

Parish News

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



South Tamar
Mission Community

**February and
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Diary Dates

Event	February dates	March dates
<i>Coffee Mornings</i>		
Milton Abbot Coffee morning: Village Hall 10.30 - 12	1	7
Lamerton coffee morning: Community Centre 10.30 - 12	1, 15, 29	14, 28
Sydenham coffee morning at the Church 10:30 - 12	8	14
<i>Bingo</i>		
Milton Abbot, Village Hall, 7.30pm	10	9
Lamerton Community Centre, 8pm	4, 18	3, 17, 31
<i>Church events (Services are on pages 43 and 44)</i>		
Taizé Service, Sydenham Church 7pm (page 5)	25	24
United Benefice Lent Course, Priests Room Lamerton, 7.30 - 9.30pm (page 7)		4, 11, 18, 25 & 1 April
<i>Fund raising and other events</i>		
Citizens Advice Quiz Night at Sir Francis Drake Bowling Club Tavistock 6pm (page 22)	22	
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The Old Testament book of Lamentations



The book of Lamentations consists of 5 poems of which the author is unknown. They consist of 5 'laments' i.e. expressions of grief/sorrow focusing on the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC. The first 'lament' concerns the Lord's rejection of Jerusalem – chapter 1:1-22; the second the Lord's anger against Jerusalem 2:1-22 the third repentance and the hope of renewal 3:1-66, the fourth the sin of the leaders of the people 4: 1-22 and finally a prayer for restoration 5:1-22.

However, amongst this anguish there is still hope particularly expressed vividly in the well known verses of chapter 3 verses 21-24 and also the hymn 'Great is thy faithfulness'.

'But this I call to mind and therefore have hope, the steadfast of the Lord never ceases his mercies never end come to an end,; they are new every morning great is your faithfulness .The Lord is my portion says my soul therefore will I have hope in him' NRSV

According to tradition the book was written by Jeremiah, but while this cannot be established the writings give every indication to be made between 586 and 538 BC.

Initially Lamentations is a book of sorrow for the present and forebodings about the future, which could be applied I would say to our present times **but** the theme coming through is hope of God's love and as expressed by Julian of Norwich 'All will be well and all manner of things will be well.

Ian Silcox

Parish News Deadlines

Issue covering the months of	Deadline for submissions	To advertise events taking place in
April and May 2020	15 March 2020	April 2020 onwards
June & July 2020	15 May 2020	June 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.

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 25th February

Tuesday 24th March



**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.

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serve with joy

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As I sit and write this letter the last remnants of Christmas are now been safely collected by the Councils recycling lorry. So now, we can all look forward to the arrival of the season of Lent, which this year begins on Sunday 1st March. For those who wish to start their Lenten observation in the traditional way, our Ash Wednesday service will be on 26th February, at the Priests room at St Peters in Lamerton at 7:30pm.

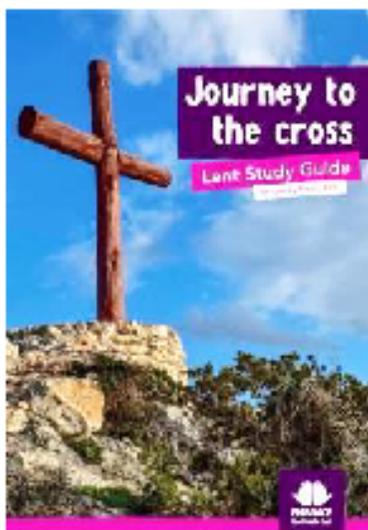
I like Lent because it's an opportunity for us to "*get right with God*" and draw near to Him through prayer and sometimes giving up something meaningful, as a way of an offering to God. In Biblical times, the early Christians would very often fast (give up food) from sunrise to sunset (6am to 6pm) throughout Lent - only breaking their fast on a Sunday, which is a feast day or the Lord's day. That is a discipline very few people follow today as it would be difficult to go more than six hours without a meal, so there are other ways that we can get closer to God. Some people give up alcohol or chocolate and give the money saved to charity. Some people decide to read an extra chapter in their bibles throughout Lent or spend a little more time in prayer.

