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A NOSTALGIC REMINDER OF HAPPINESS & CONTENTMENT

I have just made a nostalgic trip with some of my family. They wanted to see where I grew up, and so we went.

The surprising thing is that none of the places where I lived have changed at all. (That's 1930's suburbia for you!) It looks, smells and sounds exactly as I remember. It's so green, the trees bursting with blossom. And the lilac! The lilac is beautiful. The words of Thomas Hood's poem came rushing back... 'I remember, I remember the house where I was born...'

We caught the Metropolitan line up to Great Portland Street, making the journey my father made every day of his working-commuting life, to Fitzroy Square. What a beautiful square it is.

And then we were off to Robert Adam Street and Manchester Square, where I went to church every Sunday (sometimes twice!). We were able to go into the church - a building my father and some others had the vision to see built. It was full of families with babies and children having fun, singing and praying for each other. My Dad would have been thrilled.

Then we ended up having lunch in the Wallace Collection, poring

over the exquisite miniatures and ivories. All of this was a normal part of my everyday childhood. I know I was lucky.

'What were Granny and Poppa like?' one of my children asked. I thought for a moment. They were so full of many, many good things. 'They loved and were loved. They were fun. They were happy and content', I said.



Happiness and contentment are so important – but so underrated. I have been re-reading Grimm's Fairy Tales. The Tale of the Fisherman and his Wife is one that I have particularly enjoyed. A poor fisherman goes fishing and catches a Flounder. The Flounder speaks to the man and tells him that he is a magical prince-fish, and the man lets him go. His wife however thinks her husband has failed to make the most of a wonderful opportunity and compels her husband to ask the magical fish to give them what they want, and the fish grants her wishes. But the wife is never

satisfied. She is never thankful. She is never content. She just wants more and more. She is never satisfied.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews says: 'Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.' (Hebrews 13: 5)

Being satisfied, being content is difficult. It's not always easy to trust God, and to trust that he will provide and will not abandon us. But that is what this season of Pentecost is all about. God promised his followers that he would not leave them. He would send his Holy Spirit to be a constant living presence with them. And he did. The Holy Spirit of God, the Comforter, the Breath of God will be with us for all time. May you know the Holy Spirit with you and those you love.

With my love and prayers,
Steph

PS We walked from the Wallace Collection to Selfridges. My daughter-in-law wanted to go. She hadn't been there before. Is it like a big Banbury's?! Hmm. Sort of...a bit! We didn't stay long. Funnily enough, just being there made us all feel rather dissatisfied....

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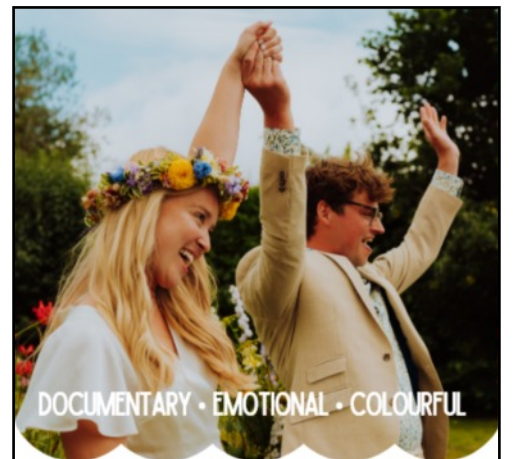


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WHAT'S ON

NATURE NOTES

Love Your Burial Ground Week

In late spring, churchyards take on a quiet abundance. Grass is allowed to grow long in places, insects move through it unseen, and birds stitch their calls between stone and yew. These are peaceful spaces, often managed without pesticides or herbicides, and their very stillness makes them havens for wildlife. Where care is gentle and thoughtful, churchyards can offer refuge not only to visitors, but to nature itself.

Across the UK, *Love Your Burial Ground Week* runs from **Saturday 6th to Sunday 14th June**, inviting people to look more closely at these overlooked landscapes. By keeping some areas neat and welcoming while allowing others to remain lightly managed, burial grounds can strike a balance that benefits everyone - those who come to remember, and the wildlife that quietly thrives alongside them.

The week is part of *Churches Count on Nature*, an annual initiative promoted by Caring for God' Acre in partnership with the Church of England, the Church in Wales, and A Rocha UK. Each year, churches, chapels and cemeteries are encouraged to celebrate and record the wildlife found within their grounds, sharing discoveries from places that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Burial ground managers, PCCs, and Friends groups are invited to bring congregations and local residents together to observe and record wildlife. Events might be led by a local expert, shaped as family-friendly activities, or simply take the form of people gathering to notice what is living alongside them. The emphasis is on shared curiosity and enjoyment.

