

Parish News

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



South Tamar
Mission Community

**February &
March 2019**

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Diary Dates

Event	February dates	March dates
<i>Coffee Mornings</i>		
Milton Abbot Coffee mornings, Village Hall, 10.30 - 12	2	2
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12	2, 16	2, 16, 30
<i>Bingo</i>		
Milton Abbot, Village Hall, 7.30pm	11	11
Lamerton Community Centre, 8.00pm	5, 19	5, 19
<i>Church events (Services are on pages 43 and 44)</i>		
Taizé Service, Sydenham Damerel Church, 7:00pm	26	26
Messy Church, Lamerton Church 3:30pm - 5:30pm	1	8
Quilt Exhibition, Lamerton Church 11am - 4pm		1, 2
A Night at the Races, Milton Village Hall		2
United Benefice Lent Course (page 20)		13, 20, 27
<i>Fund raising and other events</i>		
Table Top Sale, Lamerton Village Hall 10am - 1:30pm	9	
Countryside Quiz, Lamerton Village Hall 7pm	1	
Indoor Games Evening, Lamerton Village Hall 6:30pm		2
Lamerton Neighbourhood Plan Drop in sessions at Lamerton Village Hall	12, 14	
Lamerton School Bing, Lamerton Hall		29
Magazine Deadline for April + May 2019 Edition		15

***February and March church services are on the back cover.
Bible Readings are on pages 8 and 9***

The Two Old Testament Book of Kings

by Ian Silcox



Like the books of Samuel and Chronicles the book of Kings was originally one book, but divided into two by the Greek translators. The period covered is about 400 years roughly 975 -586 BC and is an account of Israel's history. The death of King David through the division that followed King Solomon's death to the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple by the Babylonians

The first book starts with the death of King David and the accession of his son Solomon, the third and last King of the united Israel; a reign that was to be for some 40 years. It was considered to be the golden age in Israel's history with the temple built by Solomon in Jerusalem becoming the centre of the life and worship of the nation.

Solomon at Gibeon, a city of Benjamin, on being asked by God in a vision what he wanted from him replied choosing wisdom and understanding - Chapter 3 verses 4/10-consequently being given riches and honour. His wealth was legendary being referred by Christ in its comparison with the lilies '*..that neither spin nor weave but I tell you in all his splendour Solomon was not attired like one of these..*' -Luke 12:27/28 also Matthew 6:28-

Solomon's wisdom is expressed in Old Testament books of the Song of Songs; Proverbs and Ecclesiastes also indirectly in Psalms 72 and 127. This first book tends to give emphasis to kings, who either were particularly faithful to the covenant -i.e. God's promise and call made at Sinai mediated by Moses for the nation's obedience, or who had deviated from it. The figure of Ahab is of particular importance by a reign by violations of the covenant often arising through the influence of his pagan's wife Jezebel. The prophet Elijah is significant as a model of a faithful prophet working under very difficult circumstances.

The second book in its first 13 chapters is primarily about the ministry of the prophet Elisha -the successor to Elijah-2: 15. The book continues with the gradual decline of the kingdoms of Judah, formed from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and Israel of the remaining 12 tribes. Chapter 17 records the defeat of Israel by the Assyrians and the assimilation of its people into the Assyrian empire. The final defeat of the nation of Judah is detailed in chapter 25 by the Babylonians with the destruction of the Jerusalem temple followed by the deportation of into exile her king Zedekiah and most of the people to Babylon and other regions of its empire

So what is the lesson for us today from these two books of Kings? I would say to maintain faithfulness, honour and loyalty to God as a nation and its rulers for which we are blessed in the deep Christian faith of our present Queen

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.**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

"I am come to calm your fears: I am come to console you in the absence of bright days, and to reassure you of their return."

The Snowdrop; Consolation by Bishop Keble 1792-1886

As I write this, only two weeks in to the New Year, my sister-in-law has already shared a photograph on Facebook of Snow Drops in full bloom. Yesterday from the Vicarage window, I saw two Rooks so intent on establishing territory, that we nearly had a head on collision. I woke this morning to bird song, and it won't be too soon before we see the first Daffodil in bud. These are each little things, but like this quotation by Bishop Keble, they bring hope in the midst of dark days, even when it seems like winter will never end.



