

Parish News

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Chillaton, Coryton,
Dunterton, Lamerton,
Marystowe,
Milton Abbot and
Sydenham Damerel**



South Tamar
Mission Community

**April &
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Diary Dates

Event	April dates	May dates
<i>Coffee Mornings</i>		
Milton Abbot Coffee morning: Village Hall 10.30 - 12	6	4
Lamerton coffee morning: Community Centre 10.30 - 12	13, 27	11, 25
Sydenham coffee morning at the Church 10:30 - 12	13	11
<i>Bingo</i>		
Milton Abbot, Village Hall, 7.30pm	8	13
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The Two Old Testament Books of Chronicles

by Ian Silcox



The 2 books of Chronicles cover the same events as those in 2 Samuel and Kings, but because they were intended for the return for the people who had returned from their Babylonian exile they concentrate on the southern kingdom of Judah and its kings principally David and Solomon. According to a Jewish tradition these books are attributed to Ezra, a priest and scribe who returned from Babylon to Jerusalem and is the main character in the subsequent book of named after him and the book of Nehemiah

Book one starts as you'd expect at chapter 1 to the end of chapter 9, with a detailed genealogy of Israel from the descendants of the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, ending with the descendants of Israel's first king Saul. Saul took his own life (see chapter 10) to be succeeded by King David. David planned to build a temple in Jerusalem to house the ark of the covenant, built by Moses in the Sinai desert, but it was left to his son and successor Solomon to do so (see the second book of Chronicles chapter 2 verse 1 to chapter 7 verse 22).

David took care of the Ark bringing it to Jerusalem (see chapter 15 of book 1); it was eventually installed in Solomon's temple, the first temple, in the covenant box and kept in the 'holy of holies' the most sacred place in the temple, where it became a focus of the nation's worship until the destruction of the temple by the Babylonians in 587BC (see 2 Kings 25:8-17). The ark was lost never to be seen again nor referred to in scripture. There has been much speculation as to what happened to the ark/tabernacle including that it now could be in a remote Coptic church in Ethiopia? However, with return of the exiles from Babylon after some 70 years the Persian king Cyrus commanded the temple (see the final chapter of the second book of chronicles verses 22 /23). This 2nd temple known as Zerubbabel's temple was rebuilt being completed in 515BC, I will comment further on this in next month's article on the book of Ezra.

However, what is the message has the books of Chronicles for us today? I would say the theme of reconciliation remains vital, a process of after periods of failure and decline of bringing religious practices and worship back into line with the word of God, which can be seen in the history and worship of the church throughout the ages of the Christian faith.

Ian Silcox

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Dear Friends in Christ,

You may have heard it said that 'change is here to stay'. Well there's no doubt that change is very much part and parcel of our daily lives. Over the last few years we may have felt that all we ever experience is change, whether that be locally, nationally or even in the lives of our own churches and communities. Sadly, even Pubs, Post Offices and some places of worship have closed over the past years. We may not have ever darkened the door of these places, but they are venues where people meet and socialise and form part of community life. God created us to live in communities, so part of being human is to have the company and fellowship of others to help share our lives and experiences.

Even in our corner of Heaven (*Devon*), changes are afoot. Here at St. Constantine's church in Milton Abbot we are thankful that the building is in good health which allows people to meet with God and each other. We are conscious that the way people live their lives has also changed over the years, with many people now being very busy on a Sunday morning. So, we have decided to change one of the monthly services. Now the service which falls on the second Sunday of the month will be a "*Songs of Praise*" service at 6:30pm, a more relaxed and informal service where we sing Hymns and spend time with each other and God. Full details of dates are shown on the website below. Please do consider joining us at these services.

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As we approach another Easter, we are also reminded of the communal part of the Easter story. The disciples gathered with Jesus for the Last Supper. They were with Jesus, on and off, during the trial and crucifixion until that very first Easter day when the news reaches the disciples that 'He is Risen'. The events of those three days can echo in our own lives in that we have our own Good Friday experiences and hopefully plenty of Easter Day ones. Church communities are places for support, fellowship and prayer for each one of us as together we journey through life.

