

Parish News

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



**October + November
2017**

Price: £1



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September 2017

- 29 LAMERTON HARVEST AUCTION, Lamerton Community Centre, from 7.00pm

October 2017

- 3 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm
- 6 MESSY CHURCH, St Peter's Lamerton, 3.30 - 5.30pm
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Revelation – a concluding article



I ended my last article on Revelation with mention of the binding of the devil or Satan for a thousand years i.e. a millennium. One of my sources, The People's Bible Commentary, states that 20. 1 -10 is probably the most puzzling section of the book of Revelation.

Basically there are 3 ways of interpreting the millennium, or time of 'binding of the devil/Satan/evil'.

1. Pre millennialism, the view was that the Lord will return to end the distress referred to in *Matthew 24. 21,29*:

'for then there will be great distress unequalled from the beginning of the world until now.....and immediately after that distress of those days the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky and the heavenly bodies will be shaken' NIV bible

but suggesting that Christ will return to end this distress before the millennium. He will 'rapture' His followers (*Matthew 24.40-41; see also 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17 and Revelation 3.10 and 11.12-13*) away in to the sky and return with them to earth to rule for a thousand years of peace - hence the name of 'the left behind novels'*. After the thousand years the devil will be unbound i.e. released, and the final great battle between good and evil will take place resulting in the victory of Christ and ushering in the age to come by raising non-Christians back to life for judgement.

2. Post millennialism was a belief that Christ will return after the millennium - a period at the end of AD history - when the devil will be bound. Then the church will experience a massive revival, ending with the devil being released. This would be a prelude to the second coming of Christ, with the final destruction of the devil, the rising of the dead and the final judgement.

3. A-millennialism is a view that the millennium is seen as happening now. The reign of Christ is a present reality: a period of the church with Satan bound by the preaching of the gospel. The prefix A here means 'not or without' and is an interpretation that when the gospel ceases to be preached then Satan will be fully released. The final battle of good and evil then will be fought with good, i.e. Christ, being successful 20.10-11 and that this will be followed by the final judgement 20.12-19. The flaw in this view as I see it is that Satan/the devil/evil is not 'bound' i.e. contained in our present world as we know full well!

But whatever the interpretation of the millennium we have **the reassurance and summation of God's plan for the human race, the final good news;** the passage about the New Jerusalem:

'Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth has passed awaynow the dwelling place of God is with men and he will live with them. He will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes . There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain for the old order has passed away' 21.1-4 (N.I.V.bible)

Then in the final chapter of Revelation, and incidentally the bible, the proclamation that Christ will be coming soon:

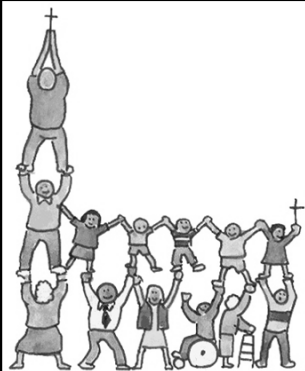
*Maranatha** Amen come Lord Jesus 22.20.* This is a time when in the Lord's prayer (the prayer that Christ gave His disciples and through the gospels to us) 'God's kingdom will come and His will be done on earth as in heaven.'

I hope my articles on revelation have been helpful in your understanding, if only partial, of the book of Revelation. I have found the several sources I have used, and my own thoughts to be helpful to me. If you would like to discuss or comment on my articles or Revelation in general, please email me iansilcox1934@gmail.com or phone 01822 612751

Ian Silcox

**A series of fictional novels based on the book 'Revelation' by Tim Le Haye and Gerry Benkins which I have read and thoroughly recommend.*

****Maranatha** is an Aramaic word that means "the Lord is coming" or "come, O Lord."



Devon Historic Churches Day on Sept 9th

I would like to thank all of the helpers for their cake baking, washing up and serving at the Coffee Morning at our house on Saturday 9th September, also to everyone who came and supported the morning. We made £240 which has been sent off to this very worthy charitable cause.

Thanks too, to Jane, Trudie and Liz at Sydenham Damerel, who served delicious refreshments within their Church. Despite the inclement weather which certainly put cyclists and walkers off, the "gang of three" collected £10 for Devon Historic Churches.

Thank you to you all

Annie Jefferies

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

(I was going to begin my letter this month with the words 'During the Summer', however, as I write this letter we seem to have moved from Spring to Autumn without so much as a moments sunshine. So it seems quite odd to start my letter that way.)

