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CHANGE IS AS GOOD AS A?

I read today, in a well-thumbed and fairly reliable tome, (Good Housekeeping!) that, 'In unsure times, it's always good to have a few famous quotes to fall back on.' It seems to me that these days we are surrounded by famous quotes, inspirational sayings and motivational maxims. They are all over the place. On fridge magnets, tea towels, bits of wood, coasters, tee shirts, socks and assorted underwear. We have them on our walls, in our cars, on our computers and on ourselves.

We should be the most inspired motivational and motivated people ever. Inspirational sayings will, and I quote, 'spur change in the world at large, and help you make a change for the better.'

So here goes. I've got some motivational quotes for you, and they are all about change. You can find out who said what at the bottom of the page and then decide whether you agree with them or not.

1. Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.

2. The changes we dread most may contain our salvation.

3. It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.

4. Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

5. I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

Change is upon us, whether we like it or not. The General Election will probably result in changes for us all. So, I'd like to add a bonus motivational quote, 'Pray. Vote. Pray'. Let us pray for our country as we exercise our right to vote. Our churches will be open. Please use them as places to pray, as have countless generations before us, and to guide our thoughts and our actions.



There's change afoot in the office. After seven and a half years Steve has decided he is ready to retire. He has been a faithful friend to the Exe Valley. He has worked extremely hard and coped with ever increasing demands. He is the best of men, and we will miss him and his dry sense of humour. If you are interested in finding out more about this role, please let's have a chat.

There are changes in some of the things we do and hope to do. The website is undergoing a change, thanks to Dave Burton.

We are restarting our monthly Prayer Breakfasts – please come along to The Rectory on the 4th Sunday of the month. The Bible Study will be relaunched in September, along with thoughts of how we can be more Eco-friendly.

We have been meeting as Lay Leaders for training, which has resulted in some churches re-thinking their services. We are hosting Deanery Synod at Calverleigh on 30 September with input from The Farming Community Network. You are welcome to join in.

I know that change can be alarming and unsettling. But here's a quote that is worth having on your phone, your computer, your tea towel or your socks:

6. God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.

With my love and continued prayers as we journey this unsettled world together, spurred on, inspired and motivated!

Steph

1. Barack Obama 2. Barbara Kingsolver
3. Charles Darwin 4. George Bernard Shaw
5. Mother Theresa 6. Reinhold Niebuhr

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PARISH DIARY

JULY

- 1 Bible Study Stoodleigh 2.30pm
- 2 Loxbeare PCC Meeting 7.30pm
- 3 St Peter's Oakford Coffee and Chat 10am
- 6/7 Loxbeare Prayer Weekend
- 9 Washfield Tea and Chat - Village Hall 3-4.30pm
- 10 Cruwys Morchard Social Evening inc Quiz - Village Hall 6-10pm
- 11 Oakford Moorland Ladies Members BBQ 5pm
- 11 Exe Valley Lunch - The Rectory 12.30-2.30pm
- 13 Loxbeare Ploughman's Lunch - Village Hall 12.30-2pm
- 13 Washfield Village Hall Centenary Celebrations
- 19/21 St Margaret's Stoodleigh Flower Festival
- 20 Withleigh Village Fete 12-3pm
- 20 Oakford Soap Box Derby 1pm
- 21 Cruwys Morchard Afternoon Tea 3-5pm
- 21 Red Lion Oakford Quiz 8pm
- 24 Cruwys Morchard Social Evening inc Quiz - Village Hall 6-10pm
- 27 Prayer Breakfast at The Rectory 9am

AUGUST

- 1 Withleigh Bingo Eyes down 7.30pm
- 3 Stoodleigh Coffee Morning - Village Hall 10.30-12pm
- 3 Croquet and Cream Teas at The Manor Oakford 1pm
- 3 / 4 Loxbeare Prayer Weekend
- 6/7 Holiday Club - Explore Outdoors - Templeton 10-4pm
- 7 St Peter's Oakford Coffee and Chat 10am
- 8 Oakford Moorland Ladies Charity Speaker - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 10 Templeton Village Fete - Village Hall 1.30pm
- 10 Loxbeare Cream Teas and Plant Sale 12.30-2pm
- 10 Cruwys Morchard Flower Show
- 10 Oakford Flower and Produce Show - Village Hall 2-4pm
- 13 Washfield Tea and Chat - Village Hall 3-4.30pm
- 14 Cruwys Morchard Social Evening inc Quiz - Village Hall 6-10pm
- 15 Exe Valley Lunch - Exe Valley Farm Farm Shop Thorverton- 12.30-3.00pm
- 17 Oakford Boules and Bubbly - Greenslade House 1pm
- 17 Withleigh Garden and Produce Show 7.30pm
- 18 Red Lion Oakford Quiz 8pm
- 24 Stoodleigh Flower and Produce Show
- 24 Prayer Breakfast at The Rectory 9am
- 24 Calverleigh Produce and Flower Show 2.30pm
- 28 Cruwys Morchard Social Evening inc Quiz - Village Hall 6-10pm

WHAT'S ON

NATURE NOTES

Nurturing the vegetable patch has just about beaten me this year. Firstly, the wet weather meant that everything was planted late and the only glut was that of slugs and snails. When fragile green shoots appeared, despite a year's supply of crushed egg shells and multiple copper rings surrounding them, those slimy creatures dined on my precious seedlings.

A family of squirrels dug holes in the vegetable patch and scattered the bird seed all over the flower bed. Now I have wheat growing amongst the peonies.

The blackbirds have eaten all the cherries, bar one and that is only because it is not yet ripe.

On my return from holiday last week, I wandered round the garden noting the changes which had occurred over just a few days. Lots of weeds had sprung up.

I glimpsed something white behind a shrub and walked towards it. I stopped. It couldn't be. What was it? Not sure whether to approach. Where had it come from? Mind racing. A large white Bengali tiger was staring at me. For a fleeting moment, I was anxious, thinking it was real while telling myself it couldn't be. But . . . strangely, it had blue eyes. It wasn't moving. Huge stuffed toy tiger. Our son and grandson thought it a jolly jape to bring it from the recycle centre and hide it in our garden!

Back aching as I dug out weeds, I straightened up painfully when I heard a noise behind me and caught sight of the dog digging in the greenhouse. Unfortunately, the mouse hole she was excavating was under the cucumber plant, which until this point had been managing to do rather well.

