

Parish News

For the Benefice of
**Chillaton, Coryton,
Dunterton, Lamerton,
Marystowe,
Milton Abbot and
Sydenham Damerel**



Pole kitten, drawn by Anita Townsend



November 2016

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October 2016

- 29 MILTON ABBOT/DUNTERTON VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 29 LAMERTON COFFEE MORNING, Lamerton Community Centre, 10.30 - 12.00

November 2016

- 1 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm
- 4 FIREWORKS NIGHT, Lamerton Community Centre, 6.00pm
- 5 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 11 MESSY CHURCH, St Peter's, Lamerton, 3.30 - 5.30pm
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- 15 **MAGAZINE DEADLINE, for December/January double edition**
- 16 COFFEE MORNING FOR BTRC, Frogwell Cottage, Mullywell, 10.30 - 12
- 19 MILTON ABBOT CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Village Hall, from 11.00
- 26 LAMERTON COFFEE MORNING, Lamerton Community Centre, 10.30 - 12.00
- 26 CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, MILTON ABBOT CHURCH, 10.00 - 4.00pm
- 26 MILTON ABBOT ART EXHIBITION, Village Hall, 10.30 - 4.00pm
- 29 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm

December 2016

- 2 ADVENT CAROLS, Collacombe Barton, 6.00pm
- 2 CHRISTMAS SCHOOL BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 7.00pm
- 3 CHRISTMAS FAYRE, Lamerton Community Centre, 11.00 - 2.30pm
- 3 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00

Safeguarding Training

Please note that C1 and C2 training courses scheduled for Feb 2017 at Okehampton are now **cancelled**. The Exeter Diocese Safeguarding team are planning to undertake training on-line. Further details when they become available.

Julie Hibbert, Safeguarding Officer

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Bible Readings are on page 8
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A Journey through the Bible with Tiglath

Tiglath (Geoff Willetts) sadly cannot write this month due to illness. He hopes to resume his column next time, and has asked me to apologise to all his readers. We all wish him well and hope that his energy will return. Get well soon Geoff - we all enjoy your contributions. Ed.

In the meantime here are some introductory words on Ecclesiastes taken from <http://www.ivpress.com/bible/eccles/>

Like an apple tree in the middle of an orange grove stands the book of Ecclesiastes among the other books of the Bible. At first glance, it just does not seem to fit. What place does a book which flaunts the daring assertion "Meaningless! Meaningless! Everything is meaningless" have in Scripture that intends to reveal the saving work of God?

Along with the book of Job, Ecclesiastes reminds us that God is bigger, and our life in this world more unpredictable, than we might think. The book invites us to take a realistic tour of life. The sightseeing stops will likely leave those who enjoy nice tidy answers a bit perplexed, if not downright frustrated.

The Teacher's message seems particularly aimed at the secularists - those who seek to find life's meaning outside of a practical faith in God. With despairing perception, the author explores a grim reality he calls "life under the sun" i.e. life outside of God's control and goodness. He addresses some of life's most sensitive questions: Where can we find satisfaction? Who is really in control? What does it take to be content? How do we live wisely?

Much of the time God is left out of the discussion. But when he is introduced, everything changes. "Life under the sun" becomes "life from the hand of God." Chasing after meaning is transformed into the pursuit of God. This exploration of life's meaninglessness outside of knowing God thus becomes an invitation to know him. In its own unique way, Ecclesiastes is ultimately an introduction to the One who "came that we might have life abundantly": Jesus Christ himself. It highlights the dilemma voiced by Peter but faced by all of us: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).



Rural Pulpit

'and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.'

Matthew 6.12

God Bless you all

Geoff Willetts

The Reader Ministry



This year is the 150th anniversary of the office of Reader in the Church of England. Following discussions by the convocation of clergy several years earlier, on Ascension day in 1866 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York proclaimed the licensing of lay men to serve alongside ordained clergy. Readers were authorised as leaders of non-Eucharistic worship, (known now as services of the word), which included preaching. Since then Readers, including women since the 1960s, have carried out a variety of roles in the church, encompassing officiating at funerals and burial of ashes and, where approved by the incumbent and PCCs, Holy Communion by extension i.e. with the pre-consecrated elements of bread and wine.

