural resource dependent communities such as Fairtrade farmers. They form part of the population which is being affected by climate change either directly or indirectly.

Most Fairtrade farmers depend on farming as their sole source of livelihood. Any disruption of the farming system represents a direct threat to the livelihood of those still vulnerable to poverty.

While the producers who participate in Fair Trade schemes have done very little to cause climate change, they will be among the most affected. Many of them are located in geographic regions where climate change is likely to be severe, they are engaged in agricultural activities which are likely to be highly affected, and their poverty reduces their capacity to respond. Producers in different areas will need to adapt to the effects of climate change in different ways (some more expensive and drastic than others). If producers fail to adapt to climate change they risk losing their sources of livelihood which directly translates into an issues of social justice.

Fairtrade producers are also increasingly being put under pressure to reduce the amount of carbon that they emit. This process is widely referred to as mitigation.

Some of these strategies measures to mitigate against climate change may mean decreased trade especially for producers who are unable to reduce the amount of carbon that they emit in the production process. In some cases, importing countries will now count the carbons that a product produces and will settle for the least carbon emitting products.

Climate change and the policies at national and global level are set to have an impact on Fairtrade producers and ultimately the availability of such products on your shelves. Hence it is important that Fairtrade supporters add their voice to climate change talks.

## FEEDING OUR FUTURE

As many of us have noticed, the planet in general and the human species in particular are facing some extreme challenges at this time. World energy prices continue to rise significantly, the impacts of global warming are worsening and the international economy sits on a knife edge.

The consequences of these three interconnected crises are nowhere more obvious than the effects on what and how we eat. Declining oil supplies mean more expense to sustain industrial agriculture, fuelled more so by growing demands from countries such as China, Brazil and India. This also means dearer transport costs and potential disruption to supplies. The farther our food travels, the more it will be at risk. Instability in the markets and commodity speculation are all adding to the situation.

The message is clear: our food will cost us all much more in the future and we are unhealthily over-dependent on supply chains that are not secure or sustainable.

It is obvious that food is fundamental to life. Less obvious perhaps is the faith perspective that Christians are obliged in their discipleship to share the Earth's resources fairly and to stand in solidarity with those who hunger. The Communion or Eucharist itself expresses an economy of participation in which God has no favourites, and all are fed and no-one goes hungry. What a contrast to the greed culture which hoards luxury foodstuffs for the benefit of the wealthy!

But there are signs of hope – examples of sharing rather than competing. One such sign is the increasing number of community food projects to be found in Devon. These include garden-share schemes, community farms, orchards, allotments, grow-share initiatives, food waste re-cycling, neighbourhood markets, produce-consumer links, food cooperatives and community shops. All of these are helping local people to resource and re-skill themselves, and therefore to build resilience for harder times ahead. These are not hobbies for the rich, but means of empowering the whole community.

The supply systems which provide us with our daily produce may appear to be efficient and solid – but there again so did the banks before 2008! Planting seeds now for alternatives for the future makes sense and is our God-given duty.

Martyn Goss

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