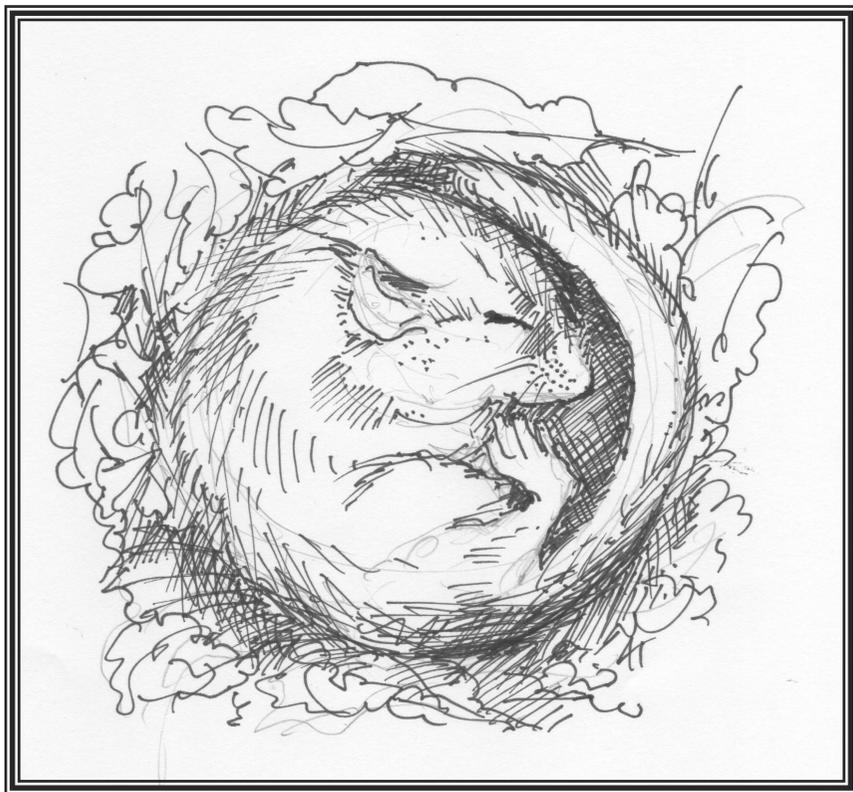


Parish News

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



Rare English dormouse hibernating at Cotehele NT Estate
Drawing by Anita Townsend



**December + January
2017**

Price: 60p

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December 2016

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- 2 ADVENT CAROLS, Collacombe Barton, 7.00pm
- 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
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- 31 MILTON ABBOT COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00 in aid Dunterton church

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For services in the Lifton Benefice, see page 20***

A Journey through the Bible with Tiglath

Tiglath (Geoff Willetts) is unable to contribute to the magazine any more as he is too ill. He asked me to thank you all for your readership over the years and wishes you all a Happy Christmas. We will miss your contributions Geoff. Thank you for all your hard work over the years.
Ed.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



It is believed that the song dates from the 16th century and was used for children to learn the catechism during the religious wars. Each of the days had a hidden religious meaning. Thank you to Thelma for sharing this with us.

On the first day of Christmas; A Partridge in a Pear Tree.
Jesus is the partridge in the nest. Partridge mothers are very protective.

On the second day of Christmas; Two Turtle Doves.
The Old and New Testaments.

On the third day of Christmas; Three French Hens.
Faith, hope and love or the three gifts of the Wise Men.

On the fourth day of Christmas; Four Calling Birds.
Four Gospels that call people to Christ.

On the fifth day of Christmas; Five Golden Rings.
The Torah i.e. the first five books of the Bible.

On the sixth day of Christmas; Six Geese a Laying.
The six days of creation.

On the seventh day of Christmas; Seven Swans a Swimming.
7 gifts of the Holy Spirit – Teaching, prophesies, service, giving, leading, compassion and exhortation.

On the eighth day of Christmas; Eight Maids a Milking.
The eight Beatitudes preached by Jesus – Blessed are the meek etc.

On the ninth day of Christmas; Nine Ladies Dancing.
The nine fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness etc..

On the tenth day of Christmas; Ten Lords a Leaping.
The Ten Commandments.

On the eleventh day of Christmas; Eleven Pipers Piping.
The eleven apostles who remained loyal to Jesus.