I always like to re-read the gospel according to St Luke and the book of Acts, during Lent. It's surprising how much detail Luke gives us about Jesus in his writings and how the early Church came about. Personally, I read (try to!) three chapters a day very slowly, taking in what's written - while asking God to reveal something that He wants to show me. For concealed within the bible's pages lies a treasure trove of hidden pearls of wisdom. And the surprising thing about this method of reading is that God does begin to reveal Himself to those who earnestly seek after Him. I have to say that it works for me and if it works for me, it could work for you also. So, as we head into Lent, let me encourage you to journey with me on a road of discovery that only God knows where it could lead.

May I wish you all a Blessed Lent,

Fr. Andy

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 meaning of Lent and Easter using a study guide "Journey to the cross" from *'Embrace the Middle East'*."

We will meet at the Priests room in Lamerton, for relaxed and informal discussions.

The only cost to you will be £3 for the course booklet.

We will meet on Wednesday evenings between
7:30pm – 9:30pm.

Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st 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

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 2nd February <i>Candlemas (Gold or White)</i>	Malachi 3.1-5	Hebrews 2.14-18	Luke 2.22-40
Sunday 9th February <i>3rd Sunday before Lent (Green)</i>	Isaiah 58.1-9a[b-12]	1 Corinthians 2.1-12[13-16]	Matthew 5.13-20
Sunday 16th February <i>2nd Sunday before Lent (Green)</i>	Genesis 1.1-2.3	Romans 8.18-25	Matthew 6.25-34
Sunday 23rd February <i>Sunday next before Lent (Green)</i>	Exodus 24.12-18	2 Peter 1.16-21	Matthew 17.1-9
Wednesday 1st March <i>First Sunday of Lent (Purple)</i>	Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7	Romans 5.12-19	Matthew 4.1-11
Sunday 8th March <i>Second Sunday of Lent (Purple)</i>	Genesis 12.1-4a	Romans 4.1-5, 13-17	John 3.1-17

BIBLE READINGS (Year C) continued

DATE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 15th March <i>Third Sunday of Lent (Purple)</i>	Exodus 17.1-7	Romans 5.1-11	John 4.5-42
Sunday 22nd March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Exodus 2.1-10	2 Corinthians 1.3-7	Luke 2.33-35
Sunday 29th March <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (Purple)</i>	Ezekiel 37.1-14	Romans 8.6-11	John 11.1-45

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

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St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

As the Christmas lights on the tower of St. Mary's are switched off for another year and the decorations are once again stowed in the room they share with our resident bats, birds and bees we look forward to the exciting New Year 2020.

In the past two years we have been pleased to see an increase in numbers attending services and other events including some who have not visited our tranquil little church for quite a long time.

At the Christmas carol / nativity service we were joined by a number of children (clad in superb nativity costumes – including one 'King' dressed as Elvis) together with some delightful small babies who seemed quite mesmerised by the spectacle and the hearty singing of all our favourite carols. Christmas is a special time for children and we hope those who attended the service will cherish the memories and excitement of such a wonderful evening. Every penny of the collection at the carol service is donated to the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth who work so hard to support those in Devon and Cornwall less fortunate than us. This year we collected a magnificent £181.93 for which our heartfelt thanks.

Of course the fabric of St. Mary's is important but we in Sydenham Damerel consider our priority to be our community. Friendship, consideration, support, loyalty, and care are the most important things to us.

Let's make 2020 an even better year. I cannot resist the opportunity to include a few commercials so, if you haven't been to the monthly coffee morning (second Saturday of every month at 10.30 am) then please make it your New Year's resolution to do so this year. Come and join our lively congregation at Songs of Praise at 6.30 pm on the fourth Sunday of every month and, for those preferring a more traditional church service, there is Holy Communion on the second Sunday of every month at 10.30 am. We also have our book group on the third Tuesday of each month held at Churchtown Court at 7.00pm where you can be the advocate of your own book choice on a selected theme.