Feedback from 2025 was overwhelmingly positive, with 97% of participating groups giving the week a four- or five-star rating. Many noted the pleasure of welcoming new faces: 58% reported that attendees included people from outside their usual community. Highlights shared by participants captured moments of simple delight - "*Finding hedgehog poo in our city centre churchyard!*" and "*A lovely evening looking for nature at its best.*"

Wildlife records from the week can be submitted to Caring for God' Acre via

the iNaturalist app, an accessible and enjoyable way to document findings. The app also helps with species identification, deepening encounters and understanding. By joining the *Beautiful Burial Grounds Project* within the app, records contribute to a wider picture of wildlife across burial grounds nationwide.

In 2026, the focus is on swifts. The first 500 groups to sign up can request a booklet supplied by Action on Swifts, with the option to receive additional copies of the *Starter Guide to Burial Ground Heritage and Wildlife* and the *Guide to the Wildlife of Burial Grounds*, produced by the Field Studies Council. Swifts are declining, largely due to the loss of suitable nesting sites and insect declines. Churches can - and often do - provide excellent nesting opportunities. High above the churchyard, their presence reminds us that these spaces are connected not only to the past, but to the living world around us. Could your church become a home for struggling swifts and more wildlife in general?

Curious to discover more about your churchyard and support swifts? Here are two resources to help you spot wildlife, make habitats or simply appreciate the quiet beauty of these spaces:

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/love-your-burial-ground-week-national-cemeteries-week-and-churches-count-on-nature/>
<https://devonswiftproject.co.uk/about-us/>

Each is a step towards making your churchyard a sanctuary for wildlife - especially for swifts dancing overhead. You never know what you might encounter among the gravestones and wildflowers!

*Stephen Powles
(Withleigh Wildlife Group)*

PRAYER CHAIN

The Exe Valley Mission Community are starting a telephone prayer chain. If you like to be included for prayer or know someone who would like to be included, please contact the church office. Only first initials will be used to ensure total confidentiality

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8 May and 5 June
from
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for a
coffee/tea and chat if
you would like to join
her.



PARISH DIARY

MAY

- 1 Washfield Supper Club 6.00pm-9.00pm
- 2 Calverleigh Day of Prayer 9am - 9pm
- 2 Stoodleigh Coffee Morning in Village Hall 10.30am-12.
- 6 Oakford St Peter's Book and Coffee Club 10.00am
- 6 Washfield Supper Club 6.00pm
- 7 Withleigh Bingo village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm
- 9 Stoodleigh Village Walk and Lunch
- 9 Loxbeare Ploughman's Lunch village hall for FCN 12.30pm-2.
- 9 Calverleigh 'Restore the floor' coffee morning 10.30am - 12.30.
- 10 Templeton Bluebell Walk meet village hall 11.00am
- 12 Washfield teatime@thehall 2.30pm-4.00pm
- 13 Templeton Book Club 3.00pm
- 14 Loxbeare Ascension Day Serice 6.30pm
- 14 Moorland Ladies Treasure Hunt meet Oakford village hall 6.00pm
- 16 Washfield Film Night
- 17 Oakford Red Lion Pub Quiz 8pm
- 29 Templeton Knit and Natter in church

JUNE

- 3 Oakford St Peter's Book and Coffee Club 10.00am
- 4 Withleigh Bingo village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm
- 6 Stoodleigh Coffee Morning in Village Hall 10.30am-12.
- 9 Washfield teatime@thehall 2.30pm-4.00pm
- 13 Cruwys Morchard Fete 12-3pm. BBQ 12-2pm
- 13 Loxbeare Cream Tea 3pm-4.30pm for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf
- 13 Oakford Benidorm Bingo Cash prizes licenced bar
- 21 Oakford Red Lion Pub Quiz 8.00pm
- 28 Stoodleigh Afternoon tea, cake & Pimms Linney Mead

Volunteers needed to help with the community lunches each month.

If you could spare a couple of hours on the second Thursday of the month please contact the church office on 01884 250417 or Email: office@exevalleymissioncommunity.org



Exe Valley Lunches



12.30pm - 2.30pm

Thursday 14th April - Stoodleigh Village Hall

Thursday 11th May - Templeton Village Hall

Contact the church office to let us know if you will be joining us or if you need transport.

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WHATS ON

Chair Opportunity: Mid Devon Messenger



Could This Be You... or Someone You Know?

To Lead a BBC-nominated charity providing local news, entertainment, and community connection for people with sight impairment and other reading disabilities in Mid Devon.