On the twelfth day of Christmas; 12 Drummers Drumming.
The Apostles Creed.

The Letter of James



The New Testament mentions 4 individuals named James and it is probable that this letter was written by the brother of Christ and leader of the council of Jerusalem: Acts 15.13 and referred to by Paul as one of the 'pillars' of the Church in his letter to the Galatians 2.9. It is addressed to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations, and presumed to be written in the early 1st century for Jewish converts who met in synagogues. There are 3 main themes in this letter :

1. Concern expressed that his readers are not coping with their difficulties and trials in a Christian way by failing to rejoice through their lack of maturity in their faith
2. They are criticised for their loose tongues: 3.1 -12 by grumbling against each other with slander and quarrelling
3. The need to demonstrate their faith by good works i.e. action/deeds. James emphasises that to show their faith is genuine it must be demonstrated in their everyday life.

Initially this may seem contrary to Paul's assertion that a person is justified, i.e. put right with God (Romans 3.28) by faith. Paul teaches that works have no place in the initial acceptance with God, but James follows this up by maintaining in effect that works are the subsequent evidence of a justifying faith:

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith, but has no deeds can such a faith save him? Suppose a brother and sister is without clothes and food and one of you says to them 'Go, I wish you well, keep warm and well fed', but does nothing about their physical needs; what good is that? In the same way faith by itself not accompanied by action is dead: 2.14-17

The letter concludes (5.13-20) with instructions concerning, worship, prayer and confession e.g. if any of you is happy sing songs of praise If anyone is sick call on the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil.....

James' letter is pastorally important in explaining the relevance of works/deeds in the Christian life that although scripture affirms that God will reward those who perform good works/deeds (see John 5.28) motivation is what is needed in that works are to be done for the glorification God rather for earning praise from other people!

'let your light shine before people that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven' (Matthew 4.16)

Ian Silcox

A Prayer for Christmas

In the power of the Spirit and in unity with Christ we pray to the Father
As we come again to celebrate with joy the nativity and coming into
our world of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

We thank you Father for that glorious song of old that came upon the
midnight clear.

We pray that the message of the angels singing with their harps of gold of peace
on the earth and goodwill to all will soon become a reality in our troubled world.

A time when the prince of peace will reign and all peoples on earth will be filled
with that song of peace and goodwill. *Amen*

Adapted by Ian Silcox from the carol 'It came upon the midnight clear'



Dear Friends,

Jesus is for ever! Not just for Christmas.

As December comes around each year I enjoy being enthralled by the Christmas story and its message of God's loving presence among us – all in some way or another made real by the Christingle services, Nativity plays, my favourite carols and the midnight Communion; as well as through the Scriptural story and by time spent with family and friends, exchanging gifts and savouring that goodwill which goes so much deeper than any of the commercial activity in a society, that by the New Year, has forgotten Christmas in order to make way for 'Creme Eggs'!

For me and for Christian people all over the world Christmas is quite simply the celebration of the birth of God's Son – our Saviour Jesus Christ born that we might live in him for ever. Every year the celebration is fresh and vibrant because Jesus is *still* alive – he is for ever, not just for Christmas! Jesus can become alive in the heart of any person at any time of the year and once we know he is with us (*Emmanuel*) he influences our *whole* lives, our attitudes, our work, our relationships, our thinking – growing with us as we grow in life and in faith, always relevant, always present, always making a positive difference to who and what we are! Those who know Jesus understand this truth for themselves – but those who are of the opinion that the birth of Jesus is only an event of the past, something that took place hundreds of years ago in Bethlehem, are denying the ability of the living Jesus to make contact with each new generation.

It is the joy and the responsibility of all believing Christian people to make their faith obvious and to clearly share their understanding of Jesus with those among whom they live – for Christian people have *the* most precious gift to give to loved ones and the wider world; the gift of Jesus who is ever new, not just at Christmas, but in every New Year - and always.

With every good wish and blessing this Christmas,



Tim Deacon



St. Peter's Lamerton

We had our cheque presentation from the Tractor Day at the Copper Penny on Saturday 12th. Lots of our helpers joined us for a very enjoyable evening. After the cheques were presented we found time for Bar Snacks, Beer and Skittles!!

