

# Parish News

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



South Tamar  
Mission Community

**December 2019  
& January 2020  
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## Diary Dates

Event	December dates	January dates
<b><i>Coffee Mornings</i></b>		
Milton Abbot Coffee morning: Village Hall 10.30 - 12	7	4
Lamerton coffee morning: Community Centre 10.30 - 12	7, 21	4, 18
Sydenham coffee morning at the Church 10:30 - 12	14	11
<b><i>Bingo</i></b>		
Milton Abbot, Village Hall, 7.30pm	9	13
Lamerton Community Centre, 8pm	10	14, 28
<b><i>Church events (Services are on pages 43 and 44)</i></b>		
Taizé Service, Sydenham Church 7pm (page 5)		28
Songs of Praise service and Cream Tea - Milton Abbot Village Hall 3pm		12
Lamerton PCC Meeting - Priest's Room 7.30pm (page 21)		16
Safeguarding Training - Lamerton Parish Hall 2 - 4pm (page 15)		28
<b><i>Fund raising and other events</i></b>		
Lamerton Primary School Christmas Fayre 11am 30th November at Lamerton Community Centre		
The Book Bus - Lamerton Hall Car Park 11am - 4pm (page 18)	2	
<b>Magazine Deadline for February &amp; March 2020 Edition</b>		15

***January and December church services are on the back cover  
Bible Readings are on pages 8 and 9***

## The Old Testament prophecy of Jeremiah



The book of Jeremiah centres on the ministry of the prophet of the same name, whose ministry extended from 626 B.C. to the destruction of the Jerusalem temple in 586 B.C. He prophesied during the reign of 5 kings of Judah leading up to the fall of Jerusalem to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon

His ministry began in good times for the nation during the reign of Josiah, but then disaster after disaster followed as Babylon's power grew resulting in the exile to Babylon of the majority of the nation. However Jeremiah continued to work and he reluctantly went with the remaining group to Egypt *see chapter 43 :1-7*. His consistent message that God would judge the people caused him inward turmoil and considerable unpopularity especially his prophecy that Jerusalem would fall; this is detailed in chapter 52 with vivid accounts of the city's destruction. The King Zedekiah was blinded and he with a total of 4,600 people were deported to Babylon.

The main theme of prophecy of this book is based on the covenant – the agreement between Israel and God on Mount Sinai – with Jeremiah recalling the unspoiled relationship between the Lord and His people being broken by the nation's sin in turning away from God through the corruption of society and worship of false gods. The only hope for the people of Judah however because of their refusal to change was determined to be through judgement in the form of defeat by the Babylonians and exile. In chapter 24 we have the curious story of Jeremiah having a vision of two baskets of good figs that ripen and bad figs that could not be eaten with the word of the Lord coming to him: *'this what the Lord God of Israel says the good figs I regard as good the exiles whom I sent away from this place - Judah - to the land the Babylonians . My eyes will watch over them for their good and I will bring them back to the this land.....' verses 5-7*

Beyond this judgement however there lies new life and salvation with God like a potter *'like clay in the hand of the potter so you are in my hand O House of Israel. If at any time I announce that a nation is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed and that nation repents of its evil I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned ...'chapter 18 : 6-8*

I must admit the book of Jeremiah is a difficult book to understand in particular the material is not even arranged in chronological order. A general expression unfortunately following the tone of this book is that a 'Jeremiah' is a person who is pessimistic about the present and foresees a calamitous future. However, although Jeremiah was writing in troubled times his final prophecy was that there will be a renewal, a new covenant and Christians have Jesus Christ that through Him we have and can experience a new covenant with all its blessings now and hope for the future

**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:

*There will be no service in December*

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Brain Tumour Research Campaign Coffee Morning**



Once again our thanks go to all those who supported us for our Coffee, Craft and Cakes Morning. It was certainly a very successful and enjoyable morning raising in excess of £1,248. We thank everyone for their continued support. This takes our fundraising as a family for the Brain Tumour Research Campaign to over £150,000 since Daniel was first diagnosed in 2006.

***Robert and Rosalind Wiggins, Frogwell Cottage, Lamerton***

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Dear Friends,

At our Quiet day at in November, led by Rev David Runcorn, we took time to pause and think about Advent. There were spoken reflections and times of quiet, it was a most Blessed and moving day. I hope that those who attended enjoyed it as much as I did. It was wonderful to spend time together in prayer and discussion, in such beautiful surroundings. It will be a day that I won't forget in a hurry.

We talked of how Advent is a time when we should be waiting for Christs birth, but instead we are all busy, Busy, BUSY! We can't possible spend time waiting when there is so much to do, whether it's school productions, organising the family, all the planning, list-making, buying and sending, there is so much to fit in. But this is exactly the time of year when we should all find some time to stop... ..and think, to think about Christs birth.

This Christmas try to find some time to come to one of our services, where I am going to point all of us towards the Christ-child in the manger, the true meaning of Christmas. I will remind us all of the Shepherds who heard the amazing news of a saviour born from God and who then went to see him. I will invite us all to hear the words from the Bible, where we will learn who Jesus is and what He came to do.

Another theme from our quiet day was Mary, who is at the centre of these Christmas events, who had the integrity to take the time to ponder on these things in her heart. But actually, I want to remind you that in the church calendar 'Advent' season is not just about waiting for Christmas and a baby, but instead waiting for Jesus to come again as King and Judge of the whole world.

