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Diary Dates

Event	October	November
Coffee Mornings		
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12pm	12, 26	9, 23
Sydenham Damerel, 10.30am	5	7
Coffee and Company, Priest's Room, Lamerton 10 - 12pm	13, 27 4, 18	10, 24 1, 15, 29
Church and other events		
Lamerton 51st Handbell Festival, Lamerton Sports & Community Centre, 7pm	12	
Lamerton Hall Barn Dance, PL19 8QP, 7pm	19	
Annual Dunterton River Walk, Meeting Dunterton Cross 10:30am	20	
Sydenham Damerel Blowers & Celtic Harp, St Peter's Lamerton 7pm		2
Sydenham Damerel Barn Dance.		15
Craft & Coffee Morning, Milton Abbot, 10am		16
Marystowe Christmas Craft Fayre, 10am		23
Christmas Wreath Making, Marystowe, 9:30am		26
Advent Carols at Theale, Lamerton 6pm		29
Lamerton Hall, Christmas Fair, 11am, PL19 8QP		30
One Month to Christmas ~ Quiz Night, Lamerton Hall PL19 8QP, 7pm		30

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Dear Friends,

It was with much sadness that we said farewell to Fr Andy at the end of August, but it was good to send him on his way with the warmest of wishes for him and the family in their new home across the Tamar.

We have now started on this vacancy journey together, which we shall be navigating through the coming year.

I do earnestly ask you to pray for our Churchwardens and Chapel Wardens during this period, as the responsibility rests with them for the continuation of the good order of our churches.

Pray too for our new Rural Dean, Rev'd Andrew Thomas from Yelverton, who will be assisting them while also settling into his new role.

Being in a vacancy means there may need to be some compromises over service times or formats, so please be gracious and compassionate in your responses to changes from the normal.

May I be so bold as to ask for your prayers for me and my family too.

While the legal responsibility for the parishes sits with the wardens, there will naturally be an expectation from many that the person in the collar will pick up the pieces, and I will indeed endeavour to do everything I can for you all in our mission community, but I also have training requirements to meet still which may mean I am stretched in two directions.

From 28th October to 23rd November, I have to minister in an alternative context as part of my training, so I will be out of contact with you during that period.

Please do reach out to the wardens in the first instance if you have any queries during this time.

As we look to the future, we will be starting on the process of advertising for a new minister for our mission community. The best advert is you, the people who make up our wonderful churches and communities.

Please do not let up in your efforts to do life together here, and to love and care for each other.

What you all do in our churches, in our schools, in our care homes and in our villages is what makes this place attractive. In the coming months, make every effort to support what is happening in our churches and communities. If you can see that someone has too much on their plate, offer to help. Try volunteering for something new – you might find you like it!

Travel to a service in a church you haven't been to for a while.

Do what you can to draw closer as a benefice, being united in our worship and our love for our neighbour.

With every Blessing

Rev'd Phill

What's happening?

How come I didn't know?

During the vacancy the Churchwardens are committed to keeping services operating.

However, like all well intentioned plans, during this vacancy there may be short notice changes to services at our Churches.

We want to be able to keep as many people updated on changes, and progress in finding ourselves a new Vicar. If you are not on our Church database, please sign up as this will be a key part of our communication.

The data consent form is on: www.southtamar.church and click on 'Privacy Notice'.

Let's keep in touch.

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 6th October Nineteenth After Trinity (Green)	Genesis 2.18 - 24	Hebrews 1.1 - 14, 2.5 - 12	Mark 10.2 - 16
Sunday 13th October Twentieth Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Amos 5.6 - 7, 5.10 - 15	Hebrews 4.12 - 16	Mark 10.17 - 31
Sunday 20th October Twenty-first Sunday After Trinity (Green)	Isiah 53. 4 - 12	Hebrews 5.1 - 10	Mark 10.35 - 45
Sunday 27th October Bible Sunday (Green)	Isiah 55. 1 - 11	II Timothy 3.14 - 4.5	John 5.36b - 47

Magazine deadline for October/November 2024 edition is

end of day: Saturday 16th November 2024

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

BIBLE READINGS (Year B)			
DATE	1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
Sunday 3rd November All Saints' Sunday (White)	Wisdom 3.1 - 9	Revelation 21.1-6a	John 11.32 - 44
Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday (Red)	Jonah 3.1 - 5, 3.10	Hebrews 9.24 - 28	Mark 1.14 - 20
Sunday 17th November Second Sunday before Advent (Red)	Daniel 12.1 - 3	Hebrews 10.11 - 14 [15 - 18], 10.19 - 25	Mark 13.1 - 8
Sunday 24th November Christ the King (Red)	Daniel 7.9 - 10, 7.13, 7.14	Revelation 1.4b - 8	John 18.33 - 37

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

October and November church services are on the back cover.