This year we were able to give a little more to our charities. £1000 went to each of our four main charities - 366 Derriford Cancer Appeal, Myeloma UK, Brain Tumour Research Campaign and St. Peter's Church. Also we were able to give to the Explorer Scouts a cheque for £450 in recognition of the sterling work they do for the show. Cheques of £50 were given to the Donkey Park at St. Anne's Chapel and to the animal rescue centre at Gables Farm.



Presentation evening at the Copper Penny

Many thanks to Mike - probably mostly to Annie - for organising his ?? 0th birthday party. Not in need of any more golf clubs he instead had a collection in aid of St. Peter's which raised almost £500. It was noted that there was a very noisy table - thankfully in the far corner.

We had two well attended Remembrance Services. Andy led the service for our school children who placed their crosses very neatly in front of the memorial. Our Sunday service was led by Mark and Angela - many thanks to you both. The collection of £180 from the service went to Legion funds.

Please note that we have had to put back by an hour our Advent Carols at Collacombe Barton. We have Messy Church that afternoon, so that to give our helpers there chance to clear up we need to begin our carols at

7.00pm

We look forward to seeing many of you at our services during the Christmas season. Your church wardens - Mike and Ian - wish you a joyful and peaceful Christmas and thank you for all your support throughout the year.

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 4th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent (Purple)</i>	Isaiah 11.1 - 10	Romans 15.4 - 13	Matthew 3.1 - 12
Sunday 11th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent (Purple)</i>	Isaiah 35.1 - 10	James 5.7 - 10	Matthew 11.2 - 11
Sunday 18th December <i>4th Sunday of Advent (Purple)</i>	Isaiah 7.10 - 16	Romans 1.1 - 7	Matthew 1.18 - 25
Saturday 24th December <i>Christmas Eve (Gold/white)</i>	Isaiah 52.7 - 10	Hebrews 1.1 - 4(5-12)	John 1.1 - 14
Sunday 25th December <i>Christmas Day (Gold/white)</i>	Isaiah 52.7 - 10	Hebrews 1.1 - 4(5-12)	John 1.1 - 14

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'*.

BIBLE READINGS (Year C) continued

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 1st January <i>Naming and circumcision of Jesus (White)</i>	Numbers 6.22 - end	Galatians 4.4 - 7	Luke 2.15 - 21
Sunday 8th January <i>Epiphany (White)</i>	Isaiah 60.1 - 6	Ephesians 3.1 - 12	Matthew 2.1 - 12
Sunday 15th January <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany (White)</i>	Isaiah 49.1 - 7	1 Corinthians 1.1 - 9	John 1.29 - 42
Sunday 22nd January <i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany (White)</i>	Isaiah 9.1 - 4	1 Corinthians 1.10 - 18	Matthew 4.12 - 23
Sunday 29th January <i>Presentation of Christ at Temple (Gold/white)</i>	Malachi 3.1 - 5	Hebrews 2.14 - end	Luke 2.22 - 40



South Famar
Mission Community

Our New Church Web Site

Details of services and events can be found on the website:

<http://www.southtamar.church>



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

Joy to the World

Just look at the calendar! There is just a little time left before Christmas. Do you have all of your Christmas shopping done? I hope so, because the stores are really beginning to get crowded.

A few days ago, I had a few last-minute things that I needed to buy to finish up my Christmas shopping, so I got in my car and headed for the shops. That was a big mistake! The car park was full and I drove around for what seemed like an hour looking for somewhere to park. I was beginning to get a little bit short-tempered when I finally found a place to park. I went inside and the people were elbow to elbow. Why did I ever decide to come here so near to Christmas?

After pushing and shoving my way through the crowd, I finally found the items I needed and headed to the checkout. You guessed it! The checkout line was a mile long! If there is one thing that I hate more than just about anything, it is waiting! I thought about leaving, but I really needed these items, so I stood there in line--fussing and fuming about how slowly the line was moving.

Suddenly, I heard a sound that I had not even noticed a few minutes earlier. I heard the sound of music coming over the shop's speaker system. "Joy to the World, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King!" Suddenly, I felt ashamed of the way I had been acting. This is the Christmas season. This is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Jesus came to earth so that we might have a life filled with joy--and here I was acting like an old Scrooge.

Sometimes I will hear someone say, "I can't wait until Christmas!" Well, the truth is, we can wait. In fact, we must wait. The question is, how will we wait? Will we wait in grumpy silence, or will we



decide to experience all the joy of the season in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus--the source of all true joy?

