

Parish News

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



**Blackbird on her nest
Anita Townsend**



South Tamar
Mission Community

**April & May
2024
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Diary Dates

Event	April	May
Coffee Mornings		
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12	6, 20	4, 18
Sydenham Damerel from 10.30am	6	4
Coffee and Company, Priest's Room, Lamerton 10 - 12	5, 19	3, 17, 31
Marystowe Coffee and book sales	2	7
Church and other events		
Milton Abbot Film Night, in the church		11
Milton Abbot Coffee and Crafts morning 10 - 1pm in the church		18
APCM Lamerton+ Sydenham Damerel 7.00pm Priests room	30	
APCM Coryton 6.00pm Perry Spears	9	
Latin American Evening Lamerton Community Centre 7.30pm	26	
Dunterton Skittles evening 7.00pm Bradstone Manor	13	
Taize at Sydenham Damerel church 7.00pm	23	28
Deadline for next magazine edition		11

***Magazine deadline for June / July 2024 edition is
Saturday 11 May***

Please send your submissions to Amy Harrowell, as it is hoped that she will be able to take up the reins again for the next issue.

Thank you for your timely submissions - they are much appreciated.

***April and May church services are on the back cover.
Bible Readings are on pages 6 and 7***

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To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I sit to write this letter, I am conscious that we are now fast approaching Easter. (Although, this may be the first Easter where will need an Ark!) Easter is about new starts, new life, new birth. This is often symbolised with images of eggs and chicks. We give and receive Easter eggs and maybe cards with pictures of spring sunshine or newborn chicks. But Easter isn't really about eggs or chicks. It's about Jesus!

The real reason that we think about new life at Easter is because Jesus, who was crucified on that first Good Friday, rose to new life on the first Easter Sunday. This is not just a wonderful story, it's an historical fact. Jesus' body was never found, and his resurrection never disproved. This was despite the best efforts of the mighty Roman Empire and the committed and powerful Jewish leaders to destroy the early church and discredit their belief. The early disciples were changed from a frightened and disillusioned group to men who stood up against the authorities and eventually gave their lives for what they believed – for what they knew to be true – that Jesus came back to life on Easter Sunday. New life for Jesus leading to new life in his disciples. New starts that make my recent changes seem trivial!

The impacts of what happened that first Easter are still relevant today. When Jesus died and rose, he did it for us. He offers us new life, eternal life, with him; life that starts now, but continues beyond this life. Now that is worth celebrating!

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. I hope you spent some time thinking about the real meaning of Easter: Jesus' resurrection.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Andy



COFFEE & COMPANY



Come and join us for a coffee, some cake, and chit chat or a board game.

Every other Friday, 10am-12pm, at the Priest Room (Chapel) by St Peter's Church, Lamerton.

Everyone welcome!

After the success of the Warm Hub, several people wished to carry on meeting and wanted more people to come along too, so we have relaunched as Coffee & Company.

Coffee & Company will be on the alternate week to the village coffee morning that takes place on a Saturday every other week, but do check the church calendar regularly as it doesn't always follow an exact alternating pattern: www.southtamar.church/calendar/

We would love you to join us.

Mid-week Holy Communion



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

The service is a quiet, reflective said service of Holy Communion. The perfect opportunity to re-charge your spiritual batteries.



**With Tea, coffee and
cake afterwards.**

PET SERVICE **on Sunday June 16th at 11.00am**

In the garden of Church Avenue House (Annie and Mike Jefferies), in the cul de sac up to Lamerton Church (tel: 614178)



All pets and families welcome

Free BBQ after the service

- ◇ Bring your own drink and paper cups, nibbles etc.
- ◇ Bring your own animal poo bags.
- ◇ Bring your own water bowls for the animals
- ◇ Dogs and cats must be on leads
- ◇ Hamsters, gerbils, mice, ferrets, snakes, parrots etc **MUST** be in cages!
- ◇ Horses, donkeys, alpacas and camels should be tethered at the gate in the front drive.

