

# Parish News

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



South Tamar  
Mission Community

**April + May  
2018**

**Price: £1**

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# Diary Dates

## April 2018

- 3 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm
- 7 LAMERTON COFFEE MORNING, Lamerton Community Centre, 10.30 - 12.00
- 7 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 9 MILTON ABBOT BINGO, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 17 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm
- 21 LAMERTON COFFEE MORNING, Lamerton Community Centre, 10.30 - 12.00
- 21 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 28 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00

## May 2018

- 1 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm
- 4 MESSY CHURCH, St Peter's Lamerton, 3.30 - 5.30pm
- 5 LAMERTON COFFEE MORNING, Lamerton Community Centre, 10.30 - 12.00
- 5 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 12 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 14 MILTON ABBOT BINGO, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 15 **MAGAZINE DEADLINE for June/July edition**
- 15 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm
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- 19 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 26 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
- 29 LAMERTON BINGO, Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm



## Easter Blessings

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***April and May church services are on the back cover and page 6.  
Bible Readings are on page 8 and 9***

## The Old Testament - Exodus



Exodus is the second book of the bible and means 'a departure' or - to use a current expression - an 'exiting' of the people of Israel from Egypt. The book has 4 main parts:

1. The freeing of the Israelites from Egypt
2. Their journey to mount Sinai
3. God's covenant with them, giving them moral, civil and religious laws
4. The building and furnishing of places of worship e.g. the ark, and laws relating to priests and worship of God.

Firstly who were these people? At the beginning of Exodus we are told that they were the descendants of the 11 sons of Jacob (who was the grandson of Abraham) and who came with Jacob to join Joseph, who was already there. The name Israelites comes from a description given to Jacob meaning 'he who wrestled with God':

*'the man (God) said your name will no longer be Jacob for you have wrestled with God and with men and as you have won, so your name will be Israel'*

*Genesis 32. 28*

Initially 70 people directly descended from Jacob came to Egypt from Canaan. In the course of time Joseph and his brothers died, but their descendants, the Israelites, prospered and multiplied. The new king who knew nothing about Joseph, was concerned about the Israelites as a threat:

*'in case of war they might join our enemies to fight against us .....so we must find a way to stop them being more numerous by putting them as slaves to crush their spirits with hard labour'*

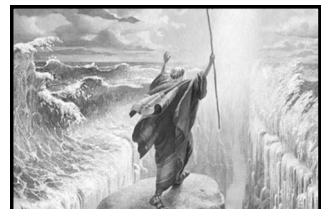
*Exodus 1.10,11*

1. Moses and his brother Aaron both confronted the Egyptian King (see 5.1 to 11.10) The King eventually, after many warnings, allowed them to leave the country (12.1 to 15.21). An important event to facilitate this was the Passover: Moses instructed the Israelites to kill a sheep or goat and smear its blood on their door posts so that the Lord, going through the country to kill the Egyptians, will 'passover' their houses without killing the occupants. (12.21-36) This has implications in our Agnus Dei or Lamb of God, which is a prayer said in our Holy Communion service. It is also worth noting that the New Testament accounts of the Last Supper are intended to reflect this meal as a memorial to Passover i.e. a meal of unleavened bread. (Matthew 26.17-19; Mark 14.12-16 and Luke 22.7-13)

2. The Israelites successfully crossed the Red Sea, where the pursuing Egyptian Army was destroyed. They experienced considerable sufferings and hardship but eventually entered the Sinai desert (Exodus 19)

3. It was at Mount Sinai that Moses received from God the 10 commandments detailed in chapter 20.

These commandments are often featured on the east wall of our churches, and are an optionally quoted for the start of the Holy Communion service Order One and the Book of Common Prayer. In chapter 24 the covenant (the promise) is sealed giving the laws and festivals by which the people of Israel are to celebrate, follow and live-by.



4. The covenant tent - the tent of the Lord's presence - contains the two stone tablets inscribed with the commandments given to Moses. Elaborate details of construction of these and their contents appear in subsequent chapters. Exodus concludes with an account of the tabernacle, which is of special importance, affirming the relevance of worship in the life of Israel.

The central figure of Exodus is Moses, who became a symbol of God's presence and authority among His people. He is seen by the New Testament writers as a type of Jesus Christ. Exodus also warns of people's tendency to rebel against God with the example of the golden calf (Exodus 32). Aaron also plays a major role, being portrayed as a model priest for the Israeli nation.

