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AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

ne of the many foibles of the human heart is that we often take things for granted. We are not always very good at thanking the people around us for the things that they give us or do for us. We are not at all good at thanking God for all that he provides for us.

We live in a beautiful part of the world. We have an abundant food supply. We have clean water at the turn of a tap. We have friends and neighbours to share our joys and our sorrows. But when did we last thank God for any of these wonderful blessings?

Perhaps we are too proud to say 'Thank you', not wanting to admit how indebted we are to the God who made us and who is so generous to us. Perhaps we are too busy enjoying the gifts to take the time to thank the giver. Perhaps we think that the good things that we have are ours by right or that we deserve them, so that we do not need to thank God for them.

The Bible makes it very clear that God does not give us good things because we deserve them, but because he is generous and gracious. We do not enjoy his favour because of all the good things we have done, but in spite of all the bad things we have done.

In Genesis 8 the Lord promises:

"Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

God knows exactly what we are like; he knows the darkness and depravity that lurks within all our hearts. But in spite of this, he generously provides good things for us to enjoy, and he assures us that seedtime and harvest will never cease for as long as the earth endures.

Our harvest celebrations are a great opportunity to thank the Lord for all that he gives us. They also encourage us to develop an attitude of gratitude, so that giving thanks to God for his goodness and for his generosity becomes a natural part of our daily lives.

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus". 1 Thessalonians 5 v18

Steve

EDITORIAL

Just two points to record in this issue, the first being that we have a new group Treasurer in Andrew Hibberd from Loxbeare. We are very grateful to Andrew for taking on this role, and will endeavour to make life as Group Treasurer as straightforward as possible for him. We also reiterate our thanks to Martin Hansford for all his past efforts, and for the smooth hand-over of the accounts to Andrew.

The second is in relation to Fish Club which, because there was no response to the appeal in the last issue, has now ceased while the overall situation regarding our work with that age group is re-assessed. Cindy has written elsewhere within these pages on this issue, but we must record our sincere thanks to Cindy, Myrtle, and all the others who have helped to keep Fish Club running thus far. They have expended much time and effort over the years in serving the youngsters.

Paul

HOLIDAY CLUB

Once again Holiday Club took place this year in Calverleigh Village Hall.

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6, Southfield Way, Tiverton, EX16 5AJ. Tel: (01884) 253473 pe.iliff@tiv.eclipse.co.uk The club was well attended, with 65 to 85 children coming along each day.

Each day the helper team began with a time of bible study and prayer. This was a good chance for those volunteering to meet with Christ themselves before teaching the same passage to the children. It also helped remind us that the Bible is not a book for kids, but one in which Jesus Christ speaks to all people, however young or old.

Each morning the club began at 11.15, with the morning being taken up with crafts, games, drama, bible readings, a DVD, bible teaching, and worksheets on the bible passage. It was great to see the children understanding more about who Jesus is (The Lord of all), what he has come to do (rescue sinful people through his death on the cross), and what it means to follow him (to turn to him in faith, and live by his word). A particular highlight was the memory verse 1 Peter 1:18 – which both linked to our Olympic theme "silver" and "gold" and was taught each day by curate Robert Brewis and youth worker Katie Benjamin, dressed up as TV's 118 men.

The afternoons were spent enjoying games with the indefatigable Ron Tidball, and a variety of crafts brilliantly organised by Cindy Trick and Alison Webber. Through the week we had great weather, with temperatures in the low 30s most days. This made for a great time and having lots of fun outdoors.

A new feature to the week was the Sunday fun day. It was great to see many people enjoy the Sunday holiday club service (there were about 100 children and adults), and then stay for a picnic lunch, bouncy castle, splat the rat, face painting, biscuit making, juggling balls, graffiti wall and football.

In the evenings a good time was had with the teenagers too. We enjoyed games, a

BBQ, a chocolate fountain and had fun times of discussion thinking about topics like 'Was Jesus real?', 'Is the Bible reliable?', 'Has science disproved God?', and 'Is God a kill-joy?'.

Overall we are thankful to God for such a fun and safe time, for the fact that many children heard the gospel, and for all those who gave up their time to help make the week possible. We pray on that the children might come to a real and saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have set the dates for next year's club – it will begin on Tuesday the 30th of July and run on the 31st, 1st, 2nd, (no club on Saturday), and 4th of August. Do put it in your diaries, we would love to see as many as possible!

Rob



FISH CLUB

Cindy writes:

t is with regret that we are unable to continue with Fish Club on Fridays from September. I am no longer able to offer the level of commitment that is necessary to provide for the needs of the children. Myrtle Webber has also expressed a wish to be less active at Fish Club. I am very grateful to Myrtle, Shirley and Alison for their commitment to the Fish Club over the years.

An appeal was made through the church magazine for someone to lead but so far no one has come forward.

With the support of the clergy of the Exe Valley we are currently looking at how we can best meet the needs of the children

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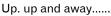
The afternon of Saturday 18th August saw teams from Calverleigh, Templeton and Washfield compete against the hosts, Withleigh, in



the annual intervillage 'It's Knockout'. The action was competitive. and the games imaginative bursting balloons before embarking on a treasure hunt against the clock, negotiating



A shocking affair......





Making a splash.....



"I'm in charge" Referee Richard Tucker

The chase is on.....

retrieve pieces of Lego from a bucket to create a structure - a bonus point being awarded to the team with the most original effort. After a close run competition, Templeton were declared the worthy winners.

electric fence with a metal coat-hanger, a quiz with a penalty for incorrect answers with a member of each team having to accommodate a



Not another marshmallow?

marshmallow in their mouth without swallowing it for each incorrect answer, and a ducking preceding a chase under the hay bales to



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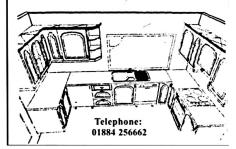
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from the Exe Valley parishes and I will let you know of any developments in that area.

Holiday club will still continue and planning is already under way for that, next year the dates will be Tuesday to Friday, 30th of July to 2nd of August. I will make sure you get the details nearer the time.

I thank you for all your support over the years and hope Fish Club has been beneficial to your children.

