

Parish News

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



**February + March
2018**

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- 2 MESSY CHURCH, St Peter's Lamerton, 3.30 - 5.30pm
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- 21 **WEEKLY LENT COURSE BEGINS, Greenhill Bungalow, Lamerton, 7.30pm**
- 24 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00

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- 24 HORSE RACING NIGHT, Milton Abbot Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 31 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
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Bible Readings are on page 8 and 9***

The Old Testament - Genesis



The word Genesis means the beginning. It is the title given to the first book of the bible which comprises 50 chapters, covering creation to the death of Joseph in Egypt. Genesis takes its title because it documents the origins of creation, especially of the human race, and the start of the sin that will play such a prominent role in the scriptural account of redemption through Jesus Christ. This of course is detailed fully in the New Testament, but with hints of Jesus' coming in the Old Testament.

Dominant in the first 11 chapters of Genesis are the themes of creation, the origins of the human race with Adam representing all of humanity and the issue of how sin came to be in the world and its impact with human beings to God. The flood in chapters 6 to 9 is portrayed as an act of judgement in which only the righteous survive, followed by the covenant, or promise, between God and humanity. Initially the covenant was with Noah and subsequently with Abraham and his descendants - that never again God will destroy mankind and every living creatures by a flood:

*'then God said to Noah ...I now establish my covenant with you
....never again will life be cut off by the waters of a floodto destroy
the earth' 9.8-11*

Genesis then focuses on the lives of the patriarchs, mainly Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who are of special importance, providing example and guidance to Christians today. Also the life of Joseph, Jacob's son, in the final chapters 37 to 50 is a model of obedience to and trust in God in a foreign land.

The general theme that begins to emerge from the book of Genesis, which is developed later, is the calling of God's people - the Hebrew nation- through Moses and the setting aside for them a promised land. Finally as this article will be published in our February issue of the magazine with its obvious focus on Candlemas I would like to quote in particularly from the very beginning of Genesis 1.3 *'and God said let there be light and there was light'* and its relevance to the beginning of John's gospel which is much quoted in our Christmas readings:

'in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made, without Him nothing was made that had been made. In Him was life and that life was the light of men' 1.1-4

' the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us' verse 14

Ian Silcox

Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)



One of my favourite festivals of the Church's year occurs on the 2 February and it is the Presentation of Christ in the Temple - also known as Candlemas. The set gospel reading for this festival is from Luke 2.22 - 32. It is about the occasion of the young baby Jesus being brought to the temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph to present Him to the Lord; a Jewish custom of the time with every first born male. Our gospel account is one of the very few we have about the childhood of Jesus. All scripture tells us about the early life of Jesus is found in verse 40 of Luke's gospel chapter 2. 'That he grew and became strong, filled with wisdom and the favour of God was with him' and also the account of Jesus aged 12 staying behind on another visit to the Jerusalem temple. Upon his return home, similar words stated that 'He increased in wisdom, stature and favour with God and men'.

But why may you ask is this Festival also called Candlemas? It all has to do with light! The aged Simeon in the set gospel reading proclaims that on seeing the infant Jesus that he was to be the light to lighten the Gentile, which his eyes had at last seen as God's promise of salvation. This is expressed in the beautiful prayer the Nunc Dimittis sung or said at Evensong and other times.

Picture on front cover—'Candlemas', by Anita Townsend



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There are several ways to keep up to date with events, or to get in touch with the Vicar and Churchwardens

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing this in mid-January and still feel that I am recovering from an extraordinarily busy period that included Christmas and extended into the New Year. I, like many in our parishes have had some form of cold/flu, which has delayed the start of my new year. I do hope that everyone is now recovered.

After thinking for a while about my topic for the February & March magazine, I decided to write about Lent. Ash Wednesday is about a month away and on Valentine's day this year. Lent is a time of preparation as we look forward to Easter and is often a time when people 'give things up', often chocolate or cakes or sweets but sometimes something different like watching television. The idea of giving something up for Lent comes from the Christian tradition of Lent being a time of fasting, as we remember Jesus fasting in the wilderness for 40 days, as well as part of our preparation for Easter. We generally think of Lent as 40 days, but the period from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (the day before Easter Sunday known as Easter Eve) is actually 46 days. This is because there are 6 Sundays during that period, in the early Church it was felt to be completely inappropriate to fast on a Sunday, as Sunday is the day when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. This means that if you are giving up something for Lent, you get a break each Sunday, as the Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday are not really part of Lent! So do enjoy.