On the third Sunday of Advent we light the third candle on the Advent Wreath - the candle of Joy. Jesus came to bring us joy. He will come again to take us to a place of everlasting joy.



Father, as we wait for the day when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, and as we wait for the day when he will come again, fill our hearts with the joy that only you can bring. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Joy to the World

They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isaiah 35:10 (NIV)



Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

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FLEE
SAVE
EYES

GLADNESS
JOY
EARS

OPEN
SORROW
SINGING

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FEAR
DEAF

STRONG
SHOUT
BLIND

A BUSY WEEKEND AT MARYSTOWE - Memories of Harvest Festival



We had a busy time getting the church ready for a special weekend. The Church was decorated by our regular flower ladies, friends from the village and the children: Myla, Brodie, Jack, Iyla and Olivia. All the flowers were cleverly arranged in recycled containers; tins, jam jars, fruit juice cartons, cereal boxes and packets from sugar and flour, and even egg boxes!

On Saturday, 15th October, we were entertained by 'The Lifton Singers' in concert with Mary Mazur-Park on the keyboard and the talented clarinetists, 'The Clarinuts'. Everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed the evening and the refreshments provided. Our thanks go to all those who helped and especially to Margaret Dunn for organising this event, which raised just over £100 for the Church.

On the Sunday morning, we had our Harvest Festival service with Holy Communion, conducted by Rev Andy. Afterwards, everyone stayed for coffee and we welcomed Barry and Rita, who had recently moved into the village. We collected dried food (lots of rice and pasta), both fresh and tinned fruit and vegetables, bedding and clothing for the homeless. These gifts, along with money from the collection, were kindly delivered by John and Barbara Dawe next day, to the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth.

Deborah Asbridge



**Christmas
Coffee Morning**

Milton Abbot Christmas Holiday Coffee Morning Saturday 31 December

10.30 to 12.00 noon

The Coffee Morning in Milton Abbot on 31 December will be
in aid of

Dunterton Church funds. A great opportunity to win a super raffle prize (or two).

Christmas Day Service at Dunterton Church

Holy Communion (BCP) at 9.30am

We look forward to welcoming all who wish to participate in a traditional Christmas Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer, with a selection of traditional hymns and carols.

Parking will be available in Glebe House field

Please note the time, **9.30am**, which is arranged to accord with other services in the Benefice.

Lamerton PCC meeting

Priest's Room, Lamerton

31st January, 7.30pm

All parishioners are welcome to attend



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 6th January 2017
3:30pm - 5:30pm
for all the family

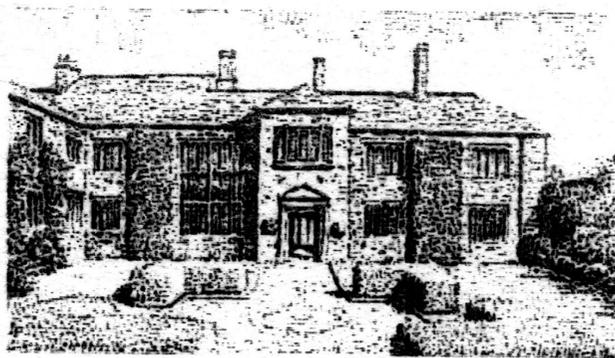
Children must be accompanied by an adult

next date: Fri 3rd February

Contact Rev. Andy on: 01822 870298

Advent Carols

at



Collacombe Barton

by kind permission of
Mr. and Mrs Forrest

with mince pies and mulled wine

Friday 2nd December 7.00pm

Tickets from Angela on
01 822 810 027

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



at **St Peter's Church, Lamerton**

**Messy Christmas
Party**

This is a free event but donations are welcome

Friday 2nd December
3:30pm - 5:30pm
for all the family

Children must be accompanied by an adult
next date: Fri 6th January 2017

Contact Rev. Andy on: 01822 870298

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)

LEWDOWN VICTORY HALL

Registered Charity No 230270

SUNDAY LUNCH

February 12th at 12.30 for 1.00pm

TICKETS £12.00

Sarah Nash 01566 783274

Actors wanted! **for the Passion Play : Good Friday 2017**

in Tavistock at 11am

The plans for this Play on Good Friday are going well but there are still vacancies for some key cast members. Are there any men in the Villages who would be happy to offer to be a disciple, for instance? I can think of a few fathers who would be ideal, the words and acting are not difficult but the play will aim to look authentic and characters will be in costume. Similarly there is a need for ladies to act as members of the crowd and some weeping women. Please contact me if you are interested in taking part. The more the merrier!

