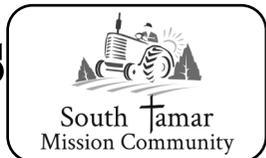


Parish News



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



**August 1st is Lammas Day, traditionally the
beginning of Harvest time in Britain.**

'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few'.

Matthew 9.37-38



*Apple and grain by
Anita Townsend*

August + September 2017

Price: £1

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August 2017

- 5 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 5 LAMERTON COFFEE MORNING, Lamerton Community Centre, 10.30 - 12.00
- 8 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm
- 12 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 12 LAMERTON WI Produce and Craft Show, Lamerton Community Centre, 2.00 - 4.30pm
- 14 MILTON ABBOT BINGO, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 19 LAMERTON COFFEE MORNING, Lamerton Community Centre, 10.30 - 12.00
- 19 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 22 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm
- 15 LAMERTON COFFEE MORNING, Lamerton Community Centre, 10.30 - 12.00
- 26 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00

September 2017

- 2 LAMERTON COFFEE MORNING, Lamerton Community Centre, 10.30 - 12.00
- 2 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 5 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm
- 9 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 11 MILTON ABBOT BINGO, Village Hall, 7.30pm

12 DEADLINE for Oct/Nov Edition of magazine

- 16 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 16 LAMERTON COFFEE MORNING, Lamerton Community Centre, 10.30 - 12.00
- 17 LAMERTON TRACTOR DAY AND COUNTRY FAIR, 10.30 - 4.30pm
- 19 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm
- 23 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 29 LAMERTON HARVEST AUCTION, Lamerton Community Centre, from 7.00pm
- 30 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 30 LAMERTON COFFEE MORNING, Lamerton Community Centre, 10.30 - 12.00

***August and September church services are on the back cover;
Bible Readings are on page 8 and 9***

The Book of Revelation (part 2)



After the messages to the 7 churches, John had a vision of heaven 4.1-2 *'come up here and I will show you what is to come in the future'* and he saw a throne with *'One sitting on the throne'* and on the right hand of the One there was a scroll sealed with 7 seals.

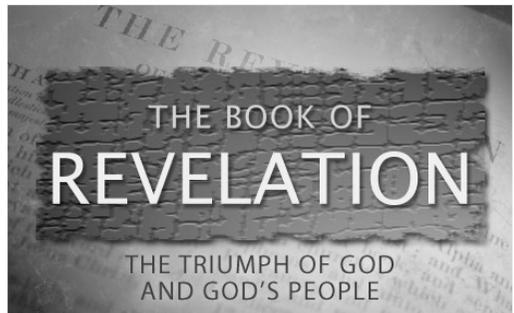
John's vision of heaven falls into 2 parts:

1. The hymn of praise to God as creator 4.11. The vision of the throne room with its vivid descriptions and proclamation of God as the *creator of all things*....here I am reminded of a well known hymn by the 17th century Bishop Thomas Ken *'Glory to thee, my God, this night ...'* and especially the last verse: *'Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below, praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.'*
2. This part addressed Christ as redeemer 5,9, 12-13 with its references to the Lamb as the only one worthy to open the seals *'because you were slain and with your blood you purchased men for God.'* Christ as the lamb of God is what we reflect upon in the 'Agnus Dei' prayer during the breaking of bread, or just after in our Common Worship service of Holy Communion Order 1. In Revelation the Lamb becomes a symbol of the risen Christ as the one who takes away the sin of the world - sin occasioned through the disobedience of Adam and the fall of mankind (Genesis 3) - and who now reigns with power and authority as His work of redemption is completed.

As Christ takes the 7 seals the unveiling or the revelation properly begins - so His action in heaven determines the events on earth. (In Roman law wills or other legal documents had to be sealed by 7 witnesses and only one duly authorised could break the seal.) Christ, who by his sacrifice had triumphed, was able to open the sealed scrolls. The first 5 seals are opened and then on the opening of the sixth there was a great earthquake and a loud universal cry was made for all to be saved from the wrath to come: 6.15-17.

Here I would like to clarify in this context the word 'wrath'. Wrath means more than anger, but, as my commentary in NIV bible edited for Revelation by F.F Bruce, states that wrath is a retribution: a response of Holy God to persistent and impenitent wickedness. To avoid such wrath a seal or mark was to be put on the foreheads of the servants of God numbered as 144,000. This number is based on the 12 tribes of Israel times 12 and then multiplied by 1000 i.e. a large number.

The Jehovah Witnesses maintain that it is an actual, finite number, 14.1, however it is symbolic and represents all followers of Christ, the true 'Israel of God'. In fact, one of the titles of the church is the New Israel. This is confirmed in the triumph of the martyrs *'a great multitude that no one could count.'* 14.9.