In conclusion, a major theme of this book and relevant to Christians today, I would say, is that the people of God are to be distinct and set apart, although of course being in the everyday life of the world, in the way they worship and conduct themselves.

*Ian Silcox*



### **Christian Aid Week 13 to 19 May 2018**

Christian Aid is an agency of the churches in Britain and Ireland with Archbishop Rowan Williams as chair of the Board of Trustees. It works globally for profound change so that all can live free from poverty. Christian Aid works with 475 partners in 37 countries, funding emergency aid and humanitarian work such as help for Nepal following the 2015 earthquake, floods in the Philippines, famine in East Africa, food crises in Nigeria and Malawi and the worsening situation in South Sudan. Also Christian Aid funds the training of people to deal with the effects of climate change and preparing them for the threat of natural disasters - as well as working on HIV, training and education, health, sanitation and peace and reconciliation.

For the year 2016/17 its total income was £97million 10 % less than last year and expenditure of £93.6 million of which 15% was spent on fund raising and only 1% on governance. Its main sources of income other than from institutional bodies etc. is received from Christian Aid week amounting last year to £10.4 million and from emergency appeals of £7.4 million in the year to 31 March 2017.

### ***Christian Aid Week this year is from 13-19 May***

Envelopes for donations will be left in all the benefice churches for sending your donations individually or corporately as a church to:

Christian Aid HQ PO Box 100 London SE1-7RT or to the Tavistock Parish Office, Parish Centre, Plymouth Rd, Tavistock PL198AU (marked for my attention please – cheques to be made payable to Christian Aid.)

Thank you !!

*Ian Silcox, for the Tavistock and Area Christian Aid Group*

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Dear friends in Christ,

## **Christ is Risen! Happy Easter!**

When Jesus rose from the dead, grief departed, and death became a thing of the past. At the moment of Christ's resurrection, God's focus, and ours, turned to the future. The miraculous lesson of Easter is that through Jesus' death on the Cross, we have been granted a second chance. We are given permission to leave our old lives behind and stand before the pristine canvas of a new day, with all its potential for joy and choices that honour God. Stop reliving the past, beating yourself up over all the mistakes you've made. The slate has been wiped clean! Paint a new life for yourself, bright with the colours of God's grace and renewal. Grace is the power to overcome bad habits, to make peace in a relationship, or to bring you victoriously through a time of testing - without all your trying. That is because it is God's power, not ours, that overcomes all evil.

With lots of blessings for the Easter Season.

**Fr. Andy**

### *Easter Services*

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



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 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

3:30pm - 5:30pm

**for all the family**

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Contact Rev. Andy on: 01822 870298

## BIBLE READINGS (Year B)

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

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 1st April  <i>Easter Day (White)</i>	Isaiah 25.6 - 9	Acts 10.34 - 43	John 20.1 - 18
Sunday 8th April  <i>2nd Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Exodus 14.10 - end, 15.20 - 21	Acts 4.32 - 25	John 20.19 - end
Sunday 15th April  <i>3rd Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Zephaniah 3.14 - end	Acts 3.12 - 19	Luke 24.36b - 48
Sunday 22nd April  <i>4th Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Genesis 7.1 - 5, 11 - 18, 8.6 - 18 9.8 - 13	Acts 4.5 - 12	John 10.11 - 18
Sunday 29th April  <i>5th Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Baruch 3.9 - 15, 32 - 4.4	Acts 8.26 - end	John 15.1 - 8

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 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 6th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Isaiah 55.1 - 11	Acts 10.44 - end	John 15.9 - 17
Sunday 13th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Ezekiel 36.24 - 28	Acts 1.15 - 17, 21 - end	John 17.6 - 19
Sunday 20th May <i>Pentecost (Red)</i>	Acts 2.1 - 21	Romans 8.22 - 27	John 15.26 - 27, 16.4b - 15
Sunday 27th May <i>Trinity Sunday (Green)</i>	Isaiah 6.1 - 8	Romans 8.12 - 17	John 3.1 - 17
Sunday 3rd June <i>1st Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	1 Samuel 3.1 - 10	2 Corinthians 4.5 - 12	Mark 2.23 - 3.6



South Tamar  
Mission Community

### 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](mailto:vicar@southtamar.church)

telephone: 01822 870298



## A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

### Open Mind — Open Heart

Do you enjoy puzzles? Perhaps you like word jumbles where the letters of a word are all mixed up and you have to figure out what the word is.