I look forward to seeing as many of you who are able, at one of our services this Christmas.

It will be my prayer this Christmas, that everyone reading this magazine will know peace amidst the noise this Christmas and be able to make time to stop and think about the important things, in this life and the next. Merry Christmas.

Yours in Christ, with every Blessing,  
**Fr. Andy**



## Christmas Services 2019

### Sunday 22nd December

11:00am - Milton Abbot - HC / CW

11:15am - Coryton - HC / CW

5:00pm - Sydenham Damerel - Carol Service

### Tuesday 24th December

4:00pm - Milton Abbot - Crib & Carol Service

6:30pm - Marystowe - Christmas Communion

11:30pm - Lamerton - Midnight Mass

### Wednesday 25th December

9:30am - Dunterton - BCP / HC

11:30am - Coryton - Christmas Celebration

### Parish News Deadlines

Issue covering the months of	Deadline for submissions	To advertise events taking place in
February & March 2020	15 January 2020	February 2020 onwards
April & May 2020	15 March 2020	April 2020 onwards

**Due to the lead time on printing the magazine the deadline will be set at the 15th for forthcoming editions to enable it to reach you in good time.**

## BIBLE READINGS (Year C)

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

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 1st December <i>1st Sunday of Advent (Purple)</i>	Isaiah 2.1 - 5	Romans 13.11 - 14	Matthew 24.36 - 44
Sunday 8th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent (Purple)</i>	Isaiah 11.1 - 10	Romans 15.4 - 13	Matthew 3.1 - 12
Sunday 15th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent (Purple)</i>	Isaiah 35.1 - 10	James 5.7 - 10	Matthew 11.2 - 11
Sunday 22nd December <i>4th Sunday of Advent (Purple)</i>	Isaiah 7.10 - 16	Romans 1.1 - 7	Matthew 1.18 - 25
Wednesday 25th December <i>Christmas Day (Gold or White)</i>	Isaiah 9.2 - 7	Titus 2.11 - 14	Luke 2.1 - 14 [5-20]
Sunday 29th December <i>First after Christmas (White)</i>	Isaiah 63.7 - 9	Hebrews 2.10 - 18	Matthew 2.13 - 23
Sunday 5th January <i>The Epiphany (Gold or White)</i>	Isaiah 60.1 - 6	Ephesians 3.1 - 12	Matthew 2.1 - 12



## BIBLE READINGS (Year C) continued

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 12th January <i>Baptism of Christ (White)</i>	Isaiah 42.1 - 9	Acts 10.34 - 43	Matthew 3.13 - 17
Sunday 19th January <i>Epiphany 2 (White)</i>	Isaiah 49.1 - 7	1 Corinthians 1.1 - 9	John 1.29 - 42
Sunday 26th January <i>Epiphany 3 (White)</i>	Isaiah 9.1 - 4	1 Corinthians 1.10 - 18	Matthew 4.12 - 23

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

CW – Common Worship (Modern)

The readings are ended with '***This is the Word of the Lord***' (used during services of HC or, during other services '***Here ends the lesson (or 1st reading or 2nd reading)***'). The response is '***Thanks be to God***'.



## South Tamar Mission Community

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

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

Our Facebook page: @southtamarmission

e-mail: [vicar@southtamar.church](mailto:vicar@southtamar.church)

tel: 01822 870298

## St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

What a wonderful celebration we had at Sydenham Damerel to welcome the new bell ropes to St. Mary's. After a delightfully enjoyable and light-hearted Songs of Praise service led by Andy (including the special bell ringer's hymn) and some brilliant bell ringing we retired outside to our small marquee for canapés and a glass of wine. So many people from the village and further afield came and a warm sociable evening ensued despite the rather wet and windy weather. As far as we are concerned St. Mary's is as much to do with inclusivity, relevance, community and sociability as it is about faith.

We are now turning our attention to preparing another spectacular **Carol Service (5.00pm on 22 December)** which will include the same Mary and Joseph as last year. Last year's Jesus (Harriett) will now be an angel and last year's shepherd (Locryn) has been promoted to a king / wise man.



Christmas services should always be about making happy memories for young people and perhaps help them to confirm their faith in their later lives.

St Mary's is always welcoming to all, young and old, whether believers or not, and it is the living centre of our community. As the song says "*When I needed a neighbour were you there? And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?*"

Next year we hope to see a further increase to our attendances at services and other events by showing relevance and friendship and encouraging folk to make their own input to our St. Mary's. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy, peaceful and prosperous New Year .

**Margaret Hurdwell**

## St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

Huge thanks to the Lamerton Handbells team for giving us such an enjoyable concert on 11<sup>th</sup> October, also to Tony Dando for his playing and to everyone who so generously donated food for us all to feast on at the end of the evening. All your efforts resulted in a splendid profit of £466 which will go towards our Bell Frame Restoration Appeal.

Thank you, too, to everyone who turned out to help with the churchyard clear-up on 19<sup>th</sup> October – particularly to James Teague for taking the results of our efforts for disposal.