This coming December I will have been with you all for 5 years; it has been a precious time, rich in experience and at times deeply challenging. I will always be grateful to you for your welcome, friendship, and to those of you who support me in prayer. Over these four years I have become increasingly aware of the Deacon's call to look out and to serve the community. On rereading the words of the Ordination service, I am reminded that this is not only my call but yours too, for together we are all called to seek out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, in order that we might make the love of God visible. I do not think that this is necessarily always about grand projects but consider the delicate snowdrop, the brightness of a daffodil trumpet, and the beauty of simple bird song as a model for mission. It is often the small things that speak of the love of God to people. It is often through these small things that we may follow our Bishops vision to *Grow in Prayer*, to *Make New Disciples* and to *Serve the People of Devon with Joy*.

Over the Lenten period we have the opportunity to consider how we might show God's love through our Lent Course "*Another Story Must Begin*", details can be found in side this issue of the magazine. Come me along and reflect with me how we can be part of making God's love visible in our world.
 With every Blessing,

Fr. Andy



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>

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Pray



Grow



Serve with joy

BIBLE READINGS (Year C)

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

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 3rd February <i>Fifth before Lent (Green)</i>	Ezekiel 43.27 - 44.4	1 Corinthians 13.1 - 13	Luke 2.22 - 40
Sunday 10th February <i>Fourth before Lent (Green)</i>	Isaiah 6.1 - 8[9-13]	1 Corinthians 15.1 - 11	Luke 5.1 - 11
Sunday 17th February <i>Third before Lent (Green)</i>	Jeremiah 17.5 - 10	1 Corinthians 15.12 - 20	Luke 6.17 - 26
Sunday 24th February <i>Second before Lent (Green)</i>	Genesis 2.4b-9 - 15- 25	Revelation 4	Luke 8.22 - 25

The Pastoral Care Team within our Benefice

The pastoral care team is there for you - to offer time, company and a listening ear in times of loneliness, bereavement or health problems. We can also offer prayer and holy communion if you wish.

If you would like to see a pastoral care visitor please contact
Rev Andy Atkins 01822 870298

BIBLE READINGS (Year C) continued			
DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 3rd March <i>Sunday before Lent (Green)</i>	Exodus 34.29 - 35	2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2	Luke 9.28 - 36
Sunday 10th March <i>First Sunday of Lent (Purple)</i>	Deuteronomy 26.1 - 11	Romans 10.8b - 13	Luke 4.1 - 13
Sunday 17th March <i>Second Sunday of Lent (Purple)</i>	Genesis 15.1 - 12, 17- 18	Philippians 3.17 - 4.1	Luke 13.32 - 35
Sunday 24th March <i>Third Sunday of Lent (Purple)</i>	Isaiah 55.1 - 9	1 Corinthians 10.1 - 13	Luke 13.1 - 9
Sunday 31st March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Isaiah 55.1 - 9	1 Corinthians 10.1 - 13	Luke 13.1 - 9

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'***.

St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

Our Christmas Craft Day at the end of November was once again very successful, raising £1700. Thanks to everyone who supported the event but particularly to Sandra and Pat for their sterling efforts in organising the day.

The Community Get-together in the church on the 15th December was much enjoyed by those of us who attended and we were treated to some beautiful singing by Ellie and Jodie. Thanks to Angie for organising this. Numbers were rather lower than we had hoped – maybe the lure of the final of Strictly was too much of a temptation!

Milton Abbot School came into the church on 18th December for their Christmas Carol Service – or rather, they were blown into the church by the prevailing gale! They gave us the Nativity story and carols and poetry (with contributions from the staff) before braving the elements to return to school.

Around 100 people joined us for our Crib and Carol Service on Christmas Eve, which was once again led by Andy, this year resplendent in his Christmas jacket! Thank you to all the children who helped to assemble the crib. We were all in good voice for the carols, led for us by Tony at the organ.

We are now looking forward to another **Horse Racing Evening on Saturday 2nd March** at 7.30pm in Milton Abbot Village Hall, which Andy's family have very kindly agreed to run for us. Those of you who have come to these in the past will know that it is a relaxed and fun evening. See the advertisement in this issue for further information – but please remember to book direct with Andy.

Another date for your diaries is another **Open Day at Hotel Endsleigh on Wednesday 22nd May** by kind permission of the Hotel. This is your annual chance to take a wander round the beautiful Humphry Repton designed gardens. Once again we will have a Grand Draw with some lovely prizes; coffees and teas will be included in the entry price and we are very pleased that the St Austell Strummers Ukulele Band have agreed to come and play for us.