These roles were detailed by Bishop Sarah at the recent admission and licensing of 17 Readers, including Angela Smith, who with her husband Mark, has been helping to lead services in the benefice. The licensing ceremony was in the cathedral during a special 150th anniversary service on October 1st. Dr. Alan Wakeley, the secretary of the Central Readers Council, was the preacher.

Readers, as Bishop Sarah said, are there to encourage the ministries of God's people as the Spirit distributes the variety of gifts to all in our churches. They are called to help the whole church to participate in God's mission to the world.

If anyone would like to explore the Reader ministry and the training involved please contact our Vicar Andy or myself: phone 01822 612751

Ian (Silcox) Reader with permission to officiate

My usual monthly article on a New Testament book will be resumed next month

The Passion Play : Good Friday 2017

The Rev Steven Martin, newly ordained priest in Tavistock is masterminding a Passion Play in Tavistock town. I joined the first planning meeting last week and it sounds very exciting and professional. Steve is looking for recruits who would like to either be participants in the play OR anyone who would like to join the Choir. Steve Martin is a Choral Leader and is preparing exciting music for the production.

Rehearsals for the Play and The Choir will begin in January, but if anyone is interested in taking part it would be great to let me know as soon as possible, so that Steve and his production team can get a feel for potential numbers and talent!

The production will take place around the town, especially Bedford Square and the Churchyard. It is planned to run for approx 1-2 hours .

Many thanks

Annie Jefferies (01822 614178)

*From: The Revd. John Withers,
Honorary Assistant Priest in the Lifton Benefice
01566 780544 Lane's End, Broadwoodwidge*

Dear Friends,

It seems a long time ago - some 15 years when I think about it - [and of course in another place] that I last sat down to write my bi-monthly letter of greeting to my parishioners in our local Newsletter. So it is with a little nostalgia and some diffidence that I accept our Rector Tim's invitation to revisit my writing desk!

So greetings indeed to all of you, and may you be experiencing the love and strength of God as you struggle with the problems and challenges that engage you, sometimes seemingly remorselessly, in your lives. May you also be thanking God for your blessings, even if they seem hard to descry!

Tim asked me to write something of my practice in the past of including in some Church services the opportunity for members of the congregation to bring their request for healing in person to the altar where the priest[s] would pray with them and lay hands on them. These requests, which might be for oneself or others, were dealt with in a low key way in the context of the giving and receiving of Holy Communion. It took only minor procedural adjustments to ensure confidentiality was maintained.

Even a cursory look at the Gospels impresses on the reader that one of the most striking elements of Jesus' ministry, the most revealing both of his compassionate nature and his desire to relieve people of their burdens, were his healing miracles. Healing flowed from him, particularly in response to faith, in an ever-running stream of divine love and mercy. It surely seems right therefore that prayer for wholeness, in the kind of terms described above, should form an integral part of some of our worship, and I do commend it. So wait to hear more!

May the Lord bless you, particularly as you negotiate the month of November. It always seems an enigmatic month to me: so many symbols of dying – invasive mists and shortening days, skies lowering into winter, falling leaves and skeletal trees, and of course remembering the dead. Yet punctuated by the excited cries of children, bonfires, fireworks, twinkling lights and thoughts of Christmas.

Much more constant is the faithfulness of the God who is closer to us than we are to ourselves!

With love in Jesus, *Rev'd. John*



at St Peter's Church, Lamerton

Crafts • Games • Stories • Drink
A Meal • Fun • Family Time

This is a free event but donations are welcome

Friday 11th November 'Remember Me'

3:30pm - 5:30pm

for all the family

Children must be accompanied by an adult

next date: Fri 2nd December

Messy Christmas Party!

Contact Rev. Andy on: 01822 870298

BIBLE READINGS (Year C)

Please use the readings published in the Parish Magazine and your own bibles.

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 30th October All Saints' Day (Red)	Daniel 7.1 - 3, 15 - 18	Ephesians 1.11 - 23	Luke 6.20 - 31
Sunday 6th November 3rd Sunday before Advent (Green)	Job 19.23 - 27a	2 Thessalonians 2.1 - 5, 13 - 17	Luke 20.27 - 38
Sunday 13th November Remembrance Sunday (Red)	Malachi 4.1 - 2a	2 Thessalonians 3.6 - 13	Luke 21.5 - 19
Sunday 20th November Christ the King (Red)	Jeremiah 23.1 - 6	Colossians 1.11 - 20	Luke 23.33 - 43
Sunday 27th November 1st Sunday of Advent (Purple)	Isaiah 2.1 - 5	Romans 13.11 - 14	Matthew 24.36 - 44

The readings are ended with ***'This is the Word of the Lord'*** (used during services of HC) or, during other services ***'Here ends the lesson (or 1st reading or 2nd reading)'***.