By the time you read this our Christmas Craft Day will have taken place; we hope you all found some lovely things to buy – we will report the results in the next issue of Parish News. However, if you were unable to make it to the Craft Day we will be having a stall at **Milton Abbot Coffee Morning on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am-12 noon in the Village Hall.**

We still have some Christmas cards available for you to buy; they cost £4 for a pack of 10 with two designs in each pack. Please contact Pat Lovell (01822 618452), Liz Padmore (01822 870642) or Michael Blatchford (01822 870319) if you would like to buy some.

Our **Songs of Praise service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January** will take a slightly different form. We will hold the service, which will be even more informal than usual, at **3.00pm in the Village Hall** and the service will be followed with a **cream tea!** We do hope you would like to join us.

We are delighted to say that Andy's family have again very kindly agreed to run another of their famous **Night at the Races** evenings for us on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February**. Please put the date in your diary – further details in the next issue of Parish News, when we will have more dates for your diary.

*Liz Padmore*

### **Vacancy**

Milton Abbot Village Hall Committee are looking for a caretaker for the Hall. For more information please phone Chris on 01822 860568

## St. Mary's Church, Marystowe

For our **Harvest Festival**, on Sunday, 20th October, the church was filled with beautiful floral arrangements and there was a wonderful display in front of the altar, complete with tractor! The service was led by Rosie Woodcock and afterwards, coffee was served. We would like to thank Kamila Mazur-Park for playing the organ, the ladies who decorated the church and everyone for their generous harvest gifts, which included a large donation from Ambrosia organised by Iris Griffiths. All the dried, tinned and fresh produce and money from the collection were again, delivered to The Shekinah Mission in Plymouth. During the service, the first few envelopes containing money raised from the **Double your Money** challenge were handed in. Several more have since been received. Well done to everyone who has taken part. The winner is yet to be announced!

On Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, we joined Coryton for a **Service of Remembrance**.

We held our **Christmas Coffee Morning with Stalls** on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November to raise money for church funds. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this event.

We continue to offer greetings cards and 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](tel:01566784797). Collection can be arranged.

We hope you will join us on Sunday, 15th December at 4.00pm for a **Crib and Carol Service**, suitable for all ages and followed by refreshments. Children may like to come dressed as angels, kings, shepherds or animals. We will also have some costumes for the children to wear on the day.

And **on Christmas Eve**, Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm for a **Christmas Communion Service**. Everyone is very welcome!



*Deborah Asbridge*

## St. Peter's Church, Lamerton



With Winter now well set in it is hard to think that our Harvest Service was only a few weeks ago. Many thanks to our ladies who made the church look so beautiful and alive for the very well attended service. The donated food went to the food bank in Tavistock and the collection to the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth. It was very good to see the children from school having their Harvest Service which was well supported by their parents.

We would like to thank Mark and Angela for leading our Remembrance Day service and thank Peter for playing his bugle. On the Monday the school children had their own service at the war memorial when they planted a cross for each of the soldiers named who gave their lives in the wars. Again, many parents supported the school.

A cheque of £1,100 was presented to St. Peter's from the Tractor Day and Country Fair. We would like to thank the committee for their continued support.

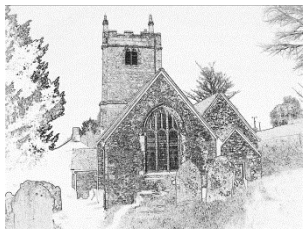
The PCC agreed that we should go ahead with refurbishment of the keyboards of the organ and the work will be carried out after Christmas.

We invite you to join us for our services during the Christmas period starting with the Christingle Service at 4.00pm December 8th, our Carol Service on 15th December at 6.30pm and Midnight Mass at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

Members of our ministry team will be holding a carol service at Venn on December 17th at 2.30pm and Camplehaye on December 18th at 3.00pm. You would be very welcome to join them at either service.

Your Church Wardens and PCC wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas

## St. Andrew's, Coryton



The Remembrance Sunday service was very well attended and included many people from Marystow. As usual, the congregation, led by Rev. Andy Atkins, gathered outside the church around the War Grave of Private Mons Frederick William Weight of the Devonshire Regiment, who died on 13th August 1944, for the Act of Remembrance before moving into the church for the rest of the service. A collection for the British Legion was taken during the service. The usual Coryton coffee was enjoyed by all afterwards.

At St Andrew's we are looking forward to the upcoming Christmas season. We will celebrate the second Sunday of Advent (8th December) with a service of Evensong at 6.30 pm and on the fourth Sunday of Advent (22nd December) there will be a service of Holy Communion at 11.15am.



The Coryton Carol Service this year is on Saturday 14th December at 6.30pm. As in previous years, it will be followed by seasonal refreshments in the church. On Christmas Day there will be a Celebration of Christmas Service at 11.30am.

### ***A Story from Coryton Christmas Past ....***

During the Christmas holidays in 1897, a concert was given by Mrs Westaway's boarders at Coryton School. £5 was raised which went towards the cost (£10 10s.) of a new brass lectern, which is still being used today. Mrs Westaway was school head mistress from 1881 to 1915. She was in charge of around 80 children a year!