Please think about joining us for Easter as together we shall say,
 'He is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia'.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Andy Atkins

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 7th April <i>5th Sunday of Lent (Purple)</i>	Isaiah 43.16 - 21	Philippians 3.4b - 14	John 12.1-8
Sunday 14th April <i>Palm Sunday (Red)</i>	Isaiah 50.4 - 9a	Philippians 2.5 - 11	Luke 23.1 - 49
Thursday 18th April <i>Maundy Thursday (White)</i>	Exodus 12.1 - 4 [5-10] 11-14	1 Corinthians 11.23 - 26	John 13.1 - 17, 31b - 35
Friday 19th April <i>Good Friday (Red)</i>	Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12	Hebrews 10.16 - 25	John 18.1 - 19.42
Saturday 20th April <i>Easter Eve</i>	Lamentations 3.1-9, 19-24	1 Peter 4.1 - 8	John 19.38 - 42

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

CW – Common Worship (Modern)

BIBLE READINGS (Year C) continued			
DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 21st April <i>Easter Day (White)</i>	Acts 10 34 - 43	1 Corinthians 15.19 - 26	John 20.1 - 8
Sunday 28th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Exodus 14.10 - 31 15.20 - 21	Acts 5.27 - 32	John 20.1 - 18
Sunday 5th May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Acts 9.1 - 6 [7 - 20]	Revelation 5.11 - 14	John 21.1 - 19
Sunday 12th May <i>4th Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Acts 9.36 - 43	Revelation 7.9 - 17	John 10.22 - 30
Sunday 19th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Acts 11.1 - 18	Revelation 21.1 - 6	John 13.31 - 35
Sunday 26th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter (White)</i>	Acts 16.9 - 15	Revelation 21.10 - 22.5	John 14.23 - 29

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

Very many thanks to Andy and his family for running another very successful Night at the Races for us on 2nd March; the evening was fully booked and raised an amazing £402. It was much enjoyed by young and not so young alike, although one of the horses had to make a quick trip to the equine vet during the supper interval – never in the history of racing has a horse made such a rapid recovery from a broken leg!

Our next fund raising event will be our **Open Day at Hotel Endsleigh on Wednesday 22nd May**, by kind permission of the management. Admission will be £5.00 to include tea or coffee and biscuits. In addition to the opportunity to explore the lovely Repton designed gardens, there will be craft stalls and plants from Endsleigh Gardens Nursery for you to buy and when all that has exhausted you the St Austell Strummers Ukulele Band will be there to entertain you. We are also running another Grand Draw which will be drawn on the day; prizes include a 3-course lunch for two at Hotel Endsleigh, £50 cash, a food and drink hamper, a £25 voucher from Endsleigh Nursery and many other goodies – tickets are available now from Milton Abbot PCC members.

Future dates for your diary:

Friday 11th October: The Lamerton Handbell Ringers have very kindly agreed to give a concert in St Constantine's in aid of our Bell Frame Appeal.

Saturday 23rd November: We will once again be running a **Christmas Crafts Day** in the church – further details in due course.

Liz Padmore

St. Mary's Bell Team at Sydenham Damerel Church

Mike, Denise, Peter
H, Peter B, Sally,
Sam, Sheila, Patrick,
Michael and Steve



St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

This year has started well for St. Mary's with service attendance numbers up and the bell ringing team honing their skills to perfection. Together with other donations to the Money for New Rope Appeal from our ever generous parishioners we have received a substantial grant from Norse Commercial Services. The new bell ropes are on order and other refurbishment of the bell tower will commence shortly. The kindness of the financial donors and visiting ringers who have been working with our own team will be formally acknowledged at a special blessing service followed by a reception later this year when the new ropes, resplendent with the green, black and white Devon colours on each sally, have been installed and commissioned.

We are looking forward to the first wedding in the church for several years and we shall do everything possible to make it as magical an experience as possible for the happy couple.