But I don't really want to think about giving things up for Lent, although if you decide to do this you have my admiration and best wishes – let me know what your plans are! I want to encourage you to think about doing something positive in Lent. I would encourage you to attend our lent course this year, based around the film "Chocolat", we will watch the film and then reflect on its meaning to us during Lent. Or, you could decide to read the Bible on a daily basis through Lent. You may want to try this website for a reading plan.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/lent?version=NIV>

Or you might decide to make a point of undertaking some visiting – perhaps visiting someone each week during Lent who you wouldn't normally see, or making a phone call to someone each week who you haven't spoken to for a while. Taking this on in a thoughtful way could make a huge difference to those who are lonely.

Whatever you decide to do or not do during Lent, I hope it is a useful time for you as you think about your relationship with God and prepare for Easter.

God Bless,
Fr. Andy

Church Services during Easter

<i>29th March Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>7.30pm Lamerton</i>	<i>HC, Stripping of Sanctuary and Watch at Altar of Repose</i>
<i>30th March Good Friday</i>	<i>3.00pm Sydenham Damerel</i>	<i>Taize Service</i>
<i>31st March Easter Eve</i>	<i>7.30pm Milton Abbot</i>	<i>HC and Blessing of Paschal Candles</i>
<i>1st April Easter Sunday</i>	<i>9.30am Marystowe</i>	<i>HC, CW</i>
	<i>10.30am Syd. Damerel</i>	<i>HC, CW</i>
	<i>11.15am Coryton</i>	<i>HC by ext, CW</i>
	<i>6.30pm Lamerton</i>	<i>Evensong</i>

BIBLE READINGS (Year B)

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

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 4th February <i>2nd before Lent (Green)</i>	Proverbs 8.1,22 - 31	Colossians 1.15 - 20	John 1.1 - 14
Sunday 11th February <i>Sunday before Lent (Green)</i>	2 Kings 2.1 -12	2 Corinthians 4.3 - 6	Mark 9.2 - 9
Sunday 18th February <i>1st Sunday of Lent (Purple)</i>	Genesis 9.8 - 17	1 Peter 3.18 - 22	Mark 1.9 - 15
Sunday 25th February <i>2nd Sunday of Lent (Purple)</i>	Genesis 17.1 - 7, 15,16	Romans 4.13 - 25	Mark 8.31 - 38
Sunday 4th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent (Purple)</i>	Exodus 20.1 - 17	1 Corinthians 1.18 - 25	John 2.13 - 22

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 B) continued

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 11th March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Exodus 2.1 - 10	2 Corinthians 1.3 - 7	Luke 2.33 - 35
Sunday 18th March <i>5th Sunday of Lent (Purple)</i>	Jeremiah 31.31 - 34	Hebrews 5.5 - 10	John 12.20 - 33
Sunday 25th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Isaiah 50.4 - 9a	Philippians 2.5 - 11	Mark 15.1 - 39
Thursday 29th March <i>Maundy Thursday (Red)</i>	Exodus 12.1 - 4 (5 - 10) 11 - 14	1 Corinthians 11.23 - 26	John 13.1 - 17 31b - 35
Friday 30th March <i>Good Friday (Red)</i>	Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12	Hebrews 10.16 - 25	John 18.1 - 19.42
Saturday 31st March <i>Easter Eve (White)</i>	Job 14.1 - 14	1 Peter 4.1 - 8	Matthew 27.57 - 66
Sunday 1st April <i>Easter Day (White)</i>	Acts 10.34 - 43	1 Corinthians 15.1 - 11	John 20.1 - 18



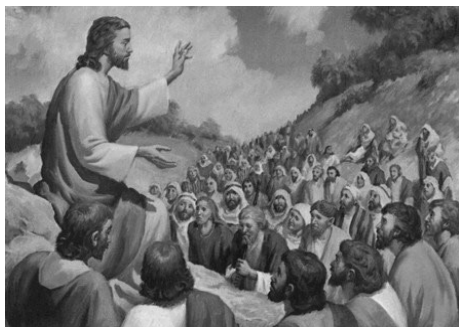
A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

The Game of Life

Do you like to play board games? Some of the most popular board games are Checkers, Chess, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, and Clue just to name a few. One of the most popular board games of all time is called "The Game of Life." It was first introduced in 1860. Wow! That's more than 150 years ago!



The "Game of Life" is played very much like real life. At the beginning of the game, each player must choose what path he or she is going to take in their journey through life. For example, they choose whether they are going to go to college or go out and get a job. As the game goes on, each player spins the wheel and moves his car the number of spaces on which the spinner stops. The space where your car lands gives you directions on what to do. On some spaces, you **MUST** follow the directions. On other spaces you only have to follow the directions if you want to. Just as in real life, you have many choices along the way, but what happens to you in the "Game of Life" depends on the choices you make. At the end of the game, the player with the most money wins. Is that true in real life? Do you think that when life is over, the one with the most money wins? This is what Jesus had to say about that.



Jesus was teaching his followers about life. He said to them, "If you want to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel, you will save it. After all, what good is it if you gain the whole world, but lose your own soul? Is anything

worth more than your own soul?"