*(from The History of Coryton by Thomas Newman 1940)*

**Josie Whitfield**

### ***Answers to the Crossword Puzzle on the Children's Page:***

AFRAID	MARY	MARRY	DREAM
JESUS	IMMANUEL	JOSEPH	VIRGIN



South Tamar  
Mission Community

**Special invitation - don't miss this opportunity!**



**C1 Safeguarding Training  
Lamerton Community Hall  
Tuesday 28th January 2020, 2pm to 4pm**

All church wardens, PCC members and those working with children and/or vulnerable adults, in all the parishes in the Benefice should undertake safeguarding training **every three years**.

Although C0 and C1 are available online, Rev Andy and I recognise that not everyone uses the internet so.....

You are cordially invited to attend a special, one-off **C1 training afternoon**. This will be delivered face to face by Mary Lovell, who has been trained by the Safeguarding team at the diocese.

**Numbers are limited to 20**

To book your place, contact your safeguarding representative:

*Julie Hibbert 01822 618221; [julie.hibbert3@btinternet.com](mailto:julie.hibbert3@btinternet.com)*

## **All Saints, Dunterton**

Our final coffee morning of the regular series will be on Saturday 30th November from 10:30am to 12 noon. We hope you can join us.

Do drop into Dunterton church over the Christmas period. There will be a crib display as usual and nearer Christmas Day a tree will be set up to enhance the scene.

*You will be very welcome at our Christmas Day Service:*

**Wednesday 25th December** - 9.30am A celebration of Holy Communion

Parking will be available in Glebe House field but will not be signed. There will be no services in January.

**Gerald Napier**



## A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

### Jesus Is Coming to Town

Do you ever wake up in the morning with a tune going through your mind? As you might imagine, that is not unusual. At this time of year it might be the tune "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" running through your mind. But what if the words were not the usual words to the song? Do you think these words might work?



*Wipe away your tears, get rid of your fears;  
Here's the best news you've heard in years!  
Jesus Christ is coming to town.*

*He's making a list in the Book of Life,  
That'll be the end of your trouble and strife!  
Jesus Christ is coming to town.*

*He loves you when you're sleeping,  
He loves you when you're awake;  
He loves you when you're bad or good,  
But be good for Jesus' sake!*

*Now put on a smile, get rid of that frown,  
Spread the "Good News" all around;  
Jesus Christ is coming to town.*



At this time of year, many people are thinking about Santa Claus coming to town and thinking about all of the great gifts that Santa will bring them. But the real reason for this season is the celebration of Jesus Christ's coming--and he brings us the greatest gift of all. He brings the gift of



God's love. The Bible says, "But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." Yes, he loves us when we're bad or good, what a great love that is!

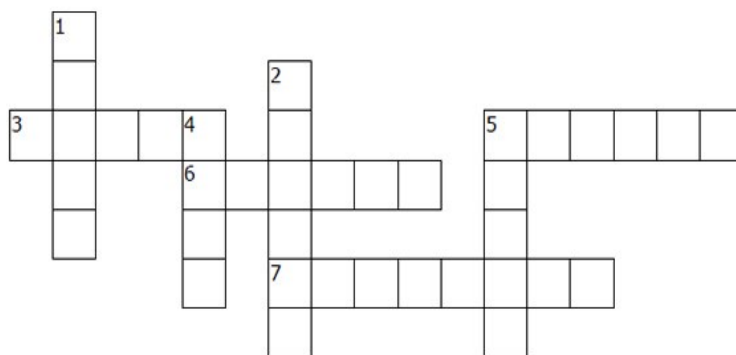
Dear Lord, we thank you for your great love. We thank you that you showed us that love by sending your son, Jesus, to save us. In his name we pray, amen.

## Jesus Is Coming to Town

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 1:18-25



### ACROSS

3. Images and emotions that occur while you are sleeping
5. The earthly father of Jesus
6. To be filled with fear
7. A name that means "God is with us"

### DOWN

1. To become husband and wife
2. A young unmarried woman
4. The mother of Jesus
5. The Son of God

*Answers to the puzzle are on Page 14.*

## Lucky Lamerton Lottery

Winning number for October 2019 draw - 87  
 Winning number for November 2019 draw - 101



**St Peter's Church 8th December at 4pm**, everyone is welcome to the special service of **Christingle** when the children will light their candles. Everyone is welcome, please come and join us.

## The Book Bus is coming to the Village Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December



Lamerton School have organised for The Book Bus to be in the car park at the Village Hall (in Lamerton) on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 11am to 4pm. On the bus are lots of books for the whole family with savings of up to 70% from RRP, great for Christmas presents.

The Book People will donate books to the school after the visit. Lots of books purchased = lots of books for the school! Everyone is 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.**

## A DAY TRIP TO DORSET

The Lamerton Bellringers held their annual outing on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The coach was nearly full, the weather was fine and everyone was ready to leave on time, a good start for our busy schedule.



Due to there being three weddings in the local area we only had ten ringers with us so it was a good job most of the towers we visited had reasonably light peals of bells. The first of these was at Otterton in South East Devon. The bells went really well, the tenor weighing 12 cwt. This very pretty village was also our coffee stop, it was strategically important in Norman times, has a working flour mill and also had a wool mill in its recent past.

Uplyme was our next stop, the church was beautifully kept, the bells really easy to ring and quite light, tenor 6 1/2 cwt, just right for the less experienced ringers.