Remembrance 2024 – Coryton and Marystowe

This year the Remembrance Sunday service is at Marystowe Church 10 November at 10.45am.

We are going to have a canopy of poppies overhead in the Porch, and welcome everyone who would like to bring a poppy, make a poppy* or buy a poppy at the Church to add to the canopy.

The Church will be open from 10am Saturday morning to come and add your poppy.

We will have a Pop-Up Remembrance prayer display.

This will feature stories of local people, relatives and loved ones who gave their lives for our freedom.

If you have a story and/or photo we can add to our display do please contact Joy McSmythurs or Josie Whitfield (details at front of magazine).

We would be grateful for these stories by 25th October to enable us to have time to prepare the display as it will be in Lewtrenchard School during the week 4-8 November.

The School display will include some interaction for children which we will also have in the Church. We will be available in the Church on Saturday from 10am – 3.30pm to talk to children about Remembrance Day.

We will also be gathering in the Church at 11am on Monday 11th November to observe the two-minute silence, and all are welcome to join us. There will be no service, just silent personal reflection.

*we suggest search on the internet to get ideas for knitting, crochet or sewing poppies. Pinterest has some ideas for making felt poppies, and www.emmaleith.co.uk has a recommended crochet pattern.

All Saint's Church, Dunterton

Services – We were delighted that the sun made an appearance on 12th August when we were delighted to host a beautiful wedding at the church that was attended by over 100 friends and family.

Thank you to all those who helped make sure All Saint's was looking its absolute best on the day, both church volunteers and family and friends of the bride and groom. We wish the happy couple all the very best for the future.



At the time of writing, we are uncertain whether our planned services on 6th October and 3rd November can take place as there is currently no one available to lead the services. We do hope to hold these services but please check the South Tamar Mission website, which will show the services in the Calendar section if they are taking place, a few days before each service.

We are delighted that our Christmas Day Communion service will be led by the Venerable Jane Bakker, Archdeacon of Plymouth, and look forward to a church full of Christmas cheer.

Dunterton Church Calendar - We are currently in the final stages of our Dunterton Church Photo competition. The winning 12/13 photos will be included in our Dunterton Church 2025 Calendar. We have whittled down the original entries to 25 photos which we will be showing at the Milton Abbot show on 14th September. We will be inviting attendees at the show to vote for the best photos to be included in the calendar. After the show the photos will also be on display at the church. We hope to have the calendar printed and available to buy in time for the annual River Walk.

River Walk, Sunday 20th October – This fund-raising event is now a firm favourite with all walkers living in the area – c.450 people took part last year. Starting and ending at Dunterton Cross (from 10.30 to 15.00), the 5 mile circular route will follow the same path as last year with parking in the field by the church. Dogs welcome, on leads please. Refreshments including BBQ, hot and cold drinks and a selection of cakes will be available to purchase towards the end of the walk. A wonderful opportunity for our wider community to get together in our beautiful local countryside – please do join us!

SERVICES AT DUNTERTON CHURCH – DATE & TIME	
Sunday 6th October, 11am - Morning Prayer	Please check this service is going ahead by reference to www.southtamar.church.co.uk
Sunday 3rd November, 11am - Morning Prayer	Please check this service is going ahead by reference to www.southtamar.church.co.uk
Wednesday 25th December, 9:30am, Christmas Communion	To be led by the Venerable Jane Bakker, Archdeacon of Plymouth



St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel

As we slip into autumn without truly noticing summer, the rhythm of life seamlessly carries on in Sydenham Damerel. Apples are being harvested, bonfires are crackling, greenhouses put to bed and lawns are, hopefully, being given their last cut of the year.

It was our pleasure to make a presentation to Peter Bazely.

Unbelievably Peter has been playing the organ for 50 years in Saint Mary's and indeed other churches in the Benefice. #

It was therefore a great pleasure to mark this milestone and to thank Peter for this mighty contribution.

Our 100 Club has just reached it's first anniversary.

If you would like to join in the fun, please email: john.r.19@gmail.com by the 29th September. A number costs just £12 and lasts for a year.

The draw is made at our monthly coffee morning which is always on the first Saturday of every month, in Saint Mary's at 10.30am.