Yours Sincerely

Cindy

OUR ANGLICAN FUTURE

(Report of Talk by Revd. Charles Raven in Loxbeare Hall on 8th August).

Charles has been at the forefront of the fight to maintain Biblical faith in the Anglican Communion. He was vicar of St John's Kidderminster when the debate about homosexually active clergy within the Church started to hot up in the late 1990s, and in 1999 his then bishop very publicly rejected agreed Anglican teaching.

Charles spoke to about 20 of us in Loxbeare Hall. Having outlined his experience up to the time when he and his congregation decided that they could no longer accept the authority of his then Bishop, Charles took us through the years that followed. He spoke of his church's loneliness until the advent of the Global Anglican Futures Conference (GAFCON) in Jerusalem in 2008, when Bishops representing the majority of Anglicans worldwide (many of whom felt unable in conscience to attend the Lambeth conference) met in Jerusalem for what turned out to be a landmark conference, setting in motion the formation of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. Charles explained that the word "confessing" is used in the classical sense of "believing a set of truths" and that the essence of the GAFCON movement is that Anglicanism is concerned with a common set of beliefs as set out in the Book of Common Prayer, the 39 Articles and the Ordinal.

Charles spoke of how, following GAFCON, he and Gillian felt that they had "Come Home" and were again accepted into the Anglican Church worldwide. The FCA led in turn to the formation of the Anglican Mission in England which is enabling parishes and churches who are unable to accept the authority of their Bishops to find an alternative Anglican home in the family of those who remain faithful to historic Anglican fellowship and teaching.

Charles was at pains to point out that the present issues in these matters were not restricted to the "gay" issue of Christian lifestyle. He mentioned that basic Christian beliefs, such as the uniqueness of Christ, the incarnation and the virgin birth, were also under attack in some quarters.

This may all seem rather distant to us in Exeter diocese, where we are thankful for the publicly orthodox teaching and leadership of our Bishops, but it is a real blessing in those cases where Bishops seem determined to change the belief and practice of the church. This is so in a small number of cases in the UK at present, but is much more common in the USA and Canada.

Charles then went on to explain his new appointment in Kenya where he is to be the Archbishop's Officer for Anglican Communion Affairs, the Archbishop of Kenya being the chairman of the FCA worldwide and of the GAFCON movement. Thika diocese in Kenya is one of the dioceses with which we in the Exeter diocese are twinned.

Charles and Gillian moved to Kenya at the beginning of September, and ask for our prayers for them as they take up this vital role in the worldwide Anglican Church.

John

BUS to LOUGHBOROUGH

On Thursday 15th November 2012, Cruwys Morchard bell-ringers have a bus going to Taylor's Bell Foundry, to watch work being carried out on our bell. The trip is generously paid for by The Heritage Lottery. We have spare seats, and would love to be joined by fellow bell-ringers, or any others who may be interested.

Cost: The bus - nil (small donation, perhaps) The Tour of the foundry - £4 each.

If interested, please ring: 01363-866864

HISTORY EVENINGS

As part of the ongoing bell refurbishment project, the Cruwys Morchard bell-ringers are holding a series of short illustrated talks. All start at 7.30pm in Cruwys Morchard church, are free, open to everyone, and will be followed by hot drinks and a chance to chat (the heating will be on!!)

Thurs Oct 18th. Roger Stokes. Roger's great grandfather built many of the bell frames found in local churches.

Tuesday Nov 20th. Ian Campbell. Ian is the Ringing master at Exeter Cathedral.

Feb 2013. Guy Cruwys. More information in next issue.

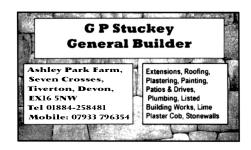
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SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

Losing a loved one is always an immensely painful experience. Whether they are young or old, whether the loss is expected or unexpected, whether they are friend or family, the grief and sadness that we feel can be deeply distressing, and it can last for many years.

On Sunday 25th November we will, once again, be holding a special service of remembrance and thanksgiving for those who have lost loved ones, whether recently or longer ago. It will be a simple service of hymns and readings, with the opportunity to remember those we have lost, and to give thanks to the Lord for all that they mean to us.

The service will be in the church at Calverleigh at 3pm. All are very welcome to join us.







ANN'S NATURE NOTES

Well now, again, it is all change in the migration world. Our summer visitors have left for warmer climes, some went very early because of our uninviting summer, and we are now getting our winter visitors, especially ducks and geese. There has been a lot of research recently on these migrants. I have referred to the work on Cuckoos, now I have read an article on Woodcock. Some breed in Britain but most spend the summer in the Baltic region. One called Monkey, was tagged on the Lizard, and has been found to fly over 6,200,km to central Russia. That was quite an achievement.

This year we have seen few butterflies around, probably due to the poor summer. Knowing Mother Nature, no doubt they will bounce back next year. It seems to have been a good year for wild flowers. My daughter-in-law gave me a wild flower book for my birthday, and as a start we went round the garden to see what was there. Afterwards, over tea, she said "Oh it is so nice to find so many wild flowers in a garden".... Ho hum, maybe my weeding is not so good! But there were an awful lot and quite a variety.

This is when the twitchers rush round England chasing rarities that have appeared here by mistake. They really are a dedicated lot, and go miles to find the lesser spotted whatever. The birds are more difficult to identify as, except for the Robin, they do not sing, only make contact calls, and are in their duller winter plumage. The winter Thrushes will be back, and then they will eat our holly berries if it is cold.

I think that one of the most interesting places to visit may be the nature reserve at the Axe estuary. A lot of birds are found there, and then enjoy the walk afterwards along the seashore on a bright windy autumn day.

Ann

CHATter



CHAT are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 6 October 2012 at St George's Tiverton Church Extension, 7.30pm

start, £5/entrant. Book early to avoid disappointment – forms from CHAT's offices at 28 Gold Street Tiverton. Teamsize up to 8 people, Non-alcoholic Drinks & Nibbles included (Bring your own alcohol). This should be a great evening out for you and your friends – why not get a team together and see if you can beat the CHAT team?