Finally, I must ask your assistance to keep St. Mary's spick and span. The new cleaning rota form is on the notice board at the back of St. Mary's. If you can help with the cleaning it would be much appreciated. Happy New Year everyone.

Margaret Hurdwell

St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot

Firstly, many thanks to everyone who came to our Christmas Craft Day in November, as well as to all those who helped. The event made a splendid profit of £1,855.85.

We were pleased to welcome the children and staff of Milton Abbot School into church on 13th December for their Christmas assembly, together with family members.

On Christmas Eve many families joined us in church for our Crib and Carol Service during which the children played a game of biblical bingo and brought the crib figures up to the altar for blessing. The service was followed by coffee, sherry and mince pies.

Our next scheduled fund-raising event will be our **Horse Racing Night on Saturday 29th February** in Milton Abbot Village Hall, courtesy of Andy and his family. Those of you who have been to these in previous years will know that it is a fun evening. Once again, the cost will be £5 to include a pasty; please book with Andy so that we know how many pasties to get.

We are delighted to report that the PCC has now agreed which contractor to appoint to replace our bell frame, so we are in a position to go full steam ahead with raising the necessary £79,201 to get the job done. We already have some ideas in the pipeline but if there is a particular fundraising event you would like to see happen – and particularly if you are able to help or even organise an event for us – please let me know on 01822 870642 or email liz@southtamar.church

We are also pleased to be able to give you advance notice about our service of Holy Communion on **Sunday 26th April**, when we will be joined by the **Ridgeway Chorale** from Hertfordshire. This choir is giving a concert at St Eustachius' in Tavistock the previous evening and, as they will be staying in the parish overnight, have asked if we would like them to sing at our service; needless to say, we have accepted with alacrity and decided that the collection taken at this service will go towards the Bell Frame Fund. We do hope that as many of you as possible will join us for this service.

Liz Padmore

St. Mary's Church, Marystowe



We're well into the New Year, a new decade too, and Christmas already seems a long time ago! It's lovely once again, to see the snowdrops in the churchyard.

Our **Christmas coffee morning with craft stalls**, held back in November, was a great success, with many people from the village and from across the benefice visiting. The event raised £458 for Church Funds.

An incredible seventeen people took part in decorating the church for **Christmas** and it really did look beautiful, especially by candlelight. We had two lovely services, both led by Rev Andy Atkins. **The Crib and Carol Service** on 15th December, was well attended and enjoyed by everyone; the children dressing up and taking part in the service and reading too. Festive refreshments were served afterwards. And, on Christmas Eve, we welcomed many visitors to the **Christmas Communion Service**.

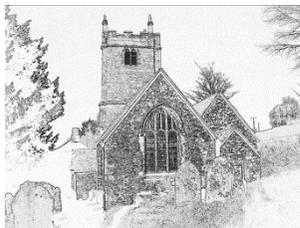
We would like to thank Faye and Steve, who hosted the **Carol Singing** in their front garden in the village on Friday, 20th December. Everyone was in good voice, enjoying the social occasion, the mulled wine and mince pies, when suddenly and quite unexpectedly, the rain came. Very kindly, we were all invited into the kitchen, where we continued in the dry. The collection raised £50, which was given to the church.

I think those who took part enjoyed the challenge of **Double your Money**, coming up with some great ideas, one of them as an alternative to the traditional occupational therapy offered! Various hand-knitted items, jars of jam, marmalade and chutney, doorstops, greetings cards and illuminated bottles were made and sold, raising a total of £391. Congratulations to Joy McSmythurs for her ingenious idea and for raising the most money.

Please remember we offer **greetings cards** and a wide range of **second-hand books** for sale in the Church. If you have any books you have finished with, please call Barbara Dawe [on 01566 784797](tel:01566784797). Collection can be arranged.