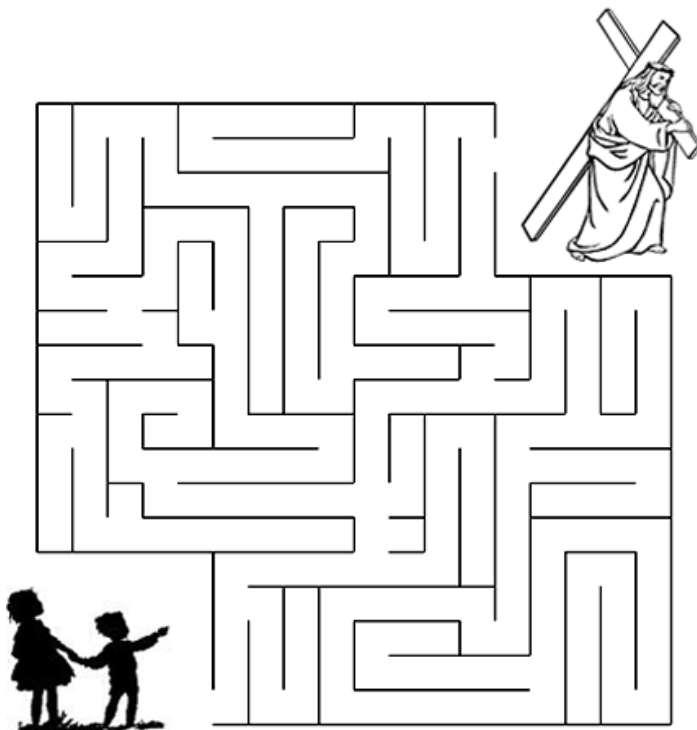
Some people live as if the most important thing in life is getting more stuff—big houses, fancy cars, and pretty clothes. Others live as if the most important thing in life is following Jesus and serving him. How do they do that? By loving other people and doing good things for them. When Jesus lived on earth, everything he did was for others. If we follow his example, he promised that we will be the winners in "The Game of Life."

How about you? Do you want to be a winner in the "Game of Life?" Then stop thinking about yourself and start thinking about others.

Dear Father, we want to follow the example that Jesus set. We want to give up our selfish ways and give our lives in love and service to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Take up your cross and follow Jesus!

Can you find the path to Jesus?



"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Mark 8:34b



St. Peter's Lamerton

Once again our Advent Carols at Collacombe Barton was a very special start to Christmas, with Poems, Singing, Minced pies - kindly made by Carol - and Mulled wine. Many thanks to Ian and Sarah for their hospitality and to Tony our pianist and all who contributed to the evening.

Our Christingle Service was another special event at the Church with all the children and adults singing Away in a Manger with just the light from the Christingle candles.

Midnight Mass was very well attended. Our thanks to all the Flower team who had decorated the Church with masses of greenery and flowers which was very atmospheric with candles all around and a colourful Christmas tree.

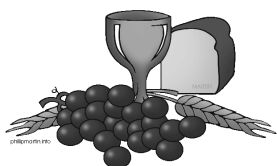
We have our first Messy Church for the year on Friday 2nd February - please do come and bring your children.

We will be putting on events for you to enjoy throughout the year so keep on reading your Parish News.

Mid-week Holy Communion



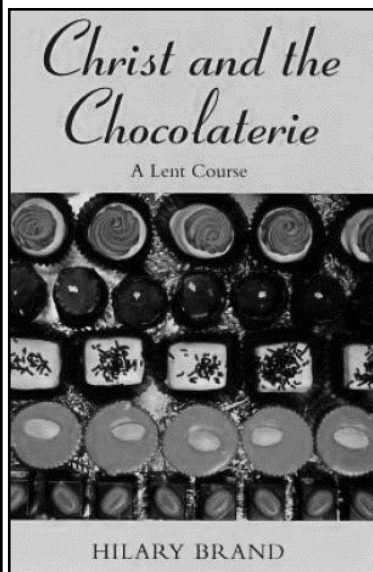
Every Wednesday morning at 10.00am
in the Priest's Room, Lamerton



with tea, coffee and
cake afterwards.

Everyone is welcome

United Benefice Lent Course



Lent is traditionally a time of renewal; when Christians spend time in prayer, reflection and study, in preparation for Easter. Easter is the greatest of all Christian celebrations. This year we will reflect on the film *“Chocolat”*

We will meet at Greenhill Bungalow in Lamerton, for relaxed and informal discussions.

The only cost to you will be £5 for the course booklet.

**We will meet on Wednesday evenings between
7:30pm – 9:30pm.**

If you have not seen, or would like to see the film again, I have a copy which can be borrowed prior to the 21st February.

