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Event	August	September
Coffee Mornings		
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12pm	3, 17, 31	14, 28
Sydenham Damerel from 10.30am	3	7
Coffee and Company, Priest's Room, Lamerton 10 - 12pm	4, 18	1, 15, 29
Church and other events		
Bells & Strings, Handbells & Ukelele's; Milton Abbot Church, 7pm		13
Milton Abbot Village Show, Milton Abbot School, 3:30pm		14
Entering the Interregnum; Archdeacon led Service, Milton Abbott, 11am		22
Bags2school, Clothes Donations Lamerton School, 8-9am		25
Harvest Auction & Supper, Lamerton Hall, 6:30pm		27



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

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Dear Friends in Christ,

By now, I am sure that most, if not all of you, will know that I will very shortly be leaving you all to move to Cornwall. My last service within our Benefice will be at Lamerton on the 25th of August at 11am, I hope to say my goodbyes and thank you's to you all then. As a family we have been with you since December 2014, when Sarah, Joab and I were made very welcome. During our time with you so much has happened, not least the arrival of May in 2015.

The Bible has over 140 verses about time, one of the most famous is Ecclesiastes 3:1 *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens"*. We are all tempted to try and take control our lives, as we attempt to order our lives and make plans, but sometimes God has other ideas. I had a plan, and they always say if you want to make God laugh tell him your plans, as so often he has a different plan. This has been the case this time, as I was thinking of looking elsewhere in Devon once Joab's exams had finished in 2026, but my timing is not God's timing and so we find ourselves swimming the river to Cornwall.

In my time here it has been my privilege to conduct baptisms, weddings and funerals and to be involved in Confirmation services. I have learnt about sheep, cattle, dipping and silage. Easter and Christmas services have been a joy and there has been the pain of the pandemic amongst other sorrows. I have thoroughly enjoyed the time spent in our two schools and so much more besides.

Always whether in times of joy or sorrow there is a constant in my life and that is the fact that I know I am a beloved child of God, and that God always has time for me even when I do not give him the time he deserves.

I pray that as the South Tamar Mission Community begins the process to find your next Vicar, that you will each give of your time; both to God in prayer, praying that the right person will be found, and to each other in helping and supporting everyone in the time of waiting.

Let us pray:

As I journey onward, I give thanks for those I have lived, worshipped and shared life with here for these past 9 years, the many people, places and communities whose fellowship has enriched, encouraged and taught me so much.

I ask forgiveness for where I have failed in thought, word and deed; where I have let others down, lacked wisdom and understanding and have cared too much about my own reputation and concerns.

I know that God goes with me. I now lay down my ministry in this place to begin a new stage of life and discipleship.

I know that God goes with me. As I move to Cornwall and begin a new life in the community there, I pray to be faithful in all God asks of me.

With every Blessing

Fr. Andy

COFFEE & COMPANY



Come and join us for a coffee, some cake, and chit chat or a board game.

Every other Friday, 10am-12pm, at the Priest Room (Chapel) by St Peter's Church, Lamerton.

Everyone welcome!

After the success of the Warm Hub, several people wished to carry on meeting and wanted more people to come along too, so we have relaunched as Coffee & Company.

Coffee & Company will be on the alternate week to the village coffee morning that takes place on a Saturday every other week, but do check the church calendar regularly as it doesn't always follow an exact alternating pattern:

www.southtamar.church/calendar/

We would love you to join us.

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.

BIBLE READINGS (Year B)

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

DATE	1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 4th August Tenth Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Exodus 16.2 - 4, 9 - 15	Ephesians 4.1 - 16	John 6.24 - 35
Sunday 11th August Eleventh Sunday After Trinity (Green)	I Kings 19.4 - 8	Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2	John 6.35, 6.41 - 51
Sunday 18th August Twelfth Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Proverbs 9.1 - 6	Ephesians 5.15 - 20	John 6.51 - 58
Sunday 25th August Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Joshua 24.1 - 2a, 21.14 - 18	Ephesians 6.10 - 20	John 6.56 - 69

Magazine deadline for August/September 2024 edition is

end of day: Saturday 14th September 2024

Thank you for your timely submissions - they are gratefully appreciated.

BIBLE READINGS (Year B)			
DATE	1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 1st September Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Deuteronomy 4.1 - 2, 4.6 - 9	James 1.17 - 27	Mark 7.1 - 8, 14, 15, 21 - 23
Sunday 8th September Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Isaiah 35.4 - 7a	James 2.1 - 10 [11 - 13] 2.14 - 17	Mark 7.24 - 37
Sunday 15th September Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Isaiah 50.4 - 9a	James 3.1 - 12	Mark 8.27 - 38
Sunday 22nd September Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Wisdom of Solomon 1.16 - 2.1, 12	James 3.13 - 4.3, 3.7 - 8a	Mark 9.30 - 37
Sunday 29th September Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Numbers 11.4 - 6, 11.10 - 16 11.24 - 29	James 5.13 - 20	Mark 9.38 - 50

The readings conclude with ***‘This is the Word of the Lord’***,
the response is ***‘Thanks be to God’***.