Here is another word puzzle. The letters are not mixed up. The word is just hard to see. Look at it;

**Can you see the word?**

The answer is...



Look at the "Light", not the dark.

can you see the word?

That's right, the answer is Jesus!

The Bible tells us that Jesus appeared to some of his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." The disciples were afraid and weren't sure what they were seeing. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

Seeing that they were afraid, Jesus said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do you have doubts? Look at my hands and my feet. Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones like I have."

Jesus could see that they still weren't convinced, so he asked them, "Do you have anything to eat?" They gave him a piece of fish and he ate it as they watched.

Then Jesus opened their minds so that they could understand the Scriptures. He said, "It was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer, die, and be raised from the dead on the third day. It was written so that this message would be told to every nation,

beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' You are witnesses of all these things."

As Jesus opened the minds of his disciples, let us pray that he will open our hearts and minds to spread the Good News to everyone we know that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again so that we could have forgiveness of sin.



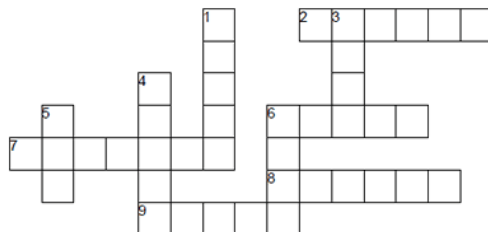
Heavenly Father, open our minds to understand your Word, open our hearts to live your Word, open our lips to share the Word with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Open Mind — Open Heart

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. Luke 24:45 (NIV)



Complete the activity below.



### ACROSS

2. To deliver a sermon
6. The soft outer parts of the body; skin
7. Countries; territories where groups of people live
8. To feel pain
9. to handle or feel something with your fingers

### DOWN

1. What the skeleton is made of
3. To return from death
4. A dead person appearing in a bodily form
5. To take in food through the mouth
6. An animal that lives in the water

RISE

NATIONS

FISH

SUFFER

BONES

TOUCH

EAT

FLESH

PREACH

GHOST

## St. Peter's Lamerton



Our first Messy Church of the year was again a success but sadly the weather beat us for the second and we had to cancel.

This year we brought forward our Mother's Day



service to Friday. The whole of the school attended with many parents joining us. Thanks to the sterling efforts of the flower ladies every mother, grandmother and teacher was able to have a beautiful posy.

We would like to thank Margaret G for the very professional way she has scripted and organised our team of 'actors' for the Open the Book sessions at school. The children are always very eager to join in and seem to enjoy themselves greatly. Margaret is taking a well earned rest and Annie and Barbara are taking up the reins. Very many thanks Margaret you will be a hard act to follow.

Great thanks also to Ian D at Sydenham Damerel. For many years - too many to count - Ian has been the mainstay there and has earned his retirement. Though seeing him serving and putting everything away after the service last Sunday I think and hope he will stay with us for many years to come.

Margaret H has come forward to be Church Warden at Sydenham Damerel and we welcome her as part of our team along with Peter, her husband, who has taken over as treasurer there.

### ***Fundraising***

Our first fundraising event will see Irene - a very sprightly octogenarian - abseiling from the top of the tower! We haven't confirmed details yet but we expect the afternoon to include a BBQ at Annie and Mike's before our evensong service. The proposed date is 3rd June but obviously it will be weather and fitness dependant so put the date in your diary and look for details in your next Parish News.

We are delighted to confirm our Summer Supper evening at Great Hays with Roger and Erica for the 28th July - more details later.

Lastly, do think about buying a 'Lucky Lamerton Lottery' ticket. You have a good chance of winning £50 every month and all proceeds help to support our church in Lamerton.