Liz Padmore

Lamerton Women's Institute

Meetings are at Lamerton Sports and Community Centre, 2.00pm

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| 5 Feb | 'The Fire Brigade', presentation |
| 5 March | Trekking in Nepal with Ann Marcer |
| 2 April | Life Amongst the Daffodils with Jo Totterall |
| 7 May | Annual Meeting - Resolutions |

New members are very welcome

St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

We are immensely proud of the way our small parish of Sydenham Damerel has pulled together with the community space of St. Mary's at the forefront of village life. 2018 saw the emergence of a thriving book group (3rd Tuesday of each month), an enthusiastic art group (every other Tuesday) and our magnificent bell ringing team (every Monday at 8.15pm, before each service and on Christmas morning). Our year at St. Mary's has been filled with village meetings and every second Saturday of each month up to 25 villagers have joined together for a coffee, a cake (lemon drizzle is to die for) and a chat at our celebrated coffee mornings.

St. Mary's provides the platform for all, whether church members or not, to join together to exchange views and concerns about the parish or simply make friends and catch up on the local gossip.



Last year saw its climax on 23 December with the huge (for St. Mary's) carol service with 57 people crammed into our little church bursting with joy and happiness (including one of the funniest audience participation nativity stories I have ever seen). We had a real nativity group, with real angels, a real baby Jesus, and a real Mary and Joseph – well, some excellent volunteers, bless them.

2019 will bring more surprises from picnics to Pilates! All suggestions for such new activities will be most welcome.

After the heating was installed the most gratifying quote I have heard this year was "actually I was a little too warm"!! This has surely never ever been said before at St. Mary's. I like to think warmth describes both the temperature and the atmosphere.

Our St. Mary's Sydenham Damerel Facebook Friends group is rapidly gathering members. Please ask to join and keep up with all that is happening in our community.

You can also find all our events on the Sydenham Damerel Parish Council website at: <http://www.sydenham-damerel.org.uk>

Happy New Year everyone and may 2019 be everything you wish.

Margaret Hurdwell



St. Mary's, Marystowe

A **Christmas Coffee Morning** was held on Saturday, 1st December in the Schoolroom at Marystowe. There were cards, crafts and gifts to buy, a raffle and the Post Office. Coffee, tea, cakes and mince pies were served and thanks to everyone, this was a happy and successful event, which raised £280.87 for church funds.

On Friday, 14th December, villagers gathered under their umbrellas, for **Carol Singing**, a glass of mulled wine and mince pies at Haye Park House in Chillaton. Money from the collection was shared between the Salvation Army and the Church.

Following their wedding in Australia, Zara Gallie and Stuart Macqueen, had their marriage blessed at Marystowe on Saturday, 15th December. This was a very happy occasion and a small reception was held in the Schoolroom afterwards.

We had two lovely Christmas services, both led by Rev Andy Atkins; the **Crib and Carol service** held on Sunday, 16th December at 4.00pm was well attended and enjoyed by everyone; the children enjoyed dressing up and taking part in the service and reading too. Festive refreshments were served afterwards. On **Christmas Eve, the Communion Service** was held at 6.30pm, when again, we had a good number and welcomed many Christmas visitors.

The Silver Smarties Challenge continues and so far, has raised £135. Our thanks to everyone for their generosity; some people are on their second or third tube!

A date for your diary - A Flower Festival is planned to be held at Marystowe on Saturday and Sunday, 22nd-23rd June (with setting up on the Friday, 21st). The title of the show will be 'An English Country Garden.' If anyone would like to take part, please contact churchwarden, Deborah Asbridge.

We continue to offer second-hand books for sale in the Church and in the Schoolroom. If you have any **books** you have finished with, please let us know. We are happy to arrange to collect them. Call Barbara Dawe on 01566 784797.



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

The Best Is Yet to Come

Do you like to travel? Even if you can't go anywhere, you can read books about places you would like to visit, or you can go to a travel agency and they will give you all of the travel brochures you want. You can see pictures of all of the beautiful places you might like to visit. If you have a good imagination, it is just like being there.

When Jesus called his disciples, he said, "Come, follow me." Can you imagine what it was like for them to travel with Jesus? Just think of the sights they saw.