Wednesday 21st, 28th Feb. 7th, 14th and 21st March

Please do come along, even if you can only make 1 or 2 evenings, we would love to see you!

If you would like to book a place or you have any questions, please call Rev. Andy 01822 870298 or e-mail vicar@southtamar.church



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 2nd February

Friday 2nd March

3:30pm - 5:30pm

for all the family

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Contact Rev. Andy on: 01822 870298

The Pastoral Care Team within our Benefice.

The Pastoral Care Team has been assembled to offer any member of any of the parishes (you don't have to be a church goer!) some time and company, especially if they are sick, lonely, need a bit of respite from care of a loved one - or just tired of the modern day rat-race. If you would like prayers or Holy Communion, we can offer that too.

We will listen, not bombard you with any questions or offer advice and just be there for you. We can visit you at your home, or call you on the 'phone - whichever works best for you.

The pastoral care team also offer support and Holy Communion Services within our two care homes: Venn and Camplehaye.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to see a pastoral care visitor, please call

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Presentation of Awards

Participants from the West Devon Open Group for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, based in Tavistock, were recently present-

ed with their Bronze and Silver Awards by the Town Mayor, Councillor Philip Sanders. Unusually, almost all the recipients had completed their expedition on horseback – a challenging variation from the 'norm' of walking ventures.

The West Devon Open Group for the DofE is run by committed and experienced volunteers and facilitates all aspects of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for young people aged between 14 and 24 in the local area. They meet in Tavistock on the first Tuesday evening of every month, and anyone interested in the DofE can just drop in to see them at Kingdon House in Pym Street between 7 and 9pm. The Group offer low cost expeditions at all levels of the Award, with expedition equipment provided free of charge. They are also able to support and advise young people on all other sections of their Award.

For further information about the West Devon Open Group please contact either Bob Cawse on 01822 840466 or Mary Harper on 01822 854603, email mary00harper@btopenworld.com or find us on Facebook!

Marystowe Church



Church organist, Iris Griffiths has retired after over 65 years of loyal and devoted service. A party was held on Friday, 15th December, to mark this momentous occasion. Many of Iris's friends and family came along and enjoyed afternoon tea and a slice of the celebration cake. Iris was presented with a framed certificate of achievement and a bouquet of flowers, plus an amusing painting by her good friend, Chris Binns.

On Friday, 22nd December, villagers were invited for an evening of carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies at Haye Park, kindly hosted by Matt and Holly Torvell. Over 30 people attended and a collection was made for The Salvation Army and the church. A donation of £55 has been received and we would like to thank all those who gave so generously.

For Christmas, our regular ladies and friends from the village, made lovely foliage arrangements with red candles and Roy and John Martin decorated the Christmas tree. Our two Christmas Services were conducted by Rev Andy. On Sunday, 17th December, we had the Crib and Carol Service. The church looked really lovely in the candlelight.



The children helped to assemble the crib, which was blessed and we all sang well-known carols. Everyone stayed after the service for refreshments and the collection was sent to The Children's Society. On Christmas Eve, we had a service with Holy Communion, with readings and carols, with Iris playing the organ for her final service. Our thanks go to everyone who helped and supported us.

Sadly, Les Bennett, our bell tower captain, passed away just before Christmas. The church was absolutely packed for his funeral on Friday, 12th January; a great tribute to Les! Local bell-ringers came and rang a muffled peal in his honour. Donations were for Lupus UK and Marystowe Bell Tower Fund. Les will be greatly missed

Deborah Asbridge

ST CONSTANTINE, MILTON ABBOT

Our Craft Day at the end of November was very successful, raising a total of £1934. Thank you to everyone who came to buy on the day and who bought tickets for the raffle, but particularly to Sandra Dunbar and Pat Lovell for all the hard work they put into organising the event.

We were pleased to welcome staff and children from Milton Abbot School together with families into the church for their Christmas Assembly on the 14th December and Andy led us in a well-attended Crib and Nativity Service on Christmas Eve.



We are looking forward to another **Horse Racing night on Saturday 24th March**, which Andy's family are once again very kindly running for us. More information on this is in this issue of Parish News; we hope to see many of you there but please remember that booking is essential! Last year's event was very much enjoyed by everyone who came.

Once again Hotel Endsleigh have very kindly given us permission to hold an Open Day in the hotel gardens and this year's is scheduled for **Wednesday 9th May**. David Buncle of Westcountry Falconry will be giving displays with his magnificent birds and we will also have a selection of craft stalls and plants from Endsleigh Nursery. Again, you will find more information in this issue of Parish news.

Finally, a reminder of our regular Saturday Coffee Mornings in the Reading Room in Milton Abbot Village Hall, proceeds from which go towards both the Church and the Hall. These are excellent value for money; for £1 you can have a cup or mug of coffee, biscuits and a refill, as well as the chance to catch up on what's happening in the village. Just drop in at any time between 10.30am and 12 noon – come and go as you please!

