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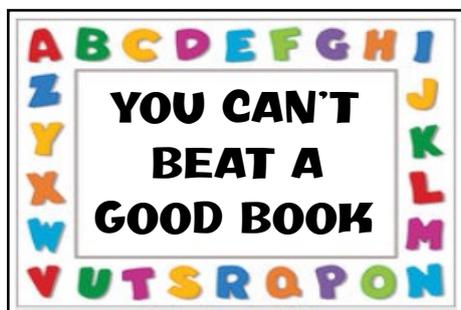
**R**ead through the letter and see whether you think the quotes are from William Shakespeare or the Bible – and where they come from. Turn to Page 18 to see if you were right!

We have just come back from a few days in Stratford, and to having the opportunity to *eat, drink and be merry(1)*, enjoy the sunshine and, *as good luck would have it(2)*, go to the theatre – twice! It was right up my street, proving that *you can('t) have too much of a good thing!(3)*

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Oh – and I'd love to know how you did in the quiz!

*Steph*

Please read additional information from Steph on Pages 3, 18 and 19

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## EDITORIAL

The second "Wings for Worship" Course has been completed, with most of the previously trained Lay-leaders from the first Course attending again and learning more from the excellent Andrew Maries. Many of our weekly Services are now "Lay-led" and they have been very well received by our Congregations. Also, the regular pattern, of Cluster and Group Services, means that we all see Steph several times a month. Steph is also now joining with the Lay-leaders for some of our other Services, such as Morning Prayer or Evening Praise. To make it clear on the Middle pages, if Steph is leading a Service it will say **Steph Gordon-Jeffs** and when she is part of a lay-led team, it will say "**with Steph**".

There have been several late additions and alterations to the Round-ups and Service Rotas this time. There is also a lot going on, so it has been a very tight squeeze to fit everything into the boxes on the middle pages ~ so we hope that all the changes have been entered correctly; that nothing has been left out; that it all makes sense; that Jenny hasn't made any mistakes - and that Geoff has done a good job of Proof-reading!!

*Jenny and Geoff*

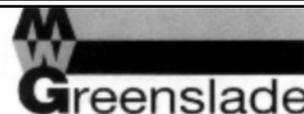
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## STEPH REFLEXE ...

There has been so much to reflect on over the past few weeks and I have been delighted to do so ...lying in the sun ... stretched out in the paddling pool ... glass of the red stuff not too far away! Ah - the life of the rural Rector is a hard one!

I have reflected on the way the sunshine just seems to bring out the best in people; the joys of eating outside and cooking on a barbeque (even when one has a perfectly good table, chairs and oven only a few feet away); the commitment and hard work required by everyone who organises and runs a fête; the sheer excitement and wonder at seeing people who are in love, getting married; the amazing football and tennis; the heart-rending good news stories of boys rescued and so on, and so on.

And for all my reflection, I have one over-riding thought to share with you.

Alleluia! The Lord is good!  
Thanks be to God!

*Steph*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### 'TODAY' 50 years ago

August and September, 1968

Rather than the normal monthly magazine, the Summer months of August and September were a combined issue.

Rev. Herniman's lead article focused on marriage, suggesting that the Book of Common Prayer (ASB and Common Worship were both still in the future) put the wrong emphasis on the reasons for marriage, and that it should be based "....

on New Testament principles: divine wisdom, and not human theory."

'Stoodleigh Beacon' included some facts and figures concerning 'Holidays at Home' - 1,052 packets of crisps, 432 bottles of pop, countless bags of sweets and bars of chocolate were consumed by 170 youngsters during the ten days. One of the mini-buses had covered more than 600 miles.

On a general note, thanks went out to those who had run the event, and to all who had provided accommodation for members of the team. There was, however, concern about the cost of staging the event which, at about £200, had well exceeded the estimated £150, leaving a considerable deficit, and giving grounds for concern about the cost of running the event in the future.

Preparations were in hand for Harvest celebrations in several parishes, and Withleigh were running a 'Country Market' at Tiverton market.

Rackenford were inviting children to submit pictures of the Church, and it was hoped that one or more could be the subject of Christmas cards.

Loxbeare had held a Country Market for the Parish Hall fund, raising £16. The annual Hall meeting had decided to continue with the fortnightly young people's social evenings.

The Youth Club had now acquired a drum kit, and were hoping to form a group.

It is interesting to note that Holy Communion was frequently tagged on to Morning or Evening Prayer, rather than a Service in its own right (or should that be spelled 'rite'?!).

*Paul Iliff*

## NATURE NOTES

The people of Washfield are to be especially thanked for their display of scarecrows this year. They should be proud of their creativity and the joy they gave to everyone - and not only those who remember the days of nursery rhymes and when nurseries were not garden centres. Whether the installations scared any crows is very debatable. Crows are highly intelligent birds and omnivorous, so do not have to spend every waking hour in the battle for survival. They spend much time making mischief - whether invading a bin before collectors get there or dominating other birds. They are distinguishable from other, all black members of the crow family, in that they are invariably on their own (or perhaps as a pair) and from their determined flight. There are few birds that fly with such purpose. Their flight is often a straight bee-line with no undulation and never meanders, as if checking direction, or whether they've forgotten something - hence the saying "as the crow flies".

I have also seen them hanging on an up-draft over a fell, as if they wanted to prove that such skills and love of flying are not limited to kestrels. Farmers in the North still see fit to organise shooting parties but it is more comforting to tell of a pet crow I met at a Lakeland guest house. Colin was in the habit of perching on the gatepost by the main entrance, so that he could vet the new arrivals each afternoon. When you pass so near a crow the sense of size, blackness and glossiness leave an indelible memory, and it is disconcerting to try to out-stare a pair of beady eyes so near to your own. There is an overwhelming sense of knowingness and spookiness, so you

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see why witches would favour a crow as their familiar. Fitting therefore that the natural world feeds the fears and charms of childhood.

Speaking personally I would rather the smaller birds do as well or better than those of the crow family. Indeed it was a strange sensation some years ago to see 19 magpies on a cricket pitch at the end of a season – this defeats the nursery rhyme and would not have been seen half a century ago.

*Thomas More*

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### CALVERLEIGH

Our annual Day of Prayer took place on Saturday 12 May, with once again well over 30 people taking part, with a half hour prayer slot. Our thanks go to all those who participated in this very worthwhile prayerful time.

On Saturday 26 May the Duck Race began from just below Lurley bridge with the honours of starting the race going to Mr William Heathcoat-Amory. With a few very wet children following the ducks down the watercourse; the pink, blue or yellow ducks wound their way to the finishing post opposite Palmershayes and into the very capable hands of the judges. With ducks retrieved from the river, 'owners' made their way up to the Village Hall for food and drink and awaited the results. Over £900 was raised, which was divided between the Devon Air Ambulance and Calverleigh Church. Thank you to the organisers Geoffrey and Lorna, sellers and sponsors of ducks, to

Aubrey and Sheila for the use of their field, all the helpers in the kitchen and to everyone who supported or helped in any way to make this a very enjoyable afternoon.