Localgiving.com is holding another match funding series, called the £500,000 Grow Your Tenner campaign. It will begin at 10am Tuesday 25th September. have a pot of £500,000 to match donations, and will match up to £10 per donation until the pot is gone. Past experience shows that it's worth applying early as the pot soon goes. Please note that they are not doubling a full donation like they did last time - the maximum match is £10. To donate, go to localgiving.com/findacharity and type in CHAT in the keywords box on the left, then follow the links. It is also possible to give monthly via this site and the offer on the website is appealing, but not so good long term as they take 5% of your donation. The best way of giving monthly to CHAT is still by being a Giver of Hope - details from the office.

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BUZZARDS, Withleigh

The National Trust is inviting locals to comment and contribute ideas for improving the popular 'Buzzards' woodland in Withleigh. Buzzards was gifted to the National Trust in the 1960s and 70s. The previous owner donated the site in memory of his late wife and called it Buzzards after the raptors they used to enjoy watching there.

Buzzards is a beautiful wooded valley with rich meadows which are a haven for butterflies such as Silver-washed Fritillaries, Speckled Wood and Green-veined White, Large Skipper and Demoiselle, Small Copper, Red Admiral and Hairstreak.

There is no intention to develop the site, however there are plans to enhance the existing network of circular walks to improve conditions underfoot for year round public access. The woodland would also benefit from thinning the tree cover to let in more sunlight for bluebells and wildflowers colonising the woodland floor.

Ed Nicholson, National Trust Area Warden and Forester manages Buzzards, he said: "The Trust is keen to be as well known for our countryside as we are for our mansions and gardens. Buzzards is one of mid-Devon's hidden countryside gems and is almost like a place that time forgot. It's a truly special place used and loved by the local community and therefore we recognise the importance of taking into account the community's needs when making plans for any improvements."

National Trust welcomes comments and suggestions to help shape the vision for the site, particularly from local dog walkers and horse riders who regularly visit. The Trust would also like to hear from people interested in volunteering for the National Trust by helping to take care of Buzzards from time to time. Volunteer tasks would include surveying wildlife and assisting the Countryside Team with carrying out conservation work.

For more information and to share your opinions please email: National Trust Ranger, Allison Rogers:

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EXE VALLEY VOICES

The Exe Valley Voices Community Choir is a friendly group of people who sing for fun on a Tuesday evening under the leadership of Claire Anstee, and is an open access group welcoming everyone from teenagers upwards.

Claire is a member of the Natural Voice Practitioners who believe if you can talk, you can sing. Everything is taught by earno auditions, no solos, and you don't have to have sung before to give it a try. The first evening is free. We gave a strong male contingent but more are always welcomed. Drop in and join this friendly group of men and women of all ages for a night of relaxation.

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PARISH ROUND-UP

Calverleigh

We congratulate Derek and Mary Herniman on the birth of their second Great Grandson on July 13th. Grandson Simon and his wife Louise presented them with Harry John, a much loved and welcome little son.

Recently there have been two weddings in our Church. The marriage of Philip Michael Roud and Bernadette Marie Sylvie Anguila took place on 14th August. Philip is the son of Pam and the late Alec Round of The Rose and Crown. The marriage of James John Wych and Angela Louise Slade took place on the 25th August. Angela is the daughter of Michael and Christine Slade and grand-daughter of Betty Slade. It was good to see that Betty was well enough to attend the wedding.

The Inter Village It's a Knockout contest took place at Withleigh this year, and what a good

PARISH ROUND-UP

job they made of it providing a good selection of games. Templeton were the winners this year beating Calverleigh by one point. It was a good afternoon enjoyed by all, thank you Withleigh for your hospitality. Many thanks to Anthony and Pat Clarke for organising our team also many thanks to the Froom family for washing all the team's muddy shirts!!

Congratulations to the Hopper family on their achievements with their sheep at the Mid Devon and Honiton shows. In the Mid Devon Show they had sheep interbreed Champion Charolais Ram and Champion Suffolk, and at the Honiton show they had first for their Suffolk. Well done to all the family for their hard work in preparing for these shows.

The Village Hall committee held a car boot and scrap metal collection day at the Village Hall. A skip was provided in the car park for people to dispose of any scrap metal that they did not want. People also arrived with cars full of items for sale. The ladies in the kitchen kept everyone topped up with tea, coffee, cakes and delicious hot bacon rolls. The day boosted the funds for the village hall by making a profit of £1,574, including some donations. The committee wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this a very successful day.

We said farewell to Katie, our apprentice for the past year, at Loxbeare Church on 2nd September, and we wish her all the very best in her new venture in Manchester. We hope, Katie, that you will soon settle down in your new home. Your leaving is our loss and Manchester's gain. Good Luck.

It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Mrs Jean Chetham. Jean lived at Loxbeare for many years, but in latterly she has been in Castle Grove at Bampton. Her late husband Michael was Churchwarden at Calverleigh for many years and Jean was a PCC member here. She was also greatly involved in organising flowers for the Church, and the flower rotas.

On Saturday 8th September we held our Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. The hall had been beautifully decorated by June Evans, displaying everything relating to Harvest. The stage was very impressive with bales of corn, along with an old fashioned scythe, the farmer's lunch of pasty, bread

and cider, all laid on the bales. Thank you June very much.

Fifty people sat down to a hot three course home cooked meal. The ages of guests ranged from 13 years to 93 years, all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The evening started with the good old favourite harvest hymn, "Come Ye Thankful People Come", then Jackie Herniman said a Prayer for Harvest, and Grace. Then everyone enjoyed a first class meal and coffee before our entertainment by Rose Chanin. Most people there knew Rose, and she soon had everyone in fits of laughter.

The evening could not have been such a great success if we had not had such dedicated helpers. Thank you to all who helped in any way, but I think a special mention must be made to the kitchen staff, Mary Herniman's two daughters Vanessa and Mandy who worked so hard all day and the evening along with Mandy's daughter Gemma and son Ashley who did all the washing up and clearing away. Another big thank you goes to all who made and provided the desserts. A most enjoyable evening.

More details of our Autumn Fayre on November 17th will be available later. Look out for posters.

Cruwys Morchard

Despite a wet start, we had a very successful church fete. A big thank you to all who supported the event, and all who helped in any way.