This is always a lovely time to catch up on all the gossip and swap excess produce over a freshly brewed coffee.

After our Heating and Seating village consultation (and thanks to all who made their views known), our faculty application has been submitted and is currently under consideration. The wheels of bureaucracy grind slowly but updates will be sent out when we receive them...



Sydenham Damerel Diary Dates

More details coming soon!

> **2nd November:** Sydenham Damerel Blowers' World Tour - NO dynamic Ticket Pricing!

Please join the Blowers in St Peter's Church Lamerton along with the superb Fionnuala Kirby.

> **11th November:** Armistice Day

Commemoration

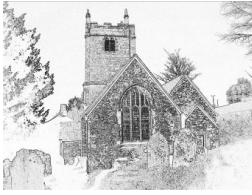
> **15th November:** The Sydenham Damerel Barn Dance.

Licenced Bar and "Red Shed" providing the music. Tickets from £12.50.

Please be aware that, due to clergy commitments, the Harvest Festival date has moved from September to the 27th October.

This should give us all time to produce some great pumpkins and squashes in this the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.

Gail Cullen



St. Andrew's, Coryton

The Bells of St Andrew's

The Bells of St Andrew's are proving to be popular. As well as having been rung at a recent wedding by the local team, three other groups have visited so far this year, two from Wales and one from Exeter/Bovey Tracey. The bell ringers have all enjoyed ringing the bells of St Andrew's and perhaps more groups will include us on their tours in the future.

Harvest Festival

The annual Harvest Festival Service in St Andrew's will be held on Sunday 13th October at 6.30pm. The church will be beautifully decorated and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Remembrance Sunday

The Coryton/Marystowe joint Service of Remembrance this year will be held in Marystowe at 10.45am on Sunday 10th November. A special display is being planned for St Mary the Virgin and Church Warden Joy McSmythurs has asked if people from Coryton could contribute photos or stories of local people involved in the two world wars or in later conflicts. Details on page 8 of the Parish News.

During WWI, 36 men from Coryton served including two who made the ultimate sacrifice, one in a submarine collision, the other dying of his wounds in Italy four days after the Armistice was signed. The war grave close to the entrance to St Andrew's is of

Private 2568569 M.F.W.Weight, aged 29, of the Devonshire Regiment, Airborne, who died on 13th August 1944. More information about Private Weight is posted in the church porch.



Josie Whitfield

St. Mary's Church, Marystowe



During the summer we have a fair number of visitors to our Church, and I find the comments in the Visitors Book so lovely to read, and it helps to remember how wonderful the Church is as a place of peace and spirituality.

One of the entries was [speechless] yes they had used brackets! So many thanks go to everyone who helps with flowers and cleaning; it is recognised by our visitors how Marystowe is so well loved.

We have all said goodbye to the wonderful Reverend Andy; one of my final, and abiding memories was of his role as judge of the Vicar's favourite jam at the Marystowe and Chillaton Fun Day. My offer to make some thin slices of bread and butter was met with a very strange look...then he wielded his spoon and manfully tucked into a dozen or so pots of jam. Everyone had an encouraging comment left on their entry as he clearly took the role seriously. The amount of licking of the spoon was an indication of early favourites!

But there is more about our wonderful day on page 24, which was a combined effort of Marystowe Church and Chillaton Village Hall ...

Dates for your diary:

9th - 11th November - Remembrance at Marystowe Church

23rd November - Christmas Craft Fair

26th November - Christmas wreath making

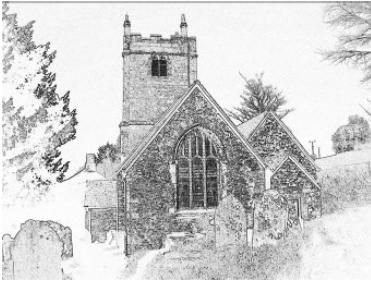
14th December - Christmas entertainment, followed by Hot

Dogs in the Virgin Arms.

Further information on the above is set out in the Magazine.

Wishing everyone a peaceful season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness.

Joy McSmythurs



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

At the time of writing we are looking forward to welcoming the Archdeacon of Plymouth, the Ven Jane Bakker, to our United Benefice service of Holy Communion next Sunday, 22 nd September at Milton Abbot.

We were delighted to welcome a return visit on 13th September by the Lamerton Handbells and Barry's Shed Ukulele Band, who gave us another evening of music to suit all ages and which was very much enjoyed by those present; feet were tapping, hands were clapping .