Now we come to the breaking of the 7th seal 'when there was silence in heaven for half an hour' 8.1,6-19: a time as all heaven awaits the final act of divine judgement, preceded by the blowing of 7 trumpets. The first 4 trumpets announce plagues more deadly than the plagues of Egypt (Exodus 7-10), the last 3 announce calamities, the 3 woes of verse 13. The last trumpet is followed by the proclamation

'that the kingdom of the world has become kingdom of our Lord and his Christ and he will reign for ever and ever' 11:15

Divine judgment and reward have been present in the earlier stages of John's visions, but they reach their climax at the 7th trumpet; this is to be elaborated however by the judgements in the vision of the 7 bowls pouring out God's wrath 'Yes Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgements' 16.7 In chapter 17 we have a reference to the 'scarlet woman', namely Rome built on 7 hills, which is followed by the fall of Babylon. Babylon is synonymous with the pagan world i.e. the Roman empire. Then in chapter 19.7 Hallelujah - heaven rejoices as the 'wedding of the Lamb has come and his bride (the church) has made herself ready.' Next John 'saw an angel coming down out of heaven, binding the devil for a thousand years' 20.1-2

Then finally the climax of the reward for those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had received the mark was the vision of the new Jerusalem 'I saw the Holy City the new Jerusalem coming down from God' 21.2.

I will attempt to expand on this in my next and final article on the book of Revelation.

Ian Silcox



Tavistock and District Christian Aid Group

the grand total for the Christian Aid week in May was **£2361. 79**

Thank you to all contributors

Ian Silcox

Services at Camplehaye Residential Home

Join us at Camplehaye for

**Harvest Praise
Friday 29 September**

The Service begins at 2.15pm

Visitors are most welcome



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Dear Friends,

As I am becoming increasingly aware, for farmers who live and work with in our parishes harvest time is probably the busiest and most stressful time of the year.

We too in our churches have a harvest time. For us the Harvest is not one of crops, but of people. For our harvest we hope to gather people towards Jesus Christ, to make disciples of people, to grow in prayer and to serve the people of Devon with joy. However, as all farmers know, for a harvest you need labourers.

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. (Matt 9.37)

This is the difficulty we are facing at one of our Churches in Sydenham Damerel. After some 36 years of devoted service, Ian Dingle the Churchwarden has retired. Sadly, there is also no church committee. Here I am faced with the problem which Jesus knew all too well, the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few.

One day in June our retired postman of the parish, Jim Crockford and I, hand delivered 102 letters to the households of Sydenham Damerel, inviting them to a meeting on the 18th July to discuss the future of their church in Sydenham Damerel.

Of the 20 people who attended, 16 of them lived within the parish. During the meeting, we discussed the three options which are available to us:

1. Do you want to keep your parish church open as a regular place of worship?
2. Do you want your church to remain open purely for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals? Plus, Christmas, Easter and Harvest Festivals?
3. Would you prefer to see your church closed?

At the end of the meeting we discussed that for option 1 and 2 to become a reality we would need a Churchwarden and a church committee to be formed. I am afraid to say that at the end of the meeting there were no volunteers to become Churchwarden and only 1 person volunteered to be a new member of the church committee.

Whenever there is talk of "What does the future hold for our church", there will always be people who think that there is a hidden agenda, that the 'Church' want to close St Marys in Sydenham Damerel. Nothing could be further from the truth. However, it must be recognised by the community that if they want to keep their church, people from their

community need to come forward to take ownership of the buildings within their community.

One outcome of our meeting was the suggestion that during August I should again hand deliver a letter to all 102 households in Sydenham Damerel. In this letter, I will be asking the community which of the three options above they would like to see happen. Also, I will be asking again if anyone would consider becoming Churchwarden and become a member of the church committee.

We have a fantastic opportunity to remould the life of St Mary's church. If I close my eyes and dare to dream, I can see a church at Sydenham Damerel with running water, toilets and a kitchen. A café running weekly and a useable space for various groups to meet in the church. Once again, the church being the centre of the community. For this to happen we need to be really sure that this is what the community really wants and needs.

*Heavenly Father, thank You for Your guidance.
Help us all not to get ahead of you plans,
and help us all to know when to stop and listen for Your direction.
Your ways are perfect, Lord.
Thank You for offering gentle grace.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

Yours in Christ
Fr. Andy

All Saints Dunterton

**Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 3 September, 10.00am**

Followed by bring and share lunch and opportunity to climb the tower
and view the Tamar Valley.

Forthcoming Services at All Saints Dunterton

5 Nov	10.00am	Matins, BCP	<i>Remembrance and All Saints</i>
25 Dec	9.30am	HC, BCP	<i>Christmas Communion</i>

Dunterton News.

Extensive work has taken place at All Saints to repoint the window reveals. Four windows have been completed the work having been undertaken by Adrian Lane.