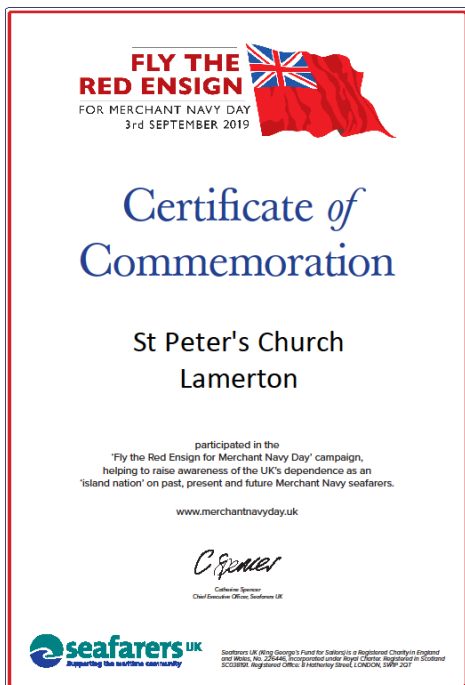
Next we visited Lyme Regis, our lunch stop. After a leisurely lunch and a bit of time soaking up the glorious sunshine we made our way to the church where we rang the wonderful set of ten bells. The sea was so inviting that Geoff couldn't stop Valerie hiring a pedalo which she used to explore Lyme Bay, luckily he managed to persuade her to come ashore just before the coach set off again!

Our next tower was Hazelbury Plucknett in Somerset, the name suggests it could have been used as a test for drink drivers before the breathalyser was invented, but whether or not that was true it was a stunningly beautiful little church with new, contemporary stained glass windows and updated facilities, the consequence of having a generous benefactor.

Our last stop was Honiton where we rang the peal of eight at St Paul's, the parish church. Afterwards we were all ready to make our way down the hill to the fish and chip shop, a perfect end to an enjoyable day.

Thank you to all of our supporters who helped to fill the coach, we look forward to your company again next year.

***William Dawe***



The next Lamerton PCC meeting will be held on 16 January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Priest's Room. All parishioners very welcome.

**NEW SERVICE AT ST.MARY'S  
Sydenham Damerel**

**Led by Ian Dingle  
MATINS (Book of Common  
Prayer) @ 10am**

**2 February 2020 & 3 March  
2020  
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

**December - no official days**

**January 9th - Duchess of Cambridge's Birthday**

**January 20th - Countess of Wessex's Birthday**

**January 26th - Australia Day (the flag will be flow upside down on this day)**

If you do spot a flag and want more information about it and why it was flying then feel free to email [parishnewsmag@gmail.com](mailto:parishnewsmag@gmail.com) and it will be passed on to the Chief Bunting Tossler

## LAMERTON HANDBELL RINGERS

Practices started in earnest in late August ready to give a Concert in Milton Abbot Church in aid of The Restoration of Milton Abbot Church Bells on 11<sup>th</sup> October. An evening that was well attended – it was a great pleasure to be able to support the project.

The night after saw The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Handbell Festival which was held in Lamerton Sports & Community Centre. Once again extremely well supported with 11 teams travelling from as far afield as Dorset. The Hall was full to capacity. The Lamerton Team started the evening ringing “All creatures of our God and King”. Teams taking part were;

*The Phoenix Ringers from Chudleigh, Pillaton/St Mellion Ringers, St Dominick Ringers, Inwardleigh Senior and Junior Teams, “Jolly Jingers” from Modbury, The Clangers from Plympton St Maurice, Horrabridge Primary School (2 junior teams), Clapper Chaos from Dorset and The Lamerton Ringers.*

The standard throughout the Festival was extremely high particularly in all sections of the Competition. A most daunting task for our Judges – Fergus Stracey from Plymouth and Jo Hugo from Tavistock. We are so deeply indebted to them for so ably judging the competitive side of the event. It was such a joy to see so many youngsters taking part. You could see from their faces that they really enjoyed listening to all the teams and their different styles of ringing. In fact most of them made it to the end eating a really hearty supper!!! Winners of the Sections were: -

- Mr & Mrs P Dawe Cup – best Tune Ringing Performance - The Phoenix Ringers
- The William Manning Memorial Shield – best Peal Ringing Performance - Pillaton/St Mellion Ringers
- The Hamlet Trophy - best 4inhand Performance – Inwardleigh Junior Team
- The Firkins Shield - best Junior Performance - Inwardleigh Juniors
- The D Roy Bould Cup - shown the most progress - Inwardleigh Juniors

Clapper Chaos, winners of The Dawe Cup last year, finished the evening playing 3 pieces including their own arrangements of “Thine be the Glory” and “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” - quite spectacular! Just 4 ringers with 2 ringing 3 bells in each hand!!! The trophies were presented by Ian Hayes, the Leader of “All the Fours” and “Mells Bells” from Okehampton.