The response is ***'Thanks be to God'***.

St. Peter's Lamerton



Once again we had a marvellous response to our Tractor Day and Country Fair. The weather was just right - not too hot and no rain. We seem to be growing each year with more stalls and things of interest for the whole family.

Eighty-three tractors went on the road run with several trailers full of visitors. We should be able to donate at least as much to our charities as last year. We will be having the cheque presentations on Saturday 12th November at the Copper Penny at 7.00pm. You are welcome to join us.



The event would not be possible without the tremendous support of our many volunteers - so a big thank you to all of you who helped.

We have had our first Messy Church of this term which was very successful - thanks to our helpers. Do encourage any parents/grand parents to bring their children and join us in future.

St. Peter's was beautifully decorated for our harvest services thanks to our dedicated team of flower ladies. Our evening Harvest Service was very well attended and enjoyed by all - particularly the great spread of our bring and share supper afterwards!

The children accompanied by their parents made for a very lively school Harvest Service. Lots of dry goods were donated to both services and were taken to Tavistock Food Bank. A cheque for over £200 was sent to Christian Aid Syria Appeal from the Sunday collection

You can have your first taste of Christmas with mulled wine and mince pies at our Advent Carols, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Forrest, at Collacombe Barton on Friday 2nd December at 6.00pm. This will be ticket only as there is limited space. Tickets are free from Angela on 01 822 810 027. Similarly car parking space is limited so please car share as much as possible - Angela will be able to help with this. The event is for raising funds to repair the beautiful Reredos in St Peter's for which we will be taking a collection.



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

When I Am Afraid

Are you afraid of snakes? How about the dark - are you afraid of the dark? Are you ever afraid during a thunderstorm? Well, the fact is, we are all afraid of something. Even the rich and famous have their fears. Listen to a few of them.

THE FEAR OF FLYING: John Madden, a famous football American football coach and sports commentator, is so afraid of flying that he will only travel by bus. In fact, he is so afraid of flying that he bought his own bus. I read that the bus cost him £500,000! I guess if you're afraid to fly, it helps if you can afford to buy your own bus.

THE FEAR OF CLOWNS: You have probably heard of Johnny Depp. He was the star of "Pirates of the Caribbean." You might be surprised to know that the sight of a clown makes this brave pirate shake in his boots! Yes, he is afraid of clowns.



THE FEAR OF HEIGHTS: Actor Liam Neeson is one of many people who share this fear.

THE FEAR OF INSECTS: Do creepy crawly bugs scare you? Well, you are not alone. Actress Scarlett Johansson is afraid of cockroaches, Nicole Kidman can't stand butterflies, and singer Justin Timberlake is afraid of spiders.



One day Jesus was with his disciples in the temple. The disciples were commenting on how beautiful the temple was when Jesus began to tell them about some things that were going to happen. He told them that the temple would one day be destroyed and that there would be wars, earthquakes, and people starving. He also told them that they were going to be hated and persecuted and even thrown into prison. Those are pretty scary things, aren't they? It would be understandable for the disciples to be afraid, but Jesus told them not to be afraid. He promised that he would be with them and that not a hair on their heads would be harmed if they put their trust in him.

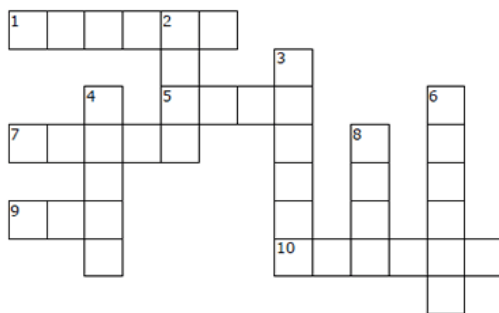
Jesus has also promised to help us when we are afraid. Everyone is afraid of something, and fear can be a good thing, but we should not let our fears keep us from enjoying the life that Jesus wants us to have. After all, he has promised to help us when we are afraid.

Dear Jesus, we put our faith and trust in your promise to be with us when we are afraid. Amen.