Pat's shop will be out and about again over the weeks before Christmas with lots of lovely things for you to buy to help you with your Christmas presents.

You will find us:

- at Princetown on 1st - 2nd November;
- Buckland Abbey on 9th-10th November
- our own Craft & Coffee Morning at Milton Abbot on 16th November;
- Marystowe on 23rd November;
- Lamerton on 30th November
- and again on 7th December.

Pat's been doing so much sewing she can hardly move round her house!

So do please come and support us to help bolster our funds, get some lovely Christmas gifts at the same time, as well as helping Pat get her table room back too!

Items also available online here:

<https://milton-abbot-church-pcc.sumupstore.com/>





St. Peter's Church, Lamerton

Andy's leaving service was very well attended and we gave him a good send off with lots of gifts and good wishes for him and his family. A veritable feast was provided with our bring and share lunch.

such a spread.

We wish Andy great success in his new venture across the border.



Guy handed Andy a cheque which will enable him to buy some new garden furniture for his family to enjoy at his new home.

Some of us attended Andy's inauguration service at St Dominic's where he was welcomed by his new congregations.

Please remember our Harvest Festival service on 6th October and join us for the Sydenham Blowers concert on 2nd November.



Safeguarding News

**We're here
to help!**

Now that Rev Andy has left our benefice, please address any of your safeguarding concerns to your **safeguarding representative** or **Rev Phill Parker**, our curate.

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.

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Milton Abbot/Dunterton: Derek Youds; dyods@aol.com

Coryton: Jane Vicat; 01822 860254; janevicat@gmail.com

Marystowe: Anita Townsend; 01822 860123;
Mongoosemoondaisy12@gmail.com

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

Speak Up!

Babies are not shy when it comes to letting you know when they want something. Babies don't care if you're in church, at a movie, or eating dinner in a fine restaurant; if they need something, they'll tell you. As we get older, we learn to be more reserved about making our wants and wishes known. Or do we?

The Bible talks about a man who wasn't scared to let Jesus know he needed something. As Jesus and His disciples were leaving a town called Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road. When he heard that Jesus was approaching, he began to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

His crying out disturbed the people around him. "Be quiet!" they yelled at him. But he only shouted louder.

When Jesus heard Bartimaeus crying out, He stopped and said, "Tell him to come to me."

Bartimaeus jumped up, threw aside his coat, and went to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked.

"I want to see," Bartimaeus answered.

"Go," Jesus said. "Your faith has healed you." Instantly, Bartimaeus could see and he followed Jesus down the road.

Like a mother who does whatever she can to find out what her baby wants or needs, God knows we have needs and wants what's best for us. The Bible says, "Don't worry about anything; instead,



pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." (Philippians 4:6)

When you have a need in your life, don't be shy. Speak up! Remember Jesus wants you to come to Him.

Heavenly Father, we know that You love Your children and want what's best for them. Help us remember we don't need to worry about anything. All we need to do is to speak up, and ask You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Speak Up!

When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Mark 10:47 (NLT)

Based on Mark 10:46-52

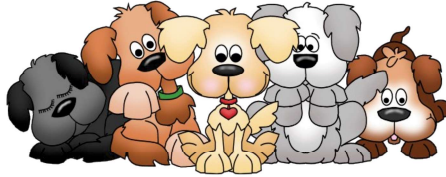


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A Story on the Theme of Compassion

PUPPIES FOR SALE



A sign above a shop read "Puppies for Sale."

Signs like these have a way of grabbing the attention of the children. A small boy, upon seeing the sign, entered into the shop asking; "How much are you selling the puppies for?"

The store owner said - "Anywhere from £30 to £50."

The little boy removed all the money he had from his pocket - "I have £2.37," he said. "Can I please look at them?"

The shop owner smiled and whistled. From the kennel, five cute puppies ran out. One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Pointing at the dog the little boy asked - "What is wrong with that one?"

The shopkeeper explained - "The puppy's hip is damaged. At least that is what the veterinarian said. It will never walk properly again."

The little boy cheered with excitement - "That is the puppy that I want to buy."

"You don't have to buy that dog. You can have it for free."

The little boy was upset. He looked up at the shop owner and said; "I don't want you to give him to me. That dog is worth just as much as the other the puppies. I'll give you £2.37 now, and 50 pence a month until I have fully paid for him."

The shopkeeper replied - "Are you sure you want this dog? It is never going to walk, run or play with you."

The little boy lifted one side of his trousers up exposing his crippled leg supported on a big metal brace. He looked up at the shop owner and softly replied, "Well, I don't run so well myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands!"