The evening finished with the usual “Big Bun Fight” and Draw. Lovely for all the teams and audience to get together and catch up! Each year The Lamerton Team supports a Charity and this year the profit from the Festival totalling £120 has been donated to T.A.S.S. in Tavistock

**Valerie Hill**

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The Lamerton Handbell Ringers - at Milton Abbot Church after the concert on 11  
October 2019





## GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



Doug's just come in for a cup of tea having gone into the garden two hours ago to cut back the dead flower stems on some lavender but got distracted by three other jobs – which weren't even on the mental list, let alone the written one. So, I need to get the management consultants in. My boss always used to say *"Do the difficult jobs first, then move on to the easy ones"*. Perhaps it should be *'do the jobs which will really make a difference'* first; the things which you put off last spring then again in the summer and the autumn. Maybe it's cutting down a tree, or clearing a bed, or taking down a hedge, cleaning the pond, putting in some raised beds? Something which really would make a difference to your enjoyment of your garden but you never quite get there. Oh, well.

Doug's got to confess to his green credentials suffering a hit. Buying potting compost is getting ever more difficult. Avoiding peat has been an issue for years and many composts boast about being *peat free*. Doug however bought some with 50% peat only to be hit with another issue – plastic! While using the stuff to fill seed trays little blue balls appeared every now and again, shining bright in the dark compost but only 2mm or so in diameter. An email to the supplier confirmed that these were indeed plastic and added to the mix on purpose. The little balls (see the photograph) contain fertiliser which is supposedly slowly released to feed the plants. Of course, they say, they (and the rest of the industry) are searching for a non-plastic alternative.

With Christmas galloping towards us you may think there's not much in the garden which you could bring inside to provide some interest during the dark nights. Well, look again. There are the flowers of Hydrangeas which cut and stripped of their leaves can last for weeks in a vase without water, slowly changing colour and becoming more interesting than when first cut. Then there are the Sedums which again last well. And, what about all that green stuff out there? And, it's not just Holly and Ivy. There's laurel and pittosporum to name but two.

You might think about making a wreath for your door? You could even go on a wreath making course; there are many running in December. Or, you could make a garland? If you'd like some inspiration go to Cotehele and see the garland there. Built on a 60 ft rope tightly bound with small bunches of pittosporum, it is populated with some 35,770 dried flowers of many forms and colours (well, ok, at least 10 flowers have dropped out). All the flowers are grown on the property through the year and the garden team will be sowing again early in the New Year ready for Christmas 2020. Well worth a visit and, if you go at the right time, you'll enjoy a log fire in the hall and local choirs singing underneath the garland. A grand event for this time of year.

Happy Christmas one and all! And a floriferous New Year!

**Doug**



## FARMING LIFE BY HAYSEED



I think we talk about the weather more than anything else in this country, and that ain't just us farmers. As I write this (Saturday 2nd November) today's paper states that up to a month's worth of rain is expected to fall today with up to 3 inches of rain possible on Dartmoor. You can see that from the top of my farm.

They also state that there are 39 flood warnings and winds of up to 80 mph expected. Well there's another farmer talking 'bout the flipping weather again. But we have to, it has a huge impact on how we manage our businesses. Last Autumn, 2018, we had a wonderful spell when livestock were able to graze well into the "fall" as we say, but this year we have had to start feeding winter forage early and I can already see a hole in our stocks appearing. The catch crops I was talking about last time have all grown well but cattle are poaching somewhat as they strip graze the stubble turnips. Let's pray for something drier when the sheep start being "folded" on the kale.

John Keats (1795-1821) wrote of September that it is a "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". Well to quote Hayseed, "Ice in November to bear a duck, the rest of the Winter is mud and muck"... It's been suggested that Keats wrote some of his best work while addicted to opium. As farmers are always being pushed towards diversification perhaps I ought to put in a field of it instead of corn. For now though, I think it best to battle on through the winter and I'll see you on the other side.

**'Til next time, Hayseed.**



**Left:**  
Plastic in potting  
compost



**Right:**  
The Garland under  
construction with  
only the far side  
completed.



## Lamerton Tractor Day and Country Fair

As a result of our very successful Tractor Day and Country Fair this year we were delighted to be able to donate £1,100 to each of our four

charities. The cheques were presented to The British Heart Foundation, St. Luke's Hospice, Lamerton Village Hall and St. Peters Church at the Blacksmith's Arms Lamerton. We were also able to give

Tavistock Explorer Scouts £400 for their invaluable work in directing traffic and car parking.



We would like to thank the many helpers who gave their time to make this day possible.

We have decided not to have a show next year as we have several key members of our committee unable to be with us. We will, however, be back in 2021 with a restructured Tractor Day and Country Fair.



## Lamerton Sports and Community Centre

### **CHRISTMAS BINGO**

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 8PM  
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## A Story on the Theme of Compassion

### The Grandfather's Table

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table, but the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his fork onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.



The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about Grandfather," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor." Therefore, the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since grandfather had broken a dish two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.



That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days, he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled or the tablecloth soiled.

## **A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

A pilgrimage planned for March next year (2020) led by Andrew Steven  
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## **Lamerton WI**

On our 90th birthday meeting we were very pleased, again this year, to be able to donate £500 to the Lamerton Village Hall and Community Centre for their fund to enhance the sports facilities at the hall. We were able to do this as a result of our very successful Produce and Craft show. This year's show attracted a record number of entries of vegetables, cakes and preserves. In the photograph President of Lamerton WI, Carole McQuarrie-Watson, and show committee members present the chairman with the cheque.