Wake Up!

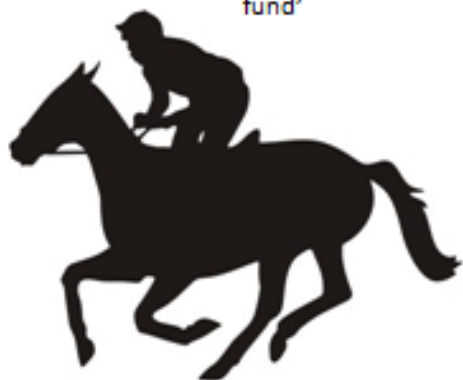


it's Coffee Time!

A Night at the Races

'The Milton Abbot Stakes'

A Horse racing evening in aid of the Milton Abbot Church 'Tarmac our path fund'



Saturday 24th March 7:30pm

Milton Abbot Village Hall

Cost: £5, includes entry, pasty and tea/coffee.
Please bring your own drinks too if you wish

A stake in a horse will cost £1 per race.

Booking is essential! For tickets please contact Andy
on 01822 870298 or email vicar@southtamar.church

A Story on the Theme of Forgiveness

THE DOLL AND THE SNAKE

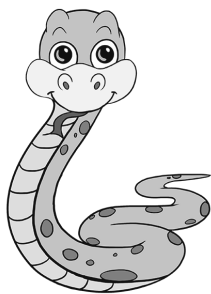
I was cold. I sat with my arms hugging my body on the step outside my house. I was cross. My sister had been annoying me again and I shouted at her. I threw her doll out of the window. My dad told me to go and get it and not to be so silly. I stamped outside and slammed the door. Why should I get her stupid doll? What did I care if it got wet in the rain? It didn't matter to me. The porch over the front door was small, but it was keeping me dry. I didn't want to go back indoors again. I started shivering. I only had my tee shirt on.



The front door opened a crack. My sister peeped through it at me. I pretended not to see her.

'I'm sorry, Tom,' she said. 'I didn't mean to annoy you.'

Suddenly I felt better. I looked up.



'Come back in Tom,' she said. 'I'll lend you my snake toy if you like.'

I jumped down off the step and ran into the garden. There under the tree was her doll. I picked it up. It cried. It was one of those dolls that can cry real tears. I ran back in through the front door. My sister took the doll and gave it a hug. She pulled me through to the living room and put her snake toy in my hand.

'I'm sorry too,' I said. 'Is your doll OK?'

'She doesn't mind getting wet,' said my sister, 'I gave her a bath yesterday!'

Suddenly I felt much better. I felt happy again, and warm. We played a good game with the doll and the snake. The snake was magic and it could bring the doll anything it wanted. And you know what the doll wanted? She wanted a big brother to play with. So I pretended to be the doll's big brother. My sister does think up some strange games!



Tuesday 20th February 7:00pm
Sydenham Damerel Church

Please do come and join us for our Taizé services at **Sydenham Damerel Church**. The services will start at **7:00 pm** and will last for around 45 minutes.

Taize worship is a service consisting of Bible readings, prayer, meditative singing and periods of silence.

To learn more about Taizé and to listen to some of the music please visit
<http://www.southtamar.church/taize/>

Future Dates:

Tuesday 20th March
Tuesday 17th April

If you have any questions please do call Rev'd Andy on:
01822 870298

Hotel Endsleigh Gardens Open Day

Wednesday 9 May

11.00am – 4.00pm

£5.00 admission to include refreshments

Come and discover this gem of a garden

All proceeds to Milton Abbot Church



Beautiful crafts, plants for sale by Endsleigh Nursery, David Buncle from Westcountry Falconry will be in attendance all day for demonstrations and to view the spectacular birds. Grand draw of great prizes. The Hotel will also be open for pre-booked lunches and teas.

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Catherine Hamilton – Soprano

Bianca Phillips – Soprano

Andrew Farris - Baritone

Joseph Wicks - Tenor

Accompanist - Mary Mazur Park

Saturday 17th March 2018

St Eustachius' Parish Church, Tavistock.

Tickets £10/free to under 18s

Available from Book Stop

Reception at Mount Kelly College

on the door or online at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk> (fee applies)

www.kellychoralsociety.com

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.



BINGO

Friends of Lamerton School Easter Bingo

Lamerton Village Hall

Friday 16th March 2018

Eyes down 7:15pm

Refreshments and Raffle

(No unaccompanied under 18's please)

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Churchyard Regulations

The churchyards within the South Tamar Mission Community are maintained to be a place of peace, reflection and remembrance.