August and September church services are on the back cover.

Notice from the Lay Chair of Tavistock **Deanery Synod ~ Annie Jeffries**

As the Lay Chair of the Tavistock Deanery Synod, I would like to offer my congratulations to Rev. Andy Atkins on his post in the Diocese of Truro.....

“Dear Andy,

It is a well deserved appointment and you will make an excellent contribution to the strategic development of your local parishes and to your new Diocese.

But we WILL all miss you and Sarah and Joab and May.

As a family you have made a tremendous contribution to the lives of our parishioners in each of your churches; you have cheerfully chaired PCC meetings, supported all of our quirky fundraising events and run endless horse racing evenings involving all of your extended family, which have been so much fun for everyone.

For the numerous funerals, weddings and increasing baptisms that you have always led with your exceptional talent for making every family feel special and cared for.

Not easy when often families are not local residents.

We thank you for developing and supporting our pastoral care work and the training that you have always generously offered; for your support to the Churchwardens, PCC officers, LLM's, our Curate, support to the additional clergy team, for the bell ringers, our church organists, the handbell ringers, the cleaning teams, the floristry teams and in fact, everyone that works in God's name in our churches. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

We will miss you at our church coffee mornings, when it has been good to see you, the family and your Mum and Dad join in raffles, enjoying bacon baps and other community activities. Needless to say your achievement in driving the fund raising for the Bells at Milton Abbot, and now you are leaving before the new heating system is in situ!

Sarah has been a stalwart and her energy for supporting our various churches craft events, Christmas Fairs and Nativity plays, bringing Joab and May to special services have truly endeared you all to our local communities.

Christingle without you in your “Orange Outfit” will never be the same again! Lamerton School will miss your huge commitment to regular Collective Worship, Harvest, Remembrance services, Christmas plays Bright Lights and the end of term services.

Thank you for joining in with drinks parties and all those social engagements that you have been invited to and never declined; it has always been a delight to include you all.

Twice you have extended your responsibilities to take on the role of Tavistock Rural Dean; not an easy task and one where you have shown diligence and commitment in leading the Chapter and supporting your fellow clergy colleagues, and indeed myself as Deanery Lay Chair.

So dear Atkins Family, thank you for all that you have done over the past 10 years for the Milton Abbot Benefice Churches. We wish you all much success and happiness in the future; with our love and blessings.”

All Saint's Church, Dunterton

Following our meeting with the Archdeacon of Plymouth Rev. Jane Bakker in May, it has been confirmed that she is aiming to take our Christmas Day service this year.

This will add even more sparkle to what is one of our favourite services of the year and everyone is invited to join us.

With Fr. Andy moving onto a new role at the end of August, we are gearing up to help share the load, pending the new incumbent arriving in the first half of next year. We would be delighted to welcome anyone into the group who can help with our ongoing activities. Please feel free to contact John Spensley or Christine Youds (phone numbers on the front cover of this magazine).

Photo Competition – Over the last 18 months we have been delighted to receive quite a large number of beautiful photos of the church taken at different times of the day and in all seasons. To encourage all these budding photographers, we are launching a competition for “the best Dunterton Church photograph”. A selection of the photographs submitted will be exhibited in the Church over the Autumn and shared on our Facebook Page. The best 12, with the owners permission, will be used in an All Saint's Church Dunterton 2025 Calendar which will be available to purchase for a small fee. Please submit your photographs to duntertonfriends@gmail.com by 31 t August to have it included in the competition.



Save the Date

Our next fund-raising event is the annual River Walk taking place on Sunday 20th October 2024.

Starting and ending at Dunterton Cross (from 11.00 to 16.00) this is a circular route following a similar path to last year with refreshments at the end. This walk is a firm favourite – c.450 people joined us last year. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Food Bank - please don't forget to bring your donations along to the church.

SERVICES AT DUNTERTON CHURCH – DATE & TIME	
Sunday 6th October	11am
Sunday 3rd November	11am
Wednesday 25th December	9:30am Holy Communion



St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

It's been a funny old summer...

The Sydenham Damerel Annual Parish meeting was well-attended and positive in tone. It was announced that the transition from a parish council to a parish meeting has been approved by West Devon Borough Council.

The need for a defibrillator in Townlake was mentioned as a priority and the state of the roads, particularly the potholes, prompted a lively discussion! The minutes of the meeting have been circulated by email and are available on the SDPC website.

Like the rest of the country, Sydenham Damerel had a commemoration, held in St Mary's, to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Our peace lamp was lit and the half-muffled tenor bell tolled 80 times. It was a sombre and reflective occasion.

The Friends of St Mary's also met this month. We were delighted to hear that No Mow May had

gone well and many thanks go to the small working party who tidied up the churchyard for a village wedding in June.

Unfortunately, the Jackdaws have blocked the way up to the bell-tower with their VERY messy nesting habits! This will be cleared up once we can be sure nesting season is over.

The working group on 'heating and seating', to make St Mary's a more comfortable and welcoming space for both worship and community events, organised a public consultation in St Mary's on Saturday 13th of July.