Deborah Asbridge

St. Andrew's, Coryton



The first of the new services of Evensong, led by Peter Harlow, was held at the beginning of December with a larger than usual congregation for a normal Sunday. A big 'thank you' to Peter for all the services he has taken at Coryton over the past year.

Christmas was well celebrated at St Andrew's. The Carol Service, led by Rev'd Andy, once again proved to be a very happy start to Christmas. The church looked lovely, decorated with fresh greenery and with the Christmas tree adding a festive touch. The service was followed by delicious food and mulled wine. On Christmas morning, Andy was at St Andrew's again for the Celebration of Christmas service.

How St Andrew's, Coryton got its name ...

According to *The History of Coryton* by Thomas Newman (1940), there has probably been a church in Coryton since the 6th Century. This church was dedicated to St Curig, a Celtic saint who gave his life to teaching Christianity to the heathen Celts. The Celts were defeated by the Saxons in the early 9th Century. They hated the Celts and their saints, of whom they knew very little. They probably destroyed the old Celtic church and on the site built a new Saxon church which forms part of the church as it is today. At the same time, the Saxons changed the Patron saint of the church from St Curig to St Andrew.



St Andrew was one of the original 12 apostles of Christ, and the brother of another apostle, Simon Peter. Both lived and worked as fishermen in Galilee; very little else is known about Andrew's life.

He is said to have travelled to Greece to preach Christianity, where he was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

Josie Whitfield

St. Peter's Church, Lamerton



We would like to thank all of you who joined us for our various services over Christmas.

Advent Carols at Collacombe put us in the mood for Christmas. Thanks to our hosts, Sarah and Ian, and thanks to the ladies who provided the mulled wine and delicious mince pies. Thanks also to Tony our pianist and organist.

Our Christingle and Carol services were very well attended as was our Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. It was very good to see you at these services. Many thanks to Andy for all the work he put to them and for his hard labour throughout the year.

Our Flower Ladies decked the church out beautifully and the Cleaning Crew made sure the church was spic and span. Thanks to the Old Boys who put up the cross on the tower, erected and decorated the Christmas tree, and kept the flags in order. They do a grand job.

We haven't yet got round to organising other fund raising events but we will...

Your Church Wardens at St. Peter's wish you a very Happy New Year.

Lamerton Women's Institute

Meetings are at Lamerton Sports and Community Centre, 2.00pm

4 February	Dartmoor Rescue with Colin Ridgers
3 March	Dartmoor Place Names with Robert Hesketh
7 April	Dementia DFWI with Heather Penwarden

New members are always very welcome

Lucky Lamerton Lottery

Winning number for December 2019 draw - 15

Winning number for January 2020 draw - 19



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 CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

That Settles It!

Every day we see cars with bumper stickers. Some people have a bumper sticker to show support for their school or a favourite sports team. Others might have a bumper sticker that says they love their dog. Some bumper stickers have a Christian message. There is one that says, "God said it, I believe it, that settles it!" That sounds pretty good at first, but if you stop to think about it, if God said it, that settles it — whether we believe it or not!

When Jesus was on the earth, there were a lot of different ideas about who he was. Many people thought that he was just a good teacher. Some people thought that he was Elijah or one of the prophets. There were some who thought he was John the Baptist. Even his own disciples didn't really understand who Jesus was.



One day Jesus took three of his disciples -- Peter, James, and John -- up on a mountain so that they could be alone. While they were on the mountain, an amazing thing happened. Jesus' appearance began to change. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Then Moses and Elijah appeared and were talking with Jesus. The disciples couldn't believe their eyes! Then they couldn't believe their ears! They heard the voice of God saying, "This is my Son. I love him and I am pleased with him. Listen to what he has to say."

Well, from that moment on Peter, James, and John had no doubt about who Jesus was. He was the Son of God. God said it and that settled it. Peter himself said, "We were eyewitnesses of his majesty...we ourselves

heard the voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the mountain."

There are many people today who still don't know who Jesus is, but we know, don't we? He is the Son of God. How do we know? Because God said it and that settles it — whether others choose to believe it or not.