Around 30 senior citizens of the parish were treated to a lunch at the parish hall on 22nd August. Thank you to all the ladies of the Ladies Committee who provided and served the food. Thank you to John, who very kindly played music throughout the lunch.

A big thank you to Jeremy and Mark, and all who helped to make the clay pigeon shoot a success this year.

Cruwys Morchard Christmas Craft Fayre -Our Christmas Craft Fayre will be on Saturday, 17th November - 10.30am to 1.30pm. We





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Teresa, Liz, Carol and Mary

Cruwys Morchard Young Farmers

The Young Farmers have had quite a busy summer. They took part in the Exe Valley Group YFC Rally at the Mid Devon Show with

club, team and individual entries. At the end of July, the Club held a Clay Pigeon Shoot in Pennymoor for their chosen charity of the year - The Brain Tumour Trust. On the same evening, the Club's Street Dancers were invited to perform at the opening and closing of Cheriton Fitzpaine Carnival. Their performance was very well received and people watching could not believe that farmers could dance so well!! If you are interested in joining the Club, they meet the first Tuesday of every month at Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

We would also like to congratulare William on being appointed Deputy Head Boy at Tiverton High School, which obviously we were thrilled about.

Tania Palmer

PARISH ROUND-UP

Congratulations to Helen and Chris Gibbs on the birth of Erin, and to Abi and Tom Dent on the birth of Claudia Beth. It is with sadness that we heard that Margaret Southwood had passed away; our prayers and condolences are with John and her family.

If anyone would like anything added to the parish magazine, please contact Teresa Grant on 01363 860124 or email Tesstranscripts@aol.com.

Forthcoming Events

PCC – 23rd October - 7.30pm at Wringsland House, Pennymoor.

"Ringer's Door" Coffee Morning to be held at the Cruwys Arms 4th October 10.30am. The old door from the church tower lists names of ringers from wedding ceremonies dating from 1880 to 1901. Can you help the current ringers find out about them and their descendants?

Saturday, 17^{th} November - Christmas Craft Fayre - 10.30am to 1.30pm

Saturday 8th December - Di and Dave's Annual Quiz

Bingo Dates

Saturday 27th October Saturday 10th and 24th November Saturday 22nd December - Bingo and 200 Club

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10th and 24th October, 7th and 21st November

Group Advent Service

Sunday 2nd December, 10.30am at Washfield

OAKFORD

7th October

9.30 am Holy Communion

14th October

9.30 am Morning Prayer

21st October

9.30 am Holy Communion

28th October

9.30 am Family Service

4th November

9.30 am Holy Communion

11th November

10.50 am Remembrance Service

18th November

9.30 am Holy Communion

25th November

9.30 am Family Service

RACKENFORD

7th October

11.15 am Morning Worship

14th October

6.30 pm Harvest Praise

21st October

11.15 am Morning Prayer

28th October

9.30 am Holy Communion

4th November

11.15 am Morning Prayer

11th November

10.50 am Remembrance Service at War Memorial

18th November

11.15 am Family Service

25th November

9.30 am Holy Communion

STOODLEIGH

7th October

11 am Harvest Festival

14th October

11 am Morning Prayer

21st October

9.30 am Holy Communion

28th October

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

4th November

11 am Family Service and Holy Communion

11th November

10.50 am Remembrance Service

18th November

9.30 am Holy Communion

25th November

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

CALVERLEIGH

7th October

11.15 am Morning Worship

14th October

9.30 am Holy Communion

21st October

11.15 am Songs of Praise

28th October

3 pm Evening Prayer

4th November

11.15 am Morning Worship

11th November

9.30 am Holy Communion

18th November

11.15 am Family Service

25th November

3 pm Service of Thanksgiving

CRUWYS MORCHARD

7th October

11 am Morning Prayer

14th October

11 am Family Service

21st October

9.30 am Holy Communion

28th October

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

4th November

11 am Morning Prayer

11th November

10.50 am Remembrance Service

18th November

9.30 am Holy Communion

25th November

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

LOXBEARE

7th October

9.30 am Family Communion

14th October

11 am Family Service

21st October

6.30 pm Celebration of Talents & Crafts

28th October

11 am Family Service

4th November

9.30 am Family Communion

11th November

10.50 am Remembrance Family Service

18th November

9.30 am Breakfast Christingle in Village Hall

25th November

6.30 pm Evening Praise

TEMPLETON

7th October

11 am Harvest Festival

14th October

No service

21st October

11 am Holy Communion

28th October

11 am Family Service

4th November

9.30 am Holy Communion

11th November

10.50 am Remembrance Service

18th November

No service

25th November

11 am Family Service

WASHFIELD

7th October

6 pm Evening Prayer

14th October

11 am Morning Prayer

21st October

11 am Family Service

28th October

9.30 am Holy Communion

4th November

11 am Family Service

11th November

10.50 am Remembrance Service

18th November

6 pm Evening Prayer

25th November

9.30 am Holy Communion

WITHLEIGH

7th October

11 am Family Service

14th October

11 am Holy Communion

21st October

7 pm Informal Worship

28th October

11 am Morning Worship

4th November

11 am Family Service

11th November

10.50 am Remembrance Service

18th November

11 am Holy Communion

25th November

9.30 am Morning Worship

Loxbeare

Our Harvest Festival Service on Saturday 15th September was taken by Rev'd Godfrey Bell, followed by sports and tea, the Sunday Service being taken by Rob. Our Harvest Supper was on Thursday 20th September when Rev'd Steve Goodbody gave a short talk.

On August 19th we enjoyed a lovely B.B.Q at Ron & Margaret's, followed by Songs of Praise. The hymns had been chosen by various people who gave their reasons for choosing them. John led the service and Rob spoke. Thank you to all who helped in any way, and to Ron & Margaret for allowing us to use their games room.

The Group Service was held at Loxbeare on the 2nd September, when we said farewell to Katie and wished her well, and prayed God's blessing on her as she moves to work in a larger Church near Manchester for a year. John led the service and Steve interviewed Katie and gave the message. It was good to have the music group playing for the service. This was followed by a bringand-share lunch in the hall.