This year we are hoping to commence some new fund raising projects to provide much needed outside lighting, toilet and sink facilities. We shall also introduce draught exclusion to the main and vestry entrances and refurbish the tower roof door. This will help maximise the efficiency of our new heating system. We shall all have to work very hard to achieve these much needed improvements and, as usual we are open to any fund raising suggestions or donations and of course we are always looking for volunteers to share some of the work.

Coffee mornings on the second Saturday of every month at St. Mary's (the only community venue in Sydenham Damerel and surrounding villages) have proved very popular and really helped generate a warmer communal spirit in the village. Absolutely everyone is most welcome to enjoy Sally and Susan's special hospitality, to share news, swap ideas and make our local villages even more inclusive. At the last coffee morning, thanks to Ginny and John, nearly everyone picked up beautiful home grown leeks to complement their Sunday lunches! I wonder what is in store for the next time?

Margaret Hurdwell



St. Mary's, Marystowe

To promote **Fairtrade**, following our service on Sunday, 17th March, led by Richard Searight, all the refreshments made and served, and even the flowers in the memorial vase, were all Fairtrade.

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

Our service on **Easter Sunday** will be Holy Communion at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome. **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! We will have more tubes of Smarties to give away in church on Easter Sunday.

Deborah Asbridge

St Mary the Virgin
Marystowe Church
 invites you to a summer
FLOWER FESTIVAL
 entitled
'An English Country Garden'

Saturday, 22nd June and Sunday, 23rd June
 10am - 5pm

Please come along to see the floral displays and enjoy a cream tea with friends and neighbours.

EVERYONE is invited to exhibit their flowers. Any size arrangement, whatever you'd like to do, from a tea cup to a large pedestal.

If you would like to take part, please contact
 Deborah Asbridge on 01822 860378

St. Peter's, Lamerton



To say that the Quilt Exhibition was a success would be a great understatement. What Rosalind and Sally with their amazing team achieved was beyond anyone's expectations. Every inch of St. Peter's was filled with exquisite items of beauty and craftsmanship. Most of us didn't realise that Lamerton had so many gifted people amongst us.

The setting up was pretty tiring with all the trestles and stands, lights and tables being carried up the path, all done with great humour by our willing volunteers and we mustn't forget the skilled tree surgeons. The bunting and flowers up to the church set the scene for this extraordinary display.

The ladies in the Priest's Room never had a spare minute from making tea and selling cake and homemade soup - delicious.

St. Peter's received over £1,400 from the weekend which concluded with a very moving Songs of Praise Service. Very many thanks to all who worked so hard to make the exhibition such a memorable occasion.

Our Grand Quiz sheets are being snapped up. If you haven't got yours yet please contact Angela on 01822 810027. Make sure your completed answers are back before the 4th May.

This year we are reviving the tradition of Rogation Sunday by having an out door service where we visit local fields near the church to ask God's blessing for a bountiful and healthy harvest. Please do join us at St. Peters on Sunday 26th May at 11.00am for this special service.

Don't forget the Lent Course which is held each Wednesday at Green Hill Bungalow thanks to David and Carole. The evenings are informal but quite stimulating.

Lamerton Women's Institute

Meetings are at Lamerton Sports and Community Centre, 2.00pm

2 April Life Amongst the Daffodils with Jo Totterall
7 May Annual Meeting - Resolutions

New members are very welcome

All Saints, Dunterton

Dunterton Services for 2019

Sunday 7 April	10.00 Holy Communion BCP	Display and blessing of photographs (see notice below)
Sunday 2 June	10.00 Matins	Poetry readings
Sunday 18 August	11.00 Holy Communion BCP	UBS. Plant swap. <i>Bring & Share lunch</i> Tower visit (WP)
Sunday 3 November	10.00	Patronal Celebration & Remembrance
Wednesday 25 December	09.30 Holy Communion BCP	Christmas

Special Service Sunday 7th April 2019 10.00am

Holy Communion by the Book of Common Prayer

LIVES PAST; FUTURE PROMISE

A photographic reflection

This service will look forward to the Resurrection message a fortnight ahead with its promise of the eternal Holy Spirit. We offer you the opportunity to contribute to the event by means of the display and blessing of photographs of past family members, friends or any other cherished or admired person.