A document outlining the proposed changes and an amazing digital model of what the church could look like was sent

out to the Sydenham Damerel community prior to the open meeting.

Our village book club as always provokes lively chat over wine and tea. Our next book is 'Lessons' by Ian McEwan.

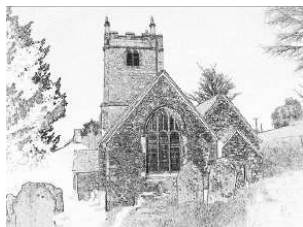
A wonderful one-woman show, 'Squidge' was performed in the barn at Tuell, beautifully directed by Selwyn Hulme-Teague, on its way from London to the Edinburgh Fringe. We wish them well.

In what has been dubbed the Summer of Taylor Swift (I was there with my sequins!), music has played an important part in many villagers' lives; many people are singing in choirs, playing in brass bands and orchestras and, of course, our bell-ringers are very active. This gives a sense of community and raises people's spirits over what has been the wettest of summers.

The gardeners among us are frustrated and been struggling this year as the rain has encouraged the slugs and snails in huge numbers. Sydenham Damerel is now a known destination in the slug world for gourmet food!

Finally, we would like to wish a speedy recovery to Mike Forster, our fantastic Churchwarden. Mike is recovering after a nasty accident. Get well soon Mike, you are missed.

Gail Cullen



St. Andrew's, Coryton

What do Ukraine and Coryton Church's Gutters have in Common?

Ukraine needs our support - and Coryton church's gutters are in urgent need of repair. Both were beneficiaries of a fundraising evening in Coryton Church on 7th July. The evening consisted of a very interesting illustrated talk about how a local couple have since the Russian invasion been organising the delivery of pick-up trucks and crucial kit to units on the Ukrainian frontline. Delicious canapes and drinks were served and also included were a raffle and an auction of a lovely original painting of Coryton Church.



In excess of £750 was raised, half of which will go towards financing the repairs to the gutters and the other half towards buying a truck, or contents of a truck, for the next delivery to Ukraine (in September).

Many thanks to all those who made the event such a success.

And the bells of St Andrew's will ring out

A group of ringers from South Wales are coming to ring at St Andrew's church in Coryton whilst on a bell ringing tour of the area. The date is Friday the 6th of September from 2 to 2.30pm; a chance to hear the wonderful sound of the bells ringing out over the valley.

Saying good-bye to our Rector ...

Rev'd Andy, who has been our Rector for the past 10 years, will be taking up his new posting in East Cornwall in early September. All of us in Coryton are grateful for all Andy has done for us and we wish him and his family all the best in this new chapter in their lives.

A visit from the Archdeacon of Plymouth

On Sunday 22nd September, the Archdeacon of Plymouth, Ven. Jane Bakker, will be leading a United Benefice service of Holy Communion in Milton Abbot at 11am. As Coryton will not have its usual service that day, we are all encouraged to join the UB service.

St. Mary's Church, Marystowe

As you will have noticed the Church and Churchyard are looking lovely.

Yes, the Sunshine does help, but the real difference is the volunteers working inside and out; they arrive with strimmer's, tools, dusters and paintbrushes, but the biggest and best transformation comes through the smiles, laughter and love as we all work together.



At the beginning of July, Wayne and Kathy were married at Marystowe; the Church, Churchyard and Schoolroom looked so beautiful, thank you to everyone for helping.

Please come and enjoy our hospitality. The Church is always open for quiet reflection inside, or in the Churchyard looking across the valley. The coffee is brewing on the first Tuesday morning each month while we restock and tidy the bookshop, and there is usually homemade cake as well!



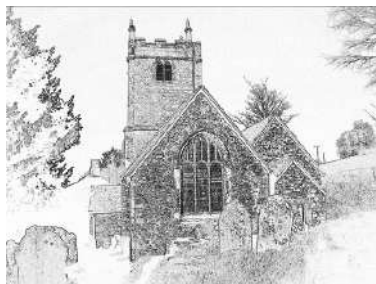
Following our AGM there are very welcome new faces at Marystowe, as well as the older (and not wiser) ones you already know so here's our :

Who's Who

Churchwarden and Verger	Joy McSmythurs
Treasurer and Secretary	Guy Talbot
Churchyard Sexton	James Hitchcock
Sacristan	Amy Harrowell
Safeguarding Officer and Synod Rep	Anita Townsend
Sidespeople	Margaret Dunn and Anita Townsend
Rotas for Cleaning and Flowers	Vicky Taylor
Building Fabric	Andy McSmythurs
Books and Puzzles	Corrie Oliver and Joy McSmythurs
Fund Raising and Events	Joy McSmythurs Margaret Dunn Deborah Lewis Davies Corrie Oliver Amy Harrowell
First Aid	Deborah Lewis Davies

Contact details for the above are in the Church, or please call Reverend Phill or Joy (details at the front of the magazine). These are the contacts, but there are so many people who help - if you are not above, you are not forgotten and much appreciated.