Signs of the End of the Age

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2

This puzzle is based on Luke 21:5-28 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
5. A feeling of worry caused by something dangerous
7. A piece of rock used in construction of the temple
9. Fighting between two or more countries
10. A country; a large group of people living in one area with their own government

DOWN

2. The period between birth and death
3. A building where people are kept as a punishment
4. To think about problems or unpleasant things that might happen
6. To make good decisions based on knowledge and experience
8. Something that is given without compensation

LIFE
WAR

GIFT
NATION

FEAR
WISDOM

TEMPLE
PRISON

WORRY
STONE

News from Milton Abbot Church

We have had two major events in October to report. The first, on Sunday the 9th, was a ceremonial occasion, a Civic Service held by West Devon Borough Council. We had the pleasure of welcoming the Deputy Lieutenant of Devon, the Lord Mayors of Plymouth and Exeter and Mayors, Councillors and Officers of WDBC. The service took the form of a reading, several talks, hymns and songs by Milton Abbot School choir led by Maggie Peacock.

The reading was entitled "The story of the bundle of sticks" taken from an Aesop's fable. A father had a family of sons who were always quarrelling and he wanted to show them how futile this was. So he got his sons to try to break a whole bundle of sticks bound together and they couldn't break them. However when the bundle of sticks were taken apart they could easily break one stick. This proved to the sons how effective they could be if they stopped quarrelling and worked together. Rev'd Andy Atkins invited some children from the choir to help him act out this story with bundles of sticks, and thus illustrated to us how important it was as Christians to work together. The other talk was from Alan Ging who represented "The Wingletang Animal Rescue and Rehoming Centre" in Brentor. He told us about the centre and the work that is done in West Devon. Part of the collection went towards this worthy cause. The congregation went on to the Village Hall afterwards for lunch.

On Friday the 14th we held a concert. The audience were treated to a wonderful evening of music and song from Valley Voices Choir directed by Elizabeth Saudek, who entertained us with a variety of songs from different genres, including a well known spiritual - "Joshua fought the battle of Jericho", a welsh traditional song "Suo Gan" and their amusing rendition of "The Teddy Bear's Picnic". In addition, the children of Milton Abbot School Choir were in fine voice, singing a medley of songs conducted by Maggie Peacock. In particular, the folk



The Milton Abbot School choir

song - "The Streets of London", proved to be a favourite with the audience who joined in with the chorus. The programme also included some amazing solo performances from Gabrielle Lewis on the organ, Kodai Benjamin, saxophonist and Kai Benjamin on guitar.

Thanks are due to everyone who sang and played, Rev'd Andy Atkins for being our

MC, the PCC who helped on the night and lastly, of course, to our audience for their support. It was a musical treat!

We have our Christmas Craft Fair to look forward to on Saturday November 26th from 10am to 4 pm. We guarantee that you won't be able to resist some of the beautiful Christmas presents on offer and a warm mince pie!

Come on, support us and "Get Christmassy", we know you want to!

Rosie Culverhouse

(To have a stall at this event please phone Sandra on 01822 870218)

*I also apologise for marrying Zoe Viggers to the wrong husband last month!
We do in fact wish Zoe and **Chris** Baldwin every blessing!*

Dunterton Church Coffee Mornings

at Milton Abbot Village Hall

29 October

31 December



Remembrance Service

All Saints' Church Dunterton

Sunday, 6th November

Matins at 10.00am

Parking in Glebe House field

Join us afterwards for refreshments and a 20-minute talk at 11.00am by military historian Gerald Napier entitled 'The Peace Paradox'.

All are welcome at the talk even if unable to attend the service.

This special service marks our Patronal Festival Day and our Remembrance service. We will foregather at 10.00am in the churchyard to pay our respects to all who have given their lives in the service of our country, symbolised by the grave of Private Frank Thomas.