This service will begin at 10.00am, so please bring the photograph you would like displayed by 9.45 at the latest. All such offerings may be delivered to Glebe House in advance of the Sunday preferably by pre-arrangement on 870285 or gwanapier1@gmail.com or alternatively to Dunterton church on Friday 5 April between 10.30 and 12.00.

You will be welcome to have a photograph displayed even if you are unable to be at the service by pre-arrangement as above.

Gerald Napier



St. Andrew's, Coryton

Three New Graves Discovered

Happily the police were not involved as the graves had been in the churchyard since the 1880s! They were covered with brambles and ivy. Thanks to the efforts of our Church Warden Richard, they are now exposed and look very fine! You can see them to the left of the path leading to the church entrance. Who knows what the next bramble-clearing session will unveil?



Walk In Witness

We are looking forward to the traditional Walk In Witness on Good Friday. We hope to see a good crowd of people and, of course, their dogs gathering at St Andrew's for the start of the walk. Further details on page 20 of this edition of the Parish News.



Worth noting when you next visit our church

St Andrew's is blessed with very special stained glass windows. Two of these were executed by Charles Eames Kempe (1837-1907), considered to be the leading stained-glass window artist of his day. The first one is on the north wall, beside the church entrance. On the left stands St Lawrence with stones on his shoulders, in the centre is St Michael as an angel in armour with wings, and on the right are St George and the dragon.

The window on the east wall, above the altar, depicts St Peter, the Virgin Mary and Child and St Andrew. Kempe's maker's mark, the wheatsheaf, can be found on both these windows. The windows were put up in memory of members of the Newman family.

Josie Whitfield



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

A "Rock Concert"

Do you think that rocks could sing or even talk? Do you think they could tell you stories about Jesus? Well, you might be surprised to hear what Jesus himself had to say about that.

Jesus was walking with his disciples toward Jerusalem. When they approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he called two of his disciples to him and said, "Go into the next village where you will find a young donkey. Bring it to me. If anyone asks why you are taking the donkey, just tell them, 'The Lord needs it.'"

The disciples did as they were told and brought the young donkey to Jesus. They threw their garments over it so that Jesus could ride on him.

As he rode along, crowds were lining the streets and they began praising Jesus and shouting, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" They were creating quite a stir and some of the religious leaders didn't like it. They asked Jesus to keep his followers quiet. Jesus answered them and said, "If they remain silent, the stones would immediately begin to cry out!"

What do you think the rocks would say? One might tell how a little shepherd boy named David used a small stone to slay a giant to show that we can do anything when God is with us!

Another might tell how the prophet Elijah used stones to build an altar to God. The altar was used to offer a sacrifice to God to prove that He is the one, true God.

Yet another rock might tell how Solomon had used stones to build a beautiful temple for people to worship God.

Still another rock might remind us that Jesus once told a story about a wise man who built his house upon a rock. When the storms came, the house on the rock stood firm.

Yes, stones might have a lot of stories to tell. However, just as the followers of Jesus lined the streets to praise their King, on Palm Sunday we also praise our King. As long as we praise him, there will be no need for stones to cry out.

Dear Lord, we know that you would rather hear us praise you than to hear a "rock concert." So Lord, we lift your name on high! Amen.

A "Rock Concert"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." Luke 19:40 (NIV)

Based on Luke 19:28-40



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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.**

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

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LUCKY LAMERTON LOTTERY in aid of St. Peter's Lamerton

**Winning number for February draw = 4
Winning number for March draw = 54**

Full terms and conditions are on the Benefice website: www.southtamar.church

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

*For more information on how to sign up to the next 12 months of Lamerton Lottery
please see page 28 of this magazine*



Coffee Mornings

St. Mary's Community Space – Sydenham Damerel

**10:30 - Second Saturday of every month (except in
June when it will be the first Saturday)**

All Welcome

CALLING ALL DOG OWNERS

Over the last 9 months there have been a spate of dog attacks on sheep in the Coryton / Sydenham area. These attacks have led to 6 sheep being killed and a further 4 sheep being badly injured. The latest attack happened as recently as 5th March (this piece was written 11th March) when a young sheep received some truly awful injuries to her legs as well as suffering the trauma of the attack too. The dog was seen on this occasion but has not, as yet, been identified.