Lamerton Hall's CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 30th November 2024

11am til 2pm

- Handmade gifts

- Crafts

- Food

- Grotto

- Wreaths

- Drinks

Father Christmas will be visiting!

Free Entry

Lamerton Hall, Green Hill, Lamerton PL19 8QP

Communications During the Vacancy



Your primary points of contact during our vacancy are our Churchwardens and Chapel Wardens. To email them, follow the link to the relevant church from this page on our website:

<https://www.southtamar.church/welcome/>

If the wardens are unable to assist you, please contact:

Rev'd Phill Parker (Curate) - curate@southtamar.church - 01566 783498

or;

Rev'd Andrew Thomas (Rural Dean) - rectorwestdartmoor@gmail.com - 01822 854804

To speak to someone about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral during the vacancy, please use the relevant email address found below:

baptisms@southtamar.church

weddings@southtamar.church

funerals@southtamar.church

*and the
Winner is..*

Lucky Lamerton Lottery!

The winning numbers are:

August 2024 – 80

September 2024 – 50

Congratulations to our winners

All proceeds go towards St Peters Church, Lamerton.





COULD THIS BE YOU?

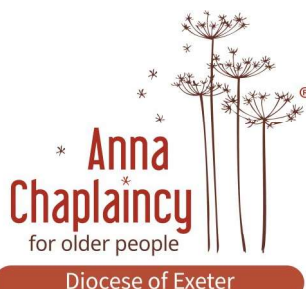
At the recent meeting of the Benefice Pastoral Care Team on the 24th June, it was agreed that we should run a locally based Anna Friends Training Course in October. With Rev. Andy leaving and Rev. Phill holding the fort with support from Tim Thompson and Richard Searight, there was a recognition that 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).



Lamerton Handbell Ringers 51st Annual Handbell Festival



LAMERTON SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE
SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER, 2024
7PM

ALL WELCOME; FREE ADMISSION.

Supporting this year's Charity:

PLYMOUTH & WEST DEVON:

'TALKING NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BLIND'



LAMERTON WI

Tuesday 1st October 2024, 2:00pm

95th Birthday Celebrations!

Competition: Perfume Bottle, Raffle & Tea.

Tuesday 5th November 2024, 2.00pm

Gifted Women with Jenny Adgene

Competition: Pair of Sunglasses, Raffle & Tea.

All meetings held at Lamerton Village Hall

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, SYDENHAM DAMEREL ONE HUNDRED CLUB

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Marystowe & Chillaton Fun Day



On 27th July at 2.30pm the moment of truth... the classes had been judged, the wellies were ready to be wanged, the rat to be splatted and the duck to be hooked! A short rain shower failed to interrupt the fun, and anyway the sky cleared and it remained dry and warm all through to 10.30pm when the last burger had been BBQ'd and, despite calls for more, the band packed away.

It was a fabulous day and a picture says a thousand words so have a look....



(Left) Lovely Oliver, aged 2, with his winning tortoise - an animal made from a vegetable

Debbie's Delicious Dingly Dangly Donuts - the challenge was to eat a ring donut hanging from a string without using your hands. But... During the planning meetings, four very brave chaps claimed that doughnuts without jam were not sufficiently challenging! (Below right) From right to left:

Reverend Andy, Reverend Phillip, James and Andrew - after they have wiped the jam off their faces and clothes!



Huge thanks to everyone who helped, with a special mention to Anita, Anne and Trudi who did sterling work with Cream Teas all afternoon, and Margaret and Colin

who ran the raffle all afternoon, raising £250 for Scotty's Little Soldiers.



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Would you like to have a stall? Cost £10.