A Songs of Praise service, led by Aubrey, was held on Sunday 3 June with many of the congregation choosing their favourite hymn. Some were well known traditional hymns alongside more modern ones, with a total of nine hymns being sung. There were two items from the choir, one of which was 'wrapped around' the intercessions. The talk was about 'hidden treasures' and the congregation were invited to discover what delights could be hiding within the jar on display.

17 June was Fathers Day and the Service was led by Jackie. It was also the birthday of one of our more senior church family, with many happy returns given to Derek on his doubly special day. Our congratulations go to Gary and Alison Smith who will have celebrated 40 years of marriage in July and to any one else who is celebrating a special birthday, anniversary or happy event. If you would like to have a mention of an upcoming celebration then please contact Dave, whose details are at the end of this parishes' news.

Sadly in June, we heard of the passing of two people well known to both Calverleigh and Loxbeare folk. Ern Perry, who used to live in Loxbeare for a great many years before moving closer to town and Gwen Berry, also from Loxbeare and who was interred in our churchyard. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families at this sad and difficult time and also with any others who are mourning the loss of a loved one either recently or longer ago.

On 1 July Mollie was brought to church for baptism by her parents, godparents, family and friends.

Mollie's great grandfather David Burnett was a long time bell ringer at Calverleigh and it is lovely to see the family connection continue.

Also on 1 July, in the afternoon, it was our Open Air Service which was led by Tasha but unfortunately it had to be held in the Church. After all the lovely hot weather we had been having, this was the day the rain came, albeit in showers, but enough to change our plans. Ad Lib again played the music for us and introduced us to a couple of more modern songs. Our thanks go to Tony and Warwick for their informative information on the hymns that we sang and also to all who provided refreshments for the congregation afterwards.

On Friday 6 July the Potato Competition was held at the Rose and Crown. A variety of both success and failure led to a mixed evening, with some people leaving their potatoes in the ground to continue growing to those who presented their 'crop' very nicely in a little jewellery box. The winning lady, Lorna Thomas, had a crop of 16lb 13oz, well done Lorna, Pauline Berry (7lb 3oz) and Alex Fitzhugh (4lb 4oz). The winning man was Kipper Heywood with a weight of 8lb 13oz, Gary Smith (7lb 6.5 oz) and Geoffrey Thomas (6lb 9oz). Our thanks go to Gillian, Mary and Tim for organising the evening and doing the auction and also to Pat, Michelle and Beth of the Rose and Crown for their hospitality and the variety of cooked potatoes for supper. A total of £400 was raised during the evening for Church funds.

#### Coming Up...

If you get the magazine in time, don't forget that although there is not officially a Service in Calverleigh on 29 July, we are holding another of our informal get-together's from 10am. Come along for some Coffee, Cake and Company

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(though Tea & Biscuits may also be served!) even if it's just for 5-10 minutes. Services will, of course, be held at other Exe Valley Community Churches, so you can still go along to one of those before or after joining us!

A reminder that the Produce Show entries need to be back to Rita or Sheila by 10 August. The show takes place on 25 August in the Village Hall. Doors open for results, teas, coffees and cakes from 2.30pm.

Harvest weekend is 8/9 September. Details of the Harvest Supper will be available soon and the Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on the Sunday. Please see centre pages for Service time.

Our Autumn Fayre will take place on Saturday 17 November. More details next time!

### Cleaning Rota

23 Jul / 4 Aug: Mrs J Goldsworthy  
 6 / 18 Aug: Mrs R Tapp  
 20 Aug / 1 Sep: Mrs S Greenslade  
 3 / 15 Sep: Miss J Herniman  
 17 / 29 Sep: Mrs M Furneaux

### Mowing Rota

23 Jul / 4 Aug: Mr K Hayes  
 6 / 18 Aug: Mr D White  
 20 Aug / 1 Sep: Mr C Durnan  
 3 / 15 Sep: Mr A Hancock  
 17 / 29 Sep: The Webber Family  
 1 / 13 Oct: Mr A Goldsworthy

### Altar Flower Rota

22 / 29 Jul: Mrs M Furneaux  
 5 / 12 Aug: Mrs M Herniman  
 19 / 26 Aug: Mrs G Tucker  
 2 / 9 Sep: Mrs S Greenslade  
 16 / 23 Sep: Mrs B Hill  
 30 Sep / 7 Oct: Mrs D Hopper

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

## CRUWYS MORCHARD

**W**hat a long hot summer!

By the time you read this, we will have welcomed another baby into our Church, during our 11.15am Family Service, at the second of our July Services in Cruwys Morchard. Our Service on 1 July was Evening Prayer with Communion at 6.30pm.

In June we had two Services as well, an Evening Prayer on 3 June and a Family Service on 17 June. Please check the centre pages for times of the Services for August and September.

HARVEST FESTIVAL weekend is 29/30 September. Starting on Saturday 29th with a short Service in the Church at 2.15pm, when harvest gifts will be received. This will be followed by sports in a nearby field and our usual delicious tea for all, in the Parish Hall, donations will be taken at the door. This year there will not be an evening social.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY 30 AUGUST HAS BEEN REQUESTED, PLEASE LOOK ON THE

MIDDLE PAGES FOR DETAILS. HARVEST GIFTS WILL ALSO BE RECEIVED.

### CRUWYS MORCHARD YOUNG FARMERS

At the beginning of July you may have witnessed some forty tractors travelling through the Parish on our Annual Tractor Run. A good day was had by all - look out for this event next year. The Club also held a Clay Pigeon Shoot which, again, was well attended. Members are preparing their entries, as this article is being written, for the Exe Valley Group Rally being held at The Mid Devon Show, on Saturday 28 July.

Good luck to Layla Hill as she prepares to travel to South Africa in August. She will undoubtedly represent Devon Young Farmers with great pride. The Club would like to wish their President, John Robinson a speedy recovery after a knee replacement.

COMMUNITY LUNCH is to be held on Wednesday 17 October at 12noon in the Parish Hall. Free for all, with raffle.

CLEANING and FLOWER ROTA  
 August 6 / 13 Wendy Lake  
 August 20 / 27 Marilyn Hill

September 3 / 10 Mrs J Townsend  
 September 17 / 27 Cindy Trick  
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 August Les Tosdevin  
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THE PARISH FETE was on Saturday 14 July, there will be a report in the next TODAY Magazine. Thank you to every

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one who helped in any way to allow it to happen.

**CRUWYS MORCHARD ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW ON SATURDAY 11 August 2018 at 2.30pm**

Entries close on Saturday 28 July, you might still be in time to enter. Ring Pauline on 07968101121

Come along at 2.30pm to view all the exhibits and childrens art, as well as the wine and cakes. There are 65 classes. There is also tea and cake available.

**YOGA** continues every Thursday morning at 10 – 11.30am

### CRUWYS ARMS GARDENERS

All the usual suspects met for our June meeting in the Cruwys Arms. We fixed our "Safari" date for Friday 29 June, and our Hestercombe visit for 20 July.