BIBLE READINGS (Year A)

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

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 6th August <i>The Transfiguration (White)</i>	Daniel 7.9,10,13,14	2 Peter 1.16-19	Luke 9.28-36
Sunday 13th August <i>Trinity 9 (Green)</i>	1 Kings 19.9-18	Romans 10.5-15	Matthew 14.22-33
Sunday 20th August <i>Trinity 10 (Green)</i>	Isaiah 56.1, 6-8	Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15.(10-20) 21-28
Sunday 20th August Theale Service <i>Trinity 10 (Green)</i>	2 Kings 4.1-37	Acts 16.1-15	John 6.51-58
Sunday 27th August <i>Trinity 11 (Green)</i>	Isaiah 51.1-6	Romans 12.1-8	Matthew 16.13-20

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 A) continued

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 3rd September <i>Trinity 12</i> <i>(Green)</i>	Jeremiah 15.15-21	Romans 12.9-21	Matthew 16.21-28
Sunday 10th September <i>Trinity 13</i> <i>(Green)</i>	Ezekiel 33.7-11	Romans 13.8-14	Matthew 18.15-20
Sunday 17th September <i>Trinity 14</i> <i>(Green)</i>	Genesis 50.15-21	Romans 14.1-12	Matthew 18.21-35
Sunday 24th September <i>Trinity 15</i> <i>(Green)</i>	Jonah 3.10 - 4.11	Philippians 1.21-30	Matthew 20.1-16

Harvest Festival Services in the Benefice

10 September 11.00am Milton Abbot

1 October 6.30pm Lamerton

8 October 6.00pm Coryton

15 October 9.30am Marystowe





A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

Building Bridges

Once upon a time, there were two brothers. Their father had a large farm and when he became too old to work, he called his sons to him. "I am too old to work anymore," he said. "I will divide my farm in half and give each of you one half. I know that you will always work together and will be good friends."

When the brothers first started farming on their adjoining farms, they were the best of friends and would share everything together. Then, one day there was an argument between the two brothers and they stopped speaking to one another. For many years, not a word was spoken between them.

One day, one of the brothers was at his house when a carpenter came to his door and said, "I would like to do some work. Do you have any work that I can do?" The brother thought for a moment and then replied, "I would like for you to build a fence on my property. Build it down near the stream there that separates my farm from my brother's. I don't want to see my brother anymore and I would like for you to build a high fence there please. I'm going into town and I'll be back this evening."

When he came back that evening, he was shocked to see that the carpenter had not followed his instructions. Instead of building a high fence there, he had built a bridge over the stream. The man walked down to take a look at the bridge, and as he did, his brother walked toward him from the other side. His brother said, "After all the terrible things I've done to you over the years, I can't believe that you would build a bridge and welcome me back." He reached out to his brother and gave him a big hug.



The brother then walked back up to his farmhouse to talk to the carpenter. "Can you stay?" he asked. "I have more work for you to do." The carpenter answered, "I'm sorry but I can't stay. I have to go, for I have many other bridges to build."

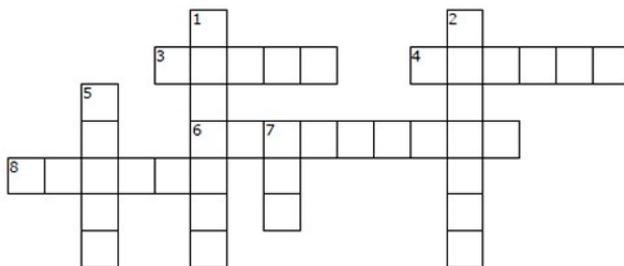
Sometimes you and I have a disagreement with our brothers and sisters in Christ. When that happens, we often build a fence between ourselves and them. We stop talking to them. We don't want to see them. We don't want to be around them. That isn't what Jesus wants us to do. Instead of fences, he wants us to build a bridge of love between us.

Dear Father, we know it is your desire for us to live together in peace and harmony. Help us to love one another. Amen.

When Someone Hurts You

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. Matthew 18:15a

Based on Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. A statement proven to be accurate
4. To pay attention; To make an effort to hear something
6. A spoken or written statement that something is true
8. All followers of Christ as a group

DOWN

1. A member of the same race, church, religious group, or organization
2. A person who sees an event happen
5. A quality in a person that shows that they are not perfect
7. Breaking a religious law

BROTHER
WITNESS

TESTIMONY
FAULT

SIN
CHURCH

LISTEN
TRUTH

St. Peter's Lamerton



We have now started to fund raise for the repair of the Reredos in St. Peter's.

Our first event was providing cream teas at the **Duck Race**. Our team led by Linda raised **£172** - many thanks to you all.

Our **Pimms Evening** which was intended to be at Court Farm House had to be relocated at short notice because of the very bad weather. Barbara came to the rescue by inviting us all into her house. Thank you Barbara and your helpers. There was lots of lovely food for us and a welcome **£204** for the church.