Back to the weeds which were also doing rather well. Then I discovered that the deer had been in the garden the previous evening and had pruned my roses and sweetpeas.

Feeling rather disgruntled, I sat on the garden bench with the warmth of the sun shining down from a vibrant blue sky where swallows swooped and dived and buzzards circled slowly,

surveying the newly-mown fields. The dog laid her head on my knee and entreated me to forgive her.

Sparrows chirped noisily; a pair of pied wagtails searched for insects to feed their young, bobbing their tails as they waited impatiently. Bluetits hiding in the beech hedge called to each other and a greater spotted woodpecker shouted insistently to his mate. Two ring-collared doves pecked at the bird feeder and in the neighbouring field, the cattle sat together amiably, chewing the cud.

Leaves fluttered, rustling in the light breeze. The scent from sprigs of rosemary and lavender crushed between my fingers added to the sense of calm and serenity. I was surrounded by Nature's beautiful and lush greenery.

Never mind the slugs and snails. Fodder for hedgehogs! You can't win them all!

Fiona Bladon

Bible Study Group

Looking at the Letter to the Hebrews

The next meeting will be held at Parkhouse Water, Stoodleigh EX16 9PQ

Monday July 1st at 2.30pm

If you would like to come please let me know so that there are the right number of handouts. Many thanks.

Tim Gorrington

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PARISH ROUND-UP

CALVERLEIGH

As we move further into the summer months we are blessed by God's goodness everywhere. (Though at time of writing the weather is still decidedly chilly!)

To all pupils and students who are now well into exam timetables, we pray that it is not too stressful and that you gain what you need to proceed to the next stage of your education or career.

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Geoffrey Walker took place on 22 April. Geoff lived for many years in the village and during some of that time was the Treasurer at the village hall. He also dedicated his latter years to looking after his wife Mary after she was taken ill, making her remaining years as comfortable as possible. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and with those others who have more recently lost a loved one.

Saturday 4 May saw our Annual Day of Prayer, where 12 hours of continuous prayer is covered in half hour time slots. Those taking part pray wherever they feel most comfortable and we are extremely grateful to all taking part which amounted to over 30 people from around the valley, Tiverton and further afield.

On 5 May we welcomed David Edwards to St. Mary's where he not only provided the music for our service but also shared the service with Aubrey by delivering the sermon as well. Thank you, David for your thought provoking words and for all you do in Mission Community services.

Our APCM took place in May with Rev'd Steph chairing the meeting. Aubrey Goldsworthy and Jackie Herniman were nominated, proposed and seconded prior to the meeting and both accepted to continue for at least another year. The PCC, David Burton, Shirley Goldsworthy, Julie Goldsworthy, Sheila Greenslade, Lorna Thomas, remains the same as last year with all accepting and agreeing their nominations. Mr Goldsworthy is also continuing to serve as the Deanery Synod rep, Miss J Herniman continues as Treasurer with Mrs J Goldsworthy as PCC Secretary and Safeguarding rep. Everyone was thanked for their continued support of St. Mary's along with all those on church rotas who work hard to keep both inside and outside the church looking good for all parishioners and visitors alike. Your time and all you do is much appreciated. Thank you all. If you're interested in joining the PCC? Get in contact.

The wedding of Toni and Craig took place on 25 May. The sun shone, the church looked lovely and was filled with family and friends of the happy couple. We wish Toni and Craig much happiness in their future life together.

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Anne Roxbee Cox took place at Calverleigh on 30 May. Anne had become a regular 'zoomer' during lockdown and our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this sad and difficult time. We send our best wishes to all who have been unwell recently or have been awaiting treatment and hope that you will soon be feeling much better soon.

Congratulations to those of you who have celebrated a significant birthday,

anniversary or the arrival of a new member to your family recently. Our very best wishes are with you.

As we move closer to the end of the school year may you all have a restful, safe and happy Summer break whether you are staff or pupils so that you feel ready for the beginning of the new school year in September.

Forthcoming Events

The Annual Produce Show takes place on Saturday 24 August at 2:30pm.

Schedules are available to download from the Church website or if you prefer a printed copy please contact Mo and Paul on 01884 258770.

Entry forms need to be in by Friday 9 August for those wishing to take part and exhibits should be in place by 11am on the day of the event. Doors then open at 2:30pm to admire everyone's efforts!

Refreshments will be available and any donations of draw prizes would be greatly appreciated. Go on - give it a go, there's something for everyone to grow or make, whatever your age or ability and all proceeds go to the upkeep of our lovely Church, win win!

Dates for your diary:

Jun/Jul: Potato Competition
7 Jul: Open Air Service @ 3pm
24 Aug: Produce and Flower Show
14/15 Sep: Harvest Weekend
16 Nov: Autumn Fayre

Church cleaning rota:

17 Jun - 29 Jun: Mrs M Furneaux
1 Jul - 13 Jul: Mrs N Burton
15 Jul - 27 Jul: Mrs A Balsdon
29 Jul - 10 Aug: Mrs J Goldsworthy

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26 Aug - 7 Sep: Mrs S Greenslade

Mowing rota:

24 Jun - 6 Jul: Mr A Goldsworthy
8 Jul - 20 Jul: Mr D White
22 Jul - 3 Aug: The Heathcoat-Amory Family
5 Aug - 17 Aug: Mr K & Mrs C Hayes
19 Aug - 31 Aug: Mr A Hancock
2 Sep - 14 Sep: Mr C Durnan

Flower rota

23 Jun - 30 Jun: Herniman Family
7 Jul - 14 Jul: Mrs M Furnaux
21 Jul - 28 Jul: Mrs S Greenslade
4 Aug - 11 Aug: Mrs N Burton
18 Aug - 25 Aug: Mrs A Webber
1 Sep - 8 Sep: MS L Carrey

CRUWYS MORCHARD

Church of the Holy Cross

Throughout spring and early summer, the wildflowers in our churchyard have been beautiful. Now mowing has begun and we thank all who give their time to keeping the grounds of the church tidy.

Thank you one and all for joining us at our fun Summer Fete, and to everyone who gave generously of their time and contributions for the various stalls. We couldn't do it without you!

Congratulations to Greg Cole and Eleri Thomas who were married on Saturday 1 June. We wish them every happiness.