Diney brought along a mystery plant, there were various suggestions but nothing decided. We are all battling the usual slug issues, Oyster shells, egg shells and sand all work as deterrents. Clare has lots of Toads and Dragonflies in her wonderful pond which she constructed last year and Chrissy has 3 new pigs in Pennymoor for fattening up. It was suggested that Diney use an electric netting, which Heard and Sendle supply, to pen in her chickens.

We talked about the Flower Show and the judging techniques for flowers and vegetables, lots of us will be entering this year. Finally we rounded off our meeting with a lively discussion about holiday visits, local produce and markets.

The "Safari" proved a great success, having surveyed all the members gardens in Puddington, we finished in the Pennymoor gardens with a "bring and share" tea at Diney's. Clare disclosed the long awaited name of the mystery plant we had all grown from seed, as, Pipichi

which is Mexican Coriander. The diversity, ingenuity, tidiness and wildness of these gardens made for a lovely hot and memorable afternoon.

On 3rd July (coinciding with the England v Colombia match) 4 of us met in the Cruwys Arms. We then discussed our pending visit from Stephen Powles (the Otter man) for a talk entitled "Otters: Coming to a River Near You". Put this in your diaries for 23 October at 8pm, tickets £5 to include a drink and nibbles, there will be a raffle. It will be in the Parish Hall. Do join us at 8pm on the first Wednesday every month in the Cruwys Arms.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

17 October Community Lunch  
23 October Otter Talk by Stephen Powles  
3 November Christmas Fayre

### Pennymoor Congregational Church

Services 4.30pm (unless stated)  
First Sunday All age Service- Rev R Green  
Second Sunday Communion – Mr O Mears  
Third Sunday Join Way Village at 2.30pm  
Fourth Sunday Prayer and Praise – Rev R Green

Congratulations to Rachael Hodnett and Alastair Cameron and also Alex-Jade Budd and Shane Wheeler who were married in our Church. We wish them every happiness for the future.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Ken Dallyn and John Barton who passed away recently.

We send best wishes to everyone who has been unwell or undergoing treatment in our Parish, especially Cindy Trick who does so much for all of us and the Church.

## LOXBEBARE

On Sunday 29 July we are planning to hold a picnic Service, weather permitting, somewhere on Exmoor (to be decided). We will be meeting at the Church car park at 11am. On Sunday 19 August at 12.30pm there will be a BBQ followed by an informal Service of Worship at East Sidborough, by kind invitation of John & Marion. Do come and join us at one or both events if you can, we would love to see you.

Our Harvest Service Celebrations weekend will begin on Saturday 22 September at 2.15pm with a Service in the Church, when the speaker will be Rev. Kevin Chandler from Bampton. There will be an opportunity for the children to bring Harvest gifts to the front of the Church during the Service. Sports and tea will follow. Harvest Praise will be on the Sunday at 6.30pm. Do come and join us to give thanks to God for his abundant provision. Decorating the Church will take place on the Friday & Saturday mornings. Gifts and help would be much appreciated. Our Harvest Supper will be on Monday 24th at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £5. If you wish to go, please let Carol know on 01884 881480. After supper speaker to be arranged.

Our thoughts, prayers & sympathy continue to be with those who have lost loved ones. Especially for Bob Berry & Family. It was a tribute to Gwen that Loxbeare Church was full for her funeral Service in May, taken by Rev. Steph Gordon-Jeffs. We were reminded of Gwen's ready smile & welcome with the kettle always on and a piece of cake offered when anyone visited. Gwen lived in Calverleigh as a girl and was married to Bob for over 63 years and she lived in Loxbeare for most of that time.

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*"... God is not far from each of us,  
for in Him we live and move and have our being ..."* Acts 17 v 28

On Saturday 28th July we joined together with fellow Christians from the area in the Churches Tent at the MID-DEVON SHOW. It was such a wonderful opportunity for local people to see how the Christians in the area work together and for us to showcase resources that you may use to help you to share your faith.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. It was a lovely outreach event.

Another opportunity to praise the Lord together with fellow Christians was on Sunday 29th July (being the 5th Sunday in the month) at the 'Churches Together in Tiverton' joint worship Service at St. Paul's Church. Did you come? Did you bring any friends?

Some of our children will be moving from Primary to Secondary School next month. This could be a traumatic time for them. A little book called 'It's Your Move!' is designed to help young people as they move on to a secondary school. It's full of useful tips and information on what to expect and how to cope, and reassures them that God is with them all the way.

Please pray for all young people: those starting nursery or school, those changing schools, those going to College or University and those about to start work for the first time. We also have other interesting books for teens, covering many topics. If they are anxious some of our books might help them. If you come in with them you can encourage them to look at books written especially for them.

Have you seen the new car air fresheners, pen and bookmark sets, Devotional Journals with a pen, 'ROCK Foundation Charity' gifts, garden LED candles and the beautiful personal journals that are now in New Creation? All these make special gifts that bring the Lord's word into a home.

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We are so thankful for the Lord's provision, enabling us to continue the work He gave us to do, providing Christian resources to help you share your faith. We are really grateful for all the support we receive from you, both in prayer and by your use of the shop and cafe. Amazingly, a few of our supporters also provide direct financial help, either with one-off gifts or regular giving. So, thank you, and may God bless all of you, however you support us.

Whatever you are doing this summer we pray that the Lord will bless you and your families and all those with whom you come into contact. May His light shine through you as you witness to His love and, in the light of recent sad events in the world, please join with us as

*"We pray that we may have the courage to be peacemakers in our homes,  
our community and our world."*

Thank you for reading this letter.

With every blessing,

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

Also to Ern Perry's family. Ern passed away 31 May. His funeral Service was held at King Street Chapel and was taken by Mr Mervyn Bird. Ern lived in Loxbeare most of his life, moving here as a young boy with his parents, then moving to Tiverton a while after the death of his wife Cecily. He was a carpenter and builder by trade and many of us have reminders of his work on our farms or homes. He was very much part of Loxbeare life.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gary Griffin, John Lashbrooke. Christine Weatherly and all who are unwell - also those having, or waiting for, treatment. We are pleased that some have received a good diagnosis and hope for continued recovery.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to all celebrating birthdays or special occasions in August/September.

We hope all our children and young people who have taken exams, or maybe starting school or moving to a different school in September, attending College or University, or starting a new job, will do well, soon settle & make new friends.

### Loxbeare Ladies:

A big thank you to Steve & Sue for their hospitality & providing such a delicious BBQ on 2 July. A lovely evening with wonderful weather! Thank you also to those who provided salads & puddings.

Next date will be 6 August: Cream Tea at Horner leaving at 2pm from car park outside the Church. Contact Margaret on 01884 881362, if interested in going, by Thursday 2 August.

September date: a talk in the Village Hall. Details to be confirmed. Contact Sue on 01884 259496.

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

**Village News:** Cream Teas will be in the Village Hall from 3-5pm on 11 August and 8 September. On 29 September an evening at the Village Hall with bring and share food at 7.30pm.

For anyone interested, the Ploughing Match will be at Geoffrey Thomas's at Lurley on 1 September. Contact Sarah Reed on 01884 8555058.