We were extremely lucky to have had such glorious weather for our **tractor and BBQ evening** at Theale. Fourteen tractors were available to drive and many of our visitors tried them all. Driver of the evening must go to Joab - he never left the little Workhorse tractor!



It was a great team effort both with setting up and packing away at the end - many thanks to you all who helped and provided food. I think particular thanks go to Sue and Bruce for expertly operating the BBQ. We were able to give **£550** to St. Peters.

Following the very successful **Songs of Praise at Theale** last year we will be holding another this year on **20th August** with a bring and share supper afterwards - please join us. It will be a UB service at 6.30pm.

Lamerton Harvest Festival Songs of Praise will be on Sunday 1st October at 6.30pm.

The next 'not to be missed' event is the **Lamerton Tractor Day** and Country Fair on **17th September**. We will again be supporting St. Peter's as well as Bliss, Devon Air Ambulance and Cystic Fibrosis.

And then on **20th October** we are holding a Quiz Night in the Village Hall with fiendish questions being put to us by Dave and Margaret.

Do join us for lots of fun.

Mid-week Holy Communion



Every Wednesday morning at 10 am
in the Priests room at Lamerton

**(We will not be
meeting in August)**



With tea, coffee and
cake afterwards.

A Story on the Theme of Truthfulness

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

A shepherd boy tended his master's sheep near a dark forest not far from the village. Soon he found life in the pasture very dull. All he could do to amuse himself was to talk to his dog or play on his shepherd's pipe.

One day as he sat watching the sheep and the quiet forest, and thinking what he would do should he see a wolf, he thought of a plan to amuse himself.

His master had told him to call for help should a wolf attack the flock, and the villagers would drive it away. So now, though he had not seen anything that even looked like a wolf, he ran toward the village shouting at the top of his voice, "Wolf! Wolf!"



As he expected, the villagers who heard the cry dropped their work and ran in great excitement to the pasture. But when they got there they found the boy doubled up with laughter at the trick he had played on them.

A few days later the shepherd boy again shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!" Again the villagers ran to help him, only to be laughed at again.

Then one evening as the sun was setting behind the forest and the shadows were creeping out over the pasture, a wolf really did spring from the underbrush and fall upon the sheep.

In terror the boy ran toward the village shouting "Wolf! Wolf!" But though the villagers heard the cry, they did not run to help him as they had before. "He cannot fool us again," they said.

The wolf killed a great many of the boy's sheep and then slipped away into the forest.

Liars are not believed, even when they speak the truth.

Lamerton Bellringers

The Lamerton Bellringers' outing to N Devon and Exmoor will be on



Saturday 9th September 2017

We will leave Lamerton at 8.15 am

For bookings and details please 'phone William Dawe 612202



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 October 2017

3:30pm - 5:30pm

for all the family

Our theme will be "Truthfulness"

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Contact Rev. Andy on: 01822 870298

Lamerton Produce & Craft Show

with

Cream Teas, Raffle & Stalls

Saturday 12th August

at

Lamerton Village Hall

2.00pm - 4.30pm

Adults £1 Children free

Schedules available at Carr's Garage
& the Village Hall

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ST CONSTANTINE, MILTON ABBOT

We were blessed with beautiful weather for the Gardens Open Day at Hotel Endsleigh on 10th May. Sally Whitworth, the National Trust's Head Gardener at Buckland Abbey, was on hand to answer our gardening queries and we had some lovely craft stalls for folks to spend their money at. Once again, we are most grateful to the Hotel for their generosity and interest. Thank you, too, to all who came and enjoyed the lovely gardens and supported us and particularly to Pat Lovell who always works so hard to organise these Open Days. See page 23 for Pat's report.

On Sunday 2nd July a BBQ was organised by Sue Champion in her garden at Bowled Over to raise money for some much-needed work on our bells; once again the weather was beautiful. 40-50 people came and enjoyed a tasty and relaxed lunch; approximately £300 was raised on the day and some further donations have been received since. Thanks to Sue and the cooks for their hard work.

Thanks are due to Michael Blatchford and David Dunbar who ventured onto the roof of the church in late June and removed what could have been decades of rotting and very smelly debris from one of the gulleys which was probably causing some of the damp inside the building below the tower.

Peter Barton spent two days cleaning the church windows for us at the end of June; they are now beautifully clear and minus the green tinge which they had acquired.



We are planning another churchyard clear-up day
on
Saturday 23rd September at 10.00am
as always, any help will be much appreciated.

On **Saturday 25th November** we will be holding another
Christmas Crafts Day in the church.

As in previous years, this will give you the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. We are hoping to have one or two new attractions as well as a super raffle for which we will be selling tickets ahead of the day; we have a lovely first prize for this – more in the next issue of Parish News!