They saw water turned into wine.

They saw blind, crippled, and sick people healed.

They saw people raised from the dead.

They saw Jesus walk on the water.

They saw 5000 people fed with five loaves and two fishes.

Every day with Jesus was an exciting experience as the disciples followed him. The Bible tells about a trip up a mountain that proved to be one of the most exciting journeys ever for three of Jesus' disciples.

The Bible tells us that Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on a mountain to pray. As Jesus was praying, his face was changed and his clothes became a dazzling white. Suddenly, two men appeared and began talking to Jesus. Do you know who it was? It was Moses and Elijah. Peter and the others had fallen asleep and when they woke up, they saw Jesus and the other two talking. What a glorious sight! As Moses and Elijah started to leave, Peter said to Jesus. "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here! Let's build three shelters -- one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Suddenly, a cloud appeared and covered them. A voice came from the

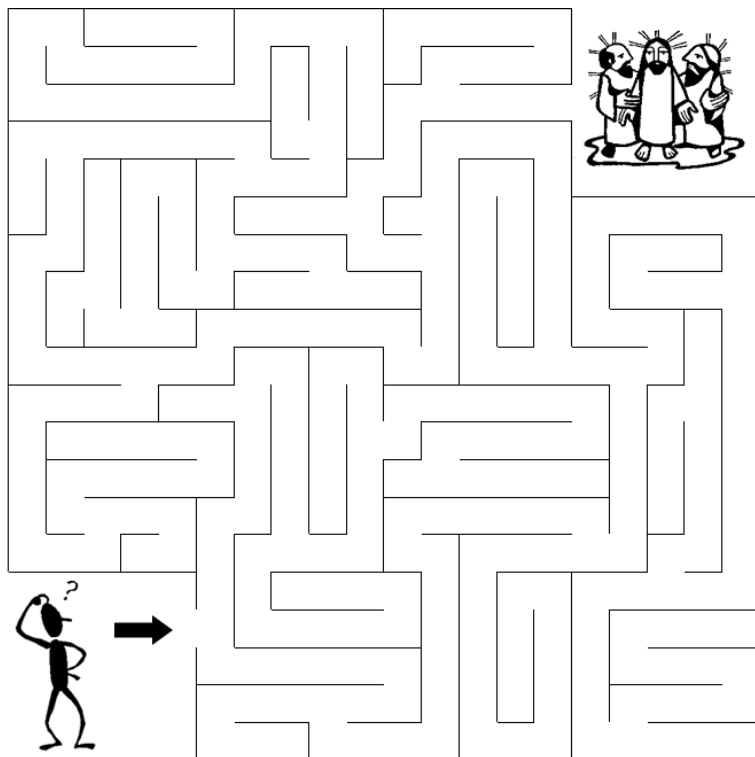
cloud saying, "This is my Son, listen to him." When the voice had spoken, Moses and Elijah were gone and the disciples were once again alone with Jesus on the mountain.

What an experience! No wonder Peter wanted to stay on the mountain top, but the Bible tells us that Peter "didn't know what he was saying." After all, if they had stayed there, they would have missed all of the wonderful experiences that followed.

We have many wonderful experiences as we follow Jesus. There is a song that says, "Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before." How true that is! When we have a great "mountain top experience" we may wish that it would never end. But remember, the best is yet to come!

Transfiguration Maze

Can you find the way to Jesus, Moses, and Elijah on the mountain?



A Night at the Races

'The Milton Abbot Stakes'

A Horse racing evening in aid of Milton Abbot Church



Saturday 2nd March 7:30pm

Milton Abbot Village Hall

Cost: £5, includes entry, pasty and tea/coffee.

Please bring your own drinks too if you wish

(children £3)

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

South Tamar Mission Community Vision Days

Our Next Steps?

'I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.'

Jeremiah 29.11

Come along and help us to shape our next steps in delivering our Vision to **'Grow in Prayer'**, **'Make new Disciples'** and to **'Serve the People of Devon with Joy'**. We will explore our *Identities*, our *Calling to serve* and the *Mission of our Churches*.

March 9th

June 15th

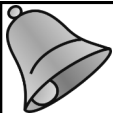
Sept 21st

The days will be held at Lamerton Village Hall, starting at 10:00am and finishing at 3:00pm. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a packed lunch.