During 'July and August' a small group from across our Benefice completed a short course in order to equip them to carry out Pastoral Care within our Benefice. Pastoral care is at the heart of what it means to be part of a lively worshipping Christian Community. It is everyone's right to feel included and cared for within their community. However, it is also everyone's responsibility to care for others.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.
2 Corinthians 1:4

Pastoral care can be seen in action in many ways with in our community, from our coffee mornings, our lunch clubs, telephone calls and prayers, including home and hospital visits.

Historically pastoral care was seen as something that only the Vicar was capable of doing, but over the decades we have moved away from the 'one vicar – one church' model and it is now impossible for one person to pastorally care for a whole Benefice. This is a far cry from the plan of the New Testament where every believer is a minister and has a ministry. Thankfully, pastoral care is now seen as a distinct ministry which involves members of the Laity.

On **Sunday the 8th October, at Milton Abbot**, we will commission our 'Pastoral Care Team' to work with in our Benefice. I do hope that as many of you are as able will be able to attend the service to show your support. I also hope that you will all pray for the continued work and success of our Pastoral care Team.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Andy



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 and
Friday 10th November

3:30pm - 5:30pm

for all the family

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Contact Rev. Andy on: 01822 870298

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 1st October <i>Trinity 16</i> <i>(Green)</i>	Ezekiel 18.1 - 4, 25 - 32	Philippians 2.1 - 13	Matthew 21.23 - 32
Sunday 8th October <i>Trinity 17</i> <i>(Green)</i>	Isaiah 5.1 - 7	Philippians 3.4b - 14	Matthew 21.33 - 46
Sunday 15th October <i>Trinity 18</i> <i>(Green)</i>	Isaiah 25.1 - 9	Philippians 4.1 - 9	Matthew 22.1 - 14
Sunday 22nd October <i>Trinity 19</i> <i>(Green)</i>	Isaiah 45.1 - 7	1 Thessalonians 1.1 - 10	Matthew 22.15 - 22
Sunday 29th October <i>Bible Sunday</i> <i>(Green)</i>	Nehemiah 8.1 - 4a (5,6), 8 - 12	Colossians 3.12 - 17	Matthew 24.30 - 35

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 5th November <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> (White)	Revelation 7.9 - 17	1 John 3.1 - 3	Matthew 5.1 - 12
Sunday 12th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> (Red)	Amos 5.18 - 24	1 Thessalonians 4.13 - 18	Matthew 25.1 - 13
Sunday 19th November <i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i> (Red)	Zephaniah 1.7, 12 - 18	1 Thessalonians 5.1 - 11	Matthew 25.14 - 30
Sunday 26th November <i>Christ the King</i> (Red)	Ezekiel 34.11 - 16, 20 - 24	Ephesians 1.15 - 23	Matthew 25.31 - 46

Harvest Festival Services in the Benefice

1 October 6.30pm Lamerton

8 October 6.00pm Coryton

15 October 9.30am Marystowe





A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

Yes or No? A Parable of Two Sons

Have your parents ever asked you to help out around the house by doing some chores? This is a story about a father who had two sons named John and William. One day he walked into John's room to find him building a model airplane. "John, we had a lot of wind last night and there are leaves scattered all over the drive. Would you please rake the leaves and put them in these bags?" he asked.

"Aw Dad, I don't have time to rake the leaves. I am working on this model airplane and I really want to finish it today," John answered.

The father left the room and went to look for William. He found William watching TV. "William, there are a lot of leaves in the drive. Would you please rake the leaves and put them in these bags?" he asked.

"Sure, I'd be glad to," William answered.

"Great!" said his dad. "I'll leave the rake and the bags by the front door."

After his father left, John began to think about what he had asked him to do. "I can rake the leaves and still have plenty of time to finish my model airplane later," John thought to himself. He went outside and began raking the leaves.



When the father returned home, he saw John raking leaves. "Where is William?" he asked.

"I don't know. The last time I saw him he was watching TV," John replied.

When the father went into the house, guess what he saw? There sat William, still watching TV! I wonder which of the two sons pleased his father: John, who said he wouldn't rake the leaves, but did or William, who said he would rake the leaves, but didn't?