Joy McSmythurs



St. Constantine's Church, **Milton Abbot**

We were all so very sorry to hear that Revd Andy will be leaving us at the end of August for pastures new across the river.

Andy has done so much to pull our Benefice together and to bring us into the 21st Century way of doing things.

Andy, Sarah, Joab and May - you will all be very much missed but just remember the right way to eat a scone!

We wish you all well and very much hope that the move will be all you might wish for.

Andy's last service here in Milton Abbot will be a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 29th July at 11.00am.

His last service in the Benefice will be a United Benefice service of Holy Communion at Lamerton on Sunday 25th August at 11.00am.

We very much hope you will be able to join us for both of these services.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Archdeacon of Plymouth, the Ven Jane Bakker to a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 22nd September at 11.00am at Milton Abbot.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Quiz Night on Saturday 6th July, which was superbly organised and run by Revd Phill with more than a little help from Morag and accompanied by Jude (who was practising his new-found skill of blowing raspberries!). The evening was good fun and enjoyed by all.

John Dickinson very kindly ran a training session for new bellringers on Tuesday 2nd July; he was due to run another the following week but had to cancel due to ill health but hopes to run more regular sessions in coming weeks – keep an eye on Facebook.

If you are interested in having a go, please ring John on 01822 834307 – or just turn up on the night. We are very grateful to John and his fellow ringers for giving up their time for us.

On 10th July we welcomed members of the Guild of Devonshire Bellringers who rang a full peal in 2 hours 57 minutes – the second time a full peal has been rung here since our Bell Project was completed two years ago.

Pat's Pop-up Shop will soon be out and about once more; watch out for details on Facebook.

Liz Padmore



St. Peter's Church, Lamerton

After a splendid season of Spring flowers we have now brought Order to the Churchyard with the grass neatly cut and a quantity of very tasty hay made for the sheep



in the winter.

Thanks to Norman, Mike and Richard for their help in strimming and to Irene, Angie

and Richard for their haymaking skills. The North and East sides will be cut in due course.



D-Day+80 was remembered by a special service with a number of RBL members joining us. Hillary with the help of the school



children made a lovely window display. Class 2 attended and two of the children helped with the collection.

Thanks to Gerald for his organising.

Nine dogs a terrapin and a parrot brought their owners to our pet service. It was much enjoyed by all who came as was the BBQ afterwards at Annie and Mike's.



We hope you will join us for Andy's last service in the benefice on August 25th which will be followed by a Bring and Share supper.



Safeguarding News

**We're here
to help!**

Please note that the new Safeguarding representative for Milton Abbot and Dunterton is Mr Derek Youds. Please address any of your safeguarding concerns to him or Rev. Andy. Thank you for stepping into this role Derek.

Call for all of those PCC Members Open the Book volunteers and Pastoral Care visitors, who do not have a DBS check in place already, to contact their Safeguarding Rep to arrange this. Checks must be renewed every 3 years.

Contact your safeguarding rep to arrange this.

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Marystowe: Anita Townsend; 01822 860123;
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If you are concerned for the immediate safety of someone, dial 999



Coffee @ St. Mary's Sydenham Damerel

First Saturday of every month
10.30am onwards
All welcome.



A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

Skin Deep or from the Heart?

You can't tell if an apple is good by looking at the outside. You have to look on the inside to know if it is a good apple.

One day, while walking through an orchard, a man stopped under an apple tree. It was loaded with big beautiful apples just waiting to be eaten. The man picked what he thought looked like the best apple on the tree. He couldn't wait to eat it. He took out his pocket knife and cut it open for a taste. To his surprise, the apple was rotten to the core.



Unfortunately it is sometimes the same with people. Some people go to church every Sunday. They carry their Bibles, they bring their offering, they sing every hymn, they listen to every word the preacher says, but it doesn't change anything in their heart. They look good on the outside, but their goodness is only skin deep. Their worship is for appearance only and not from the heart.

This isn't anything new. Jesus faced the same problem in his day.

One day some religious leaders complained to Jesus that they had seen some of his disciples eating without first washing their hands. Religious laws and traditions were very strict about washing your hands before eating. The religious leaders asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples follow our customs? They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony."