Kate's Baptism by the beach

On Sunday 21st May at 6.05pm just at the water's edge on Par beach in Cornwall, Rev Andy Atkins very kindly went beyond the call of duty and officiated at my adult 'Equine' Baptism. This wouldn't have been possible without the help of my local equestrian friend Heather Johnson, her daughter Zara, her Gran Jean Pritchard and their family friend Carol.



It truly was an incredibly special, amazing and very spiritual occasion; even the weather was great.

I would also like to give a mention of thanks to my husband Jon for taking the photos and filming the ceremony and to my other friends including Sandra & David, Rosie & Mike, who were

there to help, support and celebrate with me that evening.

With love & thanks to you all,

Kate Leeves

"When the phone rings in the Vicarage you never really know what sort of request you are going to get. This was without a doubt the most unusual request this year! It will also be one of my most treasured memories from my time in ministry. It was a very moving and spiritual celebration, something which meant so much to Kate and all of her family and friends present.



Well done Kate! Fr. Andy"

Lamerton PCC Meeting

Tuesday 19 September 2017

7.30pm, Priest's Room, Lamerton

All parishioners are welcome to attend



Sunday September 17th 2017

We will be holding another Country Fair at Lamerton on the same site as last year - follow the signs.

This year featuring an International Harvester Display

The programme will include:-

Tractor Road Run - Threshing Demonstration

Live Steam - Classic Cars - Taiko Drummers

Ploughing and Cultivating demonstrations

Shire Horses, Ponies and Donkeys, Fun and Games for children

BBQ, Cream Teas, Stalls, Trade Stands and much more

Road Run starts at 10.30am - trailers will be available for rides.

Events in the ring from 11.30am - 4.30pm

Dog Show 1.30pm

We are supporting charities with a local connection - Devon Air Ambulance, Bliss, Cystic Fibrosis and St Peter's Church

We look forward to seeing you

Enquiries please to Ian on 01822 810027
or Matt on 07966881985

Nature Notes by Bluebell Aug - Sept 2017



The heart warms
 To the sight
 Of the ears of a deer
 Above the green corn
 And its shiny black nose
 Watching eyes that
 Watch it.

Blue, blue sky, tiny white clouds
 Three buzzards wheel above
 One meows again and again
 Foxgloves, bramble blossom, chaff chaff,
 Butterflies, grasses in flower,
 Summer. Praise God.

Bluebell rejoices in many tiny families new born, including ginger baby foxes with round tummies and white-tipped bushy tails, baby spotted woodpeckers on the peanut feeder, tiny wrens flitting about the brushwood with loud whirring calls, screaming parties of sooty new-fledged swifts, and soft brown baby rabbits; but death often trembles in the grass in summer, and Bluebell suffered anxious days, as the swallows' tale unfolded.



One evening she returned home to find a little black smudge sitting on the doorstep. It was a baby swallow, with feathers but unable to fly. Bluebell picked it up and put it in a cardboard box with newspaper on a chair in the porch. The next morning she opened the front door to find two more helpless baby swallows on the floor. They had all fallen out of the mud nest in the rafters of the porch roof, too high to replace them. One had died, but Bluebell put the other in the cardboard box with its sibling, and for seven days the slim, neat, elegant parents fed them!

Then one was gone! Then next day, the second was gone! And then they spent their nights on the top of the ten foot table sunshade propped in the corner of the porch! And now a mud nest has been built on top of the umbrella, and the swallows are sitting on eggs in it, taking turns to sit and sometimes visibly turning the eggs. They have also repaired the first nest and Bluebell thinks they may have a second brood in there too!



Last year the sparrow hawk took the fledglings but Bluebell prays that this year the brave little birds will succeed in raising their young before they gather twittering on the telephone cables preparing to return to Africa and follow the sun.





GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG

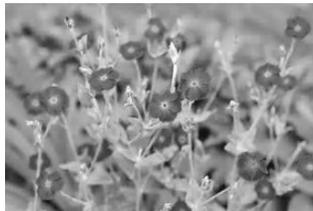
Hello Gardeners. Doug's getting excited, well nervous really. It's WI show time. Now, will my runner beans be up to it? – not at their current rate. Will my sweet peas be still looking as good as they are now? – may be gone over. Will the flowers be ready?

Oh, keep calm – think *Monty Don*. That calm approach to camera. (I've got the trousers now, but not the braces. And, where could I get that jacket? It's like the 'torn' jeans the girls wear, and it probably comes ready crumpled? Couldn't Michael Portillo lend him some?) Oh, the stress. The tomatoes *could* be good. But, *will they be good enough?* Oh, well. There's always next year. Of course, I'll plan ahead for that.