ENJOY and sing your favourite songs all together.

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 7th April 2nd Sunday of Easter (White)	Acts 4.32 - 35	1 John 1.1 - 2.2	John 20.19 - 31
Sunday 14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter (White)	Acts 3.12 - 19	1 John 3.1 - 7	Luke 24.36b - 48
Sunday 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter (White)	Acts 4.5 - 12	1 John 3.16 - 24	John 10.11 - 18
Sunday 28th April 5th Sunday of Easter (White)	Acts 8.26 - 40	1 John 4.7 - 21	John 15.1 - 8
Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter (White)	Acts 10.44 - 48	1 John 5.1 - 6	John 15.9 - 17

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

CW – Common Worship (Modern)

BIBLE READINGS (Year B)

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 12th May 7th Sunday of Easter (White)	Acts 1.15 - 17, 21 - 26	1 John 5.9 - 13	John 17.6 - 19
Sunday 19th May Pentecost (Red)	Acts 2.1 - 21	Romans 8.22 - 27	John 15.26,27 16.4b - 15
Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday (White)	Isaiah 6.1 - 8	Romans 8.12 - 17	John 3.1 - 17

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'***.



South Tamar Mission Community

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

Our website: <http://www.southtamar.church>

Our Facebook page: @southtamarmission

e-mail: vicar@southtamar.church

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Differences between Prophecy and Prediction

Differences between *Prophecy* and *Prediction* can be subtle. Generally, prophecy is a foretelling that does not have any apparent reasoned basis.

Predictions are based on logical foundations.

However, it would have been hard for the people of the 1960s to imagine that within 60 years a small portable device would enable anyone to speak and see anyone anywhere in the world, answer almost any question and translate languages into their own language. This would have sounded prophetic but it was in fact a *prediction*. Smartphones are now part of our everyday reality. Once radio transmissions and silicon chips had been invented

farsighted people could have predicted that smartphones would come to pass.

Equally, looking forward, it might now be rational to *predict* the advent of world peace by 2100. However, this will come to pass simply because mature 21st Century's nations don't go to war with each other. Even up to the 18th and 19th centuries great nations were still building empires. However, it is now inconceivable for developed nations to launch colonial wars or claim foreign lands by force. We look at 19th Century nations like China and Russia with despair and disdain. However, the far sighted will observe that while the birth pangs of democracy and free speech are painful, they eventually produced the free world an increasing proportion of nations now enjoy. In time expansionist totalitarian regimes are replaced or die out. Dictatorships die when their dictators die or are replaced. The will of the people does eventually prevail – especially when surrounded by the example of free, prosperous and democratic nations. It is therefore rational to predict that World Peace is inevitable - if not imminent!

Turning to *prophecy* we can observe that Our Lord's track record was extraordinary. His prophecies included the manner of his execution, his resurrection - and later the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple in 70 CE. Currently we are waiting for the fulfilment of his prophecy of the second coming and of its world changing effect. Interestingly we predict that the latter will be fulfilled as current technology will allow us all to see and hear everything the future Messiah says and does. It all will be brought live into our own sitting rooms on a daily basis! This will certainly change the world.

We can therefore confidently *predict* that the second coming will be a world changing event – as Our Lord *prophesied*.

Richard Searight

All Saint's Church, Dunterton



We held our first "Tea & Chat" of the year at the end of February and took the opportunity to discuss our plans for 2024.

For some time we have been seeking an appropriate path for broadening our activities in the local community. As a first step, we have decided that we should lend our support to local food banks, and as such we will be arranging regular collections for the food banks after each of our services. Please support us in this endeavour by bringing along any non-perishable food, or non-food items such as toiletries, and leaving them in the box in the church. We are also delighted that one of our group has signed up to be an Ambassador for the Trussell Trust, who runs one of the largest network of food banks, and we look forward to working with them to expand our support for people struggling with poverty.

Our first service of the year will be Communion on Sunday 7th April at 11.00 – we look forward to seeing you there and don't forget those food bank donations!