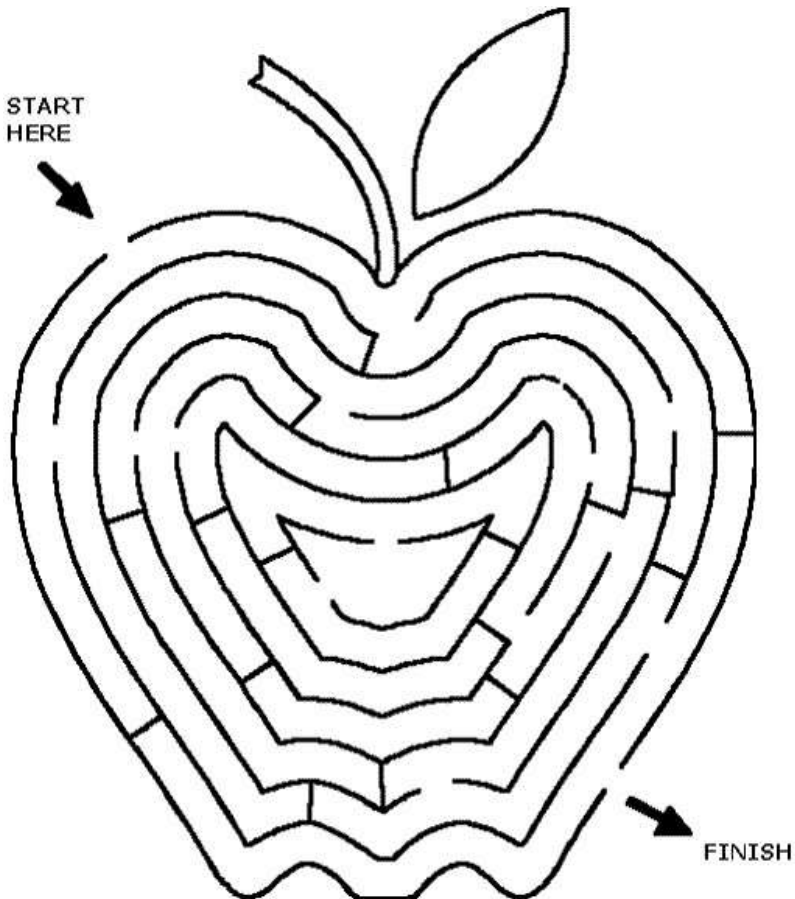


Jesus answered, "You are nothing but a bunch of hypocrites. The prophet Isaiah must have been talking about you when he said, 'These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship has no meaning because they have replaced God's laws with their own traditions.'"

Those religious leaders were very concerned about clean hands, but Jesus was more concerned about a clean heart. We should be too!

Dear Father, help us to be as concerned about being clean on the inside as we are about being clean on the outside. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Adam and Eve Are Tempted



**"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.
"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be
opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
Genesis 3:4-5 (NVI)**

A Story on the Theme of Truthfulness

Honest Ladybirds

A strange legend has it that ladybirds forgive but don't forget. Apparently, at first they didn't have their distinctive black spots. The ladybirds had been pushed to the verge of extinction when, while being led by their famous guide, Caius Insectus, a storm flooded the path they were travelling. Caius Insectus disappeared into the flood, and the few ladybirds who survived had to choose a new guide and leader. They decided that their new leader would be the first ladybird to successfully travel south to the Great Lake and return to describe it.

Many young ladybirds eagerly launched themselves into this adventure. One by one they returned and told of how beautiful the southern lake was at that time of year, with its crystal clear waters, bordered by flowered meadows. However, the last of the ladybirds was late in getting back. They waited for him for three days, and when he finally returned, he was downcast and embarrassed. He hadn't managed to reach the lake. Everyone criticised him for his slowness and stupidity, and they prepared to continue their journey the next day.

Following their new guide, they spent a morning walking northwards until they reached some tall thick grassland, where they halted, astonished. In front of them was the Great Lake! But there were no crystal clear waters, or flowered meadows. The heavy rain had turned it into a huge green puddle surrounded by mud.

Everyone understood what had happened. Without realising it, they had been swept beyond the lake by the flood. When the ladybirds had gone out looking for the lake, they had gone in the wrong direction. Now they could see that, apart from that one late ladybird, they had all wanted to be the Great Guide, and they had not had any qualms to lie in order to get what they wanted.

And so, the late little ladybird, the only one who they now really trusted, was made the Great Guide. They also decided that every time one of them was discovered lying they would paint a black spot on that ladybird's back, so there'd be no way to erase it. Nor would a ladybird know how many spots they had on their back. From then on, when a ladybird looks at another's back, it can tell whether that ladybird is trustworthy.

Likewise, when people show themselves to be dishonest other people paint spots on their impressions of them. It's enough to have just one black spot to change from a simple red insect into a ladybird. So, no matter what the prize may be, we should not allow anyone to paint that spot upon us.



Bells & Strings

RETURN PERFORMANCE

**Lamerton Handbell Ringers
together with
Barry's Shed Ukulele Band**

Friday 13th September, 7pm
£5.00 to include refreshments
Bring your own wine/beer
Tickets tel: 01822 870642

Milton Abbot Church
Proceeds for new Church Heating

A NEW CHAPTER...ENTERING THE INTERREGNUM

Archdeacon of Plymouth, the Venerable Jane Bakker, will be speaking to us at a special United Benefice Service on



Sunday 22nd September at 11am
in **Milton Abbot.**

We encourage you all from across the six churches and parishes to make every effort to attend this service and hear from Archdeacon Jane, and to mark together the start of our journey into the next chapter for our churches and communities.

PCC MEETING !

Combined Sydenham Damerel & Lamerton PCC.
Tuesday 17th September, 7pm,
the Priests Room at St Peter's Lamerton.

All Parishioners welcome to come along to see how things will proceed after Rev'd Andy's departure to Cornwall.



*and the
Winner is..*

Lucky Lamerton Lottery!