This year's Harvest Festival Service, sports and tea will be held on Saturday 28 September, at 2.15 pm. More details to follow in the next issue.

If you have children at primary school, Holiday Club Explore Outdoors will be held at Bradleigh House on 6 and 7 of August, 10am to 4pm. Full details can be found within this magazine or email cindyiltrick@gmail.com

Flower and Cleaning Rota

June 24 & July 1 Claire Miller
July 8 & 15 Diana Vincent & Val Randerson
July 22 & 29 Ann Gillbard
Aug 5 & 12 Sarah Cruwys
Aug 19 & 26 Cindy Trick
Sept 2 & 9 Marilyn Hill

Thank you to all who help with this, any problems let Cindy know.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are unwell at this time, we wish you a speedy recovery. We send our condolences to those who have suffered a bereavement.

For upcoming services in our church please see the central pages of this magazine.

Exam period

Congratulations to all, you have made it through. We hope that all has gone well and wish you the very best for your results and future endeavours. Have a lovely, relaxed summer holiday.

Aluminium Can Recycling!

Our Young Farmers are collecting aluminium drinks cans. Can you help! If you have cans that we can collect please contact Ali Vincent, 07801 480806.

Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall

The Parish Hall Committee would like to invite you to an Afternoon Tea on Sunday 21 July at the Parish Hall from 3pm to 5pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Paul Steele to book your table - 07768 847126 or paul@paulsteele.co.uk. Adults £8.00, Children under 10 years old £4.00. You can also add a glass of Prosecco at an additional cost of £3.00 per glass to your selection of sandwiches, cakes and scone and cream.

Further dates for your diary of Parish Hall events:-

Saturday 26 October - Bingo - doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm
Saturday 7 December - Dave and Di's Christmas Quiz
Saturday 14 December - Christmas Bingo - doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm

If you are interested in hiring our Parish Hall, please contact Diana Vincent - 01363 860227.

Cruwys Social Evening

On the second and fourth Wednesday of every month there is a social evening at the Parish Hall from 6pm to 10pm. Come and join your neighbours for a chat and a drink and perhaps partake of the quiz that runs between 7.30pm and 9pm. All welcome! For more information, please contact Ali Vincent, 07801 480806.

Flower Show

The Annual Flower Show will take place at the Parish Hall on Saturday 10 August. Schedules are now available with many new classes to enter. For more information, please contact Pauline on 07968 101121 or pauline.8@hotmail.co.uk

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We are currently raising money by collecting aluminium drinks cans, please see the details mentioned above.

At the Devon County Show our members gave their all, with Archie creating a fab sculpture of a man made from farm junk. They collaboratively assembled an impressive cubicle show casing arts and crafts, and cookery of Nepal. Congratulations to Evie Rice who won a trophy for her Junket making and won the unsalted butter competition. Evie also won the junior flower arranging class and will represent Devon at the national finals.

Our members all got together for Tug of War training and evening of BBQ and fun at the Tiverton Rugby Club. It was great to see them blow off steam, particularly for our members who have had exams this summer. They went on to compete in Tag Rugby at the Outdoor activity day on Saturday 1 June, well done to all who took part.

This is only a snapshot of what we've been doing and there is so much more to come! If any of this sounds tempting, please come along, and join us. We hold our monthly meetings at Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. Club email, cruwysm.yfc@gmail.com

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LOXBEARE

It was good to be part of the Mission Community Group Service at Oakford on the 19 May, celebrating the birthday of the church at Pentecost. It was a lovely service taken by Steph, with the Exe Valley choir taking part. Steph gave a special thank you to our Churchwardens and PCC members for all their hard work in all the Exe Valley Churches. Thank you to all who participated and organised the service and to Oakford for hosting the service.

Our services here at Loxbeare for July/August: 7 July we are having a Songs of Praise at 6.30pm. The 14 July will be Holy Communion taken by Steph at 10.15am with Calverleigh and Washfield. 21 July Evening Praise at 6.30pm. 4th August 10.45am taken by Steph and David Edwards, Morning Praise. The 11 August we will join Washfield for Holy Communion. 18 August 10.45am Morning Praise.

There will be a PCC Meeting on the 2 July at 7.30pm. Our monthly prayer weekends will be the first in each month,

6/7 July and 3 /4 August. Contact Jean on 01884881400 or Carol 01884881480 if prayer or prayer pointers needed.

Margaret has become a great-grandma for the first time to a lovely boy Ewan Thomas born in Australia in May to William and Ella, grandson to Angela and Ed. Congratulations and best wishes to you all. Very belated congratulations to Dawn and Mke on their engagement. We wish you both every happiness.

Thoughts and prayers are with all who are feeling unwell and to any who have lost loved ones recently. We give thanks for those who have had successful operations and treatments and pray for continued healing. Happy Birthday to all with birthdays in July/August and congratulations to all celebrating special occasions.

Our soup lunch in May raised £106 for Help for Heros and June cream tea £150 for Farm Crisis Network. The dates for July will be 13 - Ploughmans (ham or cheese) 12.30-2.00, donations for Hospiscare and August will be on the 10th, cream tea for Force. There will also be a plant bring and buy stall. Come and join in for food and a 'natter'. Thank you to those who help in any way and donate.

May everyone have a good summer and hope the young people taking exams will get the grades they need for their future education/jobs.

At the time of writing, we have been remembering the events of D Day and the bravery and courage of those who were a part of it. We are so grateful for



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the sacrifice of the many who lost their lives. It has been quite moving to hear the veteran's stories and all they went through and the detailed planning that went into that operation to bring us freedom.

OAKFORD

Summer is here although we may doubt it on the days that are rainy and really chilly, then the sun appears for a day or two and we smile again. The hedgerows are looking glorious, the crops are beginning to look well and silage is being made for the winter feed. This is British summertime, and there is a lot to look forward to.

St.Peters Church.

St Peter's held its APCM on May 13 chaired by Steph. We were pleased to welcome two new members to the PCC, Amelia Bennett and Carol Drummond. Our churchwardens remain unchanged, Wendy Boynton and Dawn Williams. Wendy is also our treasurer and after 30 years would like to hand this post on. If anyone would be interested in taking on this office please contact Wendy or Dawn, thank you.