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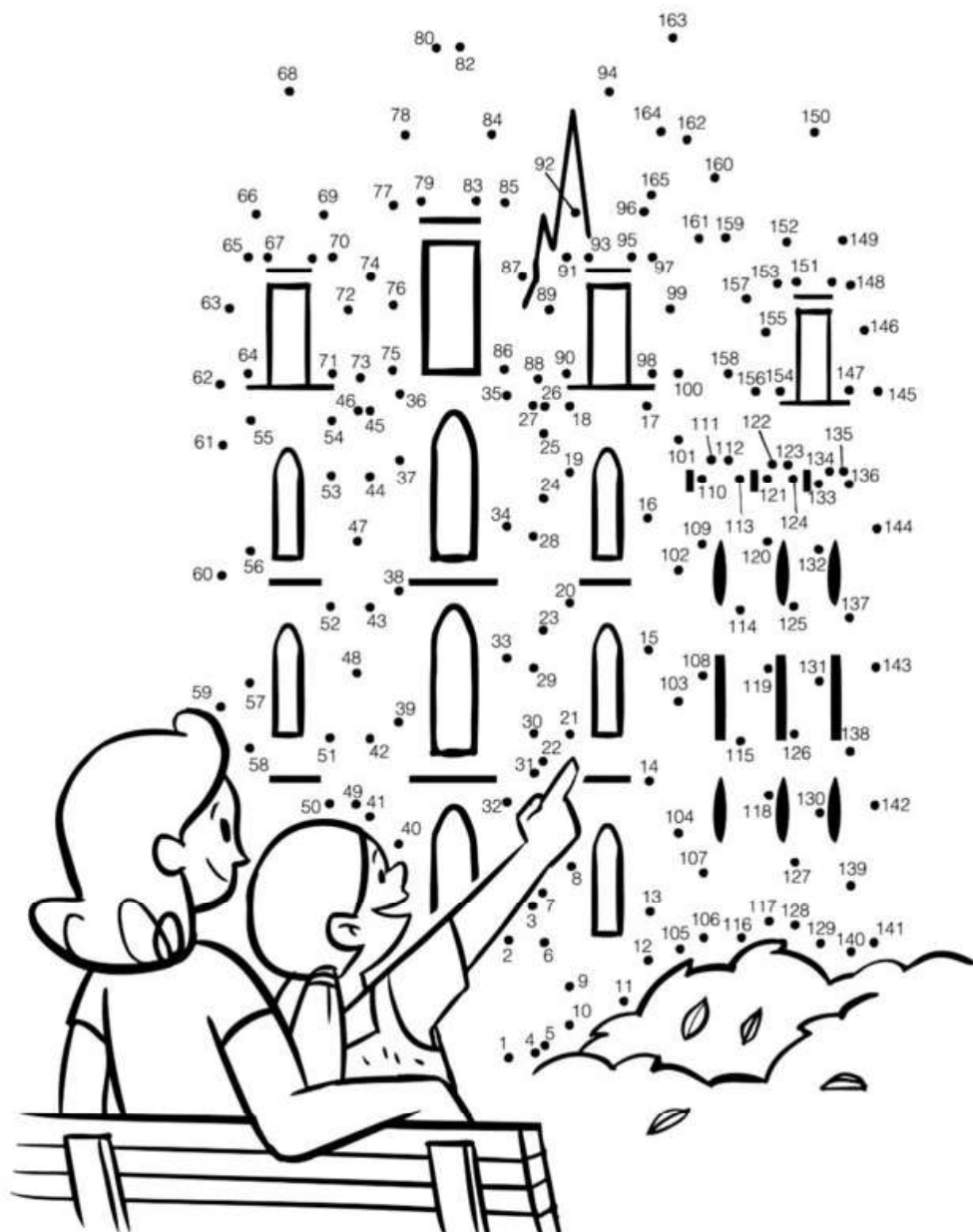
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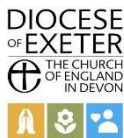
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The course is designed to help people grow in their discipleship, and flourish as part of the Church. It is the foundational course to train as a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader), for ordination training or to train for one of the new Commissioned roles. It is run by the Diocese of Exeter as part of our commitment to lifelong learning and development for all, and is open to everyone who is a member of a church community.

How do I get onto the course?

To apply to do the course please fill in an application form. There is no interview to get on the course, it is open to everyone – whatever their level of education.

How does the course run?

The Foundations course is a mixture of in person and online teaching. There will be several intakes a year and it will run in different locations to make it as accessible as possible for a wide range of people across Devon. If you apply to do the course in 2024/5, you will be invited to join one of the three regional groups, in the following locations:

- Plymouth (St Jude's Church) *running from October 2024 to March 2025*
- Barnstaple (Holy Trinity) *running from February to June 2025*
- Exeter (The Old Deanery) *running from February to June 2025*

What is the time commitment?

Each course group will run for:

- 3 Saturdays (10am – 4pm)
- 4 evenings (7pm – 9pm)



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Do you remember this article published at the beginning of 2024?

"The nativity play was a hoot"

"I cried with laughter"

"Everyone is raving about it"

The People have spoken and awarded:



Yes we're back!!!

14th December at 5.30 pm in Marystowe Church, followed by Hot Dogs and fun in the Virgin Arms next door.