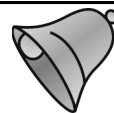
The three days are open to anyone who wants to shape the Mission and Ministry across our 6 churches, especially members of the PCC's and our congregations.



share the vision



LAMERTON HANDBELL RINGERS



Following an extremely successful and well supported Handbell Festival in October last year, the team turned its attention to practising for the events leading up to Christmas. On 17th November the team hosted The Handbell Ringers of Great Britain (HRGB) Christmas Prelude in Lamerton Parish Hall. Teams came from all over the South West Region and it was nice to catch up with teams we do not see very often. We rarely engage in “massed ringing” events (each group working from different music notation) but the team soon got to grips with this challenge.

Practises then turned in earnest to Christmas music and on Sunday 9th December 4 members were invited once again to ring “The Queens Peal” at Buckfast Abbey for The Devon Churchbell Ringers Annual Carol Service. The Peal was struck beautifully and greatly enjoyed by the packed congregation. A simply wonderful service – an event not to be missed! The following Sunday the whole team took part in the Carol Service at St. Peter’s Church, Lamerton, playing solo items but also playing with the organist for 2 congregational carols. On the Saturday before Christmas several members entertained the residents at Venn House and then moved onto Camplehaye Nursing Home. Here we joined forces with Revd. Andy, Lamerton parishioners and residents and staff at the Home for a Carol Service with readings etc. – a service that was greatly enjoyed by us all.

No Christmas would be complete without a trip to The Tavistock Conservative Club on the 24th. The Club members were in full voice, all armed with carol sheets and drink in hand. The singing and ringing went really well. Most of the Team and their other halves returned to us at New Court Farm and ate a hearty supper before making our way to ring and attend The Midnight Mass at St. Peter’s Lamerton.

It is the tradition of Lamerton Church Bellringers to ring the old year out and the new one in – this year was no exception. After ringing the Church bells a peal was rung on handbells. We were joined by a few local parishioners and “The early morning” was rounded off with a little celebration! Each year the team supports a local charity and this year money collected totalling £300 has been donated to The Triangle Centre based at Tavistock Clinic.



LAMERTON CHURCHBELL RINGING TRIP NICOLA'S CHRISTMAS CRACKER



When Nicola Blowey, one of our leading young ringers, left for Harper Adams University a few year ago, Bill, her father, arranged some evening churchbell ringing with a meal to bid her "bon voyage". So successful was that post Christmas Trip that it has now become an annual event held on the first Saturday in January.

This year 4 church towers were booked and an evening meal arranged for January 5th. The first church was St. Mary's in Callington, where we were treated to some wonderful ringing on this outstanding ring of 8 bells cast by Taylors of Loughborough in 1975. 19 of us had gathered by that time as we then made our way to St. Dominick. The church of St. Dominica possesses a ring of 6 bells installed in 1966 again by Taylors. The bells are quite old having been cast by John Pennington in 1773.

We then moved on to St. Mellion where the 6 bells were soon sounding out to some well struck call changes which is very much Lamerton's style. Interestingly, 2 of the bells in this tower were cast by William Pannell in 1831. Pannells cast the original 6 bells that were destroyed in The Great Fire at Lamerton in 1877. The final tower was the Church of St. Odulph, Pillaton. Here the church possesses a superb ring of 8 bells that replaced an old 6 that had been cast by a variety of Founders. Some superb ringing concluded the day after which we made our way to The Rifle Volunteer at St. Ann's Chapel for a roast dinner together.

***Pictured right are
Lamerton Handbell
Ringers after the Carol
Service at St. Peter's
Church Lamerton held on
16 December***



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

“Les Miserables”

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

The only cost to you will be £6 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 2st February.

Wednesday 13th, 20th, 27th March and 3rd, 10th April

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

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Milton Abbot Church PCC invites you to:

HOTEL ENDSLEIGH GARDENS OPEN DAY

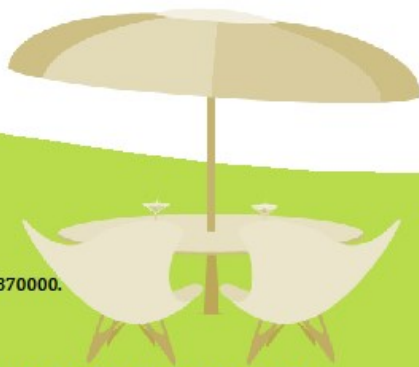
Milton Abbot

Wednesday 22 May

11am—4pm

Come and along and explore this wonderful Repton Garden which is particularly special during the springtime. Quality crafts and plants from Endsleigh Nursery available for sale. Also Grand Draw.