Jesus told a similar story to show how different people obey what God has called them to do. In Jesus' parable of the two sons, the father asked both sons to go and work in his vineyard. One son answered, "No," but went and worked. The other son answered "Yes" but did not go. In telling the story, Jesus wanted us to realize that what we do is more important than what we say we will do. Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he tells us to "Love one another," but what he really wants is for us to love one another! Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he says, "Follow me," but what he really wants is for us to actually follow him! Isn't it the kind of person you want to be?

Father, sometimes we say, "Yes," but our actions say, "No." Help us to be faithful to do what you have called us to do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Parable of the Two Sons

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:28-32 (NIV)



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KINGDOM
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BELIEVE
VINEYARD
SHOW

St. Peter's Lamerton



We are still waiting for summer but are planning for Autumn and Christmas.

(That's what Rev Andy said too - Ed!)

We are very pleased that Ian and Sarah have invited us again to Collacombe Barton for **Carols at Collacombe**.

Those of you who were with us last year will remember a very enjoyable evening. Please call Angela on 810 027 for tickets as we are limited for space. There's no charge for tickets but we do need to know numbers. As last year we will be having a collection. The date is Friday 1st December at 7.00pm - see the poster.

But before then we have our **Harvest Festival service**. This is on Sunday 1st October at 6.30pm. The sheaves of barley have been cut ready and I'm sure there will be plenty of home grown produce to dress St Peter's. Our team of ladies are poised and ready to make the church look beautiful. Donations of dried produce will be taken to Tavistock Food Bank. Please join us in a 'bring and share' supper after the service. We are very pleased that Lamerton Hand Bell Ringers will be with us.

Lamerton's **Grand Quiz** follows on Friday 20th October at 7.00pm in the Village Hall - see the poster. This will be something to get the brain cells in a fury, fiendishly devised by Margaret and Dave, no doubt aided by Tom and Jenny!

Songs of Praise at Theale was very well attended in spite of the rain. We moved tractors out of the barn and people in and held a very moving service. As always our 'bring and share' supper was quite a feast. The sheep were not quite sure what it was all about but they all looked on even if they didn't join in. Thank you all for coming and helping.



We must thank Annie and her team for the Coffee Morning she organised to raise funds for and awareness of Devon Historic Churches Trust. We have been the beneficiaries of several grants from the trust. Over £200 - well done.

The bell ringers outing was again a most enjoyable day many thanks to Will and his team for organising it. The few spots of rain in Lynton failed to dampen out spirits. The bonus was Val's organ playing at St Petroc's.

Mid-week Holy Communion



Every Wednesday morning at
10.00am
in the Priest's Room, Lamerton



with tea, coffee and
cake afterwards.

Everyone is welcome

St Andrews Church Coryton Prayer Request Book



Do you know anyone who is ill, suffering from
bereavement , unhappy or could do with loving support?

Coryton church now has a book for anyone wishing to request prayers to
be included in Intercessions. The book will be in place from Monday 18
September, located at the rear of the church, beside the Christian books
which are available for people to borrow.

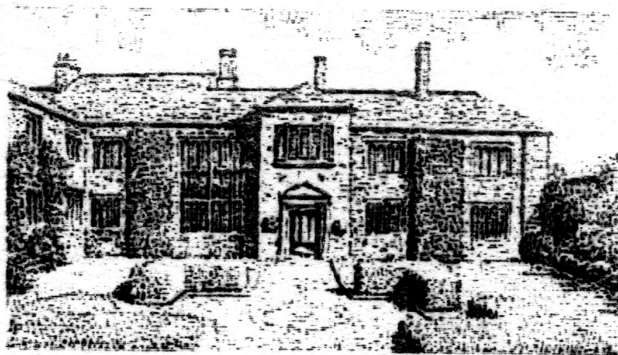
All Saints Dunterton

Matins (BCP)
Sunday 5 November, 10.00am

Remembrance Sunday and All Saints

Advent Carols

at



Collacombe Barton

by kind permission of
Mr. and Mrs Forrest

with mince pies and mulled wine

Friday 1st December 7.00pm

Tickets from Angela on
01 822 810 027

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

Please join us at St Mary the Virgin
Marystowe Church
Sunday, 15th October at 9.30am
for a family service with Holy Communion



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Coffee will be served in the church
after the service

All gifts of fresh fruit and vegetables, dried (e.g. rice or pasta) or any tinned food, toiletries, towels, bedding may be delivered to the church on Saturday 14th or taken on the day. These and money from the collection will be donated to The Shekinah Mission in Plymouth.