Rehearsals are about to begin – would you like to take part in silliness? Contact Joy McSmythurs to join the stella cast

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Lamerton Handbell Ringers



It was a great pleasure that The Lamerton Handbell Ringers were able to take part in Rev'd Andy Atkins's Final service at Lamerton on 25th August.

They played 'So Deep is the Night' by Chopin and "You Raise me up' during the Communion and before the Final Blessing playing 'Now is the Hour' - A very emotional but fitting end to a wonderful service.

The Team have been practising hard for their part in 'The Bells & Strings Concert' to be held in Milton Abbot Church in aid of The New Heating System.

LOOKING AHEAD to the next event:

LAMERTON 51ST ANNUAL HANDBELL FESTIVAL
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PRESS RELEASE!

Milton Abbot Players are Back!



After a 2 year gap Milton Abbot Players will be treading the boards again.

As you are probably aware the Village Hall in Milton Abbot has had problems with dry rot on the Stage which is currently being resolved, so limited parts of the hall are available to use.

So the next play a comedy **“Bunkered”** by **Lynn Brittany** will be performed in Lamerton Village Hall with a change of dates.

Running from the 6th - 9th November.
Curtains up at 7.30pm.

Rehearsals are being held in Milton Abbot Hall starting in September.

With many of our regular actors and some new actors taking part it promises to be a production not to be missed!

The play is set in an abandoned Cold War Military Bunker and is gentle comedy punctuated with manic bursts of farce. This is a play with hilarious consequences not to be missed!



We have most of the cast but ideally could do with more backstage helpers, sound technicians, etc.

Also if you fancy treading the boards then please get in touch and email:

Liz Moir - liz@thedowns.me.uk

Tickets will be for sale nearer the time.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Keep an eye on our website for updates:

www.miltonabbotplayers.co.uk

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GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG

Murder Slugs, snails and puppy dogs tails. I won't mention the weather! We Brits always grumble about the weather - whether the weather be good, or whether the weather be bad. It does seem to have been the most awkward gardening year I can

remember - and I do stretch back a few years. Some things have done very well (the fig and olive tree) and other things very poorly (the dahlias). Most of my dahlias, in pots or in the ground, were eaten as soon as they appeared above the soil. Normally, they would see some later, drier days and sprout up and run away towards the sunshine and blue sky. Well, some in pots did, but others didn't. I won't put pellets down because we have hedgehogs. We've seen them in the headlights in the drive in the dark. Don't think we've got a nest, but they do roam far at night.

You may remember I sowed some annual meadow seeds again in spring into a patch of bare soil. The previous year it was disappointing. A lot didn't germinate. Well, this year it was somewhat better although not overwhelming. I think maybe it isn't quite as sunny a spot as the annual flowers would love. But, it's easy and it's colourful. You just need bare soil and a sunny spot. You might need some flappy things on a string to dissuade the birds from taking the seed.



Life in the greenhouse has not been too bad. The tomatoes have done very well although they were a bit slow initially. The cucumbers have outdone the courgettes. Cucumber soup anyone?

You just have to accept what happens. You can try and adapt but won't always win. That's part of the joy of gardening. Every year is different when you're closely involved.

The thing to do now is to think about what you want from your garden next year?

Start clearing borders and pots, but leave some seed-heads for the birds. Hope the hedgehogs thrive.

I will have sunflowers and dahlias again! Perhaps we'll be blessed by a lovely autumn; warm and sunny. Enjoy!



NATURE NOTES BY BLUEBELL



"While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue:
...The redbreast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies."

from *To Autumn*; John Keats, September 19, 1819

While there have been noticeably fewer swallows this summer, fewer butterflies on the buddleia and Sedum flowers, moths have hardly banged on the kitchen windows to get in at night nor blundered into the bedroom. But the bats seem fine, and the slugs! This has been a summer of slugs! At night with a torch, on the lawn there seems to be a slug every six inches. It is hard not to step on them, advancing slowly but determinedly.

Grey slugs, black ones, slugs of various shades of brown, and speckled.

The speckled one is a leopard slug which eats other slugs and so is to be cherished.

Slugs help to keep the land clean, eating decaying vegetation and carrion.

Slugs secrete two sorts of mucus, one is thin and watery.

A thicker mucus spreads out under the foot from front to back to protect the gastropod (bellyfoot).

Mucus also coats the whole body of the animal, tastes unpleasant, keeps its body moist, and makes it slippery and hard to grasp by predators.

Frogs, toads, snakes and especially hedgehogs eat slugs. Slugs can infect dogs and foxes with lung worm if eaten. Humans can eat them but slugs need to be starved for a week or more to clean out their intestines, and very thoroughly boiled, like snails.