This year we are very pleased to be welcoming the St. Austell Strummers Ukulele Band to entertain visitors who will be playing throughout the day in support of our £60,000 Church Bell Repair Project.



£5.00 Admission

to include tea/coffee & biscuits

Pre-booked lunches available in the hotel : tel. 01822 870000.

Event enquiries to matreasurer@southtamar.church

Hotel Endsleigh, Milton Abbot, Tavistock, Devon. PL19 0PQ

A Story on the Theme of Forgiveness

LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND AND CARVE GOOD DEEDS IN STONE

Two friends were walking through the desert.

At some point during the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand:



TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE.

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone:

TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE.

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand. But now, you write on a stone. Why?"



The other friend replied, "When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 9th February 10am – 1:30pm, Lamerton Village Hall

Grab a bargain or get rid of your clutter

Good quality second hand books, toys, clothes, bric-a-brac and much more for sale

Come & browse or grab a Cup of Tea and a Cake maybe even a Bowl of Soup or a Bacon Roll!

Open to Sellers from 9am – 2 pm £5 Small Table (3 x 3ft), £10 Large Table (3 x 6ft)

Tables to be booked in advance, please call Chrissy on 07779 514512 or 01822 616965

Funding memories for the



Children of Lamerton School



NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL



Eight years ago Bluebell was surrounded by deep snow in Chillaton and unable to drive out, but the mist and soft rain lies silvering the grass this January and even the moles are active, for it is mild. Mole activity at Candlemas on 2nd

February is supposed to predict harsh weather to come. Bluebell watches the pale winter dawn rise over Dartmoor through the black leafless twigs of trees.

Snowdrops are opening in the misty morning, and a few primroses, tucked in sheltered corners, and Bluebell has seen a blue periwinkle in flower.

Robins are singing and the little wren rings his noisy warning note from deep in the brown bracken on the forest floor.

The woods and fields are waiting quietly for Spring. But not all is quiet. Suddenly a jay, flashing pink wings and brilliant white rump, sweeps through the trees with a harsh call. The blackbirds on the lawn scatter. There are a lot of them, local ones joined by over-wintering strangers from the continent, who came with the fieldfares and redwings.

Blackbirds are feasting on the remains of Bluebell's apples. The crop was abundant this year, and she enjoys turning and throwing out the few which are starting to rot each week from her store, for the birds.

On February 14th comes St Valentine's Day. St Valentine was a priest martyred in 269AD, in Rome. He is the patron saint of happy marriages, love, epilepsy and bee-keepers. Some believe his feast has taken over the old Fertility Feast of Lupercalia, celebrating the marriage of Zeus, King of the gods, and Hera, his queen.

*"Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village, though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow..."*

*The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep."*

From: "Stopping by Woods" on a Snowy Evening; by Robert Frost



GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG

Well, Happy New Year and let's hope the daffodils come soon to lift our spirits. The snowdrops are already looking lovely; I just wish I had more of them, enough to cut for the house.

A walk across the lawn revealed its usual poor condition. In some areas the grass seems entirely replaced by moss. The remedy is lots of hard work which Doug's reluctant to commit to. Apparently, the word 'lawn' appeared in the English language in 1548, but it was not until 1830 that mechanical lawnmowers were invented by Edwin Budding. By 1870 the editor of the *Gardeners' Chronicle* was writing '*...the time-honoured scythe is rapidly disappearing. What a revolution! What a saving of time!*'

1893 saw the first steam-powered mower and by 1902 the petrol driven mower arrived. Waggas was so impressed with the latter that he promptly ordered one for the pitch at Crystal Palace.

Recently, of course, battery operated mowers have made an appearance. No nuisance mains electric lead and very quiet so as not to disturb the flowers, or the sleeping cat. And, of course, there are now autonomous battery powered mowers which robotically cut without human assistance. Doug could be tempted!

A lawn may be a desirable feature of a garden, indeed some gardens are not much more, but they are hard work if you want a good, lush swathe. Unless you've got a robotic mower that is, but at £600 to £3,000 they are not a cheap solution. Fancy a nice beer in the shade while you watch it running around, dashing back to its shelter to recharge every now and again? Have a look at Husqvarna, John Deere, or Flymo for a better appreciation.