## OAKFORD

On 29 June, a very moving Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Kitty May Francis was held in St Peter's. Friends and family travelled from far and wide and they were joined by nurses, midwives and colleagues from Kitty's long career in nursing. Wendy Boynton read the lovely poem 'The way through the woods' by Rudyard Kipling and Susannah Heywood a poem entitled 'Midwives' (Anon). A tribute to Kitty, known as May to her family, was written and read by Bronwen Montgomery. A lovely tea prepared by Tom & Val Drew followed at the Village Hall, where lots of photographs were on display, many were of Kitty's life in Oakford. Kitty's family would like to thank all those who attended. A donation of £188.30 has been sent to the RNLI.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Paul and Jennie Chappell who will be celebrating their tenth Wedding Anniversary with a Service of Thanksgiving for Marriage in St Peter's on Friday 31 August at 3.30pm. May they have a long and happy life together.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL & SUPPER:** This year's Harvest Service & Supper will take place on Sunday 23 September. The Church Service is at 6pm to be followed by supper and an auction of gifts

in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Supper tickets £7 from Dawn (01398 324035). Bring your own drinks. All welcome. To the helpers who decorate the church and windows "Thank you" in advance.

**CHURCHYARD:** The battle with the ivy has begun and thanks to the working party of Robin Nicholl, Donald Shere, Bun Burrows and Geoffrey Williams the church walls are looking much cleaner. Well done to them. Thank you.

**WW1 MEMORIES:** This year celebrates 100 years since the end of WW1. Oakford is planning to have their own tribute to the fallen and would like anyone with memorabilia they would be happy to share to contact Julia Tel; 01398 351682.

**OAKFORD VILLAGE HALL** presents Bristol's RSVP Bhangra Band on Saturday 3 November. The musicians are drawn from one family with the emphasis on partying Punjabi style. They will be bringing their Big Bhangra Beats and interactive vibe, so be prepared to learn some Bhangra grooves and moves. Please look out for posters for more information nearer the date or phone Dawn 01398 324035. What better way to work off all those summer cream teas!

**THE JOHN REED MEMORIAL QUIZ** is held on the third Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall. Bring your own nibbles and drink, start 8pm.

**OAKFORD VILLAGE FÊTE:** The international flags were flying over Oakford playing field on a lovely sunny afternoon in early June. Thank you to everyone who helped create a great cosmopolitan atmosphere (not sure about the Russian in the beer tent!). All who came enjoyed a really friendly Village event. There will be a formal presentation

in the Village Hall of £800 to the Community Bus Fund on Saturday 4 August. Coffee and cakes to be served at 10.30am and presentation of the cheque at 11am. Do come along if you can.

A week before the Fête, the French Jazz Evening had set the tone. The Village Hall was transformed into a French Bistro by Jennie Chappell and her team (amazing!) and an evening of lively music and delicious food was a great way to put everyone in the mood to enjoy themselves. Thanks to Jennie for the cooking and to Kelvin for his leadership. Au revoir 'til next year.

**THE MOORLAND CLUB:** Last call for The Annual Flower & Produce Show, Saturday 11 August, 2-4pm in the Village Hall. Entries to be handed to Chris Holdom (01398 332039) or Brenda Burrows, 3 Manor Cottages, Oakford by Thursday 9 August. Schedules are still available from Chris or Brenda and anyone, not just Moorland Club members, can enter. Teas will be served in the afternoon. The more entries we have, the better the display so why not have a go.

Monthly meetings: Thursday 9 August 'Antique Lace' a talk by Joanna MacFarlane.

Thursday 13 September 'Singing' a light hearted talk by Banger Milton. Meetings take place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**OAKFORD PLAYERS** present 'A Variety Show' on 6/7/8 December. Tickets £15 to include great entertainment and a 2-course supper. Licensed Bar & Raffle. Contact Dawn Williams 01398 324035.

**ALL CHANGE:** Good wishes to Mike & Carole who have left Oakford to live in Bampton and welcome to Phil, Sarah Otton & family who have moved in. Also



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## PARISH ROUND-UP

welcome to Dan & Laura at 2 Hillside, Oakford. We hope you will enjoy living in our community.

Sadly (for us) Simon & Clare Edwards are leaving Brushford and heading for a new life in Kent, to be nearer their family. They have both been long standing active members of the Oakford community and for that we offer our heartfelt gratitude. Thank you and the very best of luck.

Hutswell Garden's charity opening for the NGS raised £1089. Many thanks to all who helped and to those who came to visit the garden.

THE PYNCOMBE TRUST offers grants to school leavers who have been accepted for educational courses in September. To be eligible you must have been resident in Oakford Parish for a minimum of one year. Please contact us with your personal and course details before 1 September and you could receive up to £150 towards study costs. For more details please contact Sue Llewellyn on 01398 351338 / sue.llewellyn@hotmail.com or Dawn Williams on 01398 324035 / williams.dawn@btinternet.com.

Our thoughts are with anyone who has been unwell, especially Brenda Burrows who we are glad to hear is recovering well. We send our love to Audrey Costain who is at Castle Grove. To those who are suffering a bereavement or remembering loved ones at this time of year, you are in our prayers.

## RACKENFORD

Many thanks to Graham and Ruth Fennell for inviting us into their home to enjoy a Fashion Swap Party. Good quality clothes, shoes and accessories

were donated and purchased during the evening while enjoying wine, nibbles, coffee/teas and light refreshments. Many thanks to all who helped in anyway to make this evening such a great success, including the wonderful draw organized by Siobhan Warne. £417.00 was raised for Church funds. The remainder of the clothes were on sale again in Church on June 15 and 16, where Ruth and Hilda manned the stalls. This took the final total to £490.00. The remaining clothes were given to charity.

Thank you to Glenn Hookins for putting the flag in position to mark the Royal Wedding on St George's Day. I am sure many of us tuned in to see the happy couple.

Another happy couple are Charlotte Drake and Alexander Hart from St Thomas, Exeter. They joined us in Church to hear their banns called and will be married here on 8 September. We send them our very best wishes and all blessings. Charlotte used to live in Rackenford some years back.

We are pleased that Vera Sutton is home again after spending several days in hospital, following a fall. Our thoughts and prayers also go to Francis Dart who is in hospital at the time of going to print.

Although we are having some very hot and beautiful Summer days and evenings, the weather was not at all kind to us on the sponsored walk organized by Liz Paxton on Saturday 26 May. It was dull, wet and very misty, so we were not able to enjoy the beautiful views, however we did our best. In total, we had 13 adults, 4 children and several dogs who did the walk. A total of £1,781.50 was raised, so a massive thank you to the walkers, people who provided transport and of course to all of you for so generously sponsoring us. We think this may be a record amount of money.

The work on the Bell Tower roof, rendering of walls and drainage pipe replacements has now been completed, at a cost of £25,000. Due to the generosity of the Village and partly from reserves from previous fund raising events - which were wonderfully supported - it has been fully funded. Many, many thanks.

Many thanks to Steve Watts (of The Stag) and Fred Hyland for a very enjoyable and successful quiz night that took place at The Stag on Thursday 28 June. The Church fabric fund (repair and maintenance of the building) received £217.50 and Devon Air Ambulance £138.50. A grand draw was run by Annette Reed, many thanks. An incredibly kind and generous suggestion from Steve and Fred. Also thanks to Steve for donating the prizes for the quiz, one of which was auctioned. Thank you to all who supported this in any way.