Also the Rev Steve Martin who is musical director needs male and female choir members, who can join the rehearsals which start in January.

Many thanks
Annie Jefferies 01823 614178

Nature Notes by Bluebell - Dec. 2016 and January 2017



"The north wind doth blow,
 And we shall have snow,
 And what will poor robin do then?
 Poor thing!
 He'll sit in a barn,
 To keep himself warm,
 And hide his head under his wing.
 Poor thing!" *Songs for the Nursery*



There are several robins in Bluebell's garden, and they follow her closely, singing from the bushes and from the apple tree, waiting for her to disturb the ground to reveal a worm or other morsel, (as in days of old they used to follow herds of deer and boar in the woods, watching for these animals to scuff up the ground). Their sweet song is heard almost all through the year, except during the summer moult.

Each has his or her own patch. One is always alert near the bird feeder, one sings from the lilac by the back gate, one goes tik-ik-tik-ik from amongst the ivy flowers near the washing line, and one haunts the holly tree overhanging the compost heap. Sometimes they fight. Males and females both hold fiercely defended territories. In mid-winter they are pairing up, getting betrothed, though not mating yet, preparing for the spring that is to come.

Recently, on two occasions, Bluebell has found a robin in her bedroom. Is this a search for the proverbial barn to shelter from winter's rages, or perhaps a hunt for the numerous ladybirds which squeeze in to the cracks in the window frames for the winter? There are many accounts of robins entering and staying in homes and churches.

There is something so endearing about this fierce little bird, with a lovely song and a brave red breast, often so friendly. Mutual affection between people and bird is well established, as in the story of St Mungo, in 6th century AD, of Glasgow, who brought back to life a robin, which had been killed, and which had been used to sit on the shoulder of St Serf of Culcross while he prayed.



'Art thou the bird whom Man loves best
 The pious bird with the scarlet breast,
 Our little English Robin;
 The bird that comes about our doors
 When Autumn winds are sobbing?'

*Wordsworth; The Redbreast chasing the
 Butterfly.*



Bluebell, Lily and Ziggy wish all their readers blessing and joy this Christmas and New Year, and maybe a visit from a robin!



GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG, Digger's apprentice

Hello! Doug here again.

If your equilibrium has been upset by trampolining boxer dogs, or the rather bright large moon, or you're wondering how on earth Michelle Obama's garden will cope when the new boy

takes over, sit down with a nice cup of tea and some seed and plant catalogues – it's that time of year. Christmas and mistletoe.

Mistletoe is a parasitic plant which attaches to and penetrates the branches of trees or shrubs by a structure called the haustorium. Through this it absorbs water and nutrients from the host. Most mistletoe seeds are spread by birds and are coated with a sticky material called viscin. Some viscin remains on the seed and if, or when, it touches a stem, it sticks tenaciously. The viscin soon hardens and the seed is firmly attached to its future host; there it germinates and its haustorium penetrates the sound bark. *(thanks be to Wikipedia!)*



"The pendant mistletoe, hung up to view

Reminds the youth, the duty youth should do:

While titt'ring maidens, to enhance their wishes

Entice the men to smother them with kisses..."

The Times (London England) 24 December 1787 p.3 (poem), The Approach of Christmas

Historically mistletoe was thought to have magical powers, providing protection against thunder, lightning and other evils as well as curing illnesses and guaranteeing good health. Much like Donald Trump, eh?

So, look through those seed catalogues and see what ye shall sow next year.

Last year I branched out a bit with dried flowers. I have raised helichrysums (straw flowers) in the past - they are so easy and when dried look superb over the winter months. This year I also sowed some Limonium (Statice) and Ammi Majus (Bishop's Flower). All very easy. Cut 'em off. Tie 'em up. Hang 'em upside down in the shed and Bob's your uncle Flowerdew.