On the front cover of this magazine you'll have noticed a beautiful sketch by Bluebell of a lamb. With spring now with us there are lots of these wonderful lambs around who, if caught by a dog not under suitable control, could be killed very quickly. Please therefore would all dog owners keep their dogs within sight at all times and under control around livestock. Help from dog owners in ensuring the safe welfare of livestock in our parish would be gratefully appreciated.

Name and address supplied

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*.

June 13th

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.



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

tel: 01822 870298



WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD OR VULNERABLE ADULT?



Please speak to your Benefice Safeguarding Representative if you have any concerns for the well-being of a child or adult, or about the behaviour of someone towards a child or adult.

Your Benefice Safeguarding Representative is:

Julie Hibbert

Contact: 01822 618221;

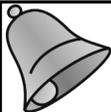
Email: safeguarding@southtamar.church

Or contact: **Rev Andy Atkins: 01822 870298;**

Email: vicar@southtamar.church

If you cannot reach your Benefice Safeguarding Representative, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team: **Charlie Pitman, Safeguarding Adviser 01392 345909,**
Email: charles.pitman@exeter.anglican.org





LAMERTON RINGERS DINNER



Lamerton Church Bell Ringers held their Annual Dinner at The Fox and Grapes in Lifton on Saturday 16th February 2019. This annual event is always an important feature of the ringing calendar but this year it marked a significant milestone in the history of St. Peter's in Lamerton.

In 1959 the present Tower Captain, Barry Osborne learnt to ring and 2019 marks 60 years as a ringer. He also took on as Captain of the Tower in 1969 so this also marks 50 years in that venerable role. We could not let the occasion pass without some sort of recognition so after a tribute from Geoff Hill about Barry's time as a bell ringer, he introduced Rev'd Andy Atkins who presented Barry with an inscribed bell and a Certificate in honour of his achievement. Rev'd Andy also gave some hilarious comments about ringing but moreover thanked Barry on behalf of the Church.

We had arranged a celebration cake and Barry thanked everyone involved in this special event and said that it came as a complete surprise - albeit hard to believe that Barry didn't know that something was afoot! The evening was rounded off with handbell ringing and cake.

Valerie Hill

LAMERTON RINGERS AGM

The bell ringers held their AGM recently where the following officers were elected:

Captain	Barry Osborne	Vice Captain	Geoff Hill
Treasurer	Dave Perkin	Secretary	William Dawe

Rev'd Andy chaired the meeting. The Lamerton competition which was held in November was very well supported again with 16 teams entering. The 2019 ringers outing will be held on September 14th 2019 when we are intending to head for Lyme Regis and visit some Churches and ring the bells around that area. Advance bookings please to secure your place to the secretary please by calling 01822 612202.

The ringers also approved a donation at their AGM to Milton Abbot tower for their bell restoration fund and we wish them every success in their fundraising efforts.

William Dawe

ZIPWIRE FLIGHT'S FLYING RESULTS

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly supported my special charity adventure flight in September 2018. The overall amount raised for Deriford's Oncology & Chemotherapy Outpatients Department was a wonderful £1,994.97.

By patient request, some of this money will be used to help open a tea shop in the Oncology Outpatients department.

Kate Leeves

A Quiz-ical Night With The Milton Abbot Players

Remembering Jean Vigars and Cyril Blatchford

FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDS

Saturday, 13th of April 2019 at 7:30pm

The Village Hall, Milton Abbot

£10.00 per head including Buffet

Booking essential

Contact Sandy Edney

Sandra_edney@sky.com

or 01822 870548



A Stroll through the Bluebells at Portington

Sunday 12th May - from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Refreshments will be served - All Welcome

Entry £2.50 - in aid of St. Mary's Sydenham Damerel

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 Misérables"

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 2nd 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 vicar@southtamar.church

Walk & Witness



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LAMERTON QUILT EXHIBITION

For the first two days in March the Church at Lamerton was filled with quilts of various sizes made by ladies in the village. It was described by some as an English country garden at St. Peter's Church. The path up to the church was lined by daffodils and colourful primulas which led into a huge variety of quilts exhibited in the church. As people opened the door there was certainly an unexpected "wow" factor.