Congratulations to Emma and David on the birth of Jessica, a little sister for Alfie. Also to Tamsin and Edward Hyland on the birth of Wilfred Rex. A little brother for Arthur and another grandson for Helen and Mike (Lane ). Hope you are all doing well.

During the 11.15am Family Service on 3 June, Isla May was baptised. She is the daughter of Alex and Jasmine Muchmore, granddaughter to Jenny and Steve and great granddaughter of Sylvia and Brian. We welcome little Isla with our prayers for her future.

On 28 June, Trevor Downing passed away peacefully at Mount Edgecumbe Hospice, Cornwall. Trevor had many friends in and around Rackenford area. He lived at The Lodge with his late wife Rose, for many years. Our deepest sympathy to his two daughters, family and friends.

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My name is Gerda and I am an Ordinand (first stage of training for the priesthood) with the Benefice of Newton Abbot.

I am a Dutch national (as you may have guessed from my name) and have lived in the UK for nearly 4 years: first in Exmouth, at the moment in Newton Abbot where I am doing my practical training. My hobbies are reading, cycling and walking, and I love animals especially cats!

I have just completed the first year of my Diploma in Theology, Ministry and Mission at St Mellitus College South West, based in Plymouth.

I will be training with Rev'd Steph Gordon-Jeffs and the Exe Valley Mission Community for the next few weeks, in order to experience ministry in a context different from my mine, and learn more about rural ministry specifically.

I can't wait to start and am looking forward to meeting you all in person!

*Gerda van Ommeren*

**PRAYER BREAKFASTS**



On the last Saturday of each month, there will be an opportunity to meet together and to pray – as well as eat breakfast !!

The next two Prayer Breakfasts are on 25 August and 29 September  
Please look at the website for venues, and come and join us.

All good gifts around us  
are sent from Heaven above,  
So thank the Lord,  
Oh thank the Lord,  
for all His love.



**5 AUGUST** Trinity 10

**CALVERLEIGH**

11.15 am Family Service

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

**LOXBEARE**

6.30 pm Evening Praise  
*with Steph*

**OAKFORD**

11.15 am Family Service  
and Baptism

*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**RACKENFORD**

9.30 am Morning Worship

**STOODLEIGH**

11 am Family Service

**TEMPLETON**

11 am Family Service

**WASHFIELD**

11 am Morning Prayer

**WITHLEIGH**

10.30 am Family Service

**12 AUGUST** Trinity 11

**HOLIDAY CLUB  
GROUP SERVICE**

*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**CALVERLEIGH**

10.30am GROUP SERVICE

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**

See Calverleigh

**LOXBEARE**

See Calverleigh

**OAKFORD**

See Calverleigh

**RACKENFORD**

See Calverleigh

**STOODLEIGH**

See Calverleigh

**TEMPLETON**

See Calverleigh

**WASHFIELD**

See Calverleigh

**WITHLEIGH**

See Calverleigh

**19 AUGUST** Trinity 12

**CALVERLEIGH**

6.30 pm Evening Worship  
*with Steph*

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**

11.15 am Family Service  
and Baptism

*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**LOXBEARE**

12.30 pm Informal Service  
See Round-up for details

**OAKFORD**

6.30 pm Evening Praise

**RACKENFORD**

9.30 am Family Service

**STOODLEIGH**

6.30 pm Evensong

**TEMPLETON**

11 am Morning Service

**WASHFIELD**

11 am Family Service

**WITHLEIGH**

10.30 am Songs of Praise

**26 AUGUST** Trinity 13

**CLUSTER SERVICES  
ALL HOLY COMMUNION**  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**CALVERLEIGH**  
6.30pm Cluster Service

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
11.15 am Cluster Service

**LOXBEARE**  
See Calverleigh

**OAKFORD**  
9.30 am Cluster Service

**RACKENFORD**  
See Oakford

**STOODLEIGH**  
See Oakford

**TEMPLETON**  
See Cruwys Morchard

**WASHFIELD**  
See Calverleigh

**WITHLEIGH**  
See Cruwys Morchard

**2 SEPTEMBER** Trinity 14

**CALVERLEIGH**  
6.30 pm Evening Worship

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
11.15 am Family Service  
and Baptism  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**LOXBEARE**  
11.15 am Morning Praise

**OAKFORD**  
10 am Morning Praise

**RACKENFORD**  
9.30 am Morning Worship

**STOODLEIGH**  
11 am Family Service

**TEMPLETON**  
11 am Family Service

**WASHFIELD**  
6 pm Evening Prayer

**WITHLEIGH**  
10.30 am Family Service

**9 SEPTEMBER** Trinity 15  
**HARVEST CLUSTER SERVICES**

**ALL HOLY COMMUNION**  
*Steph Gordon-Jeffs*

**CALVERLEIGH**  
11.15 am Cluster Service

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
See Templeton

**LOXBEARE**  
See Calverleigh

**OAKFORD**  
See Stoodleigh

**RACKENFORD**  
See Stoodleigh

**STOODLEIGH**  
9.30 am Cluster Service

**TEMPLETON**  
6.30 pm Cluster Service

**WASHFIELD**  
11.15am See Calverleigh  
**PLUS in WASHFIELD CHURCH**  
2.30 pm Harvest Songs of Praise  
(followed by Sports- see Round-up)

**WITHLEIGH**  
See Templeton

**16 SEPTEMBER** Trinity 16

**CALVERLEIGH**  
11.15 am Family Service

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
No Service

**LOXBEARE**  
11.15 am Family Service

**OAKFORD**  
6.30 pm Evening Praise

**RACKENFORD**  
9.30 am Family Service

**STOODLEIGH**  
6.30 pm Evensong

**TEMPLETON**  
11 am Morning Service

**WASHFIELD**  
11 am Family Service

**WITHLEIGH**  
3pm Harvest Festival

**23 SEPTEMBER** Trinity 17

**GROUP SERVICE  
ALL PARISHES  
"SEE WASHFIELD"**

**CALVERLEIGH  
CRUWYS MORCHARD**

**LOXBEARE**

**OAKFORD  
(Group Service PLUS)**  
6 pm Harvest Supper followed  
by 7 pm Supper in Village Hall

**RACKENFORD**

**STOODLEIGH**

**TEMPLETON**

**WASHFIELD  
10.30 am GROUP SERVICE**

**WITHLEIGH**

**SATURDAY 29 SEPT**

**CRUWYS MORCHARD**  
2.15 pm Harvest, Sports, Tea

**30 SEPTEMBER** Trinity 18

**CALVERLEIGH**  
No Service  
10 am Informal Get-together

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

**LOXBEARE**  
11.15 am Harvest Festival

**OAKFORD**  
No Service

**RACKENFORD**  
9.30 am Family Service

**STOODLEIGH**  
11 am Morning Prayer

**TEMPLETON**  
11.15 am Harvest Festival

**WASHFIELD**  
11 am Morning Prayer

**WITHLEIGH**  
10.30 am Morning Worship

## PARISH ROUND-UP

Just a reminder that we have no means of disposing of dead flowers etc from graves so could everyone please kindly take it home. We have had some rubbish dumped in the churchyard.