Dear Father, we thank you for sending Jesus, your Son. We know that he is your Son because you said so — and that settles it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Transfiguration

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV).



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FLASH
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 TALKING

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 PETER
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MOSES
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JOHN
 VOICE
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 APPEARED

MOUNTAIN
 JESUS
 ELIJAH
 DISCIPLES

A Night at the Races

'The Milton Abbot Stakes'

A Horse racing evening in aid of Milton Abbot Church Bell Fund



Saturday 29th February 7:30pm

Milton Abbot Village Hall

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

Please bring your own drinks too if you wish

A stake in a horse will cost £1 per race.

Booking is essential! For tickets please contact Andy on 01822 870298 or email vicar@southtamar.church

LAMERTON

POINT-TO-POINT HORSE RACING

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

KILWORTHY, BRENTOR, NR TAVISTOCK

FIRST RACE 1 PM

Bar Bookmakers
 Refreshments

£10 per person Children free
Contact Mrs B Fuller 01822 860253



Hotel Endsleigh Gardens Open Day
Milton Abbot, PL19 0PQ

Wednesday 20th May
with St Austell Strummers Ukulele Band
11am - 4.00pm




£5.00 Admission inc. tea/coffee & biscuits. Cakes also available.
Crafts and plants for sale. Grand Draw at end of afternoon.
All proceeds to Milton Abbot Church
Lunches pre-bookable direct with Hotel.
Event enquiries to: matreasurer@southtamar.church

GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



Some farm in fields, some in allotments, some in raised beds; some even in an orangery, or an ivory tower, but for Doug in January it's a windowsill. Now is the time to sow something. It could be broad beans, sweet peas, salad leaves? Or, maybe, some peas? Pick a 4-inch pot with some potting compost and sow 10 or 20 pea seeds an inch deep. Place on a nice sunny windowsill and in a week, you'll have some lovely pea shoots to liven up some boring supermarket lettuce. Just snip 'em off and enjoy (see photograph below). (OK, I know it's not easy to find a nice sunny windowsill? I'm sure Monty Don has several). Any that make it through to the spring could go out into the garden. An oblong tray with some salad leaves? You can now get fancy, high tech lighting and temperature-controlled propagators; but that's not for me.

Doug's first ever attempt at growing Brussels Sprouts has been a failure; well, it was only an experiment and I did think I might not get away with it. I sowed the seed in module trays and then planted out the very happy seedlings into a bed in the spring. I didn't net them or protect them in any way, not even the occasional spray with a veggie insecticide. Needless to say, they provided a wonderful nesting ground for insects and were covered in caterpillars munching in formation. The pigeons have also enjoyed a nibble. So, I'll get some Enviromesh, make a cage and have another go this year.



The snow drops and daffodils are here - at least, the early ones are. If you look, there's a lot happening out there in the garden. Bittercress - a real nuisance weed - is getting a foothold as are many others. Tidy those beds and get some mulch down, otherwise you'll regret it.

Think about some flowers for cutting for the house - dahlias, cosmos, roses, sweet peas, gladioli? Whatever you like. Annuals, perennials? If you want some inspiration with colours, or better still, combinations of colours, have a look at Sarah Raven (sarahraven.com).

Resolve to get on top of your garden and you'll be gloriously rewarded if you do. Happy 2020 gardening!

Doug

FARMING LIFE BY HAYSEED



“There’s always a day in January to remind you of June”. There’s a good old country saying but I haven’t seen it in this year yet (although I am writing this whilst Storm Brendan is in full swing)! However, things have dried up a bit and with lambing now started it will be good to get the ewes and lambs out after lambing them indoors. The suckled calves have been weaned and off their mums, we always do that in January so that it gives the cows 3 months

holiday before they start calving again in the spring. They miss each other and there is usually quite a bit of bellowing goin’ on but after a few days things quieten down again. It seems daft calling them calves, they have grown like mad during the summer of 2019 and with plenty of grass and milk from the cows they have averaged around 1.5 kgs of weight per day. That means that at weaning they weighed in at about 400 kg, that’s 8 cwt in old money!!

