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



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Mission Community

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Diary Dates

Event	August dates	September dates
<i>Coffee Mornings</i>		
Milton Abbot Coffee morning: Village Hall 10.30 - 12	3	7
Dunterton Coffee morning. Being held at Milton Abbot Village Hall but in aid of Dunterton Church; 10:30 - 12	31	
Lamerton coffee morning: Community Centre 10.30 - 12	3, 17, 31	14, 28
Sydenham coffee morning at the Church 10:30 - 12	10	14
<i>Bingo</i>		
Milton Abbot, Village Hall, 7.30pm	12	9
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The Old Testament Books of Wisdom *by Ian Silcox*



The books of Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are collectively known as the books of Wisdom. A similar kind of genre appears in the Psalms, about which I will comment in my next article, and the Song of Songs.

The book of Job deals with the age-old problem of suffering. Telling the story of a good man, Job, who lost everything, but still believed in God. Explanations of his sufferings are offered by Eliphaz, Bildad, Zorpar in three cycles of speeches and Job's replies, chapters 4 to 31, and Elihu, chapters 32 to 37. These individuals are known as Job's comforters **referred especially by Job in chapter 16 verse 21 *'I have heard many things like these, miserable comforters are you all'* Then in chapter 38 we have God's pronouncements, Job's responses and finally in the epilogue with God rebuking these so called comforters and with Job's prayers for them he became prosperous again *'all his brothers and sisters ate with him again comforting and consoling him over the troubles the Lord had brought upon him...the Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first'* -chapter 42 verse 11-12

The main part of the book of Proverbs consists of proverbial sayings attributed by Solomon, who in the biblical tradition was of outstanding wisdom. The proverbs are not intended to be considered as laws as such but more of guidance of how to act in particular situations e.g. *'trust in the Lord with all your heart'* chapter 3 verses 5-6.

Ecclesiastes*, not to be confused with the apocryphal book of Ecclesiasticus, is similar to the book of Job in its pondering the timeless question of life being seeming so meaningless. Its most quoted verse is the wise saying, often used at funerals of *'there is a time for everything...a time to be born and a time to die'* chapter 3 verses 1-2

All three of these books are, I feel, important in helping our understanding God, and how He has so ordered life that when we respect and honour Him we will understand more of His purpose for mankind and find wisdom.

** The well- known saying 'Job's comforter' has a meaning of a person who in the guise of comforting aggravates distress

Ian Silcox

Taizé 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 24th September

Tuesday 22nd October



Messy Church at St Peter's Church,
Lamerton

Crafts • Games • Stories • Drink
A Meal • Fun • Family Time

This is a free event, but donations are welcome

We do not meet in August or September
Fri 4th October

3:30pm - 5:30pm for all the family

Children must be accompanied by an adult

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My dear Friends in Christ,

It's holiday time again. Quite a few of us have already had a break this year. Many with children at school will be taking a break during August. Others will perhaps take a break later in September, when children are back at school and prices aren't quite so silly!

Those who aren't going away are perhaps planning a few days out or special activities. It's great to go away, even if only for half a day. The idea of holidays developed during the early 1800s, with the advent of package holidays in the early 1960s.

God understood the importance of rest and established the Sabbath and festivals into law, guiding the lives of his chosen people back in the time of Moses over 3000 years ago. The word 'holiday' is derived from 'holy day' and goes back to such provisions. And yet, while holiday providers are coming up with more and more exciting ideas and wonderful destinations, many employers seem to be putting people under pressure to work longer and longer hours. We can often feel that if we work longer, we will get more done and prove our loyalty and commitment to our jobs. This is generally not the case and we should be careful of this. Many can burn out through not taking time off each week and proper breaks during the year.