Now tomatoes; you see people buy them (the plants) and you think 'why didn't they raise them from seed?' And then, you hear people say 'I grew them from seed but they were (something or other) so I went and bought some from the garden centre'. This year 3 of Doug's in the greenhouse suddenly flopped as though they'd got the 'flu. Panic! Water! No. No good. Not slugs, not moisture, not mildew, but ants. Ate the roots they did. So, I potted up as cuttings, several of those bits you usually pinch out of vigorous plants and rudely throw away. Result? Happiness. They all grew strongly and quickly into new plants with lots of roots. Point proved, they threw themselves on the compost heap. Meanwhile, I'd sowed some more seed – we're talking early June here – well, these produced plants which are catching the originals in height. Ok, no toms on them yet, but I bet they'll still be cropping in late November. So, think again about those bits you pinch out. The same can apply to a lot of plants at this time of year. Fuchsias are so easy to propagate – and, if they don't take, chuck 'em on the compost heap.

Gooseberries. The big boss of my universe – wifey - made some gooseberry jam (from my gooseberries, I hasten to add) and it is stunningly delicious. In fact, if she did enter it in proper jars, it would win that show category hands down! Gooseberries do seem to do well down here in the south west? Unlike plums.

Oh, and the slugs, my wonderful friends, they've really enjoyed the Zinnias but are still off the Pelargoniums. Interestingly, they have turned their noses up at the Scabiosa – several types – and the Bridget-in-Her-Bravery (or Rose Campion, Corn rose, Crown of the field, Dusty miller, Garland flower, Mullein pink, Red bird's eye, or Lychnis Coronaria, as you like).



Black Spot on the roses seems to be bad this year and not a lot can be done about it except collecting those affected leaves and not allowing them to spread the fungal spores. Some years are better than others and some roses better than others. Put a brave face on it and feed your best. The RHS says: *the fungus spends the winter in resting structures on fallen leaves and also in dormant infections on young stems and buds, producing spores in the spring to infect young foliage.* Yuck!

Good luck at the show. Come on now, you must have something you can enter? Check those categories!! I'll be there.

Marystowe is looking very smart!

Over 30 vintage tractors set off from Marystowe for the Tractor Run in June, organised by Iris Griffiths and a team of helpers, who served breakfast and lunch for the drivers, raising £320, which was shared equally between the church and Devon Air Ambulance.

Also in June, Tavistock Wheelers Cycling Club came to us for their coffee stop. This proved to be a very successful and enjoyable event. Friends from the village and the church baked delicious cakes and due to the cyclists' amazing generosity, we raised £250, which was shared equally between the church and to buy specialist play equipment for residents with learning difficulties and complex needs living at nearby West Banbury Cottages, Broadwoodwidge.

A coffee morning, afternoon tea, knit & natter, various small events and the sale of second-hand books have also raised much needed money for church funds. Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us.



Marystowe is looking very smart with its new red carpet and the remnants have been used to make a number of pew seat covers. Our thanks go to volunteers, Ross Woods, Chris Taylor and Michael Martin who help to maintain the churchyard and to Dean Elliott & Son Garden Care, for their regular grass cutting. It's now looking really well cared for. We even we have posh new notices for the graveyard regulations and the compost bin!

During the fine weather, Alan Jenner has carried out much of the exterior work on the church, which was recommended following the quinquennial inspection; lime mortar re-pointing on the masonry, work on the roof, repairs and redecoration of the rainwater goods and complete refurbishment of the oak window sill and frame for the schoolroom window. We appreciate his skilled craftsmanship.

Our thanks go to Andy for conducting most of the services, which have continued to be well attended. And lastly, we'd like to thank the ladies who keep the church decorated with beautiful fresh flowers.

We're looking forward to our Harvest Festival on **Sunday, 15th October** at 9.30am and a Christmas coffee morning with craft stalls on **Saturday, 18th November**.





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- ◇ also to raise funds for this worthy charitable cause, a **coffee morning** will be held at Church Avenue House in Lamerton from 10.30am - 12 noon.

For those who want to walk off their cakes, a walk will take place in the afternoon, from The Royal pub in Horsebridge to Sydenham Damerel Church. We will meet at 2.30pm at the pub.

For further information please contact Annie Jefferies (614178)

HOTEL ENDSLEIGH GARDENS OPEN DAY

Milton Abbot Church PCC would like to extend a huge thank you to Hotel Endsleigh for their enormous generosity in allowing us to hold our church fundraiser again. This annual event is very important in raising much needed funds to maintain the church for everyone to enjoy.

We also would like to say a big thank you to all the businesses and attractions who gave us raffle prizes, those who donated money and most importantly to all of you who came along to support us and to all those who helped us run the event. With this great continued support we have raised nearly £1,500 for Milton Abbot Church. Thank you again.

Pat Lovell
Milton Abbot Church PCC



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LAMERTON VILLAGE HALL CELEBRATES ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Lamerton Sports and Community Centre (known by all as the Village Hall) recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. In July 2007 Henrietta, Duchess of Bedford, had officially opened the hall after its build at a cost of around £500,000 had been completed.