On May 12 several of us travelled to Exeter Cathedral for a Baptism and Confirmation Service. Five candidates supported by Steph, from the Exe Valley Mission Community were confirmed. Genevieve from Oakford, Hattie and Yvonne from Stoodleigh, Sam from Templeton and Rufus from Bampton. The Cathedral pulls out all the stops for these special services and it was a wonderful day out.

Pyncombe Trust – The trust offers a grant of £250 to young people, who have lived in the parish for more than twelve months, when they move onto further education or apprenticeships. Please contact Dawn if you think you might qualify.

The poppy craft group continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at 6.45pm and the trunk holding the crafted poppies is filling up. Anyone wishing to come along to join the group will be very welcome.

There are now two new very smart bookcases full of books, covering many subjects in the community area at the back of the church. As Oakford no longer has a library van visit monthly on a Wednesday morning we are going to hold a coffee morning between 10am and 11am, on the first Wednesday of each month in the community area. We hope people will come along, have a coffee while browsing through the books and meeting up with friends for a chat. The books can be borrowed and then returned or owned for a donation.

The Pentecost Service was held at St Peter's in May. The bells rang out to welcome the large congregation, Steph led the group communion service, the Exe Valley Choir sang, Tim played the organ and the piano with Dave was on guitar. A big thank you was given by Steph to churchwardens and PCC members throughout the group and each received a small candle and chocolate from Steph.

The Moorland ladies were blessed with a beautiful afternoon for their cream tea and plant sale meeting. Thanks to the committee who supplied the delicious

tea. A lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all.

The Village Fete will take place in the community area at the end of June. A report on this event will be in the next edition of Today as the print deadline of this edition will be before the fete takes place.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

Red Lion Quiz dates.

21st July and 18th August. 8.00pm start.

Moorland Ladies Club meetings.

11th July, Members BBQ at Spurway Mill Farm. 5.00 pm

8th August, A charity speaker for our nominated charity of the year.

Parish Hall

15th July, Race Night at the Village Hall (dress for Ascot). Please note that this event has been postponed until Friday 20th September.

20th July, The Oakford Soap Box Derby. Start time 1.00pm. Full details and Entry forms from Georgina 07803432320. Finish at the village hall to be followed by drinks and BBQ

3rd August - NEW DATE - Croquet at The Manor 1.00pm. Entry and cream tea £5. To enter the croquet competition £10. Let Patrick or Nadia, Oakford Manor, know if you wish to play croquet.

10th August, The Flower and Produce Show. 2pm- 4pm at the Village Hall. Exhibitors to set up 9 – 11 am. Cup presentations 3.30pm

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7 JULY

Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Green)
All coming together: David's story

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10
Mark 6: 1-13

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

3.00pm Open Air Service

CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Morning Prayer

LOXBEARE

6.30pm Songs of Praise

OAKFORD

See Stoodleigh

RACKENFORD

See Stoodleigh

STOODLEIGH

10.45am Holy Communion
Steph Gordon-Jeffs and David Edwards

TEMPLETON

10.45am Family Service

WASHFIELD

6.00pm Taize
Tim Gorrington

WITHLEIGH

9.30am Family Service

14 JULY

Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Extravagant worship

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19
Mark 6: 14-29

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

See Loxbeare

CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Family Service

LOXBEARE

10.45am Holy Communion
Steph Gordon-Jeffs and David Edwards

OAKFORD

6.00pm Songs of Praise

RACKENFORD

9.15am Explore
Steph Gordon-Jeffs and David Edwards

STOODLEIGH

9.30am A reflective service with breakfast

TEMPLETON

10.45am Morning Praise

WASHFIELD

See Loxbeare

WITHLEIGH

10.45am Service of the Word

21 JULY

Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Let God be God

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

9.30am Family Service

CRUWYS MORCHARD

See Withleigh

LOXBEARE

6.30pm Evening Praise

OAKFORD

10.45am Morning Praise

RACKENFORD

10.45am Morning Praise

STOODLEIGH

6.00pm Songs of Praise

TEMPLETON

See Withleigh

WASHFIELD

10.45am Family Service

WITHLEIGH

10.45am Holy Communion
Steph Gordon-Jeffs

28 JULY

Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

It's not fair

2 Samuel 11: 1-15
John 6: 1-21

9.30am Zoom Service

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Baptism and Confirmation

We have had a wonderful number of Baptisms booked in this year. What a joy it is 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 and speak to Steph.



4 AUGUST

Tenth Sunday after Trinity
(Green)

God confronts who we are

2 Samuel 11: 26-12:13a
John 6: 24-35

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise
Tim Gorringe

CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Morning Prayer

LOXBEARE

10.45am Morning Praise
Steph Gordon-Jeffs
and David Edwards

OAKFORD

10.45am Holy Communion
Jerry Bird

RACKENFORD

See Oakford

STOODLEIGH

See Oakford

TEMPLETON

No Service

WASHFIELD

6.00pm Evening Prayer

WITHLEIGH

9.30am Family Service

11 AUGUST

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
(Green)

Reaping the whirlwind

2 Samuel 18: 5-9,15: 31-33
John 6: 35,45-51

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

See Washfield

CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Family Service

LOXBEARE

See Washfield

OAKFORD

10.45am Morning Praise

RACKENFORD

9.15am Explore
Steph Gordon-Jeffs

STOODLEIGH

9.30am Reflective Service
with breakfast

TEMPLETON

10.45am Morning Praise

WASHFIELD

**10.45am Holy Communion
with Baptism**
Steph Gordon-Jeffs

WITHLEIGH

10.45am Service of the Word
Tim Gorringe

18 AUGUST

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
(Green)

Receiving wisdom as a gift

1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14
John 6: 51-58

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

9.30 Family Service

CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Holy Communion
Jerry Bird

LOXBEARE

10.45am Morning Praise

OAKFORD

10.45am Morning Praise
Tim Gorringe

RACKENFORD

10.45am Morning Praise

STOODLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise
Steph Gordon-Jeffs
and David Edwards

TEMPLETON

See Cruwys Morchard

WASHFIELD

10.45am Family Service

WITHLEIGH

See Cruwys Morchard

Taizé Prayers

Taizé is an ecumenical community in France which has been a focus for young people for about 70 years. The core of what they do is meditative prayer, based around simple chants, very easy to harmonise to.