It’s important to keep that live weight gain going so they are feeding on the top quality forage we have to offer, high protein silage. The suckler cows have as much as they can eat but their forage doesn’t need to be such high powered stuff. Too much protein and the unborn calves that they are carrying will grow too big inside their mums and can lead to difficult calving. What is important is to keep the vitamin and mineral levels up and I’m a great believer in putting about molasses based licks. Remember, the cattle are indoors and are unable to source any natural resources from Hayseed’s Herbal lays. The sheep have access to vitamin and mineral licks as well. It’s so important for their welfare.

Well, Candlemas is upon us now and as farmers we are halfway through the winter. “Half your corn and half your hay should still be in place by Candlemas day” – that’s what I wrote a few months ago and the old saying goes back generations. I believe we have just enough to see us through.

‘Til next time, Hayseed.

Please clean up

Taking my dog for regular walks around the Lamerton area I never cease to be amazed at the amount of dog mess just left by the sides of roads or in verges. I realise we live in the countryside where muck and dung are commonplace, but dog mess will take around 9 weeks to decompose, is of limited value to the environment and worse, is awful to tread in when avoiding cars on the narrow lanes. Your dog can’t tidy up after themselves so please carry poo bags & use the dog bins provided.

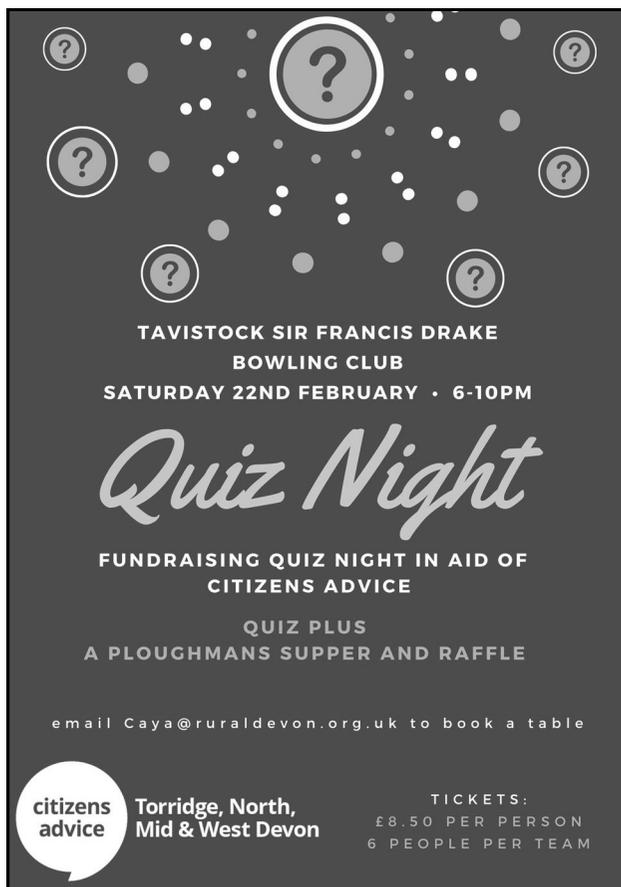
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POLE POSITION

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

February 6th - Her Majesty's Accession
March 9th - Commonwealth Day
March 10th - Birthday of the Earl of Wessex

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at Lamerton Village Hall on Friday 20th March 2020

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Bingo prizes and raffle with chocolate prizes

Free entry. Bingo book - £4. Option of half book for children - £2

Family Evening. All Welcome!

(Under 18's to be accompanied by an adult please)

NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL



“Because in February the days were really getting longer, and you could see it, if you really looked. You could see how at the end of each day the world seemed cracked open and the extra light made its way across the stark trees and promised. It *promised*, that light, and what a thing that was. As Cindy lay on her bed, she could see this even now, the gold of the last light opening the world.”