The tenth anniversary celebrations were led by Valerie Hill, who was the Chairman during the build process. She paid tribute to the many people who had worked with her to make the project such a success, together with the supporting partnerships who had made their own vital contributions. A cake in the form of a "10" was cut by John Hicks, who was Treasurer in the early stages of the build, and Isabel Stacey, who had presented the Duchess of Bedford with a bouquet at the opening ceremony in 2007, both supported by Valerie. The packed village hall then toasted the future of the hall. Valerie then invited everyone to browse the wide range of photographs and memorabilia that were on display.

Current Chairman Ian Minshull said that he was pleased that the event had been so well attended. It clearly echoed the success that the hall had been during its first ten years and showed how much the local community valued their hall. A wide range of events and bookings are held and fund raising over the years had enabled the trustees to purchase a stage and a sound system, a large marquee and a variety of other assets to improve the visitor experience. The hall was particularly pleased last year to welcome back Lamerton Football Club who now play on the Recreation Field. Ian said that current fund raising will focus on enhancing the children's play area. Finally, a series of commemorative photographs were taken, including one that re-enacted the event in February 2007 when the keys of the new hall were handed over to the Trustees.



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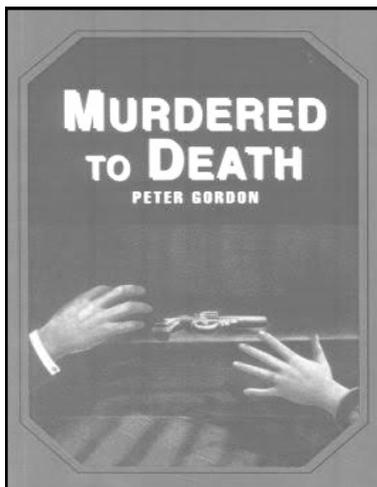
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The Milton Abbot Players would like to thank everyone who supported the show for Julie Gale in April.

We are delighted to announce that we raised £800 for the village hall door fund.



Mount Kelly Choral Society News



The Mount Kelly Choral Society (charity no. 1172838) in Tavistock will be starting the new term on Thursday September 7th. This mixed choir always welcomes newcomers. They sing a wide variety of choral works and perform two or three concerts a year. Although aspiring to high standards, anyone who wishes to develop their singing abilities is welcome. Auditions are usually only required if the section for the voice concerned is oversubscribed. The choir is very friendly, reasonably serious but NOT SOL-EMN! You can attend up to six rehearsals on a trial basis, without obligation. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 in the Melvin Hall at Mount Kelly College and the first one of the new term will be on Thursday, September 7th. when work will start on Handel's Ode on St. Cecilia's Day and Rutter's Magnificat for the concert on Saturday, 18th. November in St. Eustachius' Church, Tavistock. After Christmas, we will be rehearsing Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor for a concert on March 17th. also in St. Eustachius' Church. Annual subscriptions are £50 full subscription, £40 concessionary and £25 for under 30s. Membership is free to anyone under 18.

Mount Kelly College on the left off the A386 leading out of Tavistock towards Okehampton. Ample parking is available. Enter through the main door and ask anyone for the whereabouts of the Melvin Hall. If you are coming for the first time, it is suggested you arrive by 7.15.

For more information visit <http://www.kellychoralsociety.com> or contact Membership Secretary, Nick Greaves 01822 616702 - nick@kellychoralsociety.com or Chairman, Graham Reed 01822 840002 – info@grahamreedglass.co.uk

Calling Skittle Players!

Do you fancy joining our team which plays in the Dartmoor Skittle League? We have lost 3 players due to work and illness. A team consists of 10 players but we need at least 14 to call on. The season runs from September to December 10/12 weeks (not Goose Fair week) then January to March/



April 10/12 weeks. The number of weeks depends on the number of teams in our division. We play home and away and try to car share where and when possible. We always have a few practise nights before we start. As we mainly play in Pubs there is a natural age limit for starting to play but otherwise no upper limit. Our youngest has been 17 oldest 80. It is a good social evening with a small amount of exercise thrown in and it does not have to be an expensive evening. Most Pubs provide light refreshments for us which we have at the end of play. If you think you would like to join us and want more information please give me a ring on 01822 860568. Looking forward to hearing from you. **Chris.**

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From the editor's desk ...

**Deadline for the October+ November 2017 issue is :
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Lamerton Parish Neighbourhood Plan – It's moving forward!

With the approval of our third Grant application from Locality which runs until November 31st 2017, we are now able to proceed into the final phase.

We shall now be holding a second public meeting to be held at the Village Hall on

Monday August 7th at 7.30pm.

Unlike the initial meeting, (which was for parishioners to determine whether or not the Plan be created), this meeting is to discuss the allocation of the best sites most suited to new development from a short list determined from detailed review by the Plan Steering Group.

Advanced information for the meeting will be featured on the Parish website (lamertonparish.co.uk) although documentation for your review will be available on the night of course.