To help us in this task we respectfully request:

- ◇ No artificial flowers or ornaments
- ◇ Fresh cut flowers to be placed in a receptacle for flowers on the stone base of the headstone. (Or they may be placed in a removable container (not glass) and sunk completely into the ground close to the headstone.) Flowers must be removed when they have withered, including those after burial.
- ◇ No planting of any kind, including bulbs, shrubs, plants and trees
- ◇ No containers or troughs with plants or flowers
- ◇ If there is no headstone, one removable, non glass container can be sunk into the ground adjacent to the memorial cross and used for cut flowers, as above.
- ◇ Remembrance Day poppies and Christmas wreaths must be removed before two months have elapsed.

Any vase, flowers, containers or wreaths and any other adornments not complying with the above rules may be removed by, or with the authority of, the Parish Priest.

Yours in Christ

Rev'd Andrew Atkins

LAMERTON HANDBELL RINGERS CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Following on from yet another very successful Handbell Festival in October, the team settled down to working on Xmas music and carols ready for functions leading up to Xmas.

The first event came very early on in December, we were asked to entertain the members of Whitchurch WI at their Annual Xmas Party. We played to a large very appreciative audience and were well looked after. We were well fed and were also given a very generous donation towards our Charity for this year – The Primrose Appeal at Derriford Hospital.

On Saturday 9th December, 2017 Lamerton Handbell Ringers attended The Devon Bellringers' Carol Service at Exeter Cathedral and once again 4 members were invited to ring "The Queen's Peal" during the Service. They did manage to have a ring on the church bells in St Petrock's Church in the centre of the City on the way down to the Cathedral and that set them right for the Service – as always an absolutely awesome experience.

The following Sunday saw The Carol Service in Lamerton Church and we were very pleased to have been asked to ring.

This year we increased our input into the Service, ringing "In the Bleak Mid Winter" with the Handbell Ringers accompanying Emily Hill on her Flute, 4 pieces of Xmas music, including Away in a Manger, Ding Dong Merrily on High and White Xmas as solo items and 2 carols playing with the organ for massed singing. 2 of our members – Jenny Green and Emily Hill also read lessons – it was a very busy service for us all!!!!

We gathered the next night for the final practice of the year, tucked into chocolates we had been given to us at Whitchurch plus the usual weekly box of Jaffa Cakes!! As well as some ringing!!!

On Friday 22nd December, 2017 we entertained the residents at The Camplehaye Home and at Venn House. Our Junior members like to see the residents and likewise the residents all seemed to enjoy our visit with a number of them joining in with the familiar carols. We had time to stop at both homes and enjoy a drink and a mince pie too, the afternoon went very quickly.

No Xmas would be complete without the usual visit to Tavistock Conservative Club. In more recent years some of the Club Members have wanted to join in with the singing, so this year Kath Davey managed to get some carol sheets printed and we had a good sing song too. We are always deeply indebted to them for allowing a collection to be taken for our chosen Charity. The time flew by and it was time to return to Lamerton and get ready to ring the church bells for the Midnight Mass and to stay and enjoy the Service and Andy's lovely sermon! We did so enjoy the M&M chocolates!

The year concluded with ringing the Old Year out and the New year in on Lamerton ChurchBells. A peal on 8 handbells was rung before toasting in the New Year and tucking in to sparkling wine and a few nibbles.

Every year the team support a Charity and this year all the profit from the Festival and from collections and donations leading up to Xmas totalling £300 have been sent to THE PRIMROSE APPEAL at Derriford Hospital.

The team takes a well earned break now but will be ready again for the



**45TH ANNUAL HANDBELL FESTIVAL
ON SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER, 2018
IN LAMERTON SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE**



Nature Notes by Bluebell – February – March 2018



*An owl's cry, a most melancholy cry.
Shaken out long and clear upon the hill,
.....the bird's voice
Speaking for all who lay under the stars,
Soldiers and poor, unable to rejoice.*

From 'The Owl', Edward Thomas (1878-1917)

Thomas's owl was probably a tawny, or brown, owl, *Strix aluco*, "our best known, most determinedly nocturnal, most abundant owl, though curiously absent from the Isle of Wight and Ireland." *John Lewis-Stempel; 'The Secret Life of the Owl'; Doubleday, London; 2017.* Old Brown is also the owl which Bluebell hears calling from the trees behind her garden and whose owlets she watched grow through the summer, fluffy and adorable, standing and calling for food from branches of the trees in her garden, not yet dressed in the adult "plumage of the usual owly faux bark." *ibid.*

The owl illustrated is an Eagle Owl, *Bubo bubo*, "which was certainly present here around 2000 BC...It has been popular with falconers since the 1600s,...So, the eagle owl has a claim to be part of the native fauna....it has been unintentionally 're-wilded', as aviary escapees and Northern European immigrants into Britain." *ibid.*