## Dunterton Church Special Services

This is to confirm that the next two services at Dunterton Church will be on:

**Sunday 20 May 10.00am** BCP Holy Communion.

This will be a **Poetry Reading** service. *You are warmly invited to bring along a poem of your choice to read at a point during the service to be arranged at the appropriate time to fit into the structure of the service, as decided by the Vicar.*

**Sunday 12 August 11.00am** BCP Holy Communion, United Benefice.

This will be our **'Plant Swap'** service. *You are invited to bring along a contribution to a 'Bring and Share' lunch and also a plant to exchange with any other available. Note this is not a plant sale. There will also be an opportunity to climb the tower (from the inside!)*

**Your help is earnestly sought**

### 2018 REMEMBRANCE



This year, the Centenary of the signing of the 11 November 1918 Armistice, we will specially be honouring the generation of soldiers, families and citizens of the world whose efforts and sacrifices brought the longed-for peace after four years of unprecedented struggle. We will therefore make a particular effort to raise a worthy contribution to this year's Poppy Appeal. We will thus be able to support the continuing needs of the servicemen and their families upon whom we continue to call when occasion demands. Various ideas are being proposed to mark the occasion including a flower festival in Milton Abbot church. However, the Poppy Appeal will continue to be the main focus of our efforts. Help would be much appreciated in this indispensable cause.

**Personal Note from Gerald Napier, current Poppy Appeal Officer for Kelly and Milton Abbot:**

*I will be taking the necessary steps to get the Poppy Appeal under way this year. However I will not be able to continue thereafter. The opportunity is open for anyone who would like to take this modest duty over from me, learning the ropes from this year's experience.*

*Please contact me either by:*

*phone (01822 870285), email (g.napier@btinternet.com)*

*or by post at Glebe House, Dunterton, PL19 0QJ.*



**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7:00pm**

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

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

### **Lamerton Women's Institute**

Meetings are at Lamerton Sports and Community Centre, 2.00pm

3 April	The Blood Service, with Angela Hill
23 April	Group Meeting, Spring Council Meeting
1 May	Annual meeting and resolutions

New members are very welcome

## Church of St Mary - Sydenham Damerel

### A note from Margaret Hurdwell the new churchwarden

After more than 30 years loyal and faithful support to St. Mary's Ian Dingle has retired and I am proud to have been appointed as the new churchwarden.

I am sure that the majority of parishioners would like our church to thrive at the centre of our community. In particular we are assessing the best and most efficient way to heat the church. We are also looking at occasionally moving the pews aside so that the space can be used for groups – art, reading, coffee mornings, parish council meetings, charity events, music etc... whenever and whatever the community needs.

I am so encouraged that services during February and March have been so well supported with twenty or more at each. Let us hope we can maintain the upward trend. Mothering Sunday was particularly special and, thanks to the support of Ann Furse, every lady present received a beautiful posy of flowers to commemorate such an important festival.

We now have two services each month, *Holy Communion* (at the new time of 10:30) on the second Sunday and *Songs of Praise* (at 18:30) on the fourth Sunday. After the tremendous success of our last *Songs of Praise* I hope we can make the next even better. I prevailed on my husband, Peter, to play his trumpet and at the end of the last service we were treated to his rendition of Louis Armstrong's classic *What a Wonderful World* followed by *Sugar Blues* as encore. Come along and raise the rafters by singing all your favourite hymns. If anyone would like to do something different (maybe play the spoons?) at these less formal services then let me know.

I am grateful that the parishioners of Sydenham remain generous to a fault with their financial donations. It is so important that we keep the money coming in as we hope to raise more than £20,000 over the coming months for our new heating system in time for next winter. Any ideas for fund raising schemes (perhaps some coffee mornings, a sponsored cycle ride, a music recital or, at the other extreme, maybe someone might be prepared abseil down the tower or spend a few hours sitting in a bath of baked beans!). I am always looking for volunteers and there are lots of opportunities to help. If you would like to read the lesson, help with the cleaning, maintain the churchyard, clear the guttering, draft-exclude the tower, demonstrate your flower arranging talents, ring the bells, play music, hand out service sheets and hymn books or any other things to keep our church alive and vibrant you will be most welcome.

Children (we now have a children's corner with toys) and young people are especially welcome to keep us old fogeys on our toes!

**Margaret Hurdwell**

**mhurdwell@hotmail.co.uk**  
**tel: 01822 870545**

**Your Churchwarden**

**and St Mary's**

**need you!**





Join the new  
**LUCKY LAMERTON LOTTERY!**  
 and raise funds for St Peter's Church, Lamerton

For just **£12** a year you can play the Lamerton Lottery and have the chance to win **£50** every month! A number will be chosen at random on 1st Monday of each month and the lucky winner will receive their money prize.