## **Lamerton Women's Institute**

Meetings are at Lamerton Sports and Community Centre, 2.00pm

10 December	Musical Presentation with Adrienne Hesketh
7 January	Resolutions + Hearing Loss with Rosie Goodman
4 February	Dartmoor Rescue with Colin Ridgers

New members are always very welcome

## NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL

1 Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock.  
 'Now they are all on their knees,'  
 An elder said as we sat in a flock  
 By the embers in hearthside ease.

3 So fair a fancy few would weave  
 In these years! Yet, I feel  
 If someone said on Christmas Eve,  
 'Come; see the oxen kneel

2 We pictured the meek mild creatures where  
 They dwelt in their strawy pen,  
 Nor did it occur to one of us there  
 To doubt they were kneeling then.

4 'In the lonely barton by yonder coomb  
 Our childhood used to know,'  
 I should go with him in the gloom,  
 Hoping it might be so.

(*The Oxen*; Thomas Hardy; 1915)



Bluebell loves this little poem, full of hope and tenderness for the living creatures, and for the West Country, at this, the darkest time of the year, when Light came down to earth in a simple barton or stable.

Remembering the summer, there may have been fewer swallows locally this year, but it has been a wonderful autumn for fungi.

Bluebell found startlingly bright egg-yolk yellow meadow waxcap mushrooms in her field, (*Hygrocybe chlorophana*, now called *cuphophyllus pratensis*); the domed cap and stem smooth, but not slimy, with an uneven, slightly frilly edge, gills also bright golden yellow, no ring or volva and no smell or staining when broken. They are now of conservation concern, as they grow on unimproved grassland which is growing rare in the UK. The jewel colours of waxcaps give them the status of orchids of the mushroom world!

The other exciting fungi Bluebell found, growing on the edge of thick bracken cover, near the river Dart, below Poundsgate, was an Octopus Stinkhorn or Devil's Fingers (*Clathrus archeri*). Bluebell turned off the path to examine what looked like a scarlet severed chicken foot! The young fungus erupts from a suberumpent, (partly buried) white egg, by forming into four to seven elongated slender arms. When mature it gives off a strong odour of rotting meat. A rare find in Britain, global warming may be increasing its range. Originally from Australia, it reached Europe in 1914 at the start of WW1, and is probably named after a Tasmanian architect, politician and amateur naturalist, William Archer.

Bluebell wishes a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year to all her readers.



## Funny Money – MAPS best ever?

For the uninitiated MAPS are of course the Milton Abbot Players and mid-November is the start of the Christmas festivities, for those of us in West Devon. It all begins with the Players who continue to be “even better than the previous year.” And was this year any different? Certainly not! Everyone we spoke to after the Friday night performance said “The best ever!”

And so, to the plot. This was another Ray Cooney play (others include *Out of Order* and *Run for your Wife*) premiered in 1994. It starts with the middle-aged Henry A Perkins (brilliantly played by Patrick Medd starring in the leading role) arriving home from his work in an accountants office (there is nothing wrong with accountants!) in a rather stunned state, clutching his brief-case. His rather drippy wife, soon to be his rather drunk wife, Jean (played by Elizabeth Field – so natural!) comes in to find him speechless.

It appears that he has inadvertently put down his briefcase whilst travelling home on the tube and picked up the wrong one and found that it contained £735,000 in used £50 notes. The laughs flow right from the start. Knowing the value of money, he intends to keep it and emigrate, whereas Jean wants to hand it back. However, Henry realises that the owner (must be a crook – it’s all in untraceable used notes) has his briefcase and will soon be round to “recover” his money. The taxi driver – was it Bill or was it Ben (Michael Taylor) comes to take them to the airport and to “help”. The “bent” copper (Frank Woodcock) arrives (is there such a thing?) and does a deal for his share. Then the friends arrive Vic and Betty Johnson (Robin Clowes and Claudine Sparks). He would rather be watching telly and she would rather be watching Henry. Then another policeman (a lady – Sue Champion) arrives with Henry’s original briefcase to explain that Henry has been shot and killed and found floating down the Thames so they realise that the owner may not be coming and so on and so on .....

The audience were in hysterics all the way through. Henry’s original briefcase and the one with the money get switched 3 or 4 times and every time they think they have lost the money they get it back again. The antics were tremendous, the acting was excellent, most people remembered their lines and it was marvellous entertainment.

They have put on many excellent productions over the years. *Sweet Charity*, the *Inspector Pratt* stories and many others - but was this the best? I agree with all those that I spoke to afterwards – yes it was. With more laughs than ever, it had to be. The only problem is, next year how will they do even better. But you know they will.

To Eileen Taylor (the Director and play chooser) and her cast and all those behind the scenes. Well Done – the best ever!!!!

## OPEN THE BOOK

Step aside Spielberg; we have had a real series of blockbusters so far this term.

### ***David and Goliath***

Two of us on stepladders to hold our cardboard Goliath and a mighty cheer from the school when he was felled by David

### ***Jonah the Groaner***

A pop up tent became a whale and swallowed our Jonah, whose groaning was enhanced by the whole school moaning *UHFFF* before and after he spoke

### ***Daniel and the Lions***

No cowardly lion for us – as he roared on his pride of Year 1 pupils in lion masks

Yes, it is great fun – but we also wanted to share some of the reflections from the children at Lewtrenchard school (all original spelling and grammar included):

#### **I learnt that:**

“...you don’t need to be strong, big or small to beat people bigger, smaller or stronger than you”

“...It’s good to reflect on bible stories!”