As always, we urge you to review this via the website but would be pleased to discuss this with you beforehand. Please call me on 01822 618512 if you have any questions and either I, or another member of the Steering Group will be happy to help.

John Edgar

Chairman / Co-ordinator

Lamerton Parish Neighbourhood Plan

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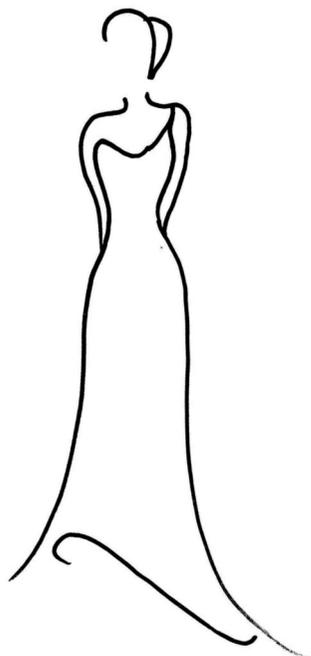
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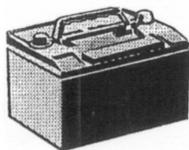
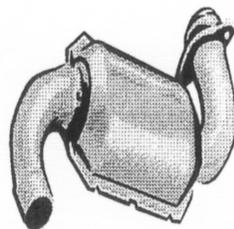
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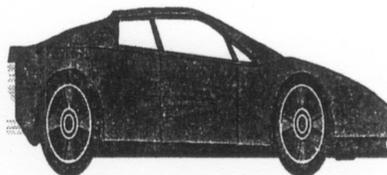
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Lamerton School	1023	Tavistock Hospital	1332
Chillaton Square	1035	Lamerton Blacksmith's	1337
Launceston Westgate arr. dep.	1103 1105	Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1349
Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1125	Launceston Westgate arr. dep.	1409 1411
Lamerton Blacksmith's	1132	Chillaton Square	1439
Tavistock Hospital	1138	Lamerton School	1450
Tavistock Bedford Square	1140	Tavistock Hospital	1455
		Tavistock, Bedford Square	1457

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Tavistock Bedford Square	0945	Tavistock Bedford Square	13.30
Tavistock Hospital	0948	Tavistock Hospital	1332
Lamerton Blacksmith's	0954	Lamerton School	1339
Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1000	Chillaton Square	1348
Launceston Westgate arr. dep.	1020 1023	Launceston Westgate arr. dep.	1413 1415
Chillaton Square	1050	Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1432
Lamerton School	1101	Lamerton Blacksmith's	1438
Tavistock Hospital	1106	Tavistock Hospital	1444
Tavistock Bedford Square	1109	Tavistock Bedford Square	1446

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Tavistock Bus Station	0935	Tavistock Bus Station	1240
Lamerton, Blacksmith's	0943	Lamerton, Village	1247
Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	0950	Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1255
Lamerton Village	0957	Lamerton, Blacksmith's	1302
Tavistock Bus Station	1005	Tavistock Bus Station	1310

CHURCH SERVICES

September 2017

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunterton	St Constan- tine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
Sunday 3rd Sept <i>Trinity 12</i>		6.30pm Even- song AA/MJ	11.00am HC BCP AA		9.30am HC CW AA	
Weds : 6th Sept	⋮	10.00am Holy Communion by extension Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton				
Sunday 10th Sept <i>Trinity 13</i>	9.00am HC CW AA			11.00am Harvest Festival AA		11.15am Matins BCP PH
Weds 13th Sept	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 17th Sept : <i>Trinity 14</i>	⋮	11.00am HC CW AA			9.30am Family Service Morning praise AA	
Weds 20th Sept	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 24th Sept <i>Trinity 15</i>	9.00am Matins BCP ID	9.30am Family Service AA/MG/AJ		11.00am HC CW TBC		11.15am HC CW AA
Weds 27th Sept	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					

CHURCH SERVICES

August 2017

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunterton	St Constan- tine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
Sunday 6th August <i>The Transfig- uration</i>	11.00am United Benefice Service at St. Peter's Lamerton Holy Communion by extension IS					
Sunday 13th August <i>Trinity 9</i>	10.00am United Benefice Service at St Mary's, Sydenham Damerel Holy Communion by extension RW					
Sunday 20th August <i>Trinity 10</i>	9.30am United Benefice Service at St Mary's, Marystowe Holy Communion AA					
Sunday 20th August <i>Trinity 10</i>	6.00pm United Benefice Open Air 'Songs of Praise' at THEALE, Lamerton AA/IS/RW					
Sunday 27th August <i>Trinity 11</i>	11.15am United Benefice Service at St. Andrew's, Coryton Holy Communion AA					
<i>N.B. There will be no Wednesday HC services at Lamerton during August</i>						

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

CW – Common Worship (Modern)