- ◇ You must be over 16 to buy a number
- ◇ Participants can hold as many numbers as they wish
- ◇ You must buy a number for a year—so 12 chances to win
- ◇ You cannot join part-way through the year, so hurry to order your lucky number(s) by **Friday 15 June**.
- ◇ First draw on Monday 2 July

Full terms and conditions are on the Benefice website:

[www.southtamar.church](http://www.southtamar.church)

If fewer than 80 numbers are sold then the lottery won't go ahead and your money will be refunded in full.

To join just complete the form below with your remittance and give or send to Debbie or Julie to reach them by 15 June.

*The Parish is registered with West Devon Council as a Small Society Lottery*



Name.....

**Lucky Lamerton  
 Lottery**

Address.....

Contact details Tel.....

Email.....

I would like ..... numbers @ £12 each and enclose a cheque/cash for £.....  
 Cheques payable to St Peter's Church, Lamerton and send to either of us:



Debbie Greenfield  
 2 Hillside Cottages  
 Lamerton PL19 8RP

Julie Hibbert  
 Pentiction, Chollacott Lane, Tavistock  
 PL19 9DD





*Fundraising Supper  
Dance  
in aid of St. Andrew's  
Church, Coryton*

*Have supper and dance to a swing band!*

*Saturday, 9th June*

*at Warson Farm, Coryton.*

*Tickets £40 per head*

*Information and booking, call: Sylvia Andrews*

*01822 820805*

**Lamerton Parish Council**

Public Meeting on Monday 9th April  
at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Local Housing project for residents of Lamerton  
and adjoining parishes.

All Welcome

**LAMERTON PCC**

APCM on Tuesday 24th April  
in the Priest's Room at 7.30pm

***All parishioners from both Lamerton and Sydenham Damerel are  
most welcome to attend***



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME  
Garden Open For Charity



## Hotel Endsleigh

Milton Abbot, Tavistock,  
PL19 0PQ

25 April and 16 May  
11am - 4pm;  
Adults £5, children free

## Lamerton Gardens

Orchard Court, Lamerton,  
Tavistock, PL19 8SF  
Oakwood • Pendene

20 May and 16 June  
1pm - 5pm  
Adults £5, children free

## Portington

Lamerton, PL19 8QY

13 May and 20 May,  
3pm - 5pm  
Adults £3, children free

Garden Trail

## Kelly House and Hamlet Garden Trail

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th April

**2.00pm-5.00pm**

A collection of four gardens over 10 acres in the hamlet of Kelly. From the historic landscaped garden at The Old Rectory and Kelly House featuring large rhododendrons and azaleas, to a modern walled garden with sculptures by Malcolm Curley.

Admission: £4.00 includes all four gardens

- ☐ Tea room available
- ☐ Parking available
- ☐ Access for wheelchairs
- ☐ Regret no dogs
- ☐ Personal photography permitted
- ☐ Toilet available

Location: Kelly House, Kelly, Liffon, Devon PL16 0HH

www.kelly-house.co.uk ☎ 01822 870 363 ☐ Sophia@kelly-house.co.uk



children's hospice  
SOUTH WEST

Registered Charity No. 1003314

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Enjoy the Kelly House Tea room & Gardens

Make your own spectacular  
Easter Bonnet and other Easter  
crafts with local milliner  
Dorothy Morant & enter our

## Easter Bonnet Competition

in aid of

Marie Curie  
Cancer Care



**10am-4pm**

**Kids' and Adults' Categories  
Easter Themed Prizes to be won  
£5 per Bonnet Includes entrance  
to Competition.**

**Kelly House PL16 0HH  
Between Launceston & Tavistock  
Free entry to the grounds**

**www.kelly-house.co.uk**

A Story on the Theme of Friendship - a story to share with your children

## The Magic Window

Once upon a time there was a little boy who became very ill. He had to spend all day in bed, unable to move. Because other children weren't allowed to come near him, he suffered greatly, and spent his days feeling sad and blue.

There wasn't much he could do except look out of the window. Time passed, and his feeling of despair just grew. Until one day he saw a strange shape in the window. It was a penguin eating a sausage sandwich. The penguin squeezed in through the open window, said "good afternoon" to the boy, turned around, and left again.

Of course, the boy was very surprised. He was still trying to work out what had happened, when outside his window he saw a monkey in a nappy, busy blowing up a balloon. At first the boy asked himself what that could possibly be, but after a while, as more and more crazy-looking characters appeared out the window, he burst out laughing and found it hard to stop.