But God's provisions weren't simply about time off and life / work balance. They were about finding space for time with him in busy lives. Festivals often involved pilgrimages to Jerusalem and the Temple. Although our holidays are no longer holy days as such, perhaps we should look for opportunities to connect with God while we are out of the stress and business of the work environment. Enjoy the wonders of the world we live in and thank God for them. Perhaps spend some time thinking about the place God has in your life during holidays and during the rest of the year.

I hope you have (or have had) a wonderful holiday if you have the opportunity to get away this year. If not, I hope you have the chance to have a break and do something different for a time and enjoy some days out. If this doesn't seem likely, then try to get out for a walk or a drive in or around Dartmoor - we live in a stunningly beautiful area. I hope you appreciate the beauty of the area we live in and I hope you thank God for it. I hope you find a place for God in your holiday. Remember, God wants you to have a break, to be refreshed and renewed, and to come back ready to go again. Enjoy your break, enjoy God's blessing and try to keep a balance in your life.

With Every Blessing,
Fr. Andy Atkins



**Our beloved
bells at Milton
Abbot Church
are in need of
urgent
restoration**



**Could you be the person who will lead a team of
eager and dedicated people?**

**If you would like more information, please contact Rev'd Andy on
01822 870298 for an informal chat**

Bishop's Visit

Sunday 1st September

On Sunday 1st September, we will be honoured to receive the Bishop of Exeter, The Right Reverend Robert Atwell, at our service of Evensong held at St Peter's Lamerton at 6:00pm.



The Bishop will be preaching within the service and we'll then have the chance to meet him as he joins us for a 'Bring and Share' supper following the service.

This will be a wonderful occasion to share with the Bishop all of the good news we have within our Benefice.

This will be the only service held on this day, so please come and share our service as churches together.

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 4th August <i>7th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; & 2.1 8-23	Colossians 3.1 - 11	Luke 12.13 - 21
Sunday 11th August <i>8th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Genesis 15.1 - 6	Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16	Luke 12.32 - 40
Sunday 18th August <i>9th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Jeremiah 23.23 - 29	Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2	Luke 12.49 - 56
Sunday 25th August <i>10th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Isaiah 58.9b - 14	Hebrews 12.18 - 29	Luke 13.10 - 17
Sunday 1st September <i>11th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Proverbs 25.6 - 7	Hebrews 13.1 - 8, 15, 16	Luke 14.1, 7-14
Sunday 8th September <i>12th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Deuteronomy 30.1 5 - 20	Philemon 1 - 21	Luke 14.25 - 33

BIBLE READINGS (Year C) continued			
DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 15th September <i>13th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Exodus 32.7 - 14	1 Timothy 1.12 - 17	Luke 15.1 - 10
Sunday 22nd September <i>14th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Amos 8.4 - 7	1 Timothy 2.1 - 7	Luke 16.1 - 13
Sunday 29th September <i>15th Sunday after Trinity (Green)</i>	Amos 6.1a 4 - 7	1 Timothy 6.6 - 19	Luke 16.19 - 31

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)'*).



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

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St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

Our wonderful weather continues and although we could do with a little rain for our gardens we could not have wished for a better summertime. The hosting of Sonia and Josh's wedding at St. Mary's was a real joy, albeit hard work for our small team of helpers. What a wonderful wedding they had in our beautiful church which was sparkling on the day with carpets cleaned, floors scrubbed, furniture polished, paths weeded, bells greased, windows washed and flowers arranged. There were a few more at the wedding than we anticipated but we proved it is possible (just) to fit 76 guests, 6 bell ringers, a string quartet and one each of organist, churchwarden and vicar into our little church. Even our resident bees' nest was on its best behaviour for the special day!

The bride and groom looked fabulous (perhaps even a little nervous and emotional) and Fr. Andy steered them magnificently through the ceremony. Afterwards we received a message from the newlyweds to thank us for our efforts and say that the marriage service was the best part of the day. Our bells, rung by Peter B, Mike, Sheila, Sally, Steve and Peter H, added the icing to a perfect wedding cake!