The Music Group

We are planning a Thanksgiving Festival of talents and crafts over the weekend of

October 20th & 21st. This will be a time when we especially thank God for the various gifts and talents which he has given us. Exhibits will be displayed mainly in the Church, but some in the Village Hall. Contact Jan on 01884 881508 for more details, if you wish to share your gift or talent. The festival begins on the Saturday at 10.30am until 4pm. Ploughman's lunches and cream teas will be served in the Hall. On Sunday, times are 2pm-6pm when cream teas will be served. The weekend will end with a service of Thanksgiving at 6.30pm.

There will be another planning meeting in the Hall on the 9th October to finalise details, 7.00pm for the catering arrangements and 8.00pm for the displaying of crafts, etc.

On Sunday the 18th November we will be having a Christingle Breakfast from 9.30am in the Village Hall, followed by the service at approx 11.00am.

The Loxbeare Woman's Bible Study Group has started again after the summer break, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, alternatively at East Sidborough and Highgate Cottage. We are following a

course entitled 'Discipleship Explored' following Christ - What is it all about? The course, hopefully, will help us to think through questions such as - How can I be sure I am a Christian? What is life really all about? How can I grow as a Christian? How can I enjoy being a Christian more? All welcome. Contact Marion Roberts on 01884 256302 or Alison Brewis on 01398 351552.

Congratulations to Leslie and Liz Heywood on the birth or their lovely baby boy James Leslie on 7th September, a welcome brother for Alice and Evie, and grandson for

Gerald and Linda. Our love and best wishes to you all.

Belated congratulations to Stephen and Carol Radford on their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 16th September, and to Bob and Christine Weatherley on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 23rd September. Also to anyone else celebrating special occasions and birthdays.

Congratulations to Andrew Radford on graduating from Harper Adams on the 21st September, and to Josh Britton and Charles Hibberd on their G.C.S.E results.

At the time of writing we send our love and prayers to Jean Heard who is due to have a knee replacement on the 12th September. We trust all will go well. We pray for anyone who is feeling unwell or recovering from operations or illness. Also to family and friends of Jean Chatham who has died recently. Jean lived in Loxbeare for many years before moving to Castlegrove nursing home in Bampton a few years ago.

We say farewell to Jeff and Carol Benn who have moved to Tiverton to live. We welcome Gary and Shirley Griffin to Longbarn, also John & Paula at Leigh Cottage. We hope you will soon settle and be very happy in your new homes.

Jean has raised a marvellous total of over £800 for the Children of Chernobyl, by doing a sponsored walk along the canal. Well done!

The walking group have enjoyed a walk around Stoodleigh, with lunch at Rackenford, and also joined the Loxbeare Ladies group for their walk along the canal, with a ploughman's at the 'Teapot'.

Loxbeare Ladies. Thank you to Steve & Sue for a Lovely B.B.Q in August. On the 1st October Marlene Taylor is organising a Cheese and Wine evening at £5 a head in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Contact Marlene on 01884 881339. November 2nd at 2.00pm Bowling at Amory Park, Tiverton. Book by 26th October. Contact Gerald Heywood on 01884 881279. December 1st. The Ladies are

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organising a Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall 10.30am - 12.30pm. <u>December 10th</u> - Village Christmas meal will be at the Rose & Crown. More details from Sue nearer the time. 01884 259496.

On October 27th Jenny Pack is organising a raquet (inside B.B.Q) evening in the Village Hall. 7 for 7.30 Tickets only. More details contact Jenny on 01884 881307.

December 3rd - Christmas Bingo 7 for 7.30. Contact Carol Radford on 01884 881480.

Oakford

After the summer holidays - unfortunately the weather wasn't as kind as it could have been - we look forward to Harvest Festival. Oakford's Harvest service takes place on September 30th at 2.30pm, with tea at the back of the church afterwards. Harvest Supper is on Monday October 1st at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Supper £6.00. Any produce will be auctioned afterwards. All welcome. Contact Mike or Wendy, Tel. 351383

On Saturday September 8th a very successful Coffee Morning with cakes and crafts, etc for sale, was held in the church, followed by a sponsored Bike Ride around the village in the afternoon. £450 was raised for the Devon Historic Churches Trust and the church. Many thanks to Sue LLewellyn who organized it, and all those who helped, made cakes, etc, and supported it. A special thank you to those who took part in the Bike ride, circuiting the village (all those hills!) and their generous sponsors.

Forthcoming events:

Remembrance Service Sunday November 11th 10.50am at the War Memorial, followed by a service in church.

Looking forward to Christmas, the Carol Service will take place on December 16th at 5pm. The Oakford Festival Choir will take part, and rehearsals for this will start in early October in church. Kelvin will tell us the date shortly. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to come and join us. More details about the Christmas services in the December magazine.

From Penny: The Moorland Club

Congratulations to Chris Holdom, Trish James, Clare Edwards and Linda Perrin for another brilliantly-managed Flower and Produce Show. Special congratulations to the cup winners. Although entries were down, it was another successful event in the village.

Thursday October 11th: 'Outside T.V. Broadcast with a Royal Twist' with David Barber

Friday October 19th: Anniversary Meal at the Exeter Inn.

Thursday November 8th: 'The Sky Tonight' with Douglas Rice (open meeting - guests welcome)

Saturday November 10th: Christmas Fayre 11am - 2.30 pm. Stalls with preserves, cakes, tombola, gifts, bric-a-brac, raffle. Come and enjoy lunch as well.

Friday December 14th: Christmas meal 7pm for 7.30pm. 'Bring and Share', and bring a guest. Oakford Village Hall.

Playground: The Parish Council has applied for a grant to plant trees, a cobnut hedge, apple trees, and create a flower meadow, all to celebrate the playground becoming a QEII Jubilee playing field. If we are successful, we will have a 'planting day' and a dedication ceremony to install the QEII plaque on the field. Please watch for details, and come along to join in, children especially welcome. More information on the Oakford web site at www.middevon.gov.uk/oakford.

Rackenford

Once again the weather was a let-down for the annual Cream Teas. However, with the kind invitation of Mr & Mrs David Scott to come to Rackenford Manor, and the use of a spacious marquee in the gardens, we were able to stay dry and sit comfortably for our cream and strawberry teas, and purchase items from the various stalls. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Scott and to all helpers, and to all who made the effort to support the fund raising event. £355 was made.