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Lamerton Parish Neighbourhood Plan

For those residents of Lamerton Parish, you should, by now, have received a mailed letter from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group notifying you of the release of our draft Plan which we strongly encourage you to look at, since it will have an impact on the way our Parish village develop over the coming years.

It is still referred to as 'Draft Plan' simply because you will ultimately have the opportunity to either accept it as it is, or to propose any constructive changes that might make it more effective and workable prior to its submission for approval and acceptance by the authorities.

By the time you read this, you will have already had that opportunity to view the Plan either on the website (www.lamertonparish.co.uk) or the numerous hard copies spread strategically around the area in local businesses, offices etc.

We have set up some 'Drop-in' sessions at the Village Hall which will be manned by Steering Group members who will be available to answer any questions you may have and to listen to any suggestions you feel could be included in the Plan. These will be between 7pm - 9pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday January 29th and Thursday January 31st
- Tuesday February 12th and Thursday February 14th

However, the next crucial step is where you can help the Plan become a reality. This will come when WDBC send you a referendum voting slip, whereby your positive vote will help to achieve this and the Plan can (upon approval by the Government Planning Inspectorate) become a statutory document to help control unwanted building development, improve facilities and services for the benefit of all. This will still be several months away since the Consultation process is not a quick one!

We continue to emphasize the reality that ***'with an approved Plan, our Parish will always have a say in its future and a seat at the table whereas, without one, we will have no say and always end up with what we are given by others'***. Simply put, this means that if this Plan is not approved by residents in the forthcoming WDBC referendum, any site within our Parish becomes 'fair game' for developers, against whom we would have little defence.

By completing your voting card when it arrives and returning it to approve and accept the Plan, you will have played a major part in helping to secure the Parish future.

John Edgar, Chair, Lamerton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group



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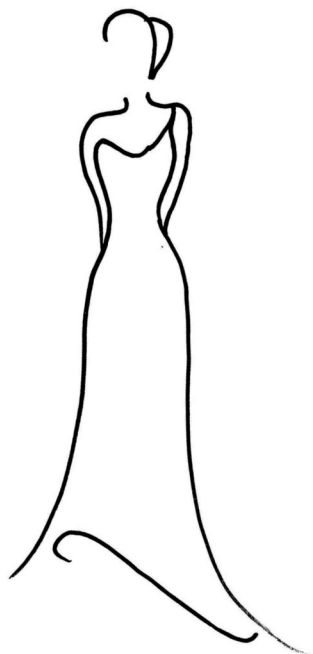
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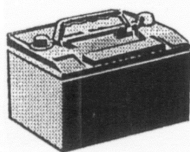
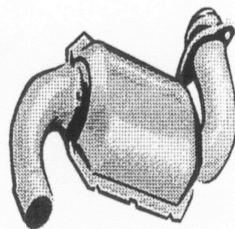
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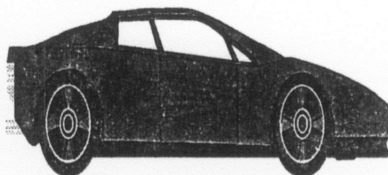
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Julie Hibbert has been compiling the Parish Magazine for a number of years, finding the space to ensure that we know what is happening in our busy and vibrant community. On behalf of all of the Vicars past & present, churchwardens past & present, contributors, secretaries and all those who have called on her to ably assist in the promotion of their event I think it appropriate that I include a heartfelt thank you for all her hard work and diligence.

As the apprentice Editor I am hoping that those who so generously give of their time in writing pieces, providing content, dealing with finances, liaising with advertisers and distributing the magazine are willing and able to continue - many thanks in advance.

If you have anything you would like considered for inclusion or have an idea for an article or regular piece for the magazine or would like your event published or promoted then please get in touch.

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Sunday 3rd March <i>Sunday before Lent</i>		6:30pm Even- song			9:30am HC / CW	
Weds 6th March	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 10th March <i>First of Lent</i>	10:30am HC / CW			11:00am HC / CW		11:15am Matins
Weds 13th March	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 17th March <i>2nd of Lent</i>		11:00am HC / CW			9:30am Family Service + Morning Praise	
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Weds 27th March	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
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February 2019

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