If you would like to help with decorating the church with flowers or have any queries, please call Deborah Asbridge on 01822 860378

And a Date for your Diary

Christmas Coffee Morning
with craft stalls
on Saturday, 18th November
in the Games Room
at Forda, Chillaton

Raising money for Church Funds



A Story on the Theme of Truthfulness

Honest Ladybirds

A strange legend has it that ladybirds forgive but don't forget. Apparently, at first they didn't have their distinctive black spots. The ladybirds had been pushed to the verge of extinction when a storm flooded the path they were travelling. Their Great Guide disappeared into the flood, and the few ladybirds who survived had to choose a new leader. They decided that their new leader would be the first ladybird to successfully travel south to the Great Lake and return to describe it.

Many young ladybirds eagerly launched themselves into this adventure. One by one they returned and told of how beautiful the southern lake was at that time of year, with its crystal clear waters, bordered by flowered meadows. However, the last of the ladybirds was late in getting back. They waited for him for three days, and when he finally returned, he was downcast and embarrassed. He hadn't managed to reach the lake. Everyone criticised him for his slowness and stupidity, and they prepared to continue their journey the next day.

Following their new guide, they spent a morning walking northwards until they reached some tall thick grassland, where they halted, astonished. In front of them was the Great Lake! But there were no crystal clear waters, or flowered meadows. The heavy rain had turned it into a huge green puddle surrounded by mud.

Everyone understood what had happened. Without realising it, they had been swept beyond the lake by the flood. When the ladybirds had gone out looking for the lake, they had gone in the wrong direction. Now they could see that, apart from that one late ladybird, they had all wanted to be the Great Guide, and they had not had any qualms about lying in order to get what they wanted.



And so, the late little ladybird, the only one whom they now really trusted, was made the Great Guide.

They also decided that every time one of them was discovered lying they would paint a black spot on that ladybird's back, so there'd be no way to erase it. Nor would a ladybird know how many spots they had on their back. From then on, when a ladybird looks at another's back, it can tell whether that ladybird is trustworthy.

Likewise, when people show themselves to be dishonest other people paint spots on their impressions of them. It's enough to have just one black spot to change from a simple red insect into a ladybird. So, no matter what the prize may be, we should not allow anyone to paint that spot upon us.

ST CONSTANTINE, MILTON ABBOT

On Sunday 10th September Andy led us in a lovely service as we celebrated our Harvest Festival. Many thanks to all who contributed produce, including those who donated exhibits from the previous day's Village Show. The food was distributed locally.



We are looking forward to our **Christmas Crafts Day on Saturday 25th November, 11.00am-3.30pm**. We will have a good variety of stalls for you to browse and coffee and mince pies will be available to sustain you while you do all your Christmas shopping. At the time of writing there are still a few stalls available at a cost of £10 – please phone Sandra Dunbar on 01822 870218 if you are interested in taking one.

We are also running a **super raffle** which will be drawn at the Christmas Crafts Day. Hotel Endsleigh have very kindly donated a night's stay for two with breakfast as the first prize; other prizes include a festive drink and chocolate hamper and £50 cash. Milton Abbot PCC members have tickets for you to buy - we are hoping the proceeds from this will make a major contribution to our funds, so please don't hesitate to approach us! We look forward to seeing you all on 25th November; it may seem to be a long time away but it will be upon us all too soon!

Milton Abbot School Autumn Fair

Saturday 7th October

11.30 am until 3.00pm

A good variety of stalls and games!
Refreshments, tea, coffee, burgers and sausages
Your chance to do some early Christmas shopping!