It seems strange to be writing about the autumn in the middle of July but time moves on. Our new bell ropes have been delayed a little at the suppliers but we expect them to arrive any day now. Once installed, we shall have a special celebration to thank all those who generously donated towards the cost.



We all look forward to our monthly coffee mornings where we can swap stories of holidays, gardens (it's a very good year for broad beans), the exploits of generations of offspring and even, dare I say, Brexit!

The thriving book group with no set book but based on monthly themes is now evolving to include an extended section for those wishing to delve a little further into the works of selected great authors (this month Henry James).

The costs of running St. Mary's at the centre of our community are very high and sometimes we find essential things like insurance, church maintenance and charges from the diocese to be quite daunting.

Our wonderful parishioners are always generous but we must still live hand to mouth and pray we do not need any major work to the fabric of the structure dating back to the 15th Century. We are also always looking for volunteers to help keep St. Mary's running smoothly. If you would like to offer support of any kind we shall be eternally grateful. Please let me know.

Margaret Hurdwell

St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

The final figures for our Open Day at Hotel Endsleigh came in too late for inclusion in the last issue of Parish News, but we are delighted to report that the profit for the day was £2179. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the day such a success by coming on the day or buying draw tickets and also to our many helpers who gave of their time and energy, but particularly to Pat Lovell for once again devoting many hours to the organisation of the day.

Our next fund raising event will be on **Friday 11th October** when Lamerton Handbells will be in concert in Milton Abbot Church, followed by a buffet supper. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children and are available from Pat Lovell (01822 618452) in advance as we will need to know numbers for catering. Profits from the event will go to our Bell Tower project and we look forward to welcoming you all on the night.

And don't forget our **Christmas Crafts Day on Saturday 23rd November** in the church – a chance to do a little Christmas shopping and enjoy a mince pie or cake and coffee.

Do you shop on the internet? If so, you could raise funds for us for no more than the cost of what you are buying by joining Easyfundraising; the donation comes from the retailers, who include John Lewis, Ebay, Amazon, Sky, Argos and many others, so it won't cost you a penny. Just visit easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/miltonabbotchurch/. If you have any queries do contact Pat on 01822 618452 or Liz on 01822 870642.

Our **Songs of Praise** services on the second Sunday of the month have been well-received – do join us for our next one on **Sunday 11th August**, Our September Songs of Praise on Sunday 8th September will also be our Harvest Festival service.

Liz Padmore

St. Mary's Church, Marystowe

On 8th June, the bells rang out, when Carlos de Souza and Carolyn Newton were married at Marystowe. The joyful service was conducted by Rev. Andy, with guest musicians, a soloist and readings by the family and friends.

The **Silver Smarties Challenge** has come to an end and we'd like to thank everyone who filled their tubes with 20p pieces and especially those who filled several tubes!

We now have something new - **'Double your Money.'** The church will provide £10 and challenges you to double it (or more) by Harvest Festival in October. A prize will be awarded to the most successful. If you would like to take part, please contact the treasurer Guy Talbot on 01822 860314 for further details



The Flower Festival - 'An English Country Garden' was held in June. The flowers were absolutely beautiful and each arrangement was different, reflecting the arrangers' personalities. The church not only looked wonderful, but smelled amazing too! Everyone who came along thoroughly enjoyed the floral displays and the delicious refreshments provided by Barbara Dawe and her team of helpers.



Many thanks to all those who arranged the wonderful flowers, baked cakes and scones, donated raffle prizes and books, and to everyone who helped and supported the church. A special 'thank you' goes to Gladys Bennett, for donating the wonderful photos. The money raised was shared equally between Lupus UK, Church Funds and Bell Tower Fund.

Everyone worked so hard and the event was a huge success; bringing people together from all the local churches, the village, neighbouring hamlets and members of Tavistock Flower Club, **raising just over**

£1,000. 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 call Barbara Dawe on 01566 784797.