Many thanks to all those who have returned Subscription Envelopes for the Church Magazine. It is a great help and we are really grateful.

We have now lost 3 ladies from our flower rota. If you feel you could join us, it would only mean putting flowers on the altar once or twice a year at the most. You do not need to be a flower arranger, it really is just putting flowers in 2/3 vases. Please get in touch if you can help us. Thank you.

On Saturday 1 September, the Gardening Club will be holding their Autumn Show at West Backstone at 2.30pm with Cream Teas and refreshments at 2.45pm. Everyone welcome. Come along and see the amazing exhibits from the adults and children - and the presentation of the trophies.

Harvest Praise will be on Sunday 14 October. Harvest Supper is on Monday 15 October at Jacques and Mary Cann's home. Many thanks to them for having us again.

On 3 November, we are having a "Winter Coffee Morning" from 10am to 12pm in the Church - where you can enjoy mince pies and refreshments, tea, coffee, browse the stalls, buy a raffle ticket and maybe even a Christmas gift !!!! Come and join us.

We hope all the children and staff at our school will enjoy the Summer break and all those awaiting exams results will be pleased with their achievements.

## STOODLEIGH

**W**hat an extraordinary summer! It is putting those people with long memories in mind of 1976.

St Margaret's Church was delighted to welcome so many to the Group Service on 24 June. It was lovely to have a full church and the singing raised the roof! June was a busy month as we also hosted the Cluster Service, so July has seemed a bit quiet.

On 21 June the church was full to say farewell to Diane Whitehead who died after a long battle with cancer. Many of us who knew Diane as a talented knitter and craftswoman, found out a host of other hidden talents, including that she was a mathematician and an IT expert. She will be missed from the village and our thoughts are with Chris as he comes to terms with life without her.

Chris writes: "I would like to thank the members of the parish for help and support offered and given over the last two years, and particularly in the last three months. The support Diane and I have received is so much more than we could have expected. Thank you also for your donations to St Margaret's and to the two charities which helped Diane."

Meanwhile, we have heard that the retiring collection at the funeral of John Fewings and donations made since have added up to £1,100 for St Margaret's Church. Eileen sends her thanks to everyone who contributed. Some of this money will be used to buy a large Lectern Bible.

**There are some big events coming up:**  
Saturday 11 August: Family Fun Dog Show at Vials Corner, by kind

permission of Fred and Pat Robinson. Gates open at 1.30pm and judging starts at 2pm. Entry to the Show is free and class entry is £1 per class. There are all the usual popular classes and some new ones including Fastest Retrieve. Full details are on the enclosed flyer and on the Stoodleigh website. There will be cream teas, a Pimm's tent, cakes, competitions and a raffle so come along and join in the fun. Info available from Margaret (351252) or Geraldine (351391). This is a joint event organised by the Church and the Parish Hall, who will share any funds raised.

Bank Holiday Monday 27 August: The annual Ploughman's Lunch at Champles Barn, kindly hosted by Peter and Christine Broadbent. This starts at 12.30pm and is always a lovely way to raise a bit of money for St Margaret's.

Saturday 1 September: The Garden Club's Open Flower and Produce Show at the Parish Hall. Schedules and entry forms can be downloaded from the Stoodleigh website or call Jean 351561. Family fun for all, especially the children who have three dedicated classes offering rosettes and cash prizes. Exhibitors can set up from 10.30 to 11.45am. The Hall is open to the public from 2.30 to 4pm, with tea and cakes and a chance to win on the raffle.

Advance notice that Harvest Festival at St Margaret's is on Sunday 7 October followed by the Harvest Supper and skittles in the Parish Hall at 7pm on Monday 8 October.

**Stoodleigh 100 Club:** prizewinners for May - 1 Peter Broadbent, 2 Willie Knowles, 3 Linda Sharrock, 4 Sheila Norman; June - 1 Janet Russell, 2 Matt Parker, 3 Mandy Widdowson, 4 Sheila Davis. Subscriptions are now overdue; please pay as soon as possible.

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

### Church Flowers

5 / 12 August Betty Wotton  
 19 / 26 August Mandy Widdowson  
 2 / 9 September Christine Palfrey  
 16 / 23 / 30 September Pat Aplin

Farm. We hope that they will be happy living in Templeton.

Our Summer Fete is on Saturday 11 August at 1.30pm at the Village Hall. There will be lots for all the family to enjoy. Donations would be greatly appreciated for jumble/bric- a- brac and books. Tombola items. Could you bring these any time before Friday 10th, so that there is time to mark them up. Also cakes and savouries (homemade or bought). We would also welcome home grown fruit and vegetable produce. There will be a General Auction (if you have anything special you would like to donate we will put it in the luxury item category) Please note; we do appreciate all the generous donations, however we cannot accept any electrical goods (health & safety issues and PLEASE - NO ITEMS which should go straight to the Recycling Centre, as we have to pay to get them taken away when they do not sell. Thank you. Any contributions can be left outside the Village Hall during the week prior to the Fete or bring them when the hall is open ie. 8.30pm – 11pm on Monday 6 August, from 7pm on Friday 10 August and from 10am on Saturday 11 August. If you need larger items collected or any other information about the day, please contact Bindy 01884 860655, Matthew 01884 861207, or Reg 01884 860246 We look forward to seeing you all at the Fete.

As this is being written, England is in the Semi Finals. Isn't "hope" a wonderful gift that we have been given!

### Flower and Cleaning Rota

Jan Heptinstall 5 / 12 August  
 Teresa Pancherz 19 / 26 August  
 Lynda Newnes 2 / 9 September  
 Clare T. Thomas 16 / 23 September  
 Phillida Strong 30 Sept / 7 October  
 (Harvest Festival 30 September)

## WASHFIELD

Remember: (in this current heatwave)  
 Keep your face to the sun  
 and you will never see the shadows.

A very big "THANK YOU" to all those who attended, generously contributed to, or helped in any way, on 7 July at the annual Church Fete, which was opened by Mary Ross, seen below receiving a bouquet from her grandson Patrick.



There were so many people involved that is impossible to mention names. The PCC are very grateful for the support from the whole Community, making it a very enjoyable day, as well as raising the amazing sum of £825 for Church funds. Sharing the Hall with the Social Club (and incorporating the England World Cup Football Match on TV) brought us all together on this festive occasion and made us all glad we lived in Washfield, although it felt like the Tropics!

continued overleaf →

## TEMPLETON

This is no "ordinary" time either politically or environmentally. The world doesn't feel a very safe place at present. The hot Summer weather surrounded by nature's stillness feels reassuring in these turbulent times.

In the Church, however, we are now in "Ordinary" time - that time between Pentecost and Advent where we are looking at our day to day Christian life, trying, often failing, to follow the way of Christ.

We recently had an interesting Family Service led by Martin Hansford and a speaker from CHAT; our Church charity. Alison Padfield, the manager of CHAT, talked realistically but compassionately about local homelessness and the work of CHAT in the Tiverton area.