Anyone wanting to stop laughing would never be helped by seeing a pig playing a tambourine, an elephant jumping on a trampoline, or a dog wearing a pair of glasses and talking about nothing except politics. The little boy didn't tell anyone about this because who would have believed him? Even so, those strange characters ended up putting joy back in his heart, and in his body. Before long, his health had improved so much that he was able to go back to school again.

There he got to talk to his friends, and tell them all the strange things he had seen. While he was talking to his best friend he saw something sticking out of his friend's school bag. The boy asked his friend what it was, and he was so insistent that finally his friend had to show him what was in the bag. There, inside, were all the fancy-dress suits and disguises that his best friend had been using to try to cheer the little boy up!

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## Nature Notes by Bluebell – April – May 2018

The snow storm, blizzards and freezing winds of early March, “coming in like a lion,” swept in large flocks of fieldfares and lapwings, but they have gone, and as soon as the sun shone, a little skylark rose into the air singing above the grassy field, where jack snipe scattered with funny little bleats before Bluebell’s feet. Two pairs of ravens are sweeping through the blue sky above Bluebell, making their distinctive “cronk” call. They are huge birds, with a wingspan of up to a metre and a half, and a body length of nearly a metre from beak to tip of diamond-shaped tail. They fly together and tumble and play as a pair bonding display, for they mate for life, and show devotion and affection to each other.

When leaves cover the trees, when the swallow comes, and the chiff chaff is heard, then colour will flood over the grey land again, yellow and gold with celandines, golden gorse in flower on moors and sea cliffs, primroses, daffodils, and catkins, green grass, and blue sky, blue eggs of black bird and song thrush. Brilliant blue feather in the wing of jay. The smaller crows, jackdaw and jay, are about in spring sun, poking around for nest places.



Yellow brimstone, the first butterfly, and ladybirds are waking. Easter. Already early lambs are in the fields.

For nearly fifty years, every spring time, every Eastertide, Bluebell has returned to The General Prologue to the Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer (ca. 1343 -1400). All the hope and joyfulness and excitement and restless new life of English Spring, God’s Easter gift of life after darkness, winter and death, is there in this lovely poem:

Whan that Aprill with his showers soote	<i>sweet</i>
The droght of March hath pierced to the roote,	
And bathed every veyne in swich licour	<i>veins, (ie. in plants);</i>
<i>such; liquid</i>	
Of which vertu engendred is the flower ;	<i>potency</i>
When Zephirus eek with his sweete breath	<i>the west wind; also</i>
Inspired hath in every holt and heeth	<i>Quickened; woodland</i>
<i>and heathland</i>	
The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne	<i>shoots; young sun</i>
Hath in the Ram his halve cours yronne,	<i>Aries; run half his</i>
<i>course</i>	
And smale foweles maken melodye,	<i>small birds</i>
That slepen al the nyght with open ye	<i>eye</i>
(So priketh hem nature in hir corages);	<i>incites them; hearts</i>
Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgimages,	
And palmeres for to seken straunge strondes,	<i>professional pilgrims;</i>
<i>shores</i>	
To ferne halwes, kowthe in sondry londes;	<i>far-off shrines; known</i>
<i>in other lands</i>	
And specially from every shires ende	<i>go</i>
Of Engelonde to Caunterbury they wende,	<i>blessed; St Thomas a Beckett</i>
The hooly blisful martyr for to seke,	<i>helped; sick</i>
That hem hath holpen whan that they were seeke.	





## GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG

Doug's dad was a fan of Gladioli. All those bright colours on long stems with the sword-like leaves. They have been somewhat out of fashion for the past 40 years much like some of the furniture of the late 1950's. All that pale minimalist wood, swirly patterns, the sideboard on long thin legs, the orange and brown walls. Now it seems much of this is coming back (and some even want to preserve the centre of Plymouth for future generations to admire). So, Gladioli are back 'in', though I suspect with rather different planting styles to my dad's. He grew groups of plants together in a bed, not mixed up like the borders of today. More a municipal style of planting. A block of colour here and another one there. No drifts of interwoven colour, texture and height. Perhaps it's time for me to get some? They do look good in a vase, just like the roses he grew. 'Peace' was one of his favourite roses, I remember. But, I promise not to throw Gladioli around like Dame Edna Everage, an entertaining act of horticultural disrespect if ever there was one.