The Church had so many visitors on both days, some from the other side of Devon, far away Cornwall and some more local ladies and gents too. They spent time looking, asking questions and many said they were inspired to revisit their own unfinished pieces of work.

The Priest Room café was then filled with visitors needing refreshments after their lengthy visits, so much so that there was rarely a free seat to sit and indulge in tea and cake or soup and a roll. It was a "win win" situation, visitors had enjoyed a wonderful exhibition, the charities gained financially through people's generosity and the raffle prize winner was thrilled with her quilt. It couldn't have happened if it hadn't been for the team work of the "ever reliable hard working ladies and gents of Lamerton", so many thanks go to them all.



Rosalind Wiggins (and team)

A Story on the Theme of Friendship

The Ship of Friendship

A ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert-like island. The two survivors, who were good friends, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they had no other recourse but to pray to God. However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the island, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren. After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the island. On the other side of the island, there was nothing.

Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, more food. The next day, like magic, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing. Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship anchored at his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings since none of his prayers had been answered.

As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from heaven booming, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?"

"My blessings are mine alone since I was the one who prayed for them," the first man answered. "His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything."

"You are mistaken!" the voice rebuked him. "He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings."

"Tell me," the first man asked the voice, "What did he pray for that I should owe him anything?" "He prayed that all your prayers be answered."

Moral: For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us. Value your friends, don't leave your loved ones behind.



NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL

*'Summer is coming, summer is coming.
I know it, I know it, I know it.
Light again, leaf again, life again, love again,'
Yes, my wild little Poet.'*

(Tennyson, describing and mimicking the call of the song thrush.)

Bluebell loves April and May in England, when the spring brings fresh green grass, daffodils and swallows and bird song, and flowers and trees open to the returning sun. She has been watching a pretty flock of little long tailed tits, and was thrilled to notice a pair of small, mottled brown tree creepers creeping, spiral-fashion, up her apple trees, starting near the ground, probing for invertebrates in the bark with their fine long curved bills. They show a silver-white belly when they fly up. They look rather like small nuthatches, but instead of climbing up a tree, 'the nuthatch is the only British bird able to descend a tree trunk head first, using strong claws to get a grip on the gnarled side of old boughs so it can search for hidden insects from all possible angles.' (*Charlie Elder -The Everyday Guide to British Birds; Bloomsbury*).

*"Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?"
William Blake; (Songs of Innocence)*

Bluebell is newly delighted each year by the Easter paradox of the image of Jesus as an innocent little lamb, bleating and playing in the fields, soon to be a sacrificial victim on the cross, and the same Jesus being the Good Shepherd, who loves and tends his flock, and leads us into green pastures and by still waters.

At Easter-tide, in earlier days, in England, the grey or the goat willow, or sallow, was used instead of palm branches to decorate the church. Pussy willow buds are male, the soft silky grey catkins turn a brilliant golden yellow with pollen. Willow bark was used to make a bitter infusion against pains and chills. The remedy worked, and it is now known that willow bark contains salicylic acid, from which aspirin is made.

Even now, in mid-March, there are signs of spring. Bluebell has seen five Brimstone butterflies which the sun has encouraged out of hibernation. They flutter and glide across the woodland path. "So wholly yellow is the male brimstone that he gave his name to all species of the insect: 'butterfly'." (*The Wood; John Lewis-Stempel*).

GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



I hope you've sown some seeds? Vegetables, and/or flowers? With, or without, the benefit of a greenhouse or a cold-frame? Doug's guest-room windowsill is stacked with seedlings. Just hope the boss doesn't mind when she comes to dust!