Another great performance was given by Rackenford School children at their end of term concert. This year's production on July 19th was 'The Dreamcatcher' with performances at 2pm and 7pm. With lovely singing and acting and beautiful costumes it was a joy to watch. The year 6 children Natasha Hagley, Salome Shaddick, Eleanor Welsh, Chloe Hetherington, Zac Bryan, Noah Buckley, George Phillips, Jack Stuckey, Charlie Warne, James Hamlin, Max Baker, Oscar Luxton and Sebastian Smith were wished the very best as they move on to their secondary schools. They presented with Bibles were Rackenford Church Council.

Our very best wishes go to Helen and Ama Gatland as they prepare to leave Rackenford and move on to another area.

Thinking of others in and around our community, we send our prayers and best wishes to Muriel Blinman, Jane McCleod, Sally Shovelton, Bob Mogridge, and all experiencing poor health or who have spent time in hospital. Our prayers, as always, to Percy Stone, Ken Blackford, Mrs Clark, Mrs Arscott and Gwendoline.

Many congratulations to Oliver and Eileen Defew on the birth of their son Elliott on

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September 3rd, a very welcome addition for Mrs Clyde and all families. Hope you are all doing well.

Many thanks to all those ladies who regularly place their flowers on the altar, and clean the brass. If anyone would like to join our group of helpers, please let us know. Also, thanks to everyone who has given donations towards the issue of our church magazine, and thanks to the Village Shop for all they do for us.

Harvest will soon be upon us, so there are a few dates for your diary. Anyone wishing to help decorate or bring produce or foliage/flowers would be most welcome; we would love to have your help.

Thursday 11th October in the afternoon would be the best time for decorating.

Sunday 14th October at 6.30pm is the Harvest Songs of Praise.

Monday 15th October at 7.00pm prompt is the Harvest Supper in the Stag Hall, followed by an auction of produce and a good draw.

Grateful thanks to Scott Standen for the use of the hall. To book your tickets for the supper, please ring Jenny Sleep 881280, Jane Phillips 881512 or Herbert Smith 881375.

Bingos for church funds in the Stag Hall are on October 12th, November 9th and December 7th all at 7.30pm. Once again many thanks to Scott Standen.

The PCC would be very grateful if the grave mounds in the churchyard could be levelled. This would help to reduce the annual cost of cutting the grass and make Evan's job easier. Evan Baillie is willing to level any graves; please contact him direct on 01884 881323. Many thanks.

All being well, by the time you receive this, the much needed repair work on the Church porch will be under way.

Congratulations to all who have celebrated special birthdays and anniversaries. To all who feel lonely, sad or depressed, our prayers are with you.

Stoodleigh

We bid a fond farewell to John and Tory Griffiths and their family and wish them happiness in their new home in Tiverton, but welcome instead to Barns Cottage John and Sheila Davis, hoping they will enjoy Stoodleigh village life. Welcome also to Tim and Jo Faulkner and their three-year old twins Bertie and Daisy, who are moving to Drakes Mead, former home of the Scudamores. Happily, Tom and Charlotte and the girls are still in the parish, at Rull.

The sun kindly shone through the clouds on Saturday 16th June for the wedding of Robin Toy to Dawn Brice. The church was beautifully decorated, and it was a delight to see Dawn back in the village. We wish them both every happiness and God's blessing in their married life.

The Dog Show on Saturday 21st July was very well attended, with many coming from neighbouring villages as well. The weather was incredibly good despite earlier days of rain! The dogs appeared to enjoy their time as well as their owners, and altogether it raised £600, shared between the church and the parish hall. Thanks to Margaret Cuningham and Geraldine Talbot for masterminding the event, and to all those who helped; and thanks to Fred and Pat Robinson for allowing us to use their paddock, and for their work in getting it ready.

The annual Ploughman's Lunch and Walk from Parkhouse Water had to be postponed from Bank Holiday Monday because of the very wet and windy weather, and was held instead on the following Sunday. A good

crowd of people came, and £261 was raised for the church.

To mark the completion of the conservation of the 15th century bosses and foliate wallplates in the church roof, there will be a Celebration Concert in St Margaret's Church on Friday 9th November, featuring Con Spirito, an 'a cappella' group of eight singers with a repertoire ranging from 16th century madrigals up to the modern age, and Stick the Fiddle, the local folk dance band. This should be a jolly evening, enhanced by wine and cheese. To book, contact Jennifer Rowlandson, The Old Stable, Stoodleigh, Tiverton EX16 8PQ (01398 351402). Tickets at £8.50, will be available for collection at the door, and will entitle you to a free glass of wine. Please make cheques payable to St Margaret's Church.

The popular Christmas Fayre is this year on December 8th, with a varied array of items mostly made in Stoodleigh, a great selection of stalls from cakes to cards, also mulled wine, mince pies and valuable raffle prizes donated locally. There will be a children's activity corner, and Father Christmas will be there with presents for children. Entry is free.

Coming events:

Sunday 7th October – Harvest Thanksgiving Service in church, 11am. Monday 8th October – Harvest Supper with auction, Village Hall, 7pm.

Friday 9th November – Celebration Concert with *Con Spirito* and *Stick the Fiddle*, in church, 7.30pm.

Saturday 8th December - Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 10.30-12.30.

Garden Club Show

Once again the residents of Stoodleigh and the surrounding areas came up trumps. In spite of a dire year for gardeners, resulting in a much reduced entry in the Produce section, they managed to present a very pleasing array of exhibits which later

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formed the backdrop to a good social gathering.

Prizes for the best in each section went to June Jones for her vase of varied garden flowers, Dorothy Ayre for her tomatoes, Betty Wotton for her lovely table centre flower arrangement, Pat Robinson for her mouth-watering chocolate cake, Bryan Rigg for his incredible jubilee themed hat, and young Ceri Evans for her carrot giraffe. The overall prize for the most points went to Betty Wotton, with Dorothy Ayre and Diana Honnor joint runners-up.

Parish Hall: The Autumn Market and Coffee Morning is coming up - Saturday 27th October, 10am-12noon. Stalls with local produce, art/crafts, cakes, great coffee and tea

Ongoing improvements include under-floor insulation and the re-surfaced car park. Thanks to Devon County Council and Stoodleigh Parish Council for their financial support towards these projects.