Our first event of the year will be held on Saturday 13th April from 19.00 at Bradstone Manor where Dunterton has challenged Milton Abbot to a Skittles competition. The evening will be raising funds for both churches and we are hoping that as many of our neighbours and friends as possible will attend. Further details can be obtained from duntertonfriends@gmail.com.



Save the Date – this year's River Walk will be taking place on Sunday 20th October 2024. Same route as last year with tea & cake refresh-

SERVICES AT DUNTERTON CHURCH – DATE & TIME

Sunday 7 th April	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 5 th May	11.00 a.m.
Sunday 21 st July	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 6 th October	11.00 a.m.
Sunday 3 rd November	11.00 a.m.
Wednesday 25 th December	09.30 a.m. Holy Communion



St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

We have had a few quiet months in Sydenham Damerel. Our March monthly coffee morning, always on the first

Saturday of every month at 10.30 in the church, gave everyone the opportunity to come together and moan about the weather! It also put smiles on the faces of our 100 Club winners: Claire Brittan, Elizabeth Turner -Oxenham and Shaun Bennet. Congratulations to all - and there are still a few numbers left if anyone would like to join the fun.

We have one exciting new development; John Hearn has spent considerable time and expertise setting up a new community website. There is a variety of information to be found; including The Battle of Horsebridge and the 'Great Fire of Sydenham Damerel.' Please do visit at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/sd-community-web/home>

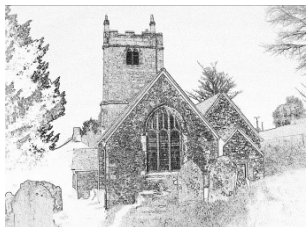
If you have any information to contribute, please contact John through the website.

There is a steering group to discuss and help progress plans for the development of St Mary's as a dual purpose building for both religious services and community events. We want this to be as inclusive as possible and are mindful of maintaining the integrity of the church building. If you have any views, expertise or ideas please get in touch through:

friends-of-st-marys@googlegroups.com



Undeterred by the weather, Tuell Farm held their first community Wassail in February. There was a bonfire, mulled cider and a fun torchlight procession. A perfect way to beat the Winter blues.



St. Andrew's, Coryton

World Day of Prayer

St Andrew's, Coryton is part of a group of local churches which participate in the annual World Day of Prayer held each year on the first Friday in March. WDP is an international, inter-church organisation, celebrated in over 170 countries, led by women. It enables the thoughts of women from all parts of the world, their hopes, concerns, and prayers to be heard. Each year women from a different country prepare the order of worship.

This year the Christian Women of Palestine called us to connect with the land where Jesus was born, ministered and died – and where our faith began. The theme of the service was “I beg you, bear with one another in love”.



The churches in the local group take it in turn to host the service; this year it was held in Stowford. It will be Coryton's turn in 2027.

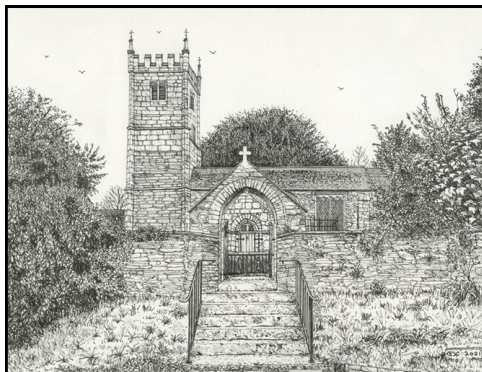
Our Church Services

Our current rota of services includes a service of BCP Evensong at 6.30pm on the second Sunday of the month and a service of Holy Communion also at 6.30pm on the fourth Sunday of the month. For accompaniment to hymns, we are using playlists set up on a tablet linked to an amplifier, which is working well. Things were a bit different in the 1860's. According to Thomas Newman's book 'The History of Coryton' (1940) before a harmonium was eventually installed, farmers used to bring their own violins and flutes to accompany the choir who were seated in the belfry.