Much of the media has something positive to say about gardening in all its various manifestations. Indeed, the latest *Saga Magazine* (which ought to be in the Doctor's Surgery by now?) has an article extolling the virtues of gardening. It reports new research suggesting gardening can have a 'deep and lasting impact on heart disease, stroke, diabetes, obesity, cancer, backache, depression, dementia and loss of muscle mass'. Indeed, a charity called *Thrive* 'uses gardening to bring about positive changes in the lives of people living with disabilities or ill health, or who are isolated, disadvantaged or vulnerable'. Not just those over 55, but young people with problems too. And, of course, there is the *Tavistock Community Sensory Garden*. Keen gardeners aged 55 plus who spend half an hour or more a day in the garden have a longer life expectancy and a greater time free of heart disease. So, when the rain stops

Smell - the perfume – of flowers and trees is one of the great benefits of gardening particularly when you bring cut flowers into the home. That lovely smell of sweet peas or roses in a vase. The sweet smell of heaven compared to the stench of sulphur and pitch in hell? That lovely smell of fresh cut grass. Lemon, mint, oregano, basil.

Which raises the question of what are gardens for? For food, for keeping us fit and healthy, for perfume, for showing off, for fun? The Victorians knew a garden as a collection of plants – bright and cheerful, neat and tidy. The more plants, the more specimens, the better. The more geometrical, the better. Think of that brilliant municipal planting in beds in the town. More modern thinking has turned towards using plants as things to give structure, form and colour but not as 'specimens'. Think of the meadows of colourful plants grown looking anything but neat and tidy and far from the municipal beds of years ago.

Looking at other people's gardens is always interesting and St Luke's Hospice will benefit from the opening of 22 beautiful gardens across Devon and Cornwall this summer; many not normally open to the public. Calstock, Horrabridge, Gunnislake and Bere Ferrers are some nearby. There's a brochure, or look online; just search 'St Luke's Open Gardens'.

Pictures on next page by Doug; Signs of spring wallflowers & Brussel Sprouts

FARMING LIFE BY HAYSEED



“Half your corn and half your hay should still be in place by Candlemas Day”, so goes an old farming saying. It speaks for itself really; Candlemas Day falls at the beginning of February, we all know what it means in the Church calendar but if you’re unsure, well just read Reverend Andy or Ian Silcox’s accounts in previous parish magazines. But from a farming point of view it’s a key point. We are halfway through winter.

Us livestock men, we had a wonderful harvest in 2018 and an autumn that lasted as we say ‘well into the fall’. But like every winter, cattle and sheep come in and the relentless feeding of forage begins. By Christmas, well, stock of feed seem pretty good but January and February can be long months and Hayseed can soon see a ‘brave hole’ in the hay and silage appearing. It’s a good time to take stock and see how things are (or more the point) aren’t going to last. Bedding is always a problem too and this is why some of you will have seen lorry loads of straw in and around the parish of late. Hayseed is unable to purchase much locally and straw that arrived came all the way from Hampshire. But ’tis beautiful straw.

Well, as I write this March is not yet through and with April fast approaching we farmers have two more very long months and busy ones too. Hayseed’s cows start spring calving and sheep start lambing and all the time fodder must be fed. Grass won’t grow as we want until the beginning of Spring and although that is supposed to be the 20th of March it doesn’t really happen as it should. Let’s hope the corn, silage and hay lasts. ‘Til next time, Hayseed.



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23 April - St. George's Day (in England only)