<u>Children's Hospice</u>: The Stoodleigh Friends of CHSW put on a great event – the first Stoodleigh Inn beer fest, with live music, a Scalextric top gear lap challenge, bouncy castle and delicious food. It raised £527.50, so thanks to everyone who came along and made the day special.

SWAG: 19th October, 7.30pm, Village Hall - An evening of Country Music with Noel "Tex" Harrison and "Cajun" Phil Rossiter. Tickets: adults £7, children £4 from SWAG members.

<u>Flower Rota</u>: 6th October - decorating the church for Harvest Festival; 21st & 28th October - Linda Hill; 4th & 11th November - Eileen Fewings; 18th & 25th November - Pat Aplin.

<u>Stoodleigh 100 Club</u> prizewinners: July – 1 Trich Summers, 2 Lesley Ayre, 3 Julian Cuningham.

August – 1 Carol Sobuinska, 2 Phyllis Hill, 3 Mandy Widdowson.

Templeton

TEMPLETON FLOWER FESTIVAL, entitled AUTUMN GLORY, will be held at St Margaret's Church on Saturday 6th October between 11.00am. and 4.00pm. and on Sunday afternoon, 7th October between 2.00pm and 4.30pm. There will be tea / coffee, cakes and biscuits available too, so please come and enjoy.

Our Harvest Festival Service will be on 7th October at 11.00am. Looking ahead a little, our Christmas Carol Service will be held on Sunday 23rd December at 7.00pm.

The first phase of our church tower repairs has been completed, with many thanks to all in the community who have willingly and enthusiastically raised money for this, or who have given generous donations. We move on to the next phase which will be pointing at the top of the tower and, finally, to the re-hanging of the bells. For further details refer to the flyer in your magazine.

Our village fete this year, which included an auction of pledges, raised £2,350.00, and was a great success. It was held in a marquee, owing to the roof repairs. The repairs are under way and are due for by the οf completion end September. Further village hall improvements planned over the next few months include redecoration and a revamped kitchen.

Congratulations to Templeton for winning 'It's a Knockout' competition this year. It is the fifth year that it has been held. The other teams taking part were Calverleigh, Washfield, and the event host for this year was Withleigh; many thanks to them.

The 100 club winners for August and September were Barbara Plncombe and Jeanne Cregan.

Bonfire night will be held on Saturday 3rd November. This year's theme will be Doctor Who and the Daleks. We will be holding our second Christmas Fayre, following the great success of our first fayre, on the 23rd

November at 7.30pm. Please tell your friends, and come and support the church and village hall at these events.

Our village LIBRARY is still opening on the first Wednesday in the month between 3.00pm and 6.00pm. As the nights lengthen there's nothing quite like a good DVD, book or a puzzle to do. We have a good variety, all served with tea and cake while you browse.

Flower and Cleaning Rota:

Phillida Strong Bindy Linden Gloria Woollacott November 7th and 14th October 21st and 28th October 4th and 11th

vember

(Remembrance Sunday)
Teresa Pancherz 18th and 25th November

Washfield

Remember – Never look down on anyone unless you are helping them up!

After a very wet summer, and with the children now back at school, we have at last, at the time of writing, a spell of lovely autumnal sunshine. It is very much needed for the farmers to harvest what remains in their cornfields.

We send God's blessing to our curate Rob Brewis as he is ordained priest on Sunday September 30th at Silverton. We are praying for him, Alison and little Nicholas, at this very special time.

On Sunday September 9th we celebrated our Harvest Festival Thanksgiving with a large congregation at the service taken by Anna. The church was appropriately decorated with produce and flowers. The service was followed by children's sports on The Old Rectory lawns after which a 'bring and share' tea was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who gave produce and decorated the church and made it look so lovely. Thanks also to Claire and Will Webber who capably ran the sports, and to Bronson and Camilla for once again letting us have use of their lawns on such a lovely day. The





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produce from the church was, as is usual, donated to Charlton Lodge. Thank you, Jeanne and Garth for taking it there.

Our aim to 'Fly the Flag' on the church is still very much in our minds, and we are exploring many avenues.

We send welcome greetings to Mark and Emma Harris and their children, Emily and Edward, who have come to live at Plantation House, and also to Edward and Jo Lane who, with Tilly and Ruby, have taken up residence at Beauchamp House. We hope you will all be very happy living in Washfield. Our best wishes go with the Joliffe family as they start their new life in France.

We send congratulations to Julian and Marianne Ayre as they celebrate their marriage, and congratulations also to their daughter, Jasmine, and husband Mike Welch, on the birth of Seren, a beautiful daughter and grand-daughter. Congratulations also to Samantha and Paul Robinson on the birth of Tegan and to Adrian and Sophie Webber on the birth of Daisy.

Many congratulations are also due to William Wood who has just graduated from Plymouth University with a Bachelor of Engineering - BEng (Hons) in Civil Engineering. A hard four years no doubt, but what a result, well done Will!

At this time of the year exam results come out, and we have heard of many good outcomes for GCSEs and A levels. Congratulations all of you.

Well done to the five Lunch Club volunteers who walked 7 miles raising money for Hospiscare on the Midnight Walk. They also won the best fancy dress competition, a great result.

We are very sorry to hear that Mrs Sylvia Cockram is in hospital. Our love and prayers are with you, Sylvia, and we wish you a speedy recovery. Our thoughts are also with other parishioners who are not enjoying the best of health at present. Our good wishes are with you.

We send our sympathies to Carol and Morley Bolt on the death of Carol's mum, Mrs Frost of Tiverton.

Allison, Paul, Raymond and Claire Trout send many thanks to Marion for organising the hymn sheets for Noah's Baptism. Thanks also to Joan and Jeanne for their help, and to Godfrey Bell for taking the service, it was all much appreciated.

A Washfield Social Club team once again entered the Inter-Village 'It's a Knockout' competition hosted by Withleigh. The winners this year were Templeton. Well done to all who entered.