Of course, if you go to the National Trust's Cotehele before the end of the year you'll see the 60th anniversary 60 ft Christmas Garland with its nearly



Helichrysum

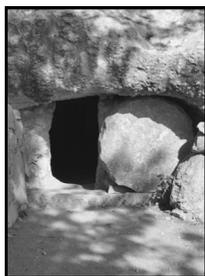
40,000 dried flowers (some of which Doug helped to grow and dry!). Along with the log fire there will be various local choirs to further enhance the wonderful atmosphere. And, if you look closely, there is a super chunk of mistletoe. Don't miss it!



*Adventures and special moments in The
Holy Land:
"Walking in the footsteps of Jesus "
An illustrated talk by Annie and Mike Jefferies.*

*Friday 10th February 2017
at 7pm, Lamerton Village Hall*

*A glass of wine and nibbles at the interval! All are welcome .
Tickets are available from Annie (614178).*



Lamerton Christmas Fayre

Lamerton Village Hall

Saturday 3rd December

11.00am - 2.30pm

FREE ADMISSION



***Visit Father Christmas in his Grotto; many craft stalls,
games, refreshments, Christmas hamper draw and more!***

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



Camplehaye Carol Service A Service of Carols and Readings for Advent

at Camplehaye Residential Home

2.15pm Thursday 8th December

Visitors very welcome



MOUNT KELLY CHORAL SOCIETY

presents a programme of Christmas music

Saturday 10th December,

7.30p.m. at St Eustachius' Church in Tavistock

including Vivaldi's exuberant setting of the Gloria and favourite carols for choir. The concert features soloists Rosemary Turner and Helen Haviland and is conducted by Mount Kelly Director of Music, Julian Jensen. Admission is £10 by programme, available from Bookstop, Ward & Chowen, or on the door.

Lamerton Parish Neighbourhood Plan

You will recall that, a few months ago, a Questionnaire / Housing Need Survey was distributed to all homes in our Parish. Now that the final Report has been received and assessed, we are shortly to release its content onto our website (www.lamertonparish.co.uk) for your review.

Great progress has also been made towards the completion of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan incorporating detail from the Survey Report, which will also be available to you for review soon.

We **strongly** encourage all Lamerton Parish residents to review both of these when they are released; this is, after all, your Parish where you live, so this Plan can be of major importance to you.

You will recall that the special public meeting held back in January voted 100% in favour of the creation of a Plan. Now, we would welcome as much feedback as possible on the Draft Plan when released, we need to incorporate as much parish feedback as possible, since this will only be approved if the Parish votes in favour of it.

This has the great potential to make unwanted development much less likely, as an approved Parish Neighbourhood Plan becomes a statutory document which local authorities are obliged to take into account with all planning applications.

Again, please monitor progress on www.lamertonparish

WORSHIP IN THE LIFTON BENEFICE

St.Mary, Lifton. St.Nicholas, Broadwoodwidge. 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

DECEMBER 2016

	9.45am unless different	11.15am unless different
4th. Dec Advent 2 St.Nicholas	10.00am "Together at Ten" at BROADWOOD CHURCH 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 Thrushelton - Holy Communion	Lewtrenchard - Holy Communion Kelly - Morning Prayer
18th Advent 4	Broadwood - Holy Communion 6.00pm - LIFTON Carol Service	Stowford - Holy Communion
Mon 19th	7.00pm Lifton Scout Group Carol Concert at Lifton Church	
24th Christmas Eve (Saturday)	4.00pm - Lifton 6.00pm - Stowford 7.30pm - Kelly 9.30pm - Broadwood 11.30pm - Lewtrenchard	Crib Service Christingle Service First Communion of Christmas First Communion of Christmas Midnight Christmas Communion
Christmas Day	9.45am - Thrushelton 11.15am - Lifton	Carols & Communion Carols & Communion

JANUARY 2017

	9.45am unless stated different	11.15am unless stated different
1st. Jan Epiphany (Christmas 1)	10.00am "Together at Ten" at STOWFORD CHURCH Communion for the whole Benefice 3.00pm - EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE at THRUSHELTON	
8th Epiphany 1	Lifton - Holy Communion Thrushelton - Holy Communion	Lewtrenchard - Holy Communion Broadwood - Holy Communion
15th Epiphany 2	Lifton - Morning Prayer Kelly - Holy Communion	Stowford - Holy Communion
22nd Epiphany 3	10.30am - Liftondown Methodist Chapel - Christian Unity Service 3.00 Lifton - PET SERVICE	Lewtrenchard - Holy Communion
29th Epiphany 4	10.00am "Together at Ten" at LIFTON CHURCH	