Frank's story

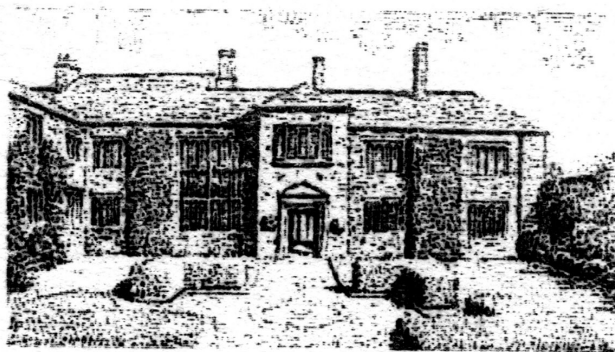
'Frank was the only son of George and Rosa Thomas who lived at Greystone Bridge. He joined the 13th Hussars on 16 March 1917, then under the command of Lord Baden Powell. Frank soon found himself in Mesopotamia, fighting to capture Baghdad. He continued to fight in that country, after the war in Europe had stopped, in fact until November 1918 when he was judged by a military hospital to be injured so badly that he was issued with a Silver Badge, discharged as physically unfit to fight and sent home to Dunterton.

He lived on until February 1920, without hospital care or, presumably, pain relief as so many men did, until he died on February 13 in that year aged 21. It seems likely that he was injured in the Battle of Sharqat (October 23 - 30, 1918) the final battle of the Mesopotamian Campaign which was concluded by the signing of an armistice which gave the British access to the oil fields near Mosul. This had all along been the target because it ensured unlimited fuel supplies for the British Navy in the future.'

(Based on <http://www.devonheritage.org/Places/Dunterton/DuntertonsWarDead.htm>)

Advent Carols

at



Collacombe Barton

by kind permission of
Mr. and Mrs Forrest

with mince pies and mulled wine

Friday 2nd December 6.00pm

Tickets from Angela on
01 822 810 027

Collection for the repair of the
Reredos in St. Peter's Church

You are invited to
**A Coffee
 Morning**



Frogwell Cottage, Mullywell,
 Lamerton
 Wednesday 16th November
 10.30am - 12 noon



In aid of the Brain Tumour Research Campaign

Friends of Lamerton School
Christmas Bingo

Lamerton Community Centre,
 Friday 2nd December 2016
 Starts at 7.00pm
 Refreshments and a Raffle.
 (No unaccompanied under 18s)





Nature Notes by Bluebell - November 2016

November is coming, mist and mud and clear skies and bright stars; a time to mourn as the year dies and the remembrance of the dead who have gone before us is honoured at All Souls and All Saints and Remembrance Sunday, with scarlet poppies. 'Even the sun-clouds this morning cannot manage such skirts.'

Sylvia Plath: Poppies in October

Adrian Colson writes of the Ghosts of the Landscape; animals which have become extinct, and what joy it is if they return. Bluebell is terribly excited because she has seen another polecat locally, close to where she saw one in March. Polecats are supposedly extinct in parts of Scotland and Wales, but they are returning. They were exterminated in the 1960s here. The one Bluebell saw on 24th September was crossing the lane, worryingly slowly and in daylight, and was very small, perhaps a polekitten. There have been a lot of rabbits around this year, and polecats are specialist rabbit-hunters, so maybe the adult she saw in March has bred, sustained by rabbits! Maybe there was a hob and a jill, and now a litter. Bluebell hopes so.



Another creature that was once common, then nearly exterminated but now returning, is the Red Kite with its distinctive forked tail. It has been seen in this area disputing with a buzzard over a piece of road-kill carrion. There have been reports of black kites on Bodmin Moor. Another rarity only a few fields away, is the sight of two hares, hopefully a breeding pair. Bluebell was told that they were hunted here within living memory.

Bufo Bufo, a warty toad, apologetically creeps away when Bluebell turns on the light at night on the front door step. She admires its golden eye and delicate toes. Slug pellets may be poisoning toads, who eat slugs and other garden pests. Their numbers may be dropping.



'Some days, although we cannot pray, a prayer
Utters itself. So a woman will lift
Her head from the sieve of her hands and stare
at the minims sung by a tree, a sudden gift.....'

Carol Ann Duffy: Prayer



GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG, Digger's apprentice

Hello! I'm Doug. *Digger* is having a very well earned break so I'm standing in for now.

As the last of the raspberries ripple in the wind and the leaves rustle round the roses, winter is getting ready to pounce. I do

hope you've planted your autumn onions – not to mention the garlic – you never know what might happen post-Brexit? That nice chap won't be coming round on his bicycle with his ropes of onions, that's for sure.