“*Olive, Again*”; Elizabeth Strout; *Penguin Viking 2019 p124*

“A light exists in Spring,
Not present on the year
At any other period-
When March is scarcely here” *Emily Dickinson.*

In February the almond trees are in blossom, in Cyprus and in the USA, especially California, where bees are sent in each year, woken early from winter dormancy to pollinate the blossoms, and where 35% of colonies are dying each year. Almond nuts and milk are popular, but the pesticide chemicals used in farming them have been blamed for the deaths of bees. (*Annette McGivney, The Guardian 8 Jan 2020*)

We cannot do without bees! Bluebell has a colony in a hole in an ash tree this year. They are quite opportunistic and come out to forage on the winter flowers in her garden whenever the sun shines.

Last year the house was full of hundreds of over-wintering ladybirds. This year there are hardly any! What has happened?

The woods are still mostly silent, full of brilliant green moss, but the robin sings sweetly, and sometimes the wren. The wren may give a loud warning chrr from deep in the brambles and sodden brown bracken. Its song is often from the undergrowth, very loud, consisting of sweet, rapid notes and trills, the whole body of the tiny bird vibrating with energy. “It uses its song to try to frighten enemies, and with wings quivering it will come close and direct its strong voice at another wren ... bird, cat or even snake. The wren is not only our smallest bird, but it could also claim to be one of our boldest living creatures.” *Smallest and the bravest, Derwent May; The Times 13.11 2014.*

Green shoots are already thrusting up from the hard earth, snowdrops and daffodils. The first snowdrops have been opening since Epiphany in Bluebell’s garden.

Winter, Bluebell put up two snipe on Gibbet Hill, and hears dog fox and vixen bark at night in the wood.

With the change in the light as Spring comes in, with the storms and the rain we have endured, come beautiful rainbows, sign of God’s promise to Noah and to all of us.

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.

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Rev Andy Atkins: 01822 870298
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A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

A pilgrimage planned for March next year (2020) led by Andrew Steven
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please call either Andrew on 01269 826101 or Ian Silcox on 01822 612751

Lamerton School's Christmas Fair raised a fantastic £1,058.15. Thank you to everyone who supported the event which had a great community feel to it. The money will make a big difference to the school pupils to enrich their learning.



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COUNTRYSIDE QUIZ

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM

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A Story on the Theme of Forgiveness

Building Bridges

Once upon a time, there were two brothers. Their father had a large farm and when he became too old to work, he called his sons to him. "I am too old to work anymore," he said. "I will divide my farm in half and give each of you one half. I know that you will always work together and will be good friends."



When the brothers first started farming on their adjoining farms, they were the best of friends and would share everything together. Then, one day there was an argument between the two brothers and they stopped speaking to one another. For many years, not a word was spoken between them.

One day, one of the brothers was at his house when a carpenter came to his door and said, "I would like to do some work. Do you have any work that I can do?" The brother thought for a moment and then replied, "I would like you to build a fence on my property. Build it down near the stream that separates my farm from my brother's. I don't want to see my brother anymore and I would like you to build a high fence there please. I'm going into town and I'll be back this evening."

When he came back that evening, he was shocked to see that the carpenter had not followed his instructions. Instead of building a high fence there, he had built a bridge over the stream. The man walked down to take a look at the bridge, and as he did, his brother walked toward him from the other side. His brother said, "After all the terrible things I've done to you over the years, I can't believe that you would build a bridge and welcome me back." He reached out to his brother and gave him a big hug.

The brother then walked back up to his farmhouse to talk to the carpenter. "Can you stay?" he asked. "I have more work for you to do." The carpenter answered, "I'm sorry but I can't stay. I have to go, for I have many other bridges to build."



February Fizz!

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OPEN THE BOOK

At the time of writing we have not yet started our Spring Term Open the Book, although it is only a couple of days to go until I have consecutive days of the Visit of the Magi at Lamerton and Lewtrenchard schools.