The winning numbers are:

June 2024 – 4



New Lottery Year 2024 - 2025

July 2024 – 7

Congratulations to our winners

And a big thank you for purchasing lottery tickets for 2024/25.

All proceeds go towards St Peters Church, Lamerton.



COULD THIS BE YOU?

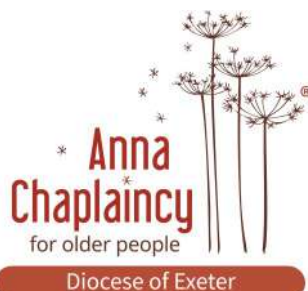
At the recent meeting of the Benefice Pastoral Care Team on the 24th June, it was agreed that we should run a locally based Anna Friends Training Course in October. With Rev. Andy leaving and Rev. Phill holding the fort with support from Tim Thompson and Richard Searight, there was a recognition that many of our older folk, who can no longer physically attend our church services, should be supported as much as possible by our local lay people. Anna Friends work alongside Anna Chaplains (Annie Jefferies and Josie Whitfield) to offer varying degrees of spiritual support. This might be personal visits to people's home, telephone support or taking worship services in care homes.

All six of our churches have parishioners in their later years and when falls or illness make people housebound, we should have a flexible team who can visit these people at home. It would therefore be ideal to have one or two people from each church who might consider doing the Anna Friends course which is done over three training sessions of two hours each.

The course will cover:-

- what it means to be a good and focused listener
- the ageing process , grief and loss
- what is dementia and how can we meaningfully engage with individuals and their families
- how to select helpful Bible readings
- writing simple prayers
- offering people Holy Communion at home

The course will run in October, dates to be agreed depending on what is convenient to those wishing to attend. For more details contact Annie (614178) or Josie (07989 666427).



MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE SHOW

The show must go on!

Milton Abbot Show will still take place this year despite the closure of the village hall.

This year Milton Abbot School have kindly agreed to host the event on **14th September**.

See advert opposite for more details.

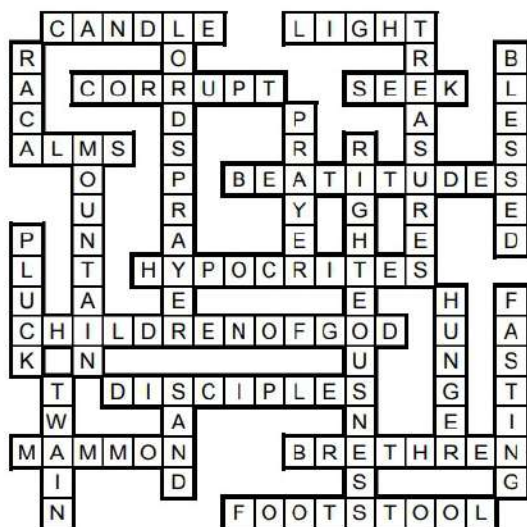
So keep the vegetables growing, your photographs crafts and cookery creations creating and support this annual event.

Its no show without your support.

Schedules will be found at Lamerton Stores, Blacksmith Arms and Edgecombe Arms, The Copper Penny, Milton Abbot Church and in a plastic box outside village hall.

Last Issues Crossword: Just for fun ~ Answers

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Candle, 3 Light, 7 Corrupt, 8 Seek, 10 Alms, 13 Beatitudes, 15 Hypocrites, 18 Children of God, 20 Disciples, 22 Mammon, 23 Brethren, 24 Footstool.

Down: 2 Lord's prayer, 4 Treasures, 5 Raca, 6 Blessed, 9 Prayer, 11 Mountain, 12 Righteousness, 14 Pluck, 16 Hunger, 17 Fasting, 19 Twain, 21 Sand.



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2024

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POLE POSITION!

Please see below for the official Union Flag days for August & September:

Union Flag Days ~

- o 15th Aug Princess Royals' Birthday & VJ Day
- o 8th Sept His Majesty's Accension Day

Other Days of interest August ~

- o 17th Aug Indonesia Day
- o 20th Aug Armada Day
- o 24th Aug Ukraine Independence Day

Other Days of interest September ~

- o 1st Merchant Navy Sunday
- o 9th National 999 Day
- o 15th Battle of Britain Anniversary
- o 19th International Pirates Day



Best wishes,
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LAMERTON WI

August 6 June 2024, 2:00pm

Taekwondo with Dan Hunt.

Competition: Embroidered Handkerchief, Raffle & Tea.

Tuesday 3 September 2024, 2.00pm

Michealsilks with Michael & Karen

Competition: Head Scarf, Raffle & Tea.

All meetings held at Lamerton Village Hall

Marystowe Books

I am away in France at the moment and, like most people, getting packed is always fraught – what to take, will I have enough books with me...and then as the cases go into the car Himself complains about the weight!

I prefer relaxing with a proper book, rather than a screen where there is a risk of having work emails popping up, or the sun is too bright. I therefore paid a fruitful visit to the Marystowe Book collection in the Tower. I have stocked up on mountains of books, because at 50p per paperback it is easy to splash out without panicking about splashing from the pool or sunscreen when reading.