The Social Club's annual Pumpkin weigh-in and judging competition will take place on Saturday 27th October, when the club will open at 8.30pm as normal. Don't forget that Social Club subscriptions are now due (1st October) and remain at £5.00 per year. Please pay your subscription and help the club carry on doing what it does well on Tuesday and Saturday evenings, offering a host of social opportunities. New members are always welcome, just go along and check it out. Can you help solve a mystery at the Social Club? The Washfield Pottery 20th anniversary plate, previously hanging above the bar, has gone missing - quite a conundrum. Can you shed any light on where it may be now? The Social Club would like it back.

Jeanne and Garth will once again host their Christmas Coffee Morning at The Cottage on Saturday December 8th from 10am. Proceeds will go to the church.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 27th October - Pumpkin weigh-in at Social Club. How much will the winner

weigh this year? Come along and join in the charity fun)

Sunday 11th November - Remembrance Service in church 10.50am

Saturday 8th December - Christmas Coffee Morning at The Cottage 10am – 12noon

Church Flower Rota

October 7th/14th Mrs Bicknell
October 21st/28th Mrs E Arnold
November 4th/11th Mrs A Balment
November 18th/25th Mrs Boundy

Church Cleaning Rota

November 4th/11th

October 7th/14th Mr and Mrs McCahon

Mrs Arnold/Mrs

October 21st/28th Mrs French

Bicknell

November $18^{th}/25^{th}$ Mr and Mrs Parnell December $2^{nd}/9^{th}$ Mrs Harding/Mrs Jones

Withleigh

ur Church Fete was held in glorious Sunshine on 21st July at Bona Vista - we could not believe our good fortune after so many rainy days!! Bob Cruwys opened the proceedings for us, and George and Jamie Birts proudly presented him with a buttonhole. We had a fun afternoon with Peter Inman in the stocks being drenched with wet sponges, and people were in their element smashing old china. The usual stalls were laden and appetising savouries and cakes were served for tea. This all resulted in a grand total of £1,089 being raised for Church funds. Thank you to all those who helped or contributed in any way to make this possible and, not least, a big thank you to Henry and Shirley Cruwys for their hospitality.

Congratulations to the Women's Institute on winning first prize at the Mid Devon Show in the Devon Federation of Women's Institute's





competition. The entry had to depict a Royal Event during the Queen's reign of 60 years. Members chose the Queen's annual holiday at Balmoral, with the Queen, a doll suitably dressed complete with headscarf, sitting on a rug with a hand knitted corgi standing beside of her, food relating to Scotland with hand embroidered serviette, a floral arrangement and other props depicting a picnic in the gardens of Balmoral. Members are now entering into the darts and skittles against competitions. playing Women's Institutes throughout the County, so we wish both teams well.

The Garden and Produce Show on 11th August was a success, with entries down in the vegetable section, but the total number of entries was on a par with last year as more people entered, so this is very encouraging. The principle winners were Mr. H. Cruwys -Vegetable and Flower Cup, Mrs. Elizabeth Iliff - Handicraft and Cookery Cup, Alexandra Mobbs - Children's Cup, Grace Sellick -Children's Runner-up Certificate. The competition for the longest thistle caused great amusement amongst the entrants, and this was won by David Sellick, and Mayla Lee won the competition for the cake, tasted and marked by people who attended the Show. Many thanks to all those who entered and helped in the running of the show. The show committee have decided that future shows will be held on the third Saturday of August.

Congratulation's to the Templeton 'It's A Knockout' team who were victorious in this year's competition held here at Withleigh. We look forward to going to Templeton next year. Thank-you to everyone who supported us, and to all who helped to organise the event. A special thank you to Richard who organised all of the games, with some very original ideas, not forgetting the dung and of course a good dunking in the water. Thank you also to Duncan & Sara for letting us use your field yet again.

Congratulations to Georgina Gibbings and Nathan Brown who were married in our church on 8th September. We send them our love and best wishes for their future together.

We also send our congratulations to all those who have recently celebrated special wedding anniversaries and birthdays.

Our harvest celebrations followed the usual format, with an afternoon service followed by tea in the Village Hall on Sunday, 9th September, and a harvest supper and auction of produce on the following night also in the Village Hall. Both days were well supported, and the proceeds of the auction resulted in £180 being given to Devon Air Ambulance.

On Saturday 6th October there will be a Car Treasure Hunt followed by Hot Home Cooked Supper, with Homemade Desserts, in the Village Hall. The Treasure Hunt will begin at 5pm, starting from the Village Hall and will take approx 2hours to complete, ending back at the hall in time for Supper at 7.30pm. Come along to either or both of the events, Tickets £2 for the Treasure Hunt and £6 for the Supper. Please book your supper tickets from Duncan 252949 or Brenda 252431.

This year's Team Skittles Evening will be on Wednesday 24th October at 7.30pm. Teams of six can be made up on the night, or you may already have a family team ready to go. A Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the winning team, along with chocolate prizes for the winners and runners-up. There will be Hot Dogs and drinks available on the evening.

On Saturday 3rd November we will be holding our Bonfire and Firework evening. We will begin at 7pm with the lighting of the Bonfire. Soup and Hot Dogs will be served in the Village Hall after the Fireworks have been let off. Please can you let Duncan have any donations for the Fireworks before the 25th October, thank-you.

We cannot believe that we are thinking of Christmas, but our Christmas Craft Fayre in aid of Church funds is on Saturday, 24th November in the Village Hall, 10.30 a.m. - 2.00pm. Come along and find some present solutions. Coffee will be available, together with soup and sandwiches at lunchtime.

The Children's Christmas Party will be on 1st December in the Village Hall, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. This is always a fun afternoon, so please ring Sara Kittow, 252949 for further details.

Get well wishes are sent to those who have had to spend a while in hospital, those receiving treatment or recovering from treatment and all those who are unwell or sad at the moment. Our love and prayers are with you all.

Forthcoming Events:

Sat 6th October; Car Treasure Hunt & Supper Night (see above for details). Wed 24th October; Team Skittles Evening at 7.30pm.

Sat 3rd November; Bonfire and Firework evening.

Flower Rota:

Oct	7^{th}		Shirley Cruwys
Oct	14th 21st)	Christina Luyton
	21st)	Christine Luxton
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