Last week the Lewtrenchard group met to “rehearse” our story, which is a pretentious thespian term for a mug of coffee and biscuits, together with great childish fun going through the dressing up box (seriously called “the Props”) and trying to make turbans from old scarves. There is definitely going to be ‘a longest telescope challenge’ between the three wise men as they begin the story looking at stars. Forget a kitchen roll centre – this Balthazar is looking for something much more impressive! Especially as Casper has a naval telescope in a leather case! As for Melchior I think the focus will be on producing the largest piece of Gold (wrapped shoebox perhaps?) that has ever graced the story.

Open the Book uses The Lion storyteller Bible, which is beautifully written and phrased to make reading aloud come naturally to us all. It is in language that is not only modern but also relaxed in a manner that the children can relate to the stories and also the characters:

My friend was fabulous in her butcher’s apron as the Innkeeper before Christmas as she advised Mary and Joseph that it was “Bad News” (sighed the Innkeeper, shaking his head.) ‘There’s not one room left in Bethlehem. But seeing as the young lady’s expecting and all, why don’t you spend the night in my stable”.

She could have been the landlady of any soap opera pub, I imagined Jolene turning to tell Kenton to change a barrel at The Bull in Ambridge.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our stall and sales at Marystowe Christmas Coffee morning and Lifton Methodist church as we have managed to raise sufficient funds to get our next set of books and also help with materials so my husband can build us a boat for fishing on the Lake at Galilee.

Open the Book is a national Charity with **over 11,000 volunteer storytellers sharing Bible Stories with over 2,000 Primary Schools.**

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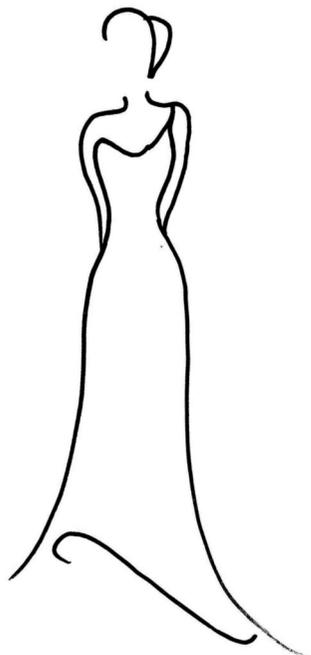
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In the main, events advertised in A6 landscape will be able to be placed on a half page. Adverts which are A5 portrait invariably either require a whole page or a quarter of a page which can be (for some) too small to read)...your assistance and contributions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

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March 2020

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
Sunday 1st March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>		6:30pm BCP Evensong			9:30am HC/CW	
Weds. 4th March	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 8th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	10:30am HC / CW			6:30pm Songs of Praise		6:30pm BCP Evensong
Weds. 11th March	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 15th March. <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>		11:00am HC / CW			9:30am Family Service Morning Praise	
Weds. 18th March	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 22nd March. <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	6:30pm Songs of Praise	9:30am Family Service		11:00am HC / CW		11:15am HC / CW
Tuesday 24th March	7:00pm - Taizé Service Sydenham Damerel					
Weds. 25th March.	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 29th March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	6:30pm - United Benefice Service BCP Evenson - Coryton					

CHURCH SERVICES

February 2020

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 2nd Feb. <i>Candlemas</i>		6:30pm BCP Evensong	10:00am BCP Matins		9:30am HC / CW	
Weds. 5th Feb.	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 9th Feb <i>3rd Sunday before Lent</i>	10:30am HC / CW			6:30pm Songs of Praise		6:30pm BCP Evensong
Weds. 12th Feb.	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 16th Feb. <i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i>		11:00am HC / CW			9:30am Family Service Morning Praise	
Weds. 19th Feb.	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 23rd Feb. <i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i>	6:30pm Songs of Praise	9:30am Morning Praise		11:00am HC / CW		11:15am HC / CW
Tuesday 25th Feb	7:00pm - Taizé Service Sydenham Damerel					
Weds. 26th Feb	10:00am Holy Communion Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					
Weds. 26th Feb.	7:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service Priest's Room at St Peter's Lamerton					