APCM

This year the St Andrew's Coryton APCM is on Tuesday April 9th 2024 at 6.00pm at Perry Spears.

Josie Whitfield



St. Mary's Church, Marystowe

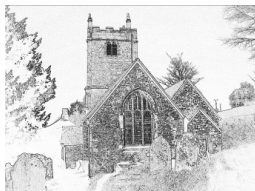
The contrast between inside and outside the Church is always thought-provoking during Lent, with only the memorial vase having flowers whilst outside the snowdrops in the Churchyard have given way to the primroses and daffodils. The bluebells leaves are beginning to sprout in readiness to have their turn.

Many thanks are due to James and Chris for their work on clearing the Churchyard, and we had another very productive day in January with our army of volunteers; it certainly felt like an army as 18 bacon butties were prepared! There is a lovely space to the east of the Churchyard 'the orchard' overlooking Dartmoor, and we had a lovely wassail service with Reverend Phill, who blessed our apple trees. We are looking forward to our Sunrise service on Easter morning the in the Orchard.

We have completed our early Spring Clean of the Bell Tower books, with a notebook for anyone to leave a message about any books they are looking for, or (if you are vertically challenged like me) unable to reach. Whilst the Church is always open, on the first Tuesday of every month we are putting on the coffee and someone is around to help reach books and puzzles, to have a chat, and share favourite authors.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Joy McSmythurs and Amy Harrowell



St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

Pat's stall of lovely, handcrafted items has travelled to the Coffee & Company mornings at Lamerton (twice) and, at the time of writing, is hoping to go to Lamerton's Coffee Morning on 16th March, all with the aim of raising much-needed funds to replace our heating system. We are also looking for other events to which to take the stall.

We were pleased to join Lamerton for a Night at the Races in February; as ever, very many thanks to Revd Andy and the rest of the Jockey Club for giving us another fun evening which was profitable for both parishes. Thanks to all who attended and who donated so generously to the raffle and to the Tote!

The project to replace the heating system is beginning to bear fruit; we are expecting that the works to upgrade our electricity supply from single phase to three-phase will take place in the next few weeks, which will give us the capacity to run an electric heating system.

On Saturday 9th March we welcomed a number of walkers into the church for coffee together with assorted four-legged companions, following their walk from Sydenham Damerel.

We are most grateful for the warm welcome we received from Lamerton during January and February when we admitted defeat to the low temperatures and moved our services into the Priest's Room. It was lovely to be warm and cosy and it was much appreciated by all those who joined us for those services. However, we are delighted to be able to welcome you all back into church at Milton Abbot now that the temperatures are a little less arctic!

Two dates for your diary:-

Saturday 11th May – we are hoping to hold a **Film Night** in Milton Abbot Church – more details to follow, please keep an eye on our notice boards and social media.

Saturday 18th May, 10.00am-1.00pm – Coffee & Crafts in Milton Abbot Church. We hope to have lots of handcrafted goodies for you to purchase; if you would like to have a stall please contact Pat on 01822 618452 or email matreasurer@southtamar.church .



St. Peter's Church Lamerton

The Lamerton Stakes provided us with another great fun and successful evening. Very many thanks to ALL of Andy's family for the hard work they put in. It was good to be able to share the event with Milton Abbot who are in great need of funds for providing some heating in their church. We have also been very happy to host their services in the Priest's Room during the cold weather - it also meant we didn't have so far to travel!!

Our next event we are holding is our Latin American Evening on Friday 26th April - see poster. Abel - Irene's grandson- in- law - will be giving us a talk and slide show of the modern history of Cuba from a personal point of view. He will then be introducing us to the music and dance of Cuba and the wider Latin America - so put on your dancing shoes and be prepared for a fun evening. Real coffee tasting and light refreshments will be provided.

Our busy Flower Team have produced over eighty posies for Mothering Sunday. They were taken to the school so that all the children and staff could have. They were also distributed to mothers in our congregation.