At this time we would like to thank all those who keep our Church clean, provide and arrange flowers, those who do all the paper work required and attend to the financial and fabric upkeep. We are indebted to you all.

We were sorry to hear that Ken Reed has been in hospital. We hope that he will soon be up and about again. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and also with anyone who has been in hospital or unwell recently.

We welcome Richard and Jane Watson who have moved to Templeton Cross

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

Also, many thanks to those who came and worked hard in the Churchyard on 23 June - in addition to the many times they do various jobs for us throughout the year. Your help is always much appreciated.

Holiday Club starts in Calverleigh Hall on 7 August and Washfield children will be there. We wish them a happy week!

Our good wishes go to James and Natasha for their Marriage on 4 August. It is very special to have a Wedding in the Church.

A Harvest Festival Weekend is being planned for 8/9 September - to include a Saturday evening concert by The Pennymoor Singers, with an included Harvest Supper, and, on Sunday, an afternoon "Requests" Songs of Praise, in Church, followed by Sports on the Old Rectory lawn and maybe a picnic tea - if the weather is still fine! Please watch out for posters, website etc. We appreciate all the farmers do to keep us well fed. We hope to see you there!

We were sad to see Robert and Mary Julier leave the village after many years of living happily at Marsh Cottage, Lower Washfield. We send them our good wishes as they make their new home in Culmstock. We are delighted though, to welcome another Robert, together with his wife, Emerald and their son Reuben, as they move in to Marsh Cottage. We hope you will be very happy there.

Good wishes are sent to anyone amongst us who is unwell at this time. We hope you soon feel much better.

Washfield Scarecrow Festival 2018 was a great success which culminated with the prize-giving evening in June. There was much fun and laughter as the results in the different categories were announced and no surprises as The Owl and the Pussy Cat, 101 Dalmatians and Long John

Silver featured heavily in the honours. Well done to ALL who took time to take part in this lovely competition.

An open meeting of the W.I. in June, at which Maurice Balment spoke about his life growing up in Washfield, was thoroughly enjoyed by the large assembled audience. His tales of life in a bygone age touched the hearts of those present and his recollection of simpler times, and his memories of them, were shared by many others there. What amazing recall he demonstrated and many a quirky tale thus recounted had the listeners laughing out with happiness. What a lovely evening it was!

The Social Club has been instrumental in organising events throughout the summer including cream teas, barbecues, World Cup football evenings and the Tractor Festival. This is a vital group and plays a huge part in the social aspects of our Village/Parish. Please support it by paying your annual subscription of £6 (due on 1 October). Look out too for wayward pumpkins as they spring up all around the Village. These monsters will be growing until the culmination of the contest (in aid of charity) at the end of October in the Social Club.

The Village Hall Committee, the keeper of the defibrillator, has arranged an update on how to use it in an emergency in the Village. If someone close to us was unfortunate enough to suffer a collapse and their heart stopped, their chances of surviving is determined by how fast aid, and particularly the act of restarting the heart to its normal rhythm, is given. The machine does all the important work - it just needs an informed person to use it ... and that could be you! Please come along to this refresher evening if you are interested. Young people too, are most welcome to attend. It will be on Monday 13 August between 7-9.30pm.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 13 August "Defibrillator/Save a life" refresher evening in Hall 7-9.30pm. Ring Anne for more details 01884 255298  
 Thursday 23 August Lunch Club in hall 12 for 12.30  
 Saturday/ Sunday 8/9 September Harvest Festival Weekend (see Round-up)  
 Thursday 13 September W.I. in hall 7.30pm. Speaker: John Greenslade on 'Conservation on Byway Farm'  
 Thursday 20 September TBC Lunch Club (Anne will confirm nearer the time)  
 Thursday 11 October W.I. in hall 7.30pm. Speaker: Paula Steer on 'From Farm to Yarn'

**DON'T FORGET** - Keep snapping for the Photographic Competition 'A Year in the Life of Washfield' (closing in the Autumn)

### Church Altar Flowers Rota

August 5/12	Mrs Ellis
August 19/26	Mrs Taylor-Ross
September 2/9	Miss A Bolt
September 16/23	Mrs A Balment
September 30/7 Oct	Mrs Lane

### Church Cleaning Rota

August 6/13	Mrs Harding/Mrs Jones
August 20/27	Mrs Albery
Sept 3/10	Mr & Mrs Ellis
Sept 17/24	Mrs French
October 1/8	Mr & Mrs Parnell

## WITHLEIGH

Work to the west wall of the Church was completed at the beginning of June. It involved replacement of the decayed stonework to the band course and around windows, and the removal of the cement render and replacing with lime render (to enable the wall to 'breathe'). The appearance of the wall has

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## PARISH ROUND-UP

been transformed – just a pity that it is only visible to those who venture round the west end in order to see it. The stone upper step to the porch was also replaced. Our grateful thanks are due to Peter Edmunds who sought out the grants which have been such an enormous help in financing the project.

St Catherine's witnessed two weddings in June – Jason Parr and Kelly Parkhouse on the 15th, and Andrew Bulled and Kate Kittow on the 30th. We wish both couples God's blessing and every happiness in their married lives.

On the 17 June, we welcomed Ruby Milton into God's family at her baptism service.

At this year's Village Hall AGM thanks were expressed to everyone for their patience during the building work done on the Hall last year. The Hall now looks refreshed with a new roof, décor and with the lights and the heating up in the ceiling. The committee would like to thank Peter Edmunds for all of his hard work, preparing and getting the grants which enabled us to proceed with the work.

The Hall Committee and officers agreed to stand again for another year but as we are a small committee, we feel ideas from others could improve the variety of events and provide for the wishes of the whole village. With this in mind we are holding an Open Meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7 August at 7.30pm. Please do come along and have your say about what happens in your village hall!

This year's Garden & Produce Show will be held on Saturday 18 August, in the Village Hall. We have a new Trophy for this year's show, kindly given by Eric Shapland, for the Best in Show. This will be for what the judges believe to be the best entry in the whole show, whether it be vegetable, flower, craft, cookery or

children's entry. Everyone who has an entry, has a chance of winning.

Schedules were attached to the June/July magazine for the Witleigh residents. If you have lost yours, and would be interested in taking part, or you just have a question about the show, please call Henry Cruwys 01884 257142. Alternatively why not come along at 7.30pm in the evening and see what amazing vegetables and flowers have been grown in and around our village, or perhaps you are more interested in flower arrangements, crafts, cookery or what the children have been creating. Admission is free, so do come along and enjoy the evening with us.

On Sunday 19 August we are planning a 'Songs of Praise' service at 10.30am, which will feature wedding hymns chosen by church members.

Our Harvest Festival Service will take place on Sunday 16 September at 3pm, and will feature the puppet troop which Stephen and Janet will be bringing along. Do please join with us as we celebrate God's provision for us throughout the year.

Our Harvest Supper will be held on the Monday, 17 September, 7 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall, followed by the auction of harvest produce, proceeds of which will be given to a local charity. Please ring either Brenda (252431) or Sara (252949) to book a ticket for Supper.