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MISSION COMMUNITY ON A SUNDAY

25 AUGUST

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Making space for God to turn up

9.30am Zoom Service

OUR MISSION COMMUNITY GROUP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

**is at 10.45am in
TEMPLETON**

**Steph Gordon-Jeffs and
David Edwards**

Everyone welcome

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or email to
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There are also entry forms at the Red
Lion and in the telephone box in Oakford.

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garden setting whilst watching or
taking part in the boules competition.
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cream Boules £10 Please let John
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If any village organisation has news or
events they would like included in the
Today Magazine, contact -
patsyphili@aol.com or 01398 351648

Thoughts and prayers go to all who are
poorly at home or in hospital.
Congratulations to anyone with a
birthday or special anniversary during
July and August.

RACKENFORD

Where is our summer? As we go to
print we have enjoyed some dry
days but not much warmth and we are
nearing the end of June.

Our Explore services continue to fill us
with hope for the future as our young
children take part and lead us in prayer
and readings as Elliot and Annmarie
often do. During a recent service taken
by Steph and Dave on guitar we all had
pretty fabric to make windmills. We
received prayer cards from the children
and wooden crosses to take home and
hold in private prayer.

This is the first opportunity to extend
our deepest sympathy to Oliver, Eileen,
Elliott and Annmarie on the death of
Oliver's beloved granddad and great
grandad to Elliott and Annmarie. We
understand what a difficult time this is
for you and send our love and prayers.

It was with great sadness we heard of
the death of Joan B. Many will have
known Joan when she lived on the
outskirts of Rackenford at Queen Dart.
However lots of our memories and
friendships were formed when she
lived in the midst of the village. Joan
enjoyed being with friends and had
many interests. Her funeral service
was held in our church by Rev Steph
Gordon Jeffs. A eulogy was read for the
family by Helen and a poem by Phillipa.
Joan was laid to rest with her late
husband Henry. We send our love and
deepest sympathy to Daphne and Dave
and Mo and her dearly loved
grandchildren and great grand children,
family and friends.

We also send our deepest sympathy
and prayers to Russell and Joy, Mark
and John on the death of Russell's
sister in law Mary. Years ago Mary and
her late husband lived at Bradford
Cottages where Mary's late husband
was our village postman. There are still
people who receive this magazine who
will remember them fondly.

It was very sad to hear of the death of
Iris who died after a tragic accident.
Iris lived at Stoodleigh with her
husband David. Once again some
remember Iris being born and brought
up at South View, Rackenford and later
lived at Canworthy with her family. We
extend our deepest sympathy to David
and family.

On May 11 a reunion was held at
Rackenford school for over 65's to
meet up again and reminisce.
Photographs, paper cuttings, exercise
books, reading books etc were
available to review, so interesting. How
everyone and everything has changed.
Many enjoyed looking around the
school and were totally amazed at how
it had grown in size and materials as
they remembered so vividly how it used
to be. Completely transformed in many
ways.

Teas, coffee, delicious cakes and
savouries were provided and enjoyed
by all who attended.

A very happy, relaxing and enjoyable
afternoon. It was a great pleasure to
have Rosemary and Chris Tull join us
later in the afternoon. Thank you to
Rackenford school for allowing us to
use the school and to all those who
made it happen.

Our Mission Community Holy
Communion Group Service with the Exe
Valley Community Choir took place on
May 19 Pentecost, at Oakford.

During the service Steph thanked all
the Churchwardens and PCCs of each
parish for all their work for their
church's and the Exe Valley. All were
given gifts of a candle and chocolate.
Thank you Steph for your kindness.

On June 2nd we welcomed a full church
for the baptism of Alfie Muchmore and
Bonnie Powell. What delightful little
ones they were, taking in all in their
stride and supported by their respective
parents, godparents, family and many
friends. Alfie and Bonnie were given
little Bibles and candles, the
godparents also received Bibles. Alfie
and Bonnie were warmly welcomed into
Gods home. God Bless them both.

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Our very best wishes and prayers to all those struggling with health issues. We remember Jacques and also Mary who may be facing an operation. To those who we haven't heard about we wish you well. Good to hear that Brian P and Mike P are making good progress now.

Many thanks to David for all the work he does for us in the churchyard, it doesn't go unnoticed and we much appreciate all you do to help.

To all who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries we hope you have a good day.

STOODLEIGH

Report from St Margarets.

The whole of Stoodleigh has been shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Iris Wotton. All our thoughts and prayers are with David and all the family.

We had a very good auction recently, it raised a lot more than we expected and we shared the profits with the Devon Air Ambulance. It was a great night and Ed Brown did a wonderful job as the auctioneer, ably assisted by his "not so glamorous assistant" (Ed's description not mine!) Julian Mansfield. Our thanks go to everyone who helped with organising the event and all the very kind people who donated the amazing lots for auction.

We've got several events coming up at St Margarets; the first is a stall in South

Molton market on July 4th and later in July on 19th, 20th and 21st of July we are holding a flower festival in the church to celebrate St Margaret's day. There will be tea, coffee and cake/biscuits on the Friday and Sunday and on the Saturday, St Margaret's day, there will be cream teas available. So I hope you can all come and join us.

Flower Rota

13th to 20th July is flower festival
27th to 3rd August Phyllis Hill
10th to 17th August Mandy Widdowson
24th August Phyllis Hill
31st August Penny Norman

Stoodleigh 100 Club

At the Spring Market, St Margaret's PCC and Stoodleigh Parish Hall Committee presented Christine Palfrey with a retirement gift in recognition of the many years of running the 100 Club. Over 14 years, the 100 Club has raised several thousand pounds for the Parish Hall and St Margaret's Church and at the Market, Christine presented the Hall and Church treasurers, Jan Russell and Yvonne Lang, with £250 each for 2023/2024. Thank you Christine for running the 100 Club so successfully and thank you to the 100 Club members in the community who also had fun winning prizes at the monthly draws. As Christine steps back, Geraldine Talbot has volunteered to take on the fund raising and organisation of the 100 Club.

Thank you to everyone who has joined the 100 Club for 2024/25 but if you haven't yet renewed your membership, due in May, please contact Geraldine as soon possible on 01398 351391 or geraldinetalbot@live.com

Membership is £15 per year and there are 12 monthly draws with 4 prizes (£20, £10 and 2 x £5). Payment can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer.

100 Club Draw Winners

May: Phyllis Hill, Viv Menear, Pat Pennington and Christine Palfrey
June: Sally Holland, Pat Pennington, Penny Norman and Phil Talbot

Welcome to new neighbours, Michele and family, who have moved into Ford House. We hope you will enjoy living in Stoodleigh and look forward to meeting you soon.