Please support your local school and help raise funds for new equipment

Milton Abbot School



Saturday 25 November

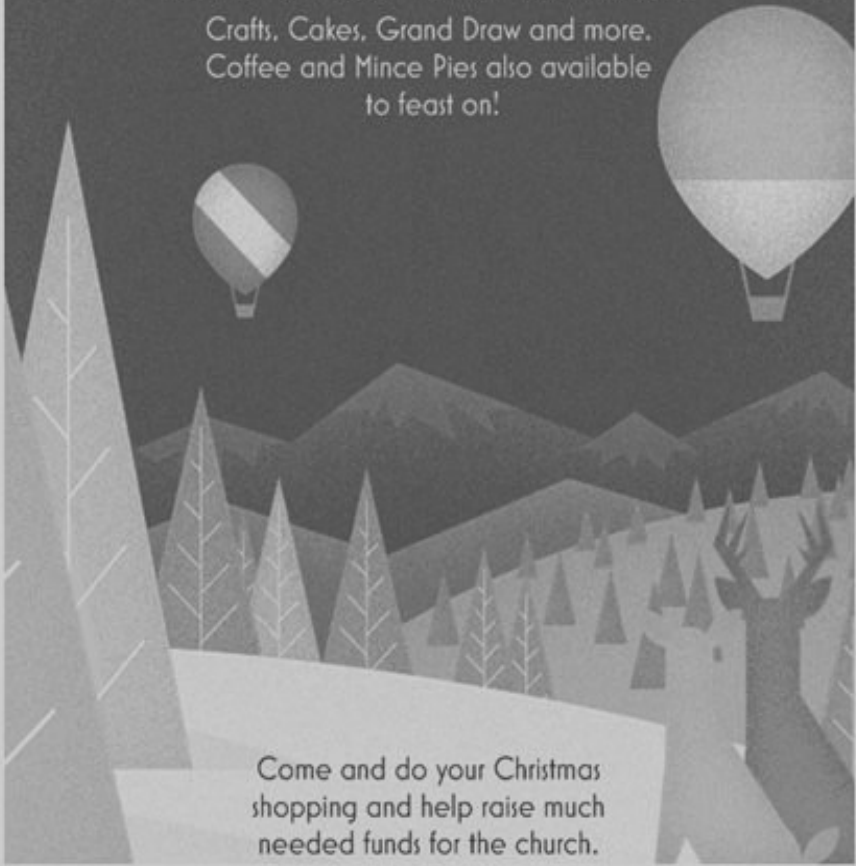
11.00am-3.30pm

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

MILTON ABBOT CHURCH

Come and find your individual Christmas gifts

Crafts, Cakes, Grand Draw and more.
Coffee and Mince Pies also available
to feast on!



Come and do your Christmas shopping and help raise much needed funds for the church.

In aid of Dunterton Church

Tamar River Walk



Start only at Beera Farm between 11.00am and 1.00pm

Free entry, suggested donation adults £3.00, children 50p

Refreshments at Greystone Bridge

Return shuttle service to car park £2.00
available 1.30 to 4.30 only

Queries 01822 870285 or 870244

Dogs on leads welcome

To place an advert in the magazine contact
Julie Hibbert, Editor, 01822 618221
or email julie.hibbert3@btinternet.com



Lamerton Sports and Community Centre

Following our first decade since we opened the hall, it is worth remembering our achievements. We have many regular weekly users such as the Mother and Toddler Group, Badminton afternoon and evening sessions, Art Classes, Karate, Lamerton School during term time and Upholstery Classes during Autumn and Winter.

Every fortnight on Tuesday we have Bingo and alternate Saturdays great Coffee Mornings as a joint effort between the Hall and the Church. The WI are regular users, as are the Parish Council.

The Hall has ideal facilities for all your party, exhibition or show needs with great stage, lighting and audio equipment.

In the next two or three years we are planning installing brand new play items to suit all age groups - this is going to be our major fund raising drive - so we will need all your support. Total cost could be in the region of £30,000

This may be just in time to remind you to come to our Harvest Auction on Friday 29th at 7.00pm - lots of great bargains to be had.

Then Tuesday November 3rd is the Lamerton Firework Night. This is a community effort organised by the Hall, St. Peter's church and Lamerton Primary School.

Other events at the hall will be the Quiz Night on 20th October and the School Christmas Fair on 2nd December.

And lastly, don't forget to get your Christmas Hamper Draw tickets which will be available at coffee Mornings and the School Fair. If you have any difficulty buying one then call Val on 614 319

Lamerton Firework display!

Lamerton village hall and playing field

Friday 3rd November, from 6.00pm

Entry fee: adults £3.00, children under 12 £1.00

BBQ and Licensed Bar.

Tented cover for spectators in case of Devon rain!



You are invited
A Coffee
Morning



Frogwell Cottage, Mullywell, Lamerton
Wednesday 8th November 10.30am - 12 noon
In aid of Brain Tumour Research Campaign

Lamerton Neighbourhood Plan

Residents meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday August 7th 2017

Very many thanks to those of you who came along to the well-attended residents meeting on Monday, and were updated with a progress report on the Neighbourhood Plan.

During the meeting, we sought your assistance in determining the best sites for future development and the Steering Group has now analysed the outcome of all the preferences given by attendees.