Have you finished top-dressing your lawn? I'm assuming you've cut it, scarified it, mowed it again, spiked it and fed it with autumn feed? No? Well, neither have I. If

Monty Don was doing it, it would take all of 10 minutes and the whole lot would be finished. These days, whenever you watch some task on a gardening programme on the box, whiz-bang and it's done (cut to picture of walking away with dogs and wheelbarrow ...) Well, I don't remember Percy Thrower doing that? Oh, and the autumn fertiliser is not the same as the one you use in spring and summer. It contains more potassium and phosphorous, to encourage hardiness and root growth.

I did have a go at scarifying part of the lawn. The result was two big bags of moss in not much more than 10 minutes. Close inspection showed there was plenty more where that came from. So, did I continue after visiting the tip? Well, lawns are just so labour intensive that if you want a really good one you need to stop looking after the veg and the flowers. You spend hours mowing it in the summer and then you're supposed to spend whole days in autumn and spring terrorising it with spikes and chemicals; not to mention raking up the leaves twice a week! I think I'd rather devote the time to the flowers and veg? I wish I'd sown some sweet peas instead. Or, turned the compost heap.



Gardening, as we all know, is a constant battle against nature. This year slugs and snails have been particularly aggressive. I don't really like the pellets; even the more 'eco friendly' ferric phosphate ones which are accepted as relatively non-toxic to vertebrate animals. The alternatives include going out with a torch on mild

evenings and hand-picking them into a container and taking them to a field well away from the garden. Another quick job for Monty?

Don't forget to make leaf mould after you've raked them off the lawn. It's easy. It doesn't take much time and even a little can help really improve the soil.



Handbell Festival 2016

This year's Annual Handbell Festival was the earliest it could be on 8th October and as usual was extremely well supported with teams and people coming from all over Devon and Cornwall. It was a very tight fit in the village hall with large and some awkward shape layouts but we managed to somehow 'shoehorn' everyone in as ever.

The standard of ringing throughout was very high. This year there were a lot of youngsters taking part, the keenness and enthusiasm generated from them is a pleasure to watch. Once again the judges had a difficult job to sort out the positions in the various sections.

Teams taking part were:

The Phoenix Ringers from Chudleigh area, Mells Bells, All the Fours and The Bluebirds from Okehampton area, Pillaton, Moretonhampstead, Bere Ferrers, Inwardleigh (Seniors and Juniors), The Clangers from Plympton, Horrabridge School (Junior teams), Lamerton (Seniors and Juniors).

Trophy Winners on the evening were:

Dawe Cup	-	Phoenix Ringers
Manning Shield	-	Lamerton
Hamlet Trophy	-	All The Fours
Firkins Shield	-	Lamerton Juniors
Roy Bould Cup	-	Horrabridge School Juniors

Judges were Fergus Stracey and Jo Hugo

Trophies and certificates were presented by Mrs M Dawe and Mr G Manning. Then followed a big surprise! Paul Scoble the South West Chairman of The Handbell Ringers of Great Britain (HRGB) appeared and presented Geoff Hill with a special Honoured Member framed certificate on behalf of HRGB. This was in recognition of over 50 years service to the Art of Handbell ringing. Geoff is a founder member of the organisation and next year HRGB celebrates 50 years of its inception back in 1967. The Lamerton team has been a member since 1969 and over the years Geoff has done a lot to promote handbell ringing, tune and change ringing and encouraging new members as well as repairing handbells to get other teams up and running. In all of this money is being raised for charity at the same time.

For the first time ever Geoff was lost for words!! We have to thank William Dawe for instigating this and to the team at Lamerton who were in on the secret!



Paul Scoble presenting Geoff Hill with his HRGB certificate



Four junior Handbell teams with Mrs M. Dawe and Mr G. Manning

Every year Lamerton Handbell Ringers support a local worthy cause and this year the profit from the Festival totalled £120 all of which will be included in the final sum donated to Devon Air Ambulance.

Practices will resume again on 31st October in preparation for the Christmas events to come.