So far I have enjoyed a frivolous block buster of over 800 pages of romance set in the world of three day eventing, a wonderful Jane Austen-like English tale set in 1950s village life by Barbara Pym, a moving biography of a young woman in Hamburg during the Second World War as she fights her own small battles with the Nazis, and am now enjoying a spy thriller. This is four down and still I have six more with me! But I also brought a Sci Fi story for himself, a medieval murder mystery, a modern day whodunnit and a gothic horror about grave robbers for Himself. This may well explain the weight problem with the cases!

Please do think about stocking up for your holiday reading from the Church as all the proceeds are for the Church. We have over 2500 books and all paperbacks are 50p, hardbacks £1. The Church at Marystowe is not locked and there is an honesty pot for payment.

Joy McSmythurs



A festive poster for a harvest-themed event. The background is dark brown with a pattern of small gold stars and larger, faint floral motifs. At the top, a banner reads 'LAMERTON HALL' in white, arched capital letters. Below this, the word 'Lamerton' is written in a large, elegant, gold cursive script. Underneath, the words 'HARVEST AUCTION AND SUPPER' are displayed in large, bold, block letters: 'HARVEST' is in orange, and 'AUCTION AND SUPPER' is in green. The text is framed by a circular wreath of gold leaves. Below the main title, a row of six stylized trees in orange, green, and yellow is shown. A red ribbon banner below the trees contains the text 'AT LAMERTON HALL' in white capital letters. The event details are listed in orange and white text: 'Friday 27th September 24 commences 6.30pm', 'SUPPER AND DESSERT INCLUDED WITH TICKET', 'LICENSED BAR', and 'LOTS INCLUDE HARVEST ITEMS, DAYS OUT, MEALS AND LOTS MORE'. At the bottom, the text 'RAISING FUNDS FOR LAMERTON HALL CHARITY' and 'NUMBER 900404' is written in white capital letters. The bottom of the poster features two illustrations: on the left, a man in a green shirt and blue boots is kneeling and cutting a pumpkin; on the right, a woman in a green shirt and white apron is kneeling and planting carrots in a patch of soil. A large orange pumpkin is in the top right corner, and a striped basket is on the bottom left.

LAMERTON HALL

Lamerton

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NUMBER 900404



Lamerton Handbell Ringers



Lamerton Handbell Ringers took part in The Lamerton British Legion Service held in St Peter's Church, Lamerton on 6th June to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the D Day Landings, playing 'The Dambusters March' from The Lady Chapel at the end of the Service - a most poignant and uplifting Service!!!!

Practices continue and the past few weeks have been very special with the brief return of Nicola Blowey.

Nicola learnt to ring handbells and church bells in Lamerton with her Dad Bill from a very young age.

She went off to university at 18, but would return during the holidays to ring with us all until she decided to go to New Zealand to live, work and finally settle there.

Nicola was last home in March 2020, just prior to the start of the pandemic. After more than 4 years away it was wonderful to see her again. She slotted back into practices as if she had never been away. We all wish her well as she continues with her life and work in farming in the South Island of New Zealand.

The team might have a week or two off in August but activities start again at the end of August. We look forward to working with the Ukulele Band at Milton Abbot on 13th September, and to our Annual Handbell Festival to be held on Saturday 12th October in Lamerton Sports & Community Centre.



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GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



Murder mysteries are a big thing on television whether you watch them or not.

So many people get murdered - in some places (St Marie; Death in Paradise?) once a week!

I'm thinking I could do with some help from those detectives who always solve the mystery...

I've been thinking for several months that this has been a standout year for slugs. Nearly everything has been attacked!

Particularly annoying has been the damage to my courgettes and sunflowers.

Now I'm beginning to wonder if it's not slugs. Aliens, maybe? Little beings from outer space dropping from the sky at night and shooting back as the sun comes up?



And, it seems, there are things they don't like and leave alone. Amaranthus (Love Lies Bleeding) is

one of those.

Planted alongside the sunflowers they're more or less untouched. These Amaranthus are strange - maybe brought by aliens to replace sunflowers and courgettes?

The flower spikes are long and floppy and the seeds provide a feast for the birds in the autumn.



They are also a bit of fun for the kids. They love to stroke the floppy flower stalk!



Meanwhile, in the greenhouse, the tomatoes are coming on (and the courgettes!). The toms' aren't quite there yet; maybe yours

have ripened ahead of mine?

They look as though they'll be really nice when they finally turn red.



Perhaps autumn will be warm and sunny with a little sprinkle of rain over some nights?

Clear blue skies in the day. Sunglasses, beach towels.

Enjoy.

NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL



"The first cuckoo I ever heard on a family trip out of London didn't just say: 'I am a cuckoo'; it said: 'Welcome to summer in the English countryside'" p271 Charlie Elder;

While Flocks Last Bantam Press; London 2009.

"O Cuckoo shall I call thee bird, Or but a wandering voice?" To the Cuckoo: O Blithe New-comer! William Wordsworth.