A date for your diary – Saturday, 16th November – Christmas coffee morning with stalls selling crafts and gifts.

Deborah Asbridge

St. Peter's Church, Lamerton



Many thanks to the ladies who manned - can we say that nowadays? - the Cream Teas Stall at the Duck race. Their efforts brought in £227 for the church.

The Lucky Lamerton Lottery is back up to full strength - thanks to all of you who joined. (Still awaiting my win) And thanks to Debbie and Julie for all their effort in cajoling us into action.

Our Outdoor Songs of Praise will be at Theale on Sunday 4th August at 6.30pm with a Bring and Share Supper afterwards. It would be great to see some faces from across the Benefice. If it is wet we will share the barn with the sheep and tractors!

I do hope that those of us who will be attending the Allotment BBQ earlier in the day will be sober enough to participate in body as well as spirit.

All Saints, Dunterton

Do join us for the forthcoming events:

Sunday 18 August: 11.00am Holy Communion by the Book of Common Prayer. This will be our 'Plant Swap' day. Bring a plant and take one away. Bring and share lunchtime refreshments. If weather permits trips up the tower will be available to see the wonderful views.

Sunday 27 October. 11.00am–1.00am Tamar River Walk Arrangements will be as in previous years. Please inform any walkers you know and come along to enjoy the day. Full details in the next issue.

Gerald Napier

Benefice Quiet Day



Buckfast Abbey,
TQ11 0EG

**Saturday 9th
November 2019
10am – 4pm**



The annual Benefice Quiet Day will be held at Buckfast Abbey in Devon, home to a community of Benedictine monks, on Saturday 9th November, 10am until 4pm. The leader of the Quiet Day is Rev David Runcorn

The day will include communal prayer, talks, free time to spend being still or walking around the Abbey grounds.

The cost is £15 which includes refreshments during the day. You can either bring a packed lunch or eat in the Abbeys Grange Restaurant.

To book a place please either call or e-mail Rev Andy Atkins.

Tel: 01822 870 298

e-mail: vicar@southtamar.church

We will arrange car-sharers nearer the time, when we know who is participating



South Tamar
Mission Community

**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



pray



grow



serve with joy

St. Andrew's, Coryton



At a recent meeting, the PCC discussed various options with a view to increasing church attendance. The decision was made to try a service of Evensong which was held on Sunday 30th June. The service was conducted by the church wardens with Giles Vicat leading the service and Richard Searight doing

the intercessions and giving the sermon. The service was well-attended and included some visitors from other parishes in the Benefice. All enjoyed the traditional 'Coryton Coffee' afterwards.



Continuing on with the stained glass windows ...



As well as the Kempe windows described a few months ago, there are two further stained glass windows which are located in the wall opposite the entrance door. These windows are by Kempe's nephew whose name was Tower. His maker's mark was again Kempe's wheatsheaf but with a tower in the centre.

One window depicts St Elizabeth with John the Baptist flanked by the prophet Malachi and the prophet Isaiah; the other window (right) shows St Anne with her daughter, the Virgin Mary, with to the left, Jeremiah and to the right Micah.

The windows were presented to the church in 1910 by Mr R.L. Newman in memory of his mother Mrs Elizabeth Laura Newman



Josie Whitfield.



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

Just Do It!

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:9-10 (NIV)

What do you think of when you see this symbol? Right! You think of Nike. As you know, Nike is one of the world's leading manufacturers of sport's equipment. At one time, they were just known as a running shoe company, but now they make sports equipment for just about every sport you can imagine. Probably just about everyone in the world would recognize this Nike symbol.



Whenever we think of Nike, we also think of their slogan, "Just Do It!" What does that mean? Well, since Nike is in the business of making sports equipment, it means that when it comes to sports, don't talk about it -- just do it! Don't just talk about running, go out and run. Don't just talk about basketball, go out and play the game. Don't just talk about...well, I think you get the idea.