The brown field site option, i.e., the Old Dairy at Court Barton, was the clear winner and this is now being incorporated into our Daft Plan which can now move forward quite rapidly, it is hoped.

This is, ultimately, your Plan and we are very grateful for your help in enabling us to move forward.

We sincerely hope you found it an informative and beneficial meeting.

Please monitor the website (lamertonparish.co.uk) for all and any updates.

Any questions on this or anything related to the Plan, please contact John Edgar on 01822 618512

Nature Notes by Bluebell - Oct – Nov 2017



*"Where are the songs of Spring? Aye, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The redbreast whistles from a garden-croft
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies."*

John Keats; 1795-1821

The swallows in their cup-shaped new nest on top of the garden umbrella have reared a second brood! Bluebell found the delicate tiny white egg shells, spotted lightly with red, on the stone floor.

Four new babies hatched! Both parents flew in and out feeding them, and at night slept on them all somehow wedged in the nest. Little tails stuck out in all directions. Nineteen days later, on 16th August, the baby swallows were out of the nest, stretching and twittering on the rim of the bucket below which Bluebell had put out for them to roost on. The next day was fine. The swallows practised flying all day and long into the sunny evening. They were joined by parents and others, about 25 swallows dipping and wheeling over the lawn. The next day all the swallows were gone. The babies had had only one day's practice flying and no time to fatten up before the long migration to Africa. Bluebell hoped they found somewhere on the way where it wasn't raining to rest and grow strong before crossing the Sahara. In earlier years the swallows have often stayed well into September, and in much greater numbers. Is this because of global warming?

The swifts had all gone a few days earlier, as the shooting stars of the Pleiades arrived, dropping like miracles out of the night sky.



A dear little Lesser Horseshoe Bat flew into Bluebell's house. It seemed to like it and flew straight back in when lifted gently out, then hung around for several days, a pendant decoration on the curtain hem. It was identified by, among other things, the way it hung freely but with its wings wrapped tightly round its body so it is completely covered. Bats are mammals and suckle their single young. The Lesser Horseshoe bat feeds on

crane flies, moths and other insects, and its broad wings allow it to fly close to the ground and round the edges of shrubs.

There is a good crop of hips and haws, hazelnuts and blackberries coming on, as Autumn steals in.



GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



This is the time of year when you should be able to look at your garden and not feel pressured to rush out and do 'things'. Sit back, relax, enjoy a nice calm, dry, sunny autumn day. Watch the leaves fall. What you don't do now can wait awhile. Have a rest! You've earned it, haven't you?

Right, that's enough of that! *Have you cleared out the garden shed?* (Yes, dear.) *What about the garage?* (Partly, dear). *Turned over the compost heap?* (Not yet). *What about the tubs that look relocated from the hurricane battered Caribbean?* (Mmm... Soon, dear). Well, now is a good time to plant up those tubs with some bulbs and perhaps some autumn colour from the garden centre. A nice cup of coffee there and a good look round. Why not? Enjoy autumn and do a little preparation for spring.

Flushed with success from the local WI produce show, Doug's been wondering why his runner beans were too small to attract a prize. (Ask the Editor!) Better dig in some more manure and leaf mould and let the frosts do their work. Maybe think about which variety of seed?

The tomatoes are still looking good including some that might never get to the 'red' stage. The 'head chef' has already churned out some chutney using some of each. Spread a bit on some lightly toasted 'proper' bread, grated mature cheddar on top, pop under the grill. Lovely! You couldn't possibly buy it.

I went in search of blackberries at my usual haunt at Buckland Abbey. The berries were small and shrivelled on the bushes. I have no idea why they are so afflicted this year. Any ideas?

The crocosmia seem to have thrived again this year. Our garden is full of 'em. Too full in places. They set like concrete if you don't thin. I was surprised to see some for sale in a famous garden centre in Cornwall - £11 for a pot of 5. I'm in the wrong business. I've got thousands of 'em headed for the tip. If you're short, contact the Editor pronto.



A late Crocosmia flower



and the congested other end!