Owls, silent-flying birds of the darkness, have long been associated with all our night fears. "Invariably, the owl's cry and nocturnal habits connect it with death, or ill-fortune, and quite possibly both..... Thomas wrote 'The Owl' in 1915.... (before he went) to fight in the Great War. It is the owl, the messenger bird, that tells him to enlist. He died in the Battle of Arras, on 9 April 1917." *ibid.*

But owls are also seen positively, as silent, wise, sober and philosophical, and excellently useful ratters and mousers. Medieval barns were always made with an ingress for owls, often with a stone perch, to enable them to enter and pick off the vermin. The wise old owl 'the sage in feathers', features in folk tales and nursery rhymes as well as in Hogwarts. In Welsh the owl is still "Flowerface, Blodeuwed, a most beautiful maiden, made by magic from the flowers of the oak, the flowers of the broom, and the flowers of the meadowsweet, and turned into the bird as a punishment" *The Mabinogion.*" *ibid.*



The Little Owl was a lucky emblem for Athens, being the totemic bird dedicated to Athena, the classical Greek goddess of wisdom.

In the morning, though so early in the year, there is already a little morning song of a robin and a blackbird, the 'pink, pink' of a chaffinch and the cry of a jay. It is mid January and the snowdrops are coming out. A terrible scream chills Bluebell's blood and terrifies the night. Old Brown... "The Lord of the Night has killed a rabbit, and its death is musick to his ears." *ibid.* Foxes barrel towards the sound.



GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG

Christmas gone and the compost heap still unturned. Every time Doug passes it by, it whispers quietly "Turn us over, mate!" Alas, it will have to wait in the queue: cut back the beds, prepare the veg plot, clean the greenhouse, prune the apple tree, the wisteria, the acer, lift and divide the snow drops, cut back the fruit bushes, sow some sweet peas, sort out the over-wintered dahlia tubers, mulch, trim If it was summer, or even spring, these jobs would be soon done, but the current weather doesn't invite you outside. And, when we do get one of those lovely, sunny blue-sky days, it's off for a walk in the countryside. It's been so wet recently that Doug's sure he's seen water running up-hill. Just nowhere else to go!

I'm contemplating planting some asparagus. In a previous garden we did have an asparagus bed. My big mistake was to not eradicate all the perennial weeds, especially those with long deep tails. Aside from that, the asparagus did extremely well. It needs almost no attention (if you start with a clean bed) and will crop lovely tasty spears for years once established – which may take a year or two. One well-known supplier is offering 10 crowns for £15. Seems like a bargain alongside the supermarket? When you think about it, not many (if any?) vegetables need such little attention. Rhubarb anyone?

We gardeners tend not to notice how trees can take over. They grow slowly, but surely. One year they look good, at home and comfortable in *their* space in *your* garden. Then, they're becoming too large; well, bigger than you'd like. You're tempted to reduce, or get rid of, but it would be a big job so you leave it for a few more years. Then you can find that the tree's 'amenity value' has attracted a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) and you need Planning Permission to even touch it. So, you leave it for another year, or another owner. Then, there comes a time when you really do think it is far too big - far too dominant - for the plot it occupies, but you're constrained by the TPO. So, the tree stays as it is, quietly growing bigger still.

Maybe TPO's discourage us from planning succession? Hindering replacement with new, perhaps more suitable trees? Tavistock and surrounding area is covered in TPO's. Perhaps that's a good thing? Of course, it can be useful in restraining developments which might be undesirable? Perhaps all trees above 6ft should have TPO's? We gardeners tend to plan a year at a time whereas trees need maybe a 30-100 year cycle. Be careful what you plant. Some trees are much more suited to our gardens than others.

I hope your daffodils are wonderful this year and worthy of those in the Tamar Valley? You can colour this one in over coffee!



LAMERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - Update

Although there has been little movement with the Neighbourhood Plan, it does not mean we've slowed down! On the contrary, we are constantly nudging WDBC who have our draft Plan and we are awaiting their feedback, comment and critique.

There is a strong possibility that we shall be calling another residents meeting early in 2018 to enable review and discussion on Neighbourhood Plan matters as we seek to reach completion. Please keep eyes and ears open for notices through your door, on the website (www.lamertonparish.co.uk) or displayed by the banner outside the village hall entrance.

Two other items, that will be of interest to you, are coming through Parish Council activity and we are very pleased to announce:

- ◆ A defibrillator has been purchased and is soon to be installed at the village hall. It is to be mounted by the hall committee on the outside of the hall in a heated weatherproof cabinet for general accessibility 24/7.
- ◆ Vehicle - activated speeding traffic warning signs (VAS) are soon to be erected at both ends of Lamerton on the Old Launceston Road. These will show an alternating 'Slow Down' and '30' display to any speeding vehicle and will, we sincerely hope, make the pedestrian usage of the road a little safer, finally.