Sadly we have had the funeral of a long serving member of our congregation with the loss of Barbara Beighton. She had been poorly for quite a time. Our condolences to Bill and to her family.

We hope to see you at our many Easter Services within the Benefice.



Safeguarding News

Training news

You can always access safeguarding training online at:

<https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>

Please contact your safeguarding rep if unsure how to access or which courses are applicable to your role.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks

Please note that **all PCC/Trustee members** must have a current DBS certificate, which is now renewable every 3 years. Other church members who have interaction with children and/or vulnerable adults, including pastoral visitors and Open the Book helpers, are eligible for an enhanced check.

Contact your safeguarding rep to arrange your check if you have not already done so:

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If you are concerned for the immediate safety of someone, dial 999

LAMERTON WI

Tuesday 2nd April, 2:00pm

Anecdotes from a care home, with Sue Goodman.

Tuesday 7th May, 2.00pm

AGM

*All meetings held at Lamerton Village Hall
New members welcome*



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

A Day to Remember

On a hot summer day, an electric fan can really help to keep us cool by blowing air. We know that the fan is working because we can feel the air from the fan blowing against our faces. We can't see the air, but we can feel it and we can hear the sound it makes.

The day called **Pentecost** is a special day which many churches celebrate. Here is the story of how it all began.

The Bible tells us that on the day of Pentecost, the followers of Jesus were all gathered together in one place and God sent the Holy Spirit to give them the power to teach others about Jesus. Now, they couldn't see the Holy Spirit, so how did they know the Holy Spirit was there?

The Bible says that they knew the Holy Spirit was there because they could hear the sound of a mighty rushing wind coming from heaven. They couldn't see the Holy Spirit, but they could hear the sound of the wind just as we can hear the air blowing from a fan.

Then the Bible tells us that they saw what seemed to be flaming tongues of fire that came and rested on their heads. They couldn't see the Holy Spirit, but they knew that the Holy Spirit was there because they could see the flaming tongues of fire.



Finally, the Bible tells us that they knew the Holy Spirit was there because they could feel his power. When they were filled with the Holy Spirit, he gave them the ability to speak in languages that they didn't even know, so that they could tell everyone about Jesus. They couldn't see the Holy Spirit, but they could feel his power in their life just as we can feel the air from a fan.

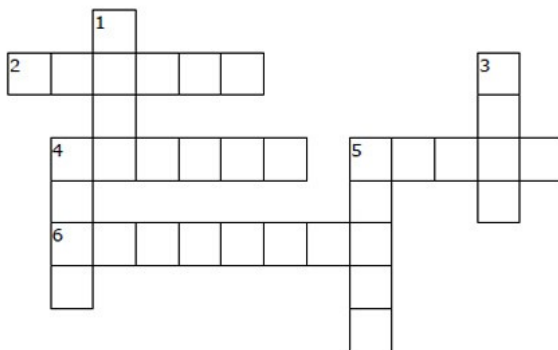
The Holy Spirit is still with us today. We can't see him, but we can hear him as he speaks to our hearts, we can see his moving in our life, and we can feel the power of his presence as he guides us through each day.

Dear Father, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to be our teacher and guide. Help us to listen and obey as he teaches us how to tell others about Jesus. Amen.

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



ACROSS

2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
4. The place where God lives
5. Something that can be heard
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

DOWN

1. A destructive burning
3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
5. To say words, to use the voice

LANGUAGE
SPIRIT

FIRE
HEAVEN

HOLY
SOUND

WIND
SPEAK

Lent Walks with God 2024 - Diary

At the time of writing we are three walks into our Lent programme:

Walk One 17th February Marystowe to Coryton

Isaiah 55.12 *"You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song; and the trees of the field will clap their hands"*

When we started our first walk with three Spaniels, one Labrador and two Whippets we slithered down Angel Steps in Marystowe and this took nearly 25 minutes! From there it was relatively straightforward along the country lanes until we reached Coryton. The wildflowers along the way were beautiful, the last of the snowdrops and the first of the primroses decorating the verges.