And, talking of horticultural disrespect, my wallflowers have gone! A great loss. Stripped of their tops down to an inch from the soil (that's 2.54cm for the youngsters among you). Done with lightning speed. Not by snails (they're still asleep) but by sheep! Somehow they got into the garden. They ignored the daffodils, the hellebores, the solitary artichoke and even some of the grass but they loved the wallflowers. It's perhaps as well that it wasn't later in the year, then they could have had a feast. Highly intelligent, they know a good canape when they see one. And, where was our sheep-cat when this happened? Asleep!

No matter what the weather, it's always the wrong kind. I would have sown more seed, both flowers and vegetables, earlier in March but I'm glad now that I didn't. I'm waiting until this frosty stuff has gone. Read 'late March' for 'early'. Still time for the beetroot, French beans, runner beans, calendulas, nicotianas, peas, carrots and many others. Happy sowings!



*Daffodils, by Anita Townsend*



*Vase with Red Gladioli (1886) by Vincent van Gogh*

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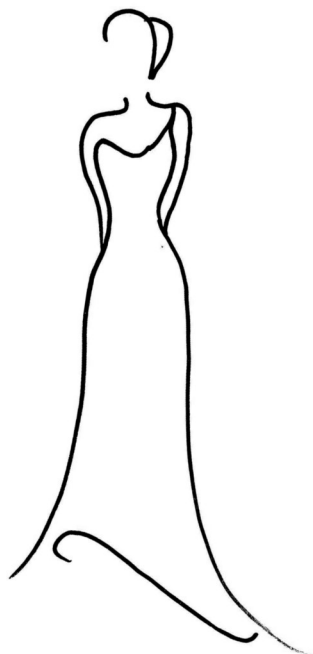
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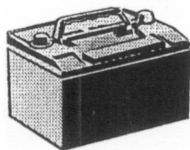
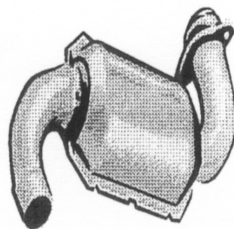
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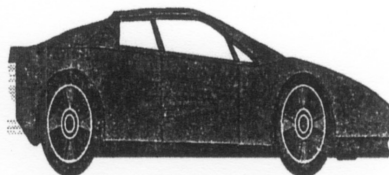
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# CHURCH SERVICES

## May 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
<b>Sunday 6th May</b> <i>6th Sun of Easter</i>		<b>6.30pm BCP Even- song</b>			<b>9.30am HC CW</b>	
<b>Weds 9th May</b> :	<b>10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 13th May</b> <i>7th Sun of Easter</i>	<b>10.30am HC CW</b>			<b>11.00am HC CW</b>		<b>11.15am Matins BCP</b>
<b>Weds 16th May</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 20th May</b> <i>Pentecost</i>		<b>11.00am HC CW</b>	<b>10.00am HC BCP</b>		<b>9.30am Family Service Morning Praise</b>	
<b>Weds</b> : <b>23rd May</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 27th May</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<b>6.30pm Songs of praise</b>	<b>9.30am Family Service</b>		<b>11.00am HC CW</b>		<b>11.15am HC CW</b>
<b>Weds 30th May</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b><i>For Easter Services - see schedule on page 6</i></b>						

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

CW – Common Worship (Modern)

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## April 2018

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunterton	St Constantine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
<b>Sunday 1st April</b> <i>Easter Day</i>	<b>10.30am</b> HC CW	<b>6.30pm</b> Even-song + HC			<b>9.30am</b> HC CW	<b>11.15am</b> HC by ext CW
<b>Weds 4th April</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion</b> Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 8th April</b> <i>2nd Sun of Easter</i>	<b>10.30am</b> HC CW			<b>11.00am</b> HC CW		<b>11.15am</b> Matins BCP
<b>Weds 11th April</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion</b> Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 15th April</b> <i>3rd Sun of Easter</i>		<b>11.00am</b> HC CW			<b>9.30am</b> Family service Morning praise	
<b>Weds 18th April</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion</b> Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 22nd April</b> <i>4th Sun of Easter</i>	<b>6.30pm</b> Songs of praise	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service		<b>11.00am</b> HC CW		<b>11.15am</b> HC by ext. CW
<b>Weds 25th April</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion</b> Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
<b>Sunday 29th April</b> <i>5th Sun of Easter</i>	<b>United Benefice Service at St Peter's, Lamerton</b> <b>11.00am, HC/CW</b> <i>All welcome</i>					