Lamerton Village Hall Fireworks Night

Friday 4th November

Doors open at 6pm

BBQ and Bar

Adults £3

Children under 12 £1



Lamerton Christmas Fayre

Lamerton Village Hall

Saturday 3rd December

11.00am - 2.30pm

FREE ADMISSION

Visit Father Christmas in his Grotto

VARIOUS STALLS

selling Christmas goods, cards and crafts,
Raffle, Cake Stall, Games, Tombola etc

REFRESHMENTS

including Soup, Ploughman's Lunches, Tea, Coffee
served throughout the event



**DRAW AT THE END OF THE FAYRE FOR
THREE CHRISTMAS HAMPERs TOTALLING £100!
ALL ARE VERY WELCOME**

Anyone interested in having a table, contact Valerie Hill, 01822 614319;
newcourtfarm1@btinternet.com

WORSHIP IN THE LIFTON BENEFICE

St.Mary, Lifton. St.Nicholas, Broadwoodwidger. St.Peter, Lewtrenchard
St.Mary, Kelly. St.John the Baptist, Stowford. St.George, Thrushelton

Holy Communion every Wednesday, 10.30am at St.Mary's, Lifton

NOVEMBER 2016

6th 3 / Advent	10.00am "Together at Ten" at LEWTRENCHARD HC A First Sunday Service for the United Benefice & Friends		
13th Remembrance Sunday	8.00am Stowford	Holy Communion	
	10.45am Lifton	Service of Remembrance; starts at War Memorial	
	10.45am Lewdown	Act of Remembrance with Service after at Victory Hall	
20th Christ the King	10.45am Kelly	Service of Remembrance; starts at War Memorial	
	Lifton - Morning Prayer	Stowford - Holy Communion	
27th Advent	Thrushelton - Holy Communion		
	Kelly - Holy Communion	Lewtrenchard - Holy Communion	Broadwood - Holy Communion

DECEMBER 2016

	9.45am unless different		11.15am unless different
4th. Dec Advent 2 St.Nicholas	10.00am "Together at Ten" at BROADWOODCHURCH Rededication Service with the Archdeacon of Plymouth, The Ven. Ian Chandler – for the United Benefice & Friends 3.00pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at LIFTON CHURCH		
11th Advent 3	Lifton - Holy Communion	Lewtrenchard - Holy Communion	
	Thrushelton - Holy Communion	Kelly - Morning Prayer	

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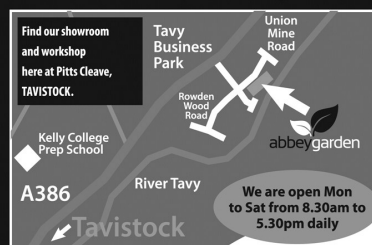
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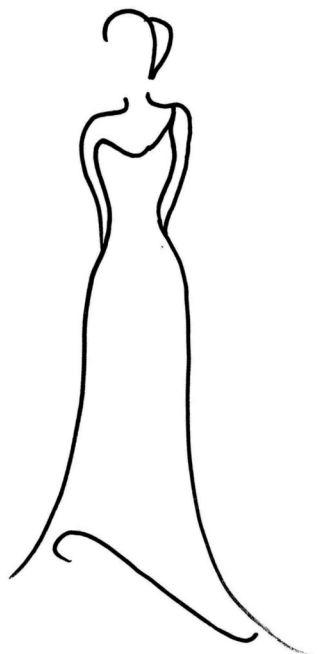
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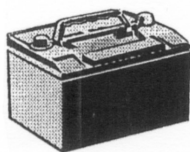
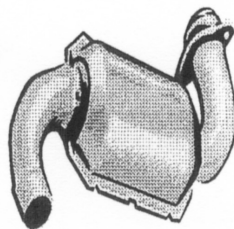
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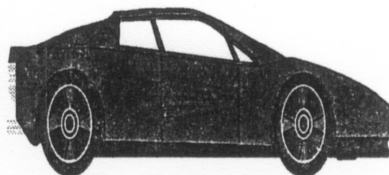
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Sunday 6th November <i>3rd Sun- day before Advent</i>		6.30pm Even- song AA/MJ	10.00am Matins + Remem- brance ID		9.30am HC CW AA	
Sunday 13th November <i>Remem- brance Sunday</i>	9.00am Matins + Remem- brance ID	10.20am Remem- brance Sunday M&AS		10.45am Remem- brance Sunday AA/IS	10.45am Remem- brance Sunday	
Sunday 20th November <i>Christ the King</i>		11.00am HC CW AA/IS			9.30am Family Service AA	
Sunday 27th November <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	9.00am Matins BCP ID	9.30am Family Service AA/MG/AJ		11.00am HC CW M&AS		11.15am HC CW AA
Sunday 4th December <i>2nd of Advent</i>		6.30pm Even- song AA/MJ			9.30am HC CW AA	

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