FEBRUARY 2017

5th. Feb 4th Before Lent	10.00am "Together at Ten" at KELLY CHURCH Communion for the whole Benefice
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Lamerton Women's Institute

Meetings are at Lamerton Sports and Community Centre, 2.00pm

6 December	Carol Service, Exeter
13 December	Christmas-time Tea
3 January 2017	Resolutions; Limerick competition

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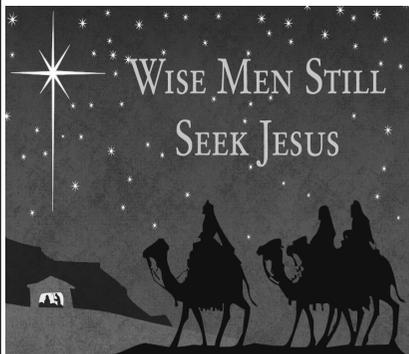
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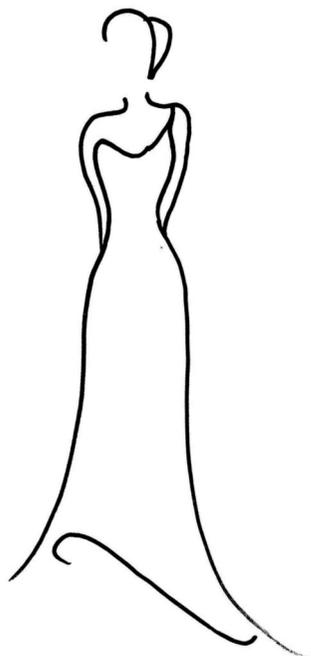
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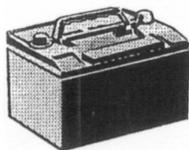
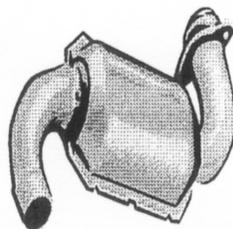
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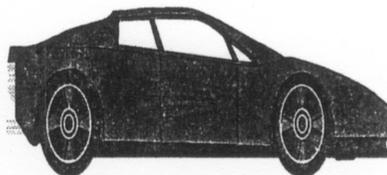
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January 2017

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunton	St Constantine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
Sunday 1st January <i>Naming of Jesus</i>	6.30pm United Benefice Service at Lamerton Evensong - BCP MJ/IS					
Sunday 8th January <i>Epiphany</i>	9.00am HC CW AA			11.00am HC CW AA		11.15am Matins BCP PH
Sunday 15th January <i>2nd of Epiphany</i>		11.00am HC CW AA/IS			9.30am Family Service AA	
Sunday 22nd January <i>3rd of Epiphany</i>	9.00am Matins BCP ID	9.30am Family Service AA/MJ/AJ		11.00am HC CW M&AS		11.15am HC CW AA
Sunday 29th January <i>Presentation of Christ at Temple</i>	9.30am United Benefice Service at Mary Stowe Family Service AA					



From the editor's desk ...

**Deadline for the February 2017 issue is :
Tuesday 17th January 2017**

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December 2016

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunerton	St Constan- tine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
Friday 2nd December	Carols at Collacombe Barton, near Lamerton 7.00pm (call Angela 810027 to 'book')					
Sunday 4th December <i>2nd of Advent</i>		6.30pm Even- song AA/MJ			9.30am HC CW AA	
Sunday 11th December <i>3rd of Advent</i>	9.00am HC CW AA	4.00pm Christ- ingle AA		11.00am HC CW M&AS		11.15am Morning Prayer CW AA
Saturday 17th December						6.00pm Carol Service
Sunday 18th December <i>4th of Advent</i>	5.00pm Carol Service ID	6.30pm Carol Service AA			4.00pm Carol Service AA	
Saturday 24th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>		11.30pm Midnight Mass AA		4.00pm Crib and Carol Service AA	6.30pm Christ- mas HC AA	
Sunday 25th December <i>Christmas Day</i>	10.00am HC CW IS		9.30am HC BCP AA			11.30am HC CW AA

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