Both of these have come as a result of our successful application to the West Devon's Town and Parish Fund (TAP) and the Lamerton Women's Institute has kindly donated some additional funds towards the defibrillator.

Respectfully submitted

John Edgar, Councillor & Plan Steering Group

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Our talk in January 2018 was given by Mr. Lou Fletcher who is a member of the Tavistock Probus Club and well known locally for the quality of his talks. Lou's talk was entitled 'New Zealand – South Island'. This talk was a follow up to a previous talk given by Lou on New 'Zealand – North Island'.

Mr. Ray Hurlle gave the vote of thanks and praised not only the quality and interest of the talk but also the excellent quality of the many photographs used as illustrations.

Tavistock Probus Club is always pleased to welcome new members. If you would like more information visit our website at www.tavistockprobusclub.co.uk or if you would like a complimentary invitation to one of our talks, please have a word with our secretary on 01822 615669 or David on 01822 870431.



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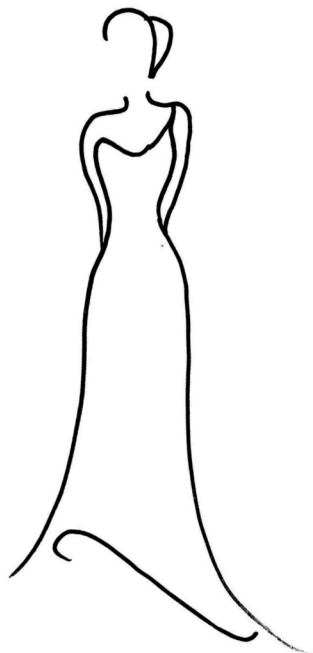
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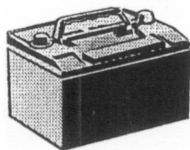
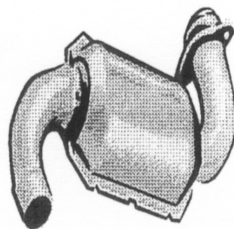
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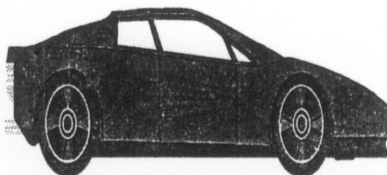
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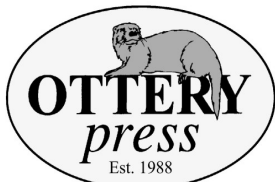
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Lamerton School	1023	Tavistock Hospital	1332
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Launceston Westgate arr. dep.	1103 1105	Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1349
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Lamerton Blacksmith's	1132	Chillaton Square	1439
Tavistock Hospital	1138	Lamerton School	1450
Tavistock Bedford Square	1140	Tavistock Hospital	1455
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Tavistock Bedford Square	0945	Tavistock Bedford Square	13.30
Tavistock Hospital	0948	Tavistock Hospital	1332
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Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1000	Chillaton Square	1348
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Chillaton Square	1050	Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1432
Lamerton School	1101	Lamerton Blacksmith's	1438
Tavistock Hospital	1106	Tavistock Hospital	1444
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Lamerton Village	0957	Lamerton, Blacksmith's	1302
Tavistock Bus Station	1005	Tavistock Bus Station	1310

CHURCH SERVICES

March 2018

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 4th March <i>3rd Sun of Lent</i>		6.30pm Even- song			9.30am HC CW	
Weds 7th March :	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton, <i>refreshments afterwards</i>					
Sunday 11th March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	10.30am HC CW			11.00am HC CW		11.15am Matins BCP
Weds 14th March	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 18th March <i>5th Sun of Lent</i>		11.00am HC CW			9.30am Family Service Morning Praise	
Weds 21st March	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 25th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	6.30pm Songs of praise	9.30am Family Service	10.00am HC BCP	11.00am HC by ext CW		11.15am HC by ext CW
Weds 28th March	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
<i>For Easter Services - see schedule on page 7</i>						

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

CW – Common Worship (Modern)

CHURCH SERVICES

February 2018

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 4th Feb <i>2nd before Lent</i>		6.30pm Even- song			9.30am HC CW	
Weds 7th Feb	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 11th Feb <i>Sun before Lent</i>	10.30am HC CW			11.00am HC by ext CW		11.15am Matins BCP
Weds 14th Feb	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
	7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service Priest's Room at St Peter's, Lamerton					
Sunday 18th Feb <i>1st Sun of Lent</i>		11.00am HC by ext. CW			9.30am Family service Morning praise	
Weds 21st Feb	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 25th Feb <i>2nd Sun of Lent</i>	6.30pm Songs of praise	9.30am Family Service		11.00am HC CW		11.15am HC by ext. CW
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