Parish Hall

Stoodleigh Parish Hall held its Annual coffee, Walk and Lunch on Saturday 1st June. Walkers enjoyed two routes including a treasure Hunt. Congratulations to The Williams family, Ruth and Caroline, Geraldine and Phil winners of the Treasure Hunt A delicious 2 course meal was served for both walkers and other members of the community. It was a brilliant community event, super company with the sun shining through the Hall windows onto tables decorated with bright pots of beautiful flowers.

Future dates for your diary:

Coffee mornings 10.30am to 12.00 noon on Saturday 3rd August and 28th September. Come and join us for a chat with friends and neighbours over coffee and cake.

Autumn Market Saturday 26th October 10.30am til 1pm. Meet local traders and artists showing their goods and crafts - Christmas shopping! There will be stalls offering jams, cakes, books, plant stall and raffle. Come and enjoy Coffee and cake. To book a table



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Garden Club

This is the reminder / encourager for the Stoodleigh Garden Club Produce Show 2024.

The Garden Club would like to alert you to the news that the Stoodleigh Produce Show will be held on Saturday 24th August at Stoodleigh Parish Hall.

We are asking for entries to arrive a little earlier in the morning this year (between 10 am and 11.15) so that the judges have plenty of time to carry out their difficult task. This should then allow plenty of time in the afternoon for you to look over the entries, enjoy the refreshments on offer and browse the plant and other stalls. We are planning to make the show the best ever but do depend on you for entries. The 'Spuds in A Bucket' should be growing away happily by now and with all the rain we have had we hope all your other plants and veg are doing well!

Please look out for your copy of the schedule and entry form distributed with the Stoodleigh copies of this magazine or contact Shirley Cope (tel. 01398 351126) for entry forms and look out for posters around the village with more details in the week commencing 18th August. We look forward to seeing you on 24th August.

Amanda, Jill, Shirley and Paula

Quoit at Cross Vineyard will be open for wine tours and tastings from May 1st to Sep 30th. Vineyard walk and talk followed by sampling of 3 wines. Views over Stoodleigh and the Exe Valley. For more details contact Tim Hill:

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TEMPLETON

When this magazine is published, we will fast be approaching the Summer holidays. Traditionally, Summer is a time for fun, relaxation and enjoyment. The days seem to last forever, and the long, light evenings provide opportunities to enjoy being outside for longer. Yet, somehow Summer never seems to last long enough. This is true of all things wonderful. Hopefully, this year, there will be a good mix of sunshine and showers as we need a balance of both. Whatever we get, we should try to make the most of it and enjoy it while it lasts.

Church and churchyard

The Sunday Services at St Margaret's Church are usually held twice a month, with a mix of lay-led services and group or cluster services, led by Steph, Claire, Tim, or David, rotating between all nine parishes.

The churchyard has undergone a big clear-up and pruning over the past couple months. Finally, all the Yew branches in the churchyard have been removed. Now, the wild flowers in the churchyard are blooming and there is a plan to erect swift boxes to encourage the swifts to nest there.

With this recent, dryer weather (fingers crossed) there is an opportunity for Adrian Hunt and his specialist team to complete the work on the interior walls of the church.

We are so grateful to Marjorie and Eleri for playing the organ for our church services.

The Sunday services at St Margaret's Church in Templeton over July and August will be held on July 7th and 14th and August 11th and 25th.

Past events in Templeton

Templeton Tractor Run

This popular event started from, and ended at, Templeton Village Hall on May 12th. Thank you, Roland and Reg, for all your hard work in organising such an enjoyable and successful Tractor Run. Wonderful classic and vintage tractors drove along a planned local route. Bacon rolls were available at the Village Hall before the Tractor Run. Upon their triumphant return, there was a pasty and a pint waiting for the hungry drivers. Thank you to everyone who took part, and gave their time and money so generously, and to those who came out to watch the event, which along with the grand draw, raised £518 to support both the Friends of Tiverton Hospital and St Margaret's Church, Templeton.

Templeton Village Hall and Social Club Annual General Meeting

Lots of valuable suggestions were offered at this meeting. The committee unanimously agreed that the Village Hall is overdue for an update and also needs to undergo some important repairs. An industrial dishwasher for the kitchen, and a new glass washer for the bar were recently discussed at the AGM and have already been purchased. This should certainly make a difference at club nights and future functions.

D-Day Beacon - Thursday 6th June

On Thursday 6th June, a special event at Templeton Village Hall marked the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. Parishes around the country were invited to light a Beacon at 9pm on that



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day to represent the 'Light of Peace' that emerged from the darkness of war. A second commemorative D-Day event was held at the village hall on Saturday 8th June, for those who could not attend on Thursday. It was, after all, a school night and the middle of GCSEs. To mark this occasion, delicious beacon (bacon) rolls and pasties were available.



Future events

Templeton Summer Fete - Saturday August 10th - from 1.30pm at Templeton Village Hall

Don't miss this popular community event! This year's Templeton Summer Fete will include the Grand Auction along with cream teas, cakes, hot dogs, pay bar, bric-a-brac, nearly new clothes, books, produce, tombola and games. Please have a look through your cupboards now for anything that you no longer need. It takes a village to run big, village events and, as always, we would be grateful for any volunteers who would be able to help with the stalls and games and help make the day great fun for everyone!

If you could spare some time on the morning of the fete, or on the evening before, to help set everything up, that would also be much appreciated. If you have an idea for a game or if you would

like to find out more then please email templetonvh@gmail.com.

Duck Race at Templeton Bridge - Sunday September 8th - 2pm

The ducks are in training. Come and join us for this great family fun afternoon when we release hundreds of ducks into Templeton's River Dart. The ducks will make their way from Great Esworthy Farm and finish at Dartcoombe Mill. Our river marshals ensure all our ducks arrive safely. There will also be cream teas, pasties, books for sale, a plant sale and bric-a-brac. Ducks will be on sale (£1 each) during the fete, and at club nights, by contacting Roger and Bindy on 01884 860655, or by emailing templetonvh@gmail.com and on the day. Money prizes to be won! All proceeds go to village funds.