When Bluebell's great-great-great grand-dam was a puppy, the sound of the cuckoo ("Thrice welcome, darling of the Spring!" *ibid.*) was a normal, common, well-known background sound in the country, like the twittering of masses of swallows gathered on the wires between telephone poles in September. What did swallows perch on before the invention of telephone lines?

Both are now sadly rare sights and sounds.

The cuckoo moved on to the Red List of endangered species in 2021.

It is only July, Midsummer: Lammas-tide, Harvest are to come, but the great Autumn Migration is beginning.

Soon the swifts that are screaming round Bluebell's roof on fine days will be gone, in the first week of August.

Then in September the swallows will gather and go. There was just one Swallow's nest in Bluebell's porch this year. The BTO has attached satellite tracking tags to some cuckoos, and these devices show that many cuckoos have already left the UK.

Irish Cuckoo, Cuach Torc, has hopped over the border from Bosnia & Herzegovina into Albania.

Next stop after Greece is Africa.

Sussex Cuckoo, Sayaan, is in Umbria in Italy; Norfolk Cuckoo, Cleeve, is in Aragon in Spain. Worcestershire Cuckoo, Severn, reached Spain but circled north-east over the sea, the Gulf of Lion, back into southern France, into the hills above Toulon! Suffolk Cuckoo, Wilfred, has crossed the Channel to France in Dordogne. Scottish Cuckoo, Henry, is in France, Val de Loire, and Scottish Cuckoo, George 2, is in Normandy. Norfolk Cuckoo, Cuthbert, has also flown over 200 miles across the channel to Normandy. Will he journey south-west via Spain, or south-east via Italy?

Irish Cuckoo, Cuach Cores, is close to the Italy-Switzerland border at Tirano.

Amongst the many dangers faced by migrating birds are the illegal mist nets on Cyprus, Malta and Mediterranean border countries which catch millions of small birds.

Shot, poisoned, snared, glued to lime sticks; about 25 million small migrating birds including blackcaps, quails and turtle doves, even house sparrows are killed, mostly illegally, every year.

Not one will fly again.

Many are destined for a speciality plate of pickled songbirds called "ambelopoulia". RSPB and BirdLife.

Some laws are being put in place to protect the birds, but enforcement is weak.



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News! **from the Milton Abbot Players**



The show goes on we are still staging a performance this year!



The play is **Bunkered** by **Lynn Brittney**.

Due to the Village hall in refurbishment in Milton Abbot we are not able to host it here so we are moving to Lamerton Village Hall

The play will be on 7th, 8th and 9th November.

Please put it in your diaries and support us.



Lamerton Art Group

We are looking for new members!

We are a small friendly group of artists who support and help one another. We have the occasional inspiration of a demonstration or talk by a professional artist. We meet on Thursday mornings between 10am and 1pm at the Lamerton Community Centre.

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Please contact: **Elaine Price, email: elainejprice@hotmail.co.uk**

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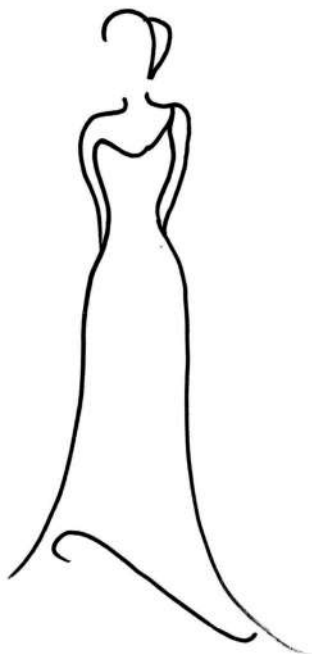
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Sunday 1st September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity <i>(Green)</i>	11am Milton Abbot United Benefice Service, HC/CW					
Weds 4th September	10am Holy Communion– St Peters, Lamerton					
Sunday 8th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity <i>(Green)</i>	10:30am HC/CW			4pm Sunday Praise		6:30pm BCP Evensong
Weds 11th September	10am Holy Communion– St Peters, Lamerton					
Sunday 15th September Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity <i>(Green)</i>		11am HC/CW			9:30am Family Service Morning Praise	
Weds 18th September	10am Holy Communion– St Peters, Lamerton					
Sunday 22nd September Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity <i>(Green)</i>	11am Milton Abbott United Benefice Service, HC/CW Led by Archdeacon of Plymouth, the Venerable Jane Bakker					
Weds 25th September	10am Holy Communion– St Peters, Lamerton					
Sunday 22nd September Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity <i>(Green)</i>	9:30am Marystowe United Benefice Service, HC/CW					

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August 2024

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Sunday 4th August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity <i>(Green)</i>	9:30am Marystowe United Benefice Service, HC/CW					
Sunday 11th August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity <i>(Green)</i>	10:30am Sydenham Damerel United Benefice Service, HC/CW					
Sunday 18th August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity <i>(Green)</i>	6:30pm Coryton United Benefice Service, HC/CW					
Sunday 25th August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity <i>(Green)</i>	11am Lamerton United Benefice Service, HC/CW					