They do not taste of much except butter and garlic. And they can carry some nasty infections and parasites if not thoroughly prepared.

Slugs are hermaphrodite, being both male and female in the same body. Bluebell has watched their courtship on damp nights. She has seen them curl up together in a circle, nose to tail, brown and grey, an orange frill visible round their feet. In the centre of the slugs they seemed to hug a milky-blue-white globe, iridescent and glistening in the moonlight. Gradually this reduced in

size to a creamy cord

joining the two animals. They both seem not at all bothered by many little tiny pale creatures, mites, scurrying all over them and in and out of the open pneumostome or breathing hole each slug bears on the right side near its head.

The two slugs slowly uncurled and lay side by side together. It was easy to imagine affectionately. Then slowly, elegantly they glided apart.

One was left with the now much smaller cream

coloured tube which silently disappeared, retracted under its mantle. The wonders of nature! In a few weeks there will be eggs!



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And now the boring bit – if you are on the database then we apologise in advance but – due to Data Protection Regulation we will, over the next few months, be contacting you to confirm you are happy to remain on the database.

If you have any queries or questions please contact Joy McSmythurs (01822 860630)



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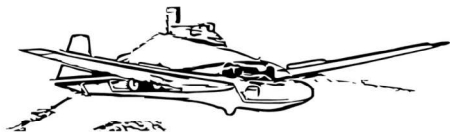
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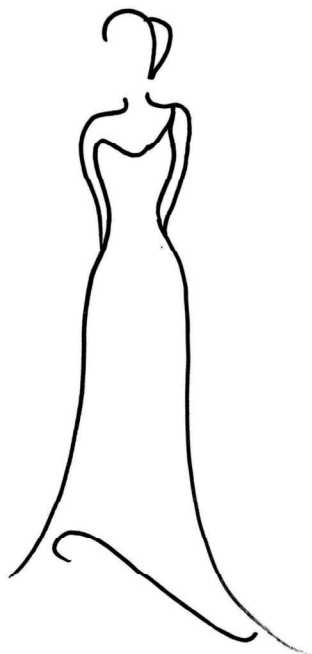


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Sunday 3rd November All Saints' Sunday - White		6:30pm Songs of Praise	11am Morning Praise		9:30am HC/CW With Ven. Nick Shutt	
Wed 6th Nov	10:00am Morning Prayer (Lay-led) - St Peter's Lamerton.					
Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sun- day - Red		10:20am Remem- brance Service			10:45am Remem- brance Service	
Monday 11th November	10:45am Remembrance Service - Lamerton Primary School					
	11:00am Act of Remembrance - Sydenham Damerel					
	11:00am Act of Remembrance - Milton Abbot					
Wed 13th Nov	10:00am Morning Prayer (Lay-led) - St Peter's Lamerton.					
Sunday 17th November The Second Sunday before Advent - Red		11:00am HC/CW With Rev'd Ruth Beckett			9:30am Morning Praise	
Wed 20th Nov	10:00am Morning Prayer (Lay-led) - St Peter's Lamerton.					
Sunday 24th November Christ the King - Red	6:30pm Songs of Praise			11:00am HC/CW		6:30pm HC/CW
Wed 27th Nov	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
Fri 29th Nov	6:00pm Advent Carols at Theale					

Church Services - October 2024

	St Mary's, Sydenham Damerel	St Peter's, Lamerton	All Saints, Dunterton	St Constan- tine, Milton Abbot	St Mary the Virgin, Marystowe	St Andrew's, Coryton
Wed 2nd Oct	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 6th October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity - Green		6:30pm Harvest Festival	11:00am Harvest Morning Prayer		9:30am HC/CW	
Wed 9th Oct	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 13th October The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity - Green	10:30am HC/CW			4:00pm Harvest Sunday Praise		6:30pm Harvest BCP Evensong
Wed 16th Oct	10:00am Holy Communion - St Peter's Lamerton					
Sunday 20th October The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity - Green		* 9:00am * HC/CW With Ven. John Reed			9:30am Harvest Morning Praise	
Wed 23rd Oct	10:00am Morning Prayer (Lay-led) - St Peter's Lamerton.					
Sunday 27th October Bible Sunday - Green	6:30pm Harvest Songs of Praise			11:00am HC/CW		6:30pm HC/CW
Wed 30th Oct	10:00am Morning Prayer (Lay-led) - St Peter's Lamerton.					