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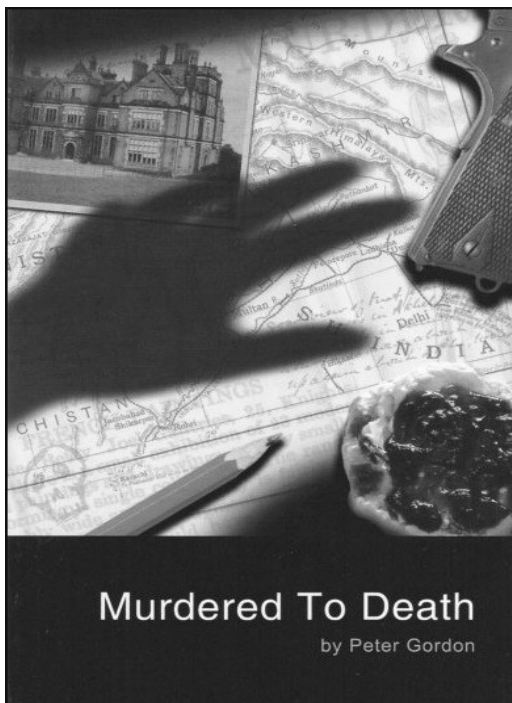
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Population data for some West Devon parishes

I have found some population figures from W.G Hoskins book of Devon, 2003 Edition which may be of interest to readers.

There was a huge increase in population of all the parishes between 1801 to 1851, probably due to the growth of mining and agriculture - but also improved medical facilities, water and sanitation. There were many small mines producing a variety of minerals (notably copper and arsenic) and many villagers would have travelled to Wheal Maria, Wheal Josiah, Wheal Emma etc - which together comprised the Devon Great Consolidated Mine Company in the Tamar Valley. The company built the quay and railway at Morwellham in 1858. The mines were abandoned around 1903, so this could explain the drop in population shown from 1901 to 1930s

Parish	1801	1851	1901	1931	1961	2000
Sydenham Damerel	199	466	312	221	168	262
Lamerton	722	1510	1028	557	591	771
Milton Abbot	862	1242	719	649	614	708
Dunterton	129	170	100	83	59	50
Marystow	297	570	255	222	193	210
Coryton	154	311	205	136	111	97

The population figures may not be exactly comparable, as the Parish boundaries changed at times e.g. Lamerhooe changed from Lamerton to Sydenham Damerel in the 1920s.

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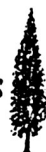
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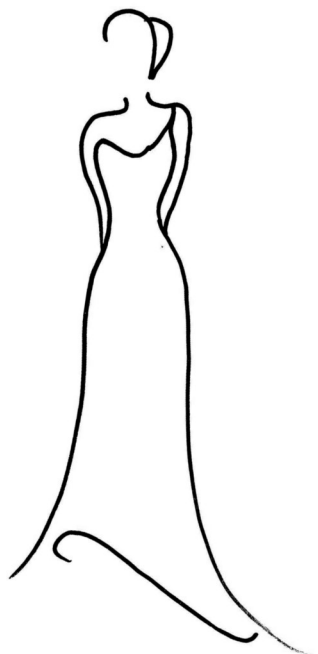
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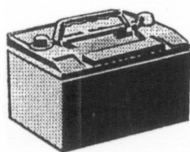
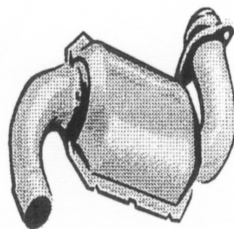
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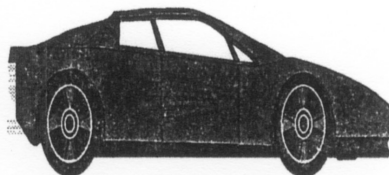
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CHURCH SERVICES

October 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 1st Oct <i>Trinity 16</i>		6.30pm Harvest Festival			9.30am HC CW	
Weds 4th Oct	10.00am Holy Communion by extension <i>Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton, refreshments afterwards</i>					
Sunday 8th Oct <i>Trinity 17</i>	9.00am Harvest Festival			11.00am HC CW		6.00pm Harvest Festival
Weds 11th Oct	10.00am Holy Communion <i>Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton, refreshments afterwards</i>					
Sunday 15th Oct <i>Trinity 18</i>		11.00am HC CW			9.30am Harvest Festival	
Weds 18th Oct	10.00am Holy Communion <i>Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton, refreshments afterwards</i>					
Sunday 22nd Oct <i>Trinity 19</i>	9.00am Matins BCP	9.30am Family Service		11.00am HC CW		11.15am HC CW
Weds 25th Oct	10.00am Holy Communion by extension <i>Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton, refreshments afterwards</i>					
Sunday 29th Oct Bible Sunday	11.00am United Benefice Service at St Constantine's, Milton Abbot Holy Communion					