Saturday 5th October - The Harvest Festival weekend - Harvest Supper at 7.30pm at Templeton Village Hall

Please do come along and enjoy this annual, delicious and plentiful supper to celebrate the harvest. The bar will be open from 7pm. We will also be celebrating the talented artists in Lynda's art group with a display of their art work - and there is some more entertainment planned! Tickets will be £10.00 each (£5 for 14-year-olds and under). All proceeds will go in aid of St Margaret's Church.

Sunday 6th October at 10.45am - Templeton's Harvest Festival at St Margaret's Church

We would be grateful if you could please bring any fresh fruit, vegetables, packaged or canned produce to the porch of St Margaret's Church during the week before the service so that it can all be displayed in the church. All the produce will then be donated to the Churches Housing Action Team

(CHAT). Your gifts are always very much appreciated by CHAT and they have asked us to pass on their deepest thanks.

Bonfire and firework display - Saturday 2nd November - from 6.30pm

This very popular event will take place at Templeton Village Hall. People really do come from far and wide to see it. The bar will be open and there will be delicious hot dogs for sale. So why not book the date now? Further details and prices to follow.

Anyone for Pickleball?

Pickleball is fast becoming one of the most popular racket sports in the world. Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. Players of all ages can play as both singles and doubles, using paddles to hit a plastic ball between them.

It was suggested some time ago that Templeton Village Hall should purchase a Pickleball Set to add to the games available to play in the hall. However, before we commit to buying the equipment, we are looking for someone who would be willing to set the game up in Templeton and perhaps, get a team together. Any volunteers, please? For further information, please email templetonvh@gmail.com

Regular groups

Templeton Art Group

The art group has been a huge success. Thank you so much Lynda for leading this. The group has decided to create a calendar which will feature their beautiful artwork. These calendars will be on sale at the Fete, at Harvest Supper, Firework Night, and during the Christmas Games at the village hall. The art group meets at Templeton Village Hall fortnightly on Tuesdays from 10am until 12 middays. Everyone

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Yoga sessions - Calverleigh

Yoga sessions have now moved from Templeton Village Hall to Calverleigh Village Hall, every Monday at 10.30am and Tuesday at 7pm. Instructor Pat is an experienced yoga instructor based in Tiverton. Pat can accommodate all abilities. If you would like to know more, please contact Pat at pat_bell@hotmail.com

Book Group

Templeton Book Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3pm at Templeton Village Hall with coffee, tea and cake. Please contact Julie on 01884 233507 if you would like to know more.

Knit and Natter

Templeton Knit and Natter takes place on the last Friday of each month from 10.30am to 12 midday, in St Margaret's Church, Templeton. Why not bring any of your repair work, knitting or embroidery with you, or just come along for coffee, biscuits and a chat.

Templeton Village Hall and Social Club

Templeton Village Hall has many games available - table tennis, darts, pool, skittles - they are all there for you to enjoy or for a family get-together. There is also a barbecue which is all set up and ready to use! Please call Bindy on 01884 860655 if you would like to use the hall. We just need to check that there is not another booking on that day. The Social Club is open every Monday

and Saturday evening from 8pm to 11pm, with a wide range of drinks available at very reasonable prices. Membership is only £2 a year.

Gardening Club

Now that the summer is well under way, the gardening club provides a lovely opportunity for everyone to get together and talk gardens, help problem solve, suggest gardens to visit, share gardening questions, eat cake and have a coffee. If you would like to know more or if you would like to join in, please email Ginah at ginahpalmer@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you.

Thoughts and prayers

Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes are with all those who are unwell, receiving or awaiting treatment, who have been in hospital, recovering from surgery, or going through a tough time.

Flowers and Cleaning Rota

July to August 2024

Gloria Woollacott	14 July / 21 July
Teresa Pancherz	28 July / 4th August
Bindy Linden	11 Aug. / 18 August
Sue Coffin	25 Aug. / 1st Sept.

WASHFIELD

Summer greetings to you all from Washfield church and community!

The whole village is missing our good friend Enid Harding, who has sadly passed away, and has left a very big gap in our lives. We send our love and sympathy to Mark and Kate in their great loss. Enid supported everything

that happened in the village and much further afield and is much missed as a stalwart friend and tireless help in every activity. When volunteers were needed she was there! For many years Enid was on St. Mary's church cleaning rota - always bringing her own vacuum cleaner across the road to make sure the carpet were spotless. She was also on the flower rota and never forgot! Picking up car loads of lonely folk for Tea Parties every month was so valuable and her cheerful manner made those Sundays very special. She was a hard working member of every organization in the village. We all miss Enid's common sense and interest in everybody she came across, always practical and always full of common sense. We are looking forward to all the memories and tributes that we shall hear when we meet in the Village Hall on Saturday, June 15th, for Enid's Tea Party, when we shall learn even more about her life, and early days. To say Enid led a full life is an understatement. We all feel thankful to have known her.

We have also lost another good friend and we mourn the loss of Ruby Tristram, nee Voysey, whose moving Funeral some of us attended in Hocombe Rogus on May 15th. Ruby was born in Washfield and had an abiding affection for the village, and particularly The Mill where she grew up. Ruby regularly came to Washfield Luncheon Club where she met up with her sister-in-law, Jan Voysey, and with numerous other cousins and old friends.. She is sorely missed and we shall always remember the wonderful talk she gave to the village on her early life in Washfield in 'the old days'. Our thoughts are with her large and loving family. She was a remarkable lady.



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On the horizon next is the Church Fete on July 6th in The Old Vicarage garden, with Teas in the Memorial Hall. Enid would have been on the Bottle Stall, the busiest place to be. We are so glad that her daughter Kate will be with us, as was her son Mark when he took her place in the ever popular Treasure Hunt. Please come and support the church and have a happy afternoon and bring your friends! Food for the teas, cakes, produce and anything attractive you could spare for us to sell will be welcomed. Just bring it along. This year we are hoping to have a Bouncy Castle again, and there will be games etc. for children and adults!

Family Services continue on the 3rd Sundays. This is for all ages and Albie and Angus would love to have young company, especially in playing instruments to accompany the singing! We sometimes have visiting clergy, who come prepared for activities for the young.

We hope you will have good holidays, and that the weather will improve for our long-suffering farmers.

At the time of writing its not feeling much like summer but we hope the weather gets warmer and brighter, especially for the Fete and Centenary celebration in July.