Our grateful thanks go to Janet Sellick who has stepped down as Today Magazine distributor, and to Cathy Luxton who has picked up the mantle, along with Anne Edmunds who will act as stand-by.

A warm Witleigh welcome to the new occupants of 'Woodlands'; we hope to meet you at village events in due course. Our thoughts are with all those awaiting exams results, and we wish them well for

their future. We also think of the children starting or changing schools and hope you all settle in quickly and happily.

We continue to send get well wishes to Janet Stacey, Margaret Gale and Betty Kitchen, also to Eric Shapland, and any others known to us who are unwell at the moment, especially those receiving treatment, waiting for or recovering from operations. Our love and prayers are with you all.

**Witleigh WI** meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 7.15pm. Guests are always welcome to come along.

9 August - Practical Experience of the Alexander Technique from Lizzie Feltham.  
13 September - "The best year of your life" by Emma Douglas.

11 October at Washfield - "Lily Warner Wool - From Farm to Yarn, by Paula Steer  
For more information please ring Rosie on 01884 257123.

**Forthcoming Events;**

Tuesday 7 August; Village Hall Open Meeting, in the Hall at 7.30pm.

Saturday 18 August, Garden & Produce Show, in the Hall at 7.30pm.

Sunday 19 August – Wedding hymns 'Songs of Praise', 10.30am in church.

Sunday 16 September – Harvest Festival in church at 3pm.

Monday 17 September – Harvest supper in the Hall, 7 for 7.30pm.

**Flower Rota:**

July 29 / Aug 5	Susie Wade
Aug 13 / 19	Christine Luxton
Aug 26 / Sept 2/ 9	Daphne Chown
Sept 16	HARVEST
Sept 23	Janet Sellick
Sept 30 / Oct 7	Shirley Cruwys

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Colin Radford. Chairman.

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With training sessions of 1 or 2 hours a week, it takes an average of 3 months to "learn the ropes", although some people pick it up faster than others, so you still have time to learn. Bell Ringing is an ancient British tradition – both a sport and an art, it is social, a mental exercise and good for focus and fitness.

When they rang out on 11 November 1918, bells were right at the heart of the Community, marking events of great significance and as a means of communication. At the end of the war, many people heard about the Armistice through Bell Ringing. So come and learn a new skill and make 11 November the first of many great occasions, local and national, that you can ring for. If you are interested, don't delay.

Act now and phone me, Nellie, on 07767413916 and if I don't answer, please leave a message with your phone number and I'll ring you back - or you can send a text.



## CHURCH BELLS SOUND

## BATTLE'S OVER



### A nation's tribute - ringing out for peace

An appeal has gone out to Church Bell Ringers around Britain, to join in a major event to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1.

The organisers of "Battle's Over", a national and international event marking the Armistice, want to see more than 1,000 Churches and Cathedrals participate by ringing their bells simultaneously at 7.05pm on the night of 11 November.

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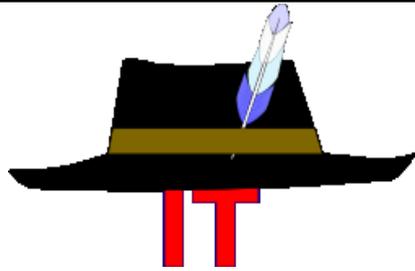
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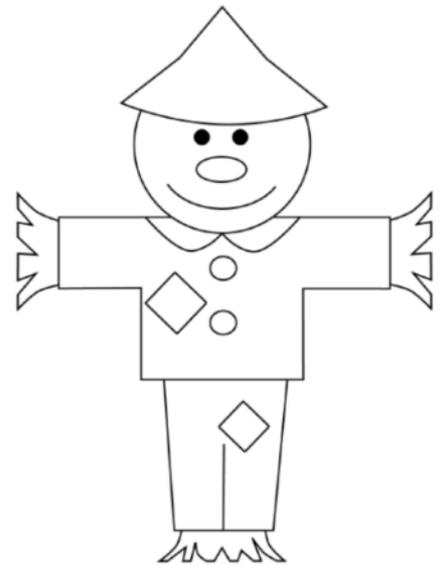
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#### NEW THIS YEAR !!

Friday 10th August -  
Family Barbecue from 5pm to 6.30pm  
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Group Celebration Service -  
Sunday 12th August at 10.30 am at Calverleigh

Please note that we are starting earlier in the mornings and on Friday we are finishing at 5pm followed by the barbecue.

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## POEMS & MORE !!

### Thoughts for Everyday by Patience Strong ~ for 30 August

Sunlight breaking through the mist,  
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Crimson dahlias tall and lovely,  
sunflowers bright and bold.

Fruited branches in the orchards  
with their burdens bend.  
Peace and plenty crown  
the golden days at Summer's end

### So - you think you know it all !!

1. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
2. A "Jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 100<sup>th</sup> of a second.
3. A snail can sleep for three years.
4. February 1865 is the only recorded month NOT to have a full moon.

### Parish Pump



Firstly, may I say "Thank you" to whoever it was who put two buttons in the Collection Plate last week - they turned out to be early Victorian and I sold them on eBay for £800 each !!

### Thoughts for Everyday by Patience Strong ~ for 16 September

I would hold this Autumn beauty;  
bid the lovely season stay.  
I would halt the striding year  
and keep it at this golden day.

But the glory must depart;  
the leaves must fade and fall to earth - that Nature may commence her resurrection and re-birth.

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### Baptism and Confirmation

We have had a wonderful number of Baptisms recently. What a joy it has been to welcome so many families into our churches.

Do please get in touch, if you or your child, would like to be baptised.

Maybe you have been baptised, but never confirmed. If you are interested in being confirmed and would like to find out more, do please contact the Church Office, to talk to Steph about it.

### C of E helps protect young people from modern slavery

New resources to be released in September will help schools raise awareness of modern slavery and help protect their students from becoming victims. They are a result of a collaboration between The Clewer Initiative, a project helping the Church of England to respond to modern slavery, and Just Enough UK, an educational charity teaching children about difficult subjects like modern slavery and terrorism.

The resources will include lesson plans for five key stages, collective worship, and guides for teachers. They are designed to raise awareness of modern slavery amongst the UK's young people and make them aware that they themselves could be at risk of being victims of this crime.

According to the National Crime Agency referrals of under-18s as potential victims of modern slavery increased 66% to 2118 in 2017, compared to 1278 in 2016. In 2017 559 minors – 497 girls and 62 boys – were found to be potential victims of sexual exploitation, 119 were found in domestic servitude, and over a thousand in labour exploitation.

Modern slavery is thought to be taking place in every town and city in the UK, with high risk areas including hand car washes and nail bars. The Clewer Initiative recently launched the Safe Car Wash App, designed to help raise awareness of modern slavery in hand car washes.

The resources will be available through an online portal on websites of The Clewer Initiative and Just Enough UK. Anyone who would like to be notified when the resources are released can sign up at <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/schools>

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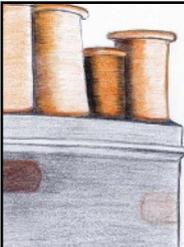
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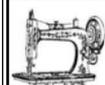
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