“...small solutions can solve big problems”

“...you should respect other people or it might have consequences”

“...We need to keep trying when things are very hard”

“...To keep on trying things even if it sounds impossible and not to mope about things”

“...you should never give up and that you can always make changes no matter how big or small you are”

#### **It made me wonder:**

“...if I can achieve great things”

“...If I could do anything even though I’m tiny”

“...How old is God”

“...How do other people feel when something important feels pointless”

“...why did God flood the world”

“...If you keep on trying you get a lot further but if you mope you don’t get far”

“...If you were a Christian would good things come to you?”

#### **I have decided:**

“...I really like Open The Book”

“...to make good things happen”

“...to believe in God”

“...To always listen to people even when it’s not my problem”

“...to help others when they are struggling”

“...that no matter how small you are you can all make a difference”

“...To try and try things and not mope about things that don’t need moping about”

“...that I am going to make good decisions in life and be a good person”

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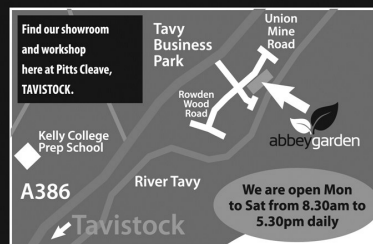
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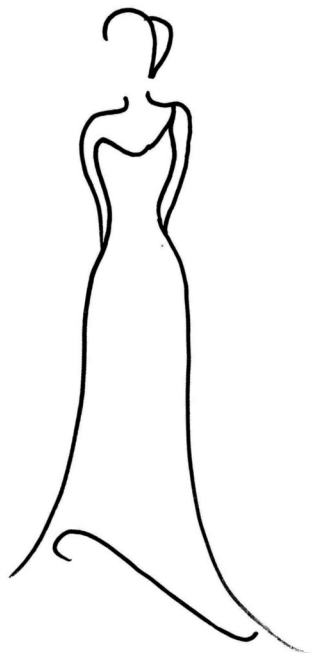
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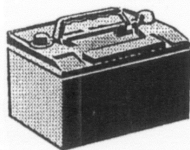
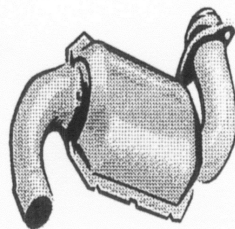
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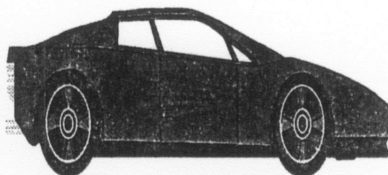
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Tavistock Hospital	1138	Lamerton School	1450
Tavistock Bedford Square	1140	Tavistock Hospital	1455
		Tavistock, Bedford Square	1457

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Lamerton Blacksmith's	0954	Lamerton School	1339
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Chillaton Square	1050	Milton Abbot Edgcumbe Arms	1432
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Lamerton Village	0957	Lamerton, Blacksmith's	1302
Tavistock Bus Station	1005	Tavistock Bus Station	1310

# CHURCH SERVICES

## January 2020

Day	St Mary M. Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's Lamerton	All Saints' Dunerton	St Constan- tine Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin Marystowe	St Andrew's Coryton
<b>Sunday 5th Jan.</b> <i>The Epiphany</i>		<b>6:30pm Evensong</b>			<b>9:30am HC/CW</b>	
<b>Weds. 8th Jan.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 12th Jan.</b> <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	<b>10:30am HC / CW</b>			<b>3:00pm Songs of Praise with Cream Tea</b>		<b>6:30pm BCP Evensong</b>
<b>Weds. 15th Jan.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 19th Jan.</b> <i>Epiphany 2</i>		<b>11:00am HC / CW</b>			<b>9:30am Family Service &amp; Morning Praise</b>	
<b>Weds. 22nd Jan.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 26th Jan.</b> <i>Epiphany 3</i>	<b>6:30pm Songs of Praise</b>	<b>9:30am Family Service</b>		<b>11:00am HC / CW</b>		<b>11:15am HC / CW</b>
<b>Tuesday 28th Jan.</b>	<b>7:00pm - Taizé Service Sydenham Damerel</b>					
<b>Weds. 29th Jan.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					

# CHURCH SERVICES

## December 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
<b>Sunday 1st Dec.</b> <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>		<b>6:30pm Evensong</b>			<b>9:30am HC / CW</b>	
<b>Weds. 4th Dec.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Sunday 8th Dec.</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>10:30am HC / CW</b>	<b>4:00pm Christingle</b>		<b>6:30pm Songs of Praise</b>		<b>6:30pm BCP Evensong</b>
<b>Weds. 11th Dec.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
<b>Saturday 14th Dec.</b>	<b>6:30pm - Coryton Carol Service</b>					
<b>Sunday 15th Dec.</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>		<b>6:30pm Carol Service</b>			<b>4:00pm Crib and Carol Service</b>	
<b>Weds. 18th Dec.</b>	<b>10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton</b>					
 <p><i>For Christmas Services see page 7</i></p>						
<b>Sunday 29th Dec.</b> <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	<b>11:00am - United Benefice Service Lamerton - Morning Praise</b>					