About the Mid Devon Messenger

The Messenger delivers weekly news, quizzes, book reviews, interviews, and music to those unable to read print, keeping them connected. Started as a talking newspaper, it's now a broader, free audio service and nominated 2025 by BBC's **Make a Difference Award**

Chair Responsibilities

Lead volunteers, chair committee and communications meetings, and represent the charity to agencies, disability groups, and sponsors. You will have much support.

Expanding Impact

You'll get to know listeners personally and support growth. The service now reaches anyone with conditions affecting reading, working with Stroke, Parkinson's, MS, Dementia groups, and various social clubs.

Who We're Looking For

Strong interpersonal skills, collaborative leadership, and an interest in accessibility or community media required. Charity governance experience helps but isn't essential; energy and commitment matter most.

Find Out More

For more information visit

<https://devonconnect.org/activity/httpsmiddevonmessenger.org.ukchairperson-needed>

Or contact Sue Herniman, Mid Devon MESSENGER Volunteer Co-ordinator, on 07891 987679.

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PARISH ROUND-UP

CALVERLEIGH

We have seen the clocks spring forward, the weather improving at long last and have celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ since the last magazine news. The gardens are really springing into new life, there is the increased dawn chorus and trees are really making a show with buds opening and showing off their new growth.

Back at the beginning of March a Taize service was held in the afternoon in church. A Taize service is a time of prayerful chants, prayer and silence. There is no pressure to speak or even join with the chanting but it is still a very spiritual service in which you can just sit and listen. Thanks to Tim and Gill for leading this service. The next one will be on 3 May at 4.00pm.

Also in March, two very special members of our church and parish celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary. What an achievement and of course a long-lasting commitment to each other. Our love and congratulations go to Derek and Mary and we wish you more anniversaries to come.

Our best wishes go to all those who have been celebrating, a new arrival in the family, a notable birthday, wedding anniversary or been celebrating any other kind of special event.

Holy week was a very special and reflective time with many faith activities and services arranged throughout the Mission Community. It was a privilege to join with Rev' Steph and others on Zoom for evening prayer through most of that week apart from Maundy

Thursday, where many met at Washfield village hall for our Agape meal (a meal served throughout a communion service). This has meant so much to us this year that Steph has been well enough to lead these and other services after all her health issues of the last 12 months. Our thanks go to Steph, but also to Dawn, Annabelle, Geoffrey and all who helped with the preparations and to provide us with the most delicious and well thought out meal as if we were back eating in Jesus' time.

Holy Saturday saw an Easter Vigil service at Calverleigh where we began the service outside with a fire pit (which was proving difficult to light thanks to high winds) but with a little perseverance the fire blazed and our candles were lit. We then proceeded to enter the church by candlelight to begin the service. During the service we affirmed our baptismal vows and were sprinkled with water. Thank you Tim for a lovely spiritual service where we sang, had readings, took communion, celebrated and gave thanks for Christ's resurrection.

The following morning was Easter Sunday at which there were visitors from afar, along with many familiar faces. The service was led by Julie but was supported by fellow worship leaders throughout the service in a variety of different ways. Nik invited children to come forward and build a tower of wooden blocks. As they completed their task, to their shock and dismay an 'earthquake' knocked it all down. This led into an explanation of what the two Mary's experienced on that first Easter morning when the stone was rolled away from the tomb of Jesus. Dave and Tilly read the lesson and then the two Mary's (AKA Tasha and Nik) were interviewed by Tommy Truthteller

(Marc) about their feelings of what was happening. It was all very entertaining, especially the fluffy microphone. After the service there was a mini-Easter egg hunt in the churchyard for young (and not so young alike). Thank you to all who took part in the service and, also a big thank you to everyone who decorated the church ready for Easter – all of the displays were really beautiful.

A collection of goods for CHAT was made through Lent and delivered to their office in the week after Easter. Thanks to everyone who donated either dried or tinned foods or toiletries. Our next collection will be building up to our harvest thanksgiving celebrations.

We continue to pray for all who are unwell, awaiting test results or treatment at this time and pray that you will soon be feeling much better. If you would like to be prayed for during a service please contact Aubrey or Jackie. We only ever use first names. Our thoughts and prayers are also with all who are grieving the loss of a loved one either recently or longer ago.

We send a warm welcome to all those who have moved into Calverleigh or the surrounding area in the past couple of months and we look forward to meeting you at local events, activities or church services.