WEATHER 10 degrees - damp, drizzle and overcast, **DISTANCE** 3.3km, **TIME** 1 hour

Many thanks to Kate Newman for a warm welcome at Coryton with Lime and Mint cordial and biscuits (human and dog).

Walk Two 24th February Coryton to Lamerton

Genesis 2.9 *"The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow from the soil, every tree that was pleasing to look at and good for food"*

The weather was extremely variable for our second walk, but we departed Coryton in lovely sunshine, and soon began the exhausting climb up to Rowden. Quickly there was plenty of mud on walkers and dogs. As we reached the top of the hill, the sight of Brent Tor was wonderful, and matched by the sound of bell practice! As we had our halfway stop it was a relief to realise most of the uphill section was complete (according to the APP we climbed the equivalent of 24 flights of stairs on the first half of our walk, and just 2 on the second half). Watching the dogs playing and running around as we walked through the fields was lovely.

WEATHER 6 degrees – sunshine and showers - **DISTANCE** 8.8km - **TIME** 3 hours

Many thanks to Andy McSmythurs for Brentor Coffee and Jammy Dodger stop and Annie Jefferies for Sandwiches, Cake and Chocolate biscuits.

Walk Three 2nd March Lamerton to Sydenham Damerel

Matthew 6.26 *"Look at the birds. They don't plant, harvest, or save food in barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them."*

The coldest day of the walks so far; however we did have lovely sunshine and blue sky to start the walk. Passing through fields with sheep and their lambs reminded us that March means Spring, even with snow dusting Dartmoor. The clouds were gathering throughout the morning, but the rain held off until we were in sight of the Church Tower at Sydenham Damerel.

WEATHER 5 degrees – sunshine and showers - **DISTANCE** 6.4 km - **TIME** 1.5 hours

Lent walks Diary - contd

Many thanks to everyone at the Sydenham Damerel coffee morning who welcomed us with smiles and mugs of much-needed coffee and chocolate biscuits.

The remaining walks are
9th March Sydenham Damerel to Milton Abbot

16th March Milton Abbot to Marystowe.

Harry McSmythurs would like to thank all his friends who have sponsored him for these walks. To date he has raised £160 for the shed in Marystowe Churchyard, he is still taking donations so do please contact his PA (Pup Administrator) to donate on 01822 860630.



Special Notice!

80th Anniversary of D-Day Landings

A special service to commemorate the D-Day Landings is being planned. This will be held at

St Peter's Church, Lamerton

Thursday 6th June (time to be advised)

I am attempting to contact anyone who had relatives who served at the landings (or indeed anyone who took part!). Please give me a call.

Gerald Cramp

Contact Gerald Cramp on 01822 615464

Email geraldandsheila@btinternet.com



Sydenham Damerel Church

Please do come and join us for our Taizé services at **Sydenham Damerel Church**.

The service 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 23rd April and Tuesday 28th May

A Story on the Theme of Friendship

Best Friends



Once upon a time there were two friends who lived in a city by the sea. William and George had been friends for almost eight years now and did almost everything together. One day, they decided to go to the beach. They set off on foot and soon reached their destination.

But they had an argument while they were on their way, and William slapped George in the face. George was hurt but did not say anything to William at the time. After they reached the beach, George wrote on the sand - "Today, my best friend slapped me".

The weather at the beach was wonderful and they spent their time playing happily. Later, they went into the water to swim. While they were swimming, George got into difficulty and started to drown. William noticed, swam out to him and managed to bring him back to the beach. Now, George searched for a stone and wrote on it - "Today, my best friend saved my life".



William was intrigued and asked George, "After I slapped you, you wrote in the sand, and now you have written on a stone. Why?"

George replied, "When a person hurts us, we should write it down in the sand where waves of forgiveness can erase it. But, when a person does something good for us, we must engrave it on stone where no wind or wave can ever erase it".