The Social Club's Car Treasure Hunt on 8 June was fun with cars leaving the hall with a random set of clues, taking them around the countryside to solve them! They returned to a cream tea and their answers were checked and verified. The winners were 'Girls allowed' (Liz, Tanya, and Alison) and a close second was 'Jean(ne) Genies' (Jeanne, Jean, Chas, and Mark) Well done to all who took part

and thanks to Tony and Anne for all their hard work in putting this on.

The Tobey family also worked hard to make the Open Gardens of Washfield event a wonderful afternoon. Happy wanderers took the chance to look around 14 beautiful gardens and enjoy a cream tea after at Cotleigh Coach House. Well done to the Tobey's and thanks to those who opened their gardens for this event.

Don't forget also, teatime@thehall is still as popular as ever. On 2nd Tuesday of each month between 3.00-4.30pm. All ages welcome to these friendly, inclusive afternoons.

If you haven't already got your tickets for the Centenary celebration of the hall on Saturday 13th July then don't leave it another minute! These are available from the hall committee, the Social Club or phone Anne on 255298 (at just £5 for adults and £2.50 for children they're a bargain). The evening promises to be an apt celebration of 100 years since the hall was built as a memorial to Madame de las Casas. We have even sought (and found) a descendant of her family and they have accepted our invitation to be the guest of honour at the party! The evening will include dancing to the 'Dancing Keys' band and a pizza buffet for all. The bar will be open and we hope it will be a night to remember. So come along and enjoy the party with us! A once in a lifetime event.

To those who are not enjoying good health at the time of writing, we hope you will soon feel better, we send loving wishes for a speedy recovery if you are convalescing.

We welcome Lee and Jessica to Bullfinches, Lower Washfield. We hope

you have settled in now and will be very happy making your home there.

Church Flower Rota

July 7/14	Mrs Bassano
July 21/28	Mrs Raynes
August 4/11	Mrs Bolt
August 18/25	Angela Bolt

WITHLEIGH

With summer and school holidays on the horizon we wondered how many Saints had dates or were relevant to this time, well too many to write about but we thought the following few might just interest you.

St Christopher 25th July, Saint of Travellers and surfers.

St. Swithin 15th July, was a Bishop of Winchester and it is said that if it rains on his named bridge in Winchester it will continue for 40 days!

St James the Great July 25th, Saint of Equestrians and Oyster fishers.

St Clare 11th August, Saint of Good weather and embroiderers.

St. Bernard August 20th, Saint of Beekeepers

St. Jane Frances of Chantrel 18th August, Saint of Forgotten people and parents separated from children.

On 5th May Margaret gave an interesting talk at our family service about St Catherine of Alexandria who was chosen to be the dedicated saint for the original chapel at Withleigh in

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1400. We learnt that in 1847 St Catherine of Sienna instead was chosen and some of the reasons why the change took place. Margaret made Cattern cakes also known as Catherine cakes from a medieval style recipe which we all enjoyed afterwards with our coffee.

The late Betty Kitchen's ashes were interred in our churchyard during a short service on Sunday 2nd June, taken by Paul and Elizabeth, with just her family and Ryan present. They were so pleased that this should have been at Withleigh, with Betty's " friends and many happy memories". Afterwards the family joined us in church for our Family Service and have since told us "It was nice we could all come as a family to the service, and everyone was very welcoming to us all".

At our ACPM on Thursday 16th May, Steph expressed her thanks to the PCC for all that they do for St. Catherine's. David was thanked for keeping the churchyard looking so tidy as well as turning on the heating during the winter months, as was other members of the congregation who help out in various ways. Brenda agreed to stand as Churchwarden again this year, but Stephen decided that he should stand down as Churchwarden. Janet also stood down as Secretary. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Stephen and Janet for all that they have done for Withleigh in their different roles.

With GCSE and A level exams finishing in June we would like to wish all the young persons who took exams and get their results in August our best wishes for their futures.

Get well wishes also to those known to us who are receiving treatment recovering from operations, or who are unwell now.

WOW

In May the WOW spent a delightful evening looking around Plainsfield Farm. Sara is the fourth generation to run the farm and she showed us all around. It was fascinating to see the old barns and sheds and to hear how the farm functioned in the past. The evening ended with refreshments and chatter! June will see us visiting Quince Honey Farm. Contact, Susie 258492" We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7.15 p.m.

VILLAGE HALL NOTES JUNE 2024

The Short Mat Bowls Club meet every week Summer and Winter. We have two mats in the Village Hall so there is room for anyone who would like to take part, either from within the village or outside. Taster sessions are available. The cost is just £2.00 an evening (usually Wednesday) with a Tea or Coffee included.

If you would like to give it a go or for more information, please call Duncan 252949.

It was encouraging to see all the interested people at the Village Hall AGM held on 28th May, our hall along with the church is the central meeting point of our village. The committee were thanked for providing the new pads needed to replace the out-of-date ones in the defibrillator which we have attached to the outside of our Village Hall. David was thanked for keeping our village hall so neat and tidy. Thank you also to the committee and all the other helpers for all they do, organising Bingo's to Community Lunches etc.

Sadly there will be no Bingo on the 4th of July, due to the General Election. The next Bingo will be on 1st August, in the Village Hall, eyes down @ 7.30 p.m.

Our Annual Garden and Produce Show will be on Saturday 17th August. Doors open to come and view the show at

7.30pm. Teas and coffees will be available. Please do come along and see what Withleigh can produce. If you are a Withleigh resident, you should have a schedule attached to this magazine. If you don't have a schedule and would like one, or if you have any other questions, please do contact Brenda 252431.

Flower Rota.


June 30, July 7, 14	Jane Slegg
July 21, 28, Aug 4	Susie Wade
Aug 11, 18, 25, Sept 1	Daphne Chown

Future Dates.

Thursday 1st August Bingo in the Hall, Eyes down 7.30pm.

Saturday 17th Aug, Garden & Produce Show, in the Hall, doors open @ 7.30pm.

The Village Fete takes place at the village Hall on Saturday 20 July, 12 noon to 3 pm. Everything on the stalls will have been donated and all takings will go directly to St. Catherine's Church.



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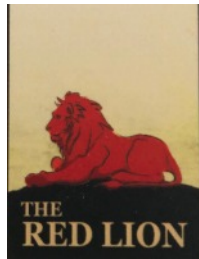
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