At this moment in time grants are being applied for to help with the further investigation as to what is happening out of sight, under the flooring. As soon as we have more information it will be passed on but in the meantime we are continuing to do our bit to raise money. If anyone would like to contribute to our fundraising efforts please contact our Treasurer, Jackie Herniman who will be pleased to give you the church's bank details. Thank you

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THE BIG PICTURE

As part of our fundraising for the restoration of the partial floor collapse in the church there is the opportunity to take part in painting/colouring a section of a picture of the church. The pencil drawn picture has been divided into numbered 'squares' which can be bought for £5.00 each and coloured/painted however you wish. These will then be collected in and assembled in the correct order and hopefully the completed picture will be displayed in church. If you are interested in taking part your piece of the picture can be picked up at the coffee morning or by contacting Aubrey on 01884 255248. Thank you Alison, Aubrey and Tilly who have all had a hand in drawing the original picture being used.

Forthcoming Events

Please see the centre pages of the magazine for our regular church services.

On Saturday 2 May our Annual Day of Prayer will take place from 9.00am - 9.00pm. The day is split into ½ hour sections where you can choose your timeslot, and your prayer can be wherever you feel most comfortable although the church will be open if you wish to use it.

Monthly Prayer: If you want to keep praying with us, you can join us on the first Saturday of each month between 9am and 11am.

9 May: A coffee morning is being held on Saturday 9 May in the village hall in aid of 'Restore the Floor' 10.30am - 12.30pm. There will be a draw, cake stall, plant stall and competitions.

Our monthly Explore Service is a fun and interactive all age family friendly service starting at 9.15am with tea,

coffee, squash and biscuits for a 9:30am start. The next Explore service will take place on 17 May and 21 June. Do join us if you can! These dates are preliminary, please check the website for up to date information.

5 Jul: Open air service at 3.00pm in the churchyard.

29 Aug: Produce Show - more information to follow.

Schedule for the 2026 Calverleigh Produce Show on,
SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST 2026 - entries close Friday 14th August.

The sunflower seeds for Class 34, are available now, should you wish to enter that class, a supply will be available in Calverleigh Church within the next few days.

Should you require a printed version of the schedule a few will be available at the Church.

Church cleaning rota:

27 Apr - 9 May:	Mrs J Goldsworthy
11 May - 23 May:	Mrs S Greenslade
25 May - 6 Jun:	Mrs R Tapp
8 Jun - 20 Jun:	Mrs N Burton
22 Jun - 4 Jul:	Miss J Herniman
6 Jul - 18 Jul:	Mrs M Furneaux

Mowing rota:

27 Apr - 9 May:	Mr K and Mrs C Hayes
11 May - 23 May:	Mr C Durnan
25 May - 6 Jun:	Mr A Hancock
8 Jun - 20 Jun:	The Webber Family
22 Jun - 4 Jul:	Mr D White
6 Jul - 18 Jul:	The Heathcoat-Amory Family

Altar Flower rota

3 May - 10 May:	Mr M Ravnkilde
17 May - 24 May:	Mrs R Tapp
31 May - 7 Jun:	Mrs G Tucker
14 Jun - 21 Jun:	Mrs T Amory
28 Jun - 5 Jul:	Mrs M Furneaux

CRUWYS MORCHARD

The birds are singing, the hedgerows are greening up and as we look out of our windows, we can see the lovely patchwork of Devonshire fields.

Church of the Holy Cross

Our Mothering Sunday service was led by Diana who gave a reflective talk about the Role of a Mother and the many hats she wears. In time honoured tradition, ladies of our parish made posies that were given out in the service. Many thanks to those that made the posies and of course to all our mothers.

The children enjoyed the Easter Fun morning where they had various activities for the Easter story and clues for a trail. A wonderful variety of cakes were available with the refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall. Thank you to everyone that helped.

This year our fete is on Saturday 13 June, 12-3pm (BBQ 12-2pm), at the Parish Hall. Please come and join us for fun and games, stalls, BBQ and refreshments. Donations of cakes, raffle and tombola prizes would be much appreciated. We do need help to run stalls. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Diana Vincent on 01363 860227.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are unwell at this time and to those who have suffered a bereavement.

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May 4 & 11	Cindy Trick
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June 1 & 8 Marian Kingdom
 June 15 & 22 Claire Miller
 June 29 & July 6 Marilyn Hill
 July 13 & 20 Diana Vincent & Val Randerson

Please see the central pages of this magazine for details of upcoming services in our church.

Black Dog Boogie Band

We are lucky to have the Black Dog Boogie Band again this year, on Saturday 4 July at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please pop this fun evening into your diary and look out for further information.

Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall

Thank you to all who supported our Easter Bingo on Saturday 28 March. We raised £341.00 for hall funds.

Yoga at the Parish Hall

General Hatha Yoga Class at Cruwys Morchard Hall, Thursdays 10am – 11.15am. All abilities and ages welcome. Call Hilary on 01363 866245.

Cruwys Morchard Flower Show

This year's show is on Saturday 8 August 2026. There are still some seed potatoes and plant plugs, available to grow on. Contact me for more information traceygillbard@gmail.com or 07871 300783. Closing date for all entries is 25 July 2026.

Open Garden

Sunday 5th July 2026 2-6pm, Come rain or shine £5pp

Hi, my name is Nicholas and I will be volunteering at a school in the heart of Kenya. Whilst I'm there, I will be helping to upgrade school facilities like building classrooms, repairing kitchens and bathrooms and overall making the place a safer and more engaging space for learning. To go on this amazing experience, I will need to do some fundraising, I am therefore holding an open garden event at my grandma's place to show off her fantastic garden. I shall charge a small entry fee and there will be refreshments available for everybody.

What 3 Words: acrobatic.shine.note.
 Westland, Pennymoor, EX16 8PG. If using SatNav, look out for the signs as you may be directed to the wrong garden!

Cruwys Morchard YFC

Many thanks to all who took part in, supported and helped at our February Quiz, March Bingo and last weekend's Charity Fun Horse Ride.

We have been busy these past few weeks. We had 3 members compete at County level for the Just a Minute competition and lots of members joining in and enjoying the annual Creely Challenge competition. We competed at the Group Pub Sports evening and came 3rd across the board. At the recent Show & Sale we had 11 members enter. Well done to one and all for their hard work and participation within our club. Over the past few weeks members have been making their own mug at a Skills 4 Life Pottery course, this has been thoroughly enjoyed by all as they learn the processes involved to create a one of a kind article.

We continue to raise money by collecting aluminium drinks cans. So please let us have yours! If you have cans that we can collect please contact Ali Vincent, 07801 480806.

This is only a snapshot of what we've been doing and there is so much more to come! If any of this sounds tempting, please come along, and join us. We hold our monthly meetings at Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. Club email, cruwysm.yfc@gmail.com

Congregational Churches

Please join us for:

Tea and Cake at Nomansland Chapel, 3-4pm every Friday.

Sunday services

2.30pm Nomansland chapel *

4.00pm Pennymoor chapel *

* Except for 3rd Sunday of the month, all join Way Village chapel 3pm.

Please check Facebook or Notice Board for advertising. Alternatively contact Ruth on 01363 530013.

Cruwys Social Evening

On the second and fourth Wednesday of every month there is a social evening at the Parish Hall from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Come and join your neighbours for a chat and a drink and perhaps partake of the quiz that runs between 7.30pm and 9pm. All welcome!

Magazine Contact

If you would like something included in the Cruwys Morchard parish round-up, please contact Ali Vincent on 07801 480806 or alisonpvincent@hotmail.co.uk

LOXBARE

We are so grateful that Steph was able to lead us in the variety of moving services as we journeyed from Palm Sunday to Easter.

The church was beautifully decorated with a variety of spring flowers for Easter – grateful thanks to all who supplied flowers, foliage, time and skill.

There will be an Ascension Day Service, on Thursday 14th May at 6.30p.m., led by Steph. On 17th May there will be a Songs of Praise service at 6.30p.m. Please let Carol, Jean or Richard have your favourite choice of hymn if you would like it to be included in this service. The following Sunday, 24th May, when we celebrate Pentecost, Loxbears will be hosting the Group Holy Communion service led by Reverend Christopher Rowley, accompanied by David Edwards, a very gifted and inspiring worship leader.

For other services, please see centre pages.

Teas, coffees and biscuits are served after services, and everyone is welcome to stay for fellowship and chat.

A very warm welcome to Emily and Alex who have moved into the village.

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Our thoughts and prayers are with Sue, following her recent surgery. We miss you and look forward to seeing you back in the community soon.

We think of and pray for all who are struggling with physical health conditions, undergoing treatment, experiencing decreased mobility and suffering from stress related illnesses and finding daily life difficult to cope with. We also continue to remember Margaret, Marjorie, Muriel and others who are no longer able enough to be in the community. We miss you very much and are grateful for all that you contributed to the church family and community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with young people who are taking exams during the next few weeks.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Herbert Smith. It was always a pleasure to see him at church when Marjorie played the organ as well as when he supported various community events in Loxbeare. He will be very much missed and we send our deepest sympathy and love to Marjorie and all of their family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Marlene on the very