William, feeling happy about what George had said, replied, "The greatest gift of life is friendship, and I have received it".

Both the boys realised their love and affection for each other and went back home happily. They remained best friends for the rest of their lives.



Latin American Evening A Taste of Cuba

*Talk & Slideshow by Abel
Dance demonstration
&
Tuition*

**Friday 26th April
7.30pm**

**Lamerton sports and Community Centre
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Saturday 20 April 2024 19:30

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We will be performing Karl Jenkins' most popular work in this, the year of his 80th birthday. It is in many ways a call for peace in times of war, and has several movements which are settings of texts from the Catholic Mass. It also uses the 15th-century folk song "L'homme armé" which featured in choral works by Josquin des Prez and Francisco Guerrero, amongst others, as well as texts from more modern authors including Rudyard Kipling. Accompanied by wind, brass, keyboards and percussion, this promises to be an exciting and moving concert.

Further information on the MKCS website www.mountkellychoralsociety.com



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The Care Cafe, Tavistock: opens on Tuesday 9th April 10.30am -12



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NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL

April - May 2024



*Nothing I cared, in the lamb white days, that time would take me
Up to the swallow thronged loft by the shadow of my hand,
In the moon that is always rising, ...*

*Oh as I was young and easy in the mercy of his means,
Time held me green and dying
Though I sang in my chains like the sea.* Dylan Thomas "Fern Hill" 1946

Spring, April and May, in the West country, as the wild flowers and trees blossom in fields and lanes, orchards, woods and hedgerows, is a lovely time, fit to lift the heart and fill Bluebell with praise to our Creator!

*I watched her secret toil from day to day
How true she warped the moss to form a nest,
And modelled it within with wood and clay.* John Clare "The Thrush's Nest"

The blackbird, like the thrush, makes a cup-shaped nest, woven of twigs and grasses, bark, moss, and anything to hand like binder twine and feathers. It is lined with soft grass and smooth mud. The nest takes about two weeks to construct and is very strong. It has to be, because blackbirds usually build their nests in hedges, shrubs and bushes, and they need protection from predators. The hen bird does the building. The nestlings can fly and leave the nest only 12 to 14 days after hatching. The adult pair may raise several broods in one season. They seldom return to the same nest the next year.

Hedges are so important to nesting birds, and also to hibernating and nesting hazel dormice. 'A survey by the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology has revealed that England has 390,000km of hedgerows, enough to circle the world almost ten times.' They could be wider, with more tall standard trees left in them to be more use for nature and carbon capture. *Jonathan Tulloch, The Times February 16th 2024.*

The Government has promised to restore the ban, which has lapsed, on cutting hedgerows between March 1st and August 31st, but there is no date yet to reintroduce the law, supported by Wildlife Trusts, the RSPB, and BTO. Hedgerows provide essential habitat for nesting birds and safe passageways between woodlands. 'Vital for wildlife, hedgerows help make farming more resilient to the extreme wet and dry of climate change, keeping soil in the field and out of rivers, and shading livestock in our increasingly severe summer heat.' *Tom Lancaster, Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit, The Times, March 5th 2024.*

*Once again I see
These hedge-rows, hardly hedge-rows, little lines
Of sportive wood run wild:* William Wordsworth "Tintern Abbey"

POLE POSITION

Our Chief Bunting Tosser informs me that upcoming Union flag days for April and May are:

- ◇ 9 April HM's wedding anniversary
- ◇ 23 April St. Georges Day
- ◇ 6 May Coronation Day
- ◇ 8 May VE Day



I imagine the anniversary of the D day Landings on 6 June will also be marked with a flag - Ed.