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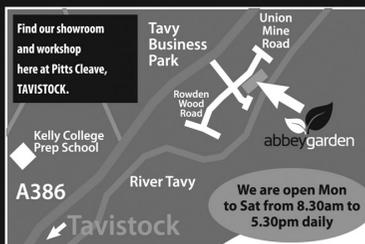
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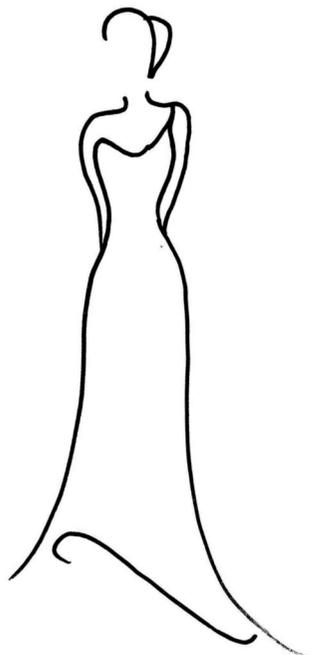
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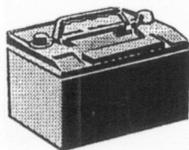
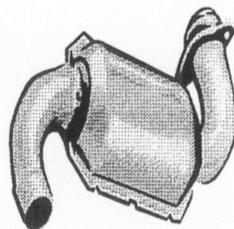
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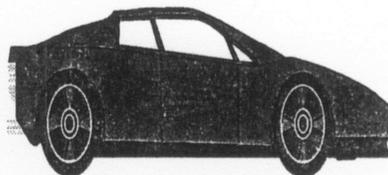
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Friday 19th April <i>Good Friday</i>	11:00am - Coryton Church Walk & Witness: - a thought provoking walk between Coryton & Marystowe church					
Saturday 20th April <i>Easter Eve</i>	7:30pm - St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot Holy Communion with Blessing of the Pascal Candles					
Sunday 21st April <i>Easter Day</i>	10:30am HC / CW	11:00am HC / CW			9:30am Morning Praise	11:15am HC / CW

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Tavistock Bedford Square	1015	Tavistock Bedford Square	1330
Lamerton School	1023	Tavistock Hospital	1332
Chillaton Square	1035	Lamerton Blacksmith's	1337
Launceston Westgate arr. dep.	1103 1105	Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1349
Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1125	Launceston Westgate arr. dep.	1409 1411
Lamerton Blacksmith's	1132	Chillaton Square	1439
Tavistock Hospital	1138	Lamerton School	1450
Tavistock Bedford Square	1140	Tavistock Hospital	1455
		Tavistock, Bedford Square	1457

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EVERY THURSDAY

Tavistock Bedford Square	0945	Tavistock Bedford Square	13.30
Tavistock Hospital	0948	Tavistock Hospital	1332
Lamerton Blacksmith's	0954	Lamerton School	1339
Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1000	Chillaton Square	1348
Launceston Westgate arr. dep.	1020 1023	Launceston Westgate arr. dep.	1413 1415
Chillaton Square	1050	Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1432
Lamerton School	1101	Lamerton Blacksmith's	1438
Tavistock Hospital	1106	Tavistock Hospital	1444
Tavistock Bedford Square	1109	Tavistock Bedford Square	1446

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FRIDAYS (except bank holidays)

Tavistock Bus Station	0935	Tavistock Bus Station	1240
Lamerton, Blacksmith's	0943	Lamerton, Village	1247
Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	0950	Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1255
Lamerton Village	0957	Lamerton, Blacksmith's	1302
Tavistock Bus Station	1005	Tavistock Bus Station	1310

CHURCH SERVICES

May 2019

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
Wed 1st May	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 5th May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>		6:30pm Even-song			9:30am HC / CW	
Weds 8th May	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 12th May <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	10:30am HC / CW			6:30pm Songs of Praise		11:15am Matins
Weds 15th May	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 19th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>		11:00am HC / CW			9:30am Family Service + Morning Praise	
Tuesday 21st May	7:00pm, 'Taizé Service' St Mary's church, Sydenham Damerel					
Weds 22nd May	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 26th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	6:30pm Songs of Praise	11:00am A service of Rogation		11:00am HC / CW		11:15am HC / CW
Weds 29th May	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					

CHURCH SERVICES

APRIL 2019

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
Weds 3rd April	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 7th April <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>		6:30pm Even- song	10:00am BCP / HC		9:30am HC / CW	
Weds 10th April	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 14th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10:00am HC / CW			11:00am HC / CW		11:15am Matins
Weds 17th April	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
For Easter Services between Maundy Thursday and Easter Day see page 41						
Tuesday 23rd April	7.00pm, 'Taizé Service' St Mary's church, Sydenham Damerel					
Weds 24th April	10.00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 28th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	6:30pm Songs of Praise	9:30am Morning Praise		11:00am HC / CW		11:15am HC / CW