One day Jesus was with his disciples and they asked him to teach them how to pray. Jesus didn't say, "Well, first you get down on your knees, like this; then you fold your hands like this; then you close your eyes; and then you start to pray. After giving them a sample prayer, he said to them, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." In other words, Jesus told his disciples that the most important rule of prayer is -- "Just Do It!"

When we come to church, we talk a lot about prayer, don't we? When someone is sick, we say, "We need to pray for the sick." When someone is having financial problems, we say, "We need to pray for the poor." When there is war in the world, we say, "We need to pray for peace." We talk a lot about prayer, but what we really need is to "Just Do It!" In fact, I think we should stop talking about it right now -- and "Just Do It!"

Jesus Teaches About Prayer

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-9 (NIV).



Ask

Seek

Knock

P R A Y Y B S L E F X E B P H
 U K I N G D O M L T S P D Q A
 A Y Z A U B Q Q S E E E R X L
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FIND	PRAY	OPEN	TEMPATION	FRIEND
SEEK	FATHER	NAME	KNOCK	RECEIVE
MIDNIGHT	DAILY	TEACH	LEAD	BREAD
SINS	KINGDOM	HALLOWED	FORGIVE	ASK

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
email: vicar@southtamar.church

Lucky Lamerton Lottery - an apology

Thank you to all who elected to join the lottery this year—we have 104 entrants. You may have noticed that the yellow card showing your allotted lucky number(s) for this year, July 2019 to June 2020, was incorrectly dated 2018/19. The fault was entirely mine and I apologise for this oversight. Please rest assured that your number(s) is valid and will put in the monthly draw, up to and including June 2020.

Winning number for June draw = 9

Winning number for July draw = 66

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

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the second year of the Lottery, your generous support means another 12 months of draws.

Julie Hibbert

Lamerton Women's Institute

Meetings are at Lamerton Sports and Community Centre, 2.00pm

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| 6 August | Produce Show Preparations & Shoe Boxes |
| 10 August | Produce Show (see advert on Page 20 for more details) |
| 3 September | Ken McKechnie talks about Poldark |
| 1 October | Alison Yeo discusses "Secret London" |

New members are always very welcome

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.**

Lamerton Produce & Craft Show

with
Cream Teas, Raffle & Stalls

Saturday 10th August

Lamerton Village Hall

2.00pm - 4.30pm

Adults £1 Children free

Lamerton WI are proud to be supporting the
new sports equipment at the Village Hall

Schedules available at Carr's Garage
& the Village Hall



Lamerton Sports and Community Centre

We are extremely pleased to announce that we have instructed Rhino Play - the company who installed the play ground equipment at the Hall - to build a MUGA - Multi Use Games Area - for us on the playing field. This will give our older children, and our school children the opportunity to engage in sport when the ground conditions on the rest of the field are too wet. It will be marked out for five-a-side football and for netball. We have received grants from West Devon, Devon County, Lamerton Parish Council and donations from Lamerton WI. A business man from abroad has given us £30,000 which has enabled us to start. The hall finances will be tightly stretched so we will continue to be fundraising for some time. We hope that you will support us in our forthcoming events.

MILTON ABBOT

VILLAGE SHOW

THEME: PLANET EARTH

**SATURDAY
7TH
SEPTEMBER
2019**

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

THE HALL WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 3.30PM
 ADMISSION:- ADULTS £1 CHILDREN 20P
 REFRESHMENTS AND CAKES AVAILABLE
 GRAND DRAW AND PRIZE GIVING AT 5PM

PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE FROM CARR'S GARAGE, THE EDGCLUMBE ARMS
 AT MILTON ABBOT AND THE ROYAL INN AT HORSEBRIDGE.

GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



Well, as I write this I'm thinking I should do a rain dance around the garden. The water butts are both empty and the hosepipe - which should be a useless piece of kit in a Devon garden - has been having a wonderful time showing off in the greenhouse. No doubt it will all change when the kids are on holiday. Let's hope the rain is just at night time.

We too have been on holiday. Up North in Shropshire and Derbyshire and have seen some great countryside, gardens and the bust of Percy Thrower in Shrewsbury in the Dingle! Percy was our first TV gardening guru. A gentle soul he presented *Gardeners' World* from 1969 until '76 as well as appearing on *Blue Peter* from 74 until 87. So, many will remember him. If you 'google' him you can watch clips of his shows.

Chatsworth House was an interesting visit with its extensive grounds and lovely planted beds up behind the house. There is a set of greenhouses which I liked including the one in the photograph with a bed of zinnias on the left. Somehow the slugs and snails have managed to munch nearly all of my zinnias even in this dry weather. Some have been left with no more than a stalk. First the frost took them and then the newly seeded lot got the munching. Last year they were superb, so it shows how some years some things do really well and other years they don't.



On many of our walks (or should I say *rambles*?) we saw fields which had been either left to grow wild or had been planted with wild flowers. Some were truly diverse in their flowers and covered in insects. This was very nice to see, although just how, or why, these fields were so 'natural' was not clear. Was it neglect or a thoughtful strategy carefully planned? National Trust, or local farm ownership?

The agapanthus at home has been brilliant. I acquired some a couple of years ago and they have done really well in pots overwintered in the greenhouse. They like lots of sun and restricted roots; then they thrive. The Khol Rabi I grew from seed is looking good and will be picked in a week or so. The tomatoes in the greenhouse are just getting picked along with the courgettes and cucumbers. The roses have been wonderful, but will now need a feed as will the grass - if you have any grass, that is. The cosmos (again grown from seed) have also done well and have been better for a fairly savage cutback some weeks ago.

Now is a good time to summer prune wisteria to prevent them becoming a bit of a mess. Mine produces lots of very long shoots which if left become a nuisance whipping around looking for something to hold on to.

Of course, you'll all be looking forward to the summer shows and the Lamerton WI Produce and Craft Fair. Doug's hoping he may have a courgette or two to offer up for inspection. Whether the sweet peas will rebound when the rain comes remains to be seen, but the dahlias are looking good. May the best lady win!



FARMING LIFE BY HAYSEED

Two new moons in May; no corn, no hay! There's another old saying that, thank goodness, never 'appened. What a summer! A nice dry spell around Devon County Show (Mrs. Hayseed always enjoys a quick nosey around the stalls in between watching the judging) mean time to get early silage cut and harvested before a good soaking of rain to bulk up the grass again. And just when we thought it would never stop, it did. As I write this we've just had three weeks

of lovely sunshine and some blistering heat. I'm sure all of us have made some wonderful hay over midsummer.

Sheep shearing has also been helped by the sun. A fleece will shear off a lot better if the sun's been on it and brought out the 'yolk' as we say. Don't ask me the technicalities of it, all I know is that it works. The sun is also helping the maize crops and in the heat, if you linger by a gate long enough, you can almost watch it growing! Maize plants don't like wet feet and they had enough of that in early June, let's hope the cobs yield well, that's where all the feed value is.

While on the subject of cereals, the next bit of harvesting is winter barley. It's called that 'cause it's sown in the autumn of the previous year and tillers out during the winter months and can be ready to cut in July when ripe. That's usually followed by wheat and oats so you will be seeing the combines out and about soon I spect. Mind it depends on the varieties and I remember cutting oats once at Michaelmas, that's the end of September, and of course it has to be dry enough. The Salisbury and Hampshire corn men have already started and it won't be long before you'll be seeing some lorry loads of golden straw arriving. Buying feed and bedding straw from 'up the line' ain't cheap but it's first class.

'Til next time, Hayseed.

A Story on the Theme of Truthfulness

Lies in the Stone Age

Once upon a time there was a boy who was just far too naughty. One day, he was playing with a dinosaur egg, and accidentally dropped it down a ravine.

When Daddy dinosaur came looking for the egg, the boy told him someone had stolen it from him and had run far off in a certain direction. The dinosaur went off in search of the thief.

Meanwhile, at the bottom of the ravine, the dinosaur egg hatched and the baby dinosaur emerged. It had an awful time being stuck down there on its own, and wouldn't stop crying.



Days later, when the father finally found it, the baby dinosaur told his father that all the time he had heard the boy's voice. The dinosaur was furious, and went to ask the boy again what happened. Again the boy lied.

As a punishment for this, the dinosaur put the boy in his cave and blocked the entrance with a load of rocks. There the boy stayed for several days, until he had learnt his lesson.

After that he ended up being a very truthful boy, and inseparable friends with the baby dinosaur.

NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL



*“Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.”*

This lovely, popular hymn is taken from *“The brewing of Soma”* 1872, by John Greenleaf Whittier, an American Quaker poet. Soma was a sacred ritual drink in the Vedic religion, going back to Proto-Indo-Iranian times (ca. 2000 BC), possibly with hallucinogenic properties. It was one of many ways people have used to try to get close to heaven. But all in vain: Whittier describes the true Quaker way to contact with the divine: leading sober lives dedicated to doing God’s will, seeking silence and selflessness in order to hear the “still, small voice of God” 1 Kings 19:11-13.

Many find “the beauty of thy peace” in the natural world, especially in forest and wilderness. Fashionable “Forest bathing” means to walk alone in and listen and be quiet in the forest. “The Hidden Life of Trees” by Peter Wohlleben (2016) demonstrates the “wood-wide-web”, the ways trees communicate with each other by scent, and electrical signals, and chemical signals sent through the fungal networks around their root tips. It seems likely that we can pick up some of these signals and they can give us a sense of calm and joyfulness.

On Dartmoor, our wonderful wilderness, Bluebell begs her readers to beware of adders, which can be fatal to dogs.

In the forests there is the silence of midsummer. Most of the birds are quiet in the daytime now.

But in early morning and late evening a party of swifts scream round Bluebell’s house, the very essence of midsummer. They will leave us in early August. And almost every night Bluebell listens to the little begging calls of a young Tawny owl in the branches under the moon. Sadly, this year there are no swallows to babble from their nest in her porch. The roo-coo of the wood pigeon is the only other summer bird call, until a robin starts to sing at the end of August.



Quiet and shy, a hedgehog stays absolutely still while Bluebell looks at it by torchlight. It moves fast and silently as soon as she turns away.

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Lamerton PCC Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th September
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All Welcome

POLE POSITION

It may not have escaped your attention that the flag at the top of St. Peter's Church in Lamerton changes rather regularly. Some flags are flown for specific events, Saints days or occasions but in particular the Union Flag is flown on the following days in the coming months

15 August - Princess Royal's Birthday & VJ Day
3rd September - Merchant Navy Day
16th September - Battle of Britain
17th September - 75th Anniversary of 'Operation Market Garden'
19th September - International Pirate Day

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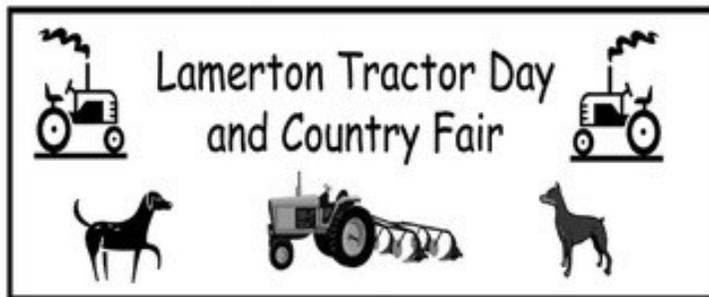
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In the main, events advertised in A6 landscape will be able to be placed on a half page. Adverts which are A5 portrait invariably either require a whole page or a quarter of a page which can be (for some) too small to read)...your assistance and contributions are, as always, much appreciated.

Lamerton Handbell Ringers **46th Annual Handbell Festival**

Saturday 12th October 7pm
Lamerton Sports & Community Centre



Sunday September 15th 2019

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Sept 21st

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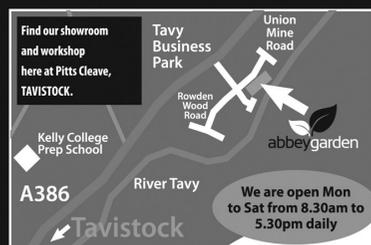
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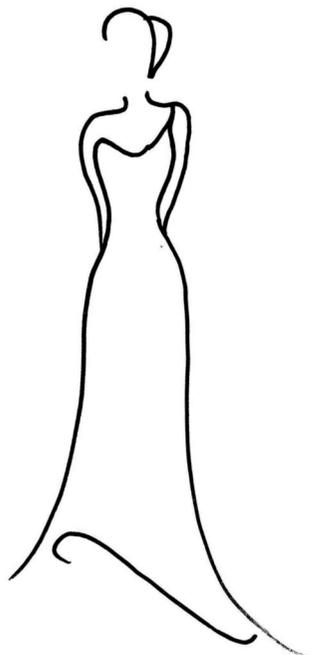
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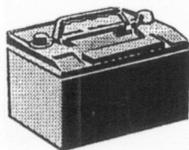
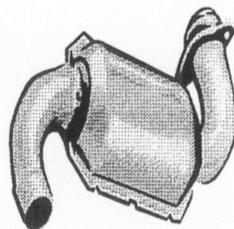
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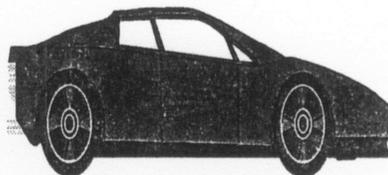
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September 2019

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
Sunday 1st Sept. <i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i>	6:00pm United Benefice Service - Evensong BCP <i>(Bishop Robert Visiting)</i> St Peter's Lamerton					
Weds. 4th Sept.	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 8th Sept. <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10:30am HC / CW			6:30pm Harvest Festival		11:15am BCP Matins
Weds. 11th Sept	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 15th Sept. <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i>		11:00am HC / CW			9:30am Family Service + Morning Praise	
Weds. 18th Sept.	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 22nd Sept. <i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>	6:30pm Songs of Praise	9:30am Family Service		11:00am HC / CW		11:15am HC / CW
Tuesday 24th Sept.	7:00pm - Taizé Service Sydenham Damerel					
Weds. 25th Sept.	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 29th Sept. <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9:30am United Benefice Service St Mary the Virgin Marystowe (HC / CW)					

CHURCH SERVICES

August 2019 + 1st Service of October

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunterton	St Constan- tine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
Sunday 4th Aug. <i>7th Sunday after Trinity</i>	6:30pm United Benefice Open Air 'Songs of Praise' at Theale, Lamerton					
Sunday 11th Aug. <i>8th Sunday after Trinity</i>	6:30pm United Benefice Service 'Songs of Praise' St. Constantine's Milton Abbot					
Sunday 18th Aug. <i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>	11:00am United Benefice Service All Saints Dunterton (HC / BCP)					
Sunday 25th Aug. <i>10th Sunday after Trinity</i>	6:30pm United Benefice Service 'Songs of Praise' St Mary's Sydenham Damerel					
Sunday 6th Oct. <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>		6:30pm Harvest Festival			9:30am HC/CW	

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August 11th 6:30pm Milton Abbot.

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August 18th 11:00am Dunterton

*'BCP Communion' with 'Plant swap' and a Bring and
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August 25th 6:30pm Sydenham Damerel

'Songs of Praise' with refreshments afterwards.