Marking the Agricultural Year

Rogationtide 5 - 8 May



Rogare' is Latin for 'to ask.' Rogationtide is a festival primarily focused on the planting season to ask for an abundant harvest in light of calamities such as war, disease, bad weather and natural disasters. In the past it included a walk around the boundaries of the parish. There was a tradition of "beating the bounds" whereby processions stopped at boundary marks and other significant parish landmarks for prayers, reading of the Gospel, affixing the cross and marking said boundaries with long sticks. They also took the time to say hello and check in



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GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



I'm stretched out on my back trying to see the sky but I can't. I wriggle my legs a bit. Mmmmm.... It is nice and warm down here. Move my arms around a bit. Mmmmm.... That's a bit better. Still can't see the sky. Ah, wait, what's that? Mmmmm... clouds. Not more rain, please! I can hear it on the windows. Drip, clack, drip. Shuffle about a bit more; put my legs down and my arms up. Ah, my toes are getting longer, that's good. I can see the sky now and the sun's on my arms. I'm a tomato you know! Now I'm growing up and will provide some lovely tasty red fruits. Ooooh, I'm lovely!

Well, it is that time of year to sow seeds - fruit, veg, flowers. The books, magazines and seed packets will all tell you when to sow but they're not always that accurate. It's the weather that determines the best time. Often you sow too early and things go really slowly, or don't pop up at all. So, what's to lose if you're a little late? You might just leap ahead of the neighbours.

The garden is bursting into life now. There are so many things to do. I usually go out there with the intention of doing a, b & c and get sidetracked by x, y & z. It is such a productive time of year. If you do stuff now you'll reap the benefits.

And if you grow some of your own veg you'll be amazed by the taste and flavour. Grow some in a pot or tub with some peat free multipurpose compost - lettuce, tomatoes, carrots. All very easy. Romello F1 is an easy tomato that needs very little care in a tub. Give it a go.

A recent visit to Spain reminded me of all the gorgeous fruit and veg you see in the markets there. Lovely fresh produce. Ah, the Mediterranean diet! Well, here's a photo of the gardening team in Cadiz.



Enjoy you garden.

I have to live with this mad man. The photo is from Puppet museum, Cadiz Ed.



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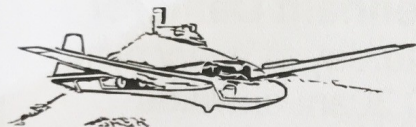
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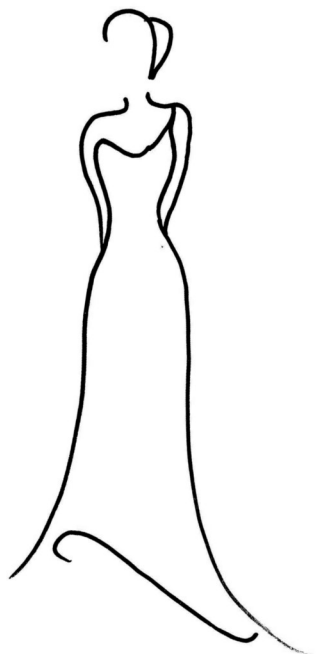


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May 2024

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Sunday 5th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>		2.30pm Rogation service	11.00am Morning Service		9.30am HC/CW	
Weds 8th May	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 12th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am HC/CW			10.00am Sunday Praise		6.30pm Even- song BCP
Weds 15th May	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 19th May <i>Pentecost Whit Sun- day</i>		11.00am HC/CW			9.30am Family service Morning praise	
Weds 22nd May	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 26th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	6.30pm Songs of Praise			11.00am HC/CW		6.30pm HC
Tues 28th May	7.00pm TAIZE, Sydenham Damerel					
Weds 29th May	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					

CHURCH SERVICES

April 2024

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 7th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>		6.30pm Songs of praise	11.00am HC		9:30am HC/CW	
Weds 10th April	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 14th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	10.30am HC/CW			10.00am Sunday Praise		6.30pm Even- song BCP
Weds 17th April	10:00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 21st April <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>		11.00am HC/CW			9.30am Family Service Morning Praise	
Tues 23rd April	7.00pm TAIZE Sydenham Damerel					
Weds 24th April	10.am Holy Communion St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 28th April <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	6.30pm Songs of Praise			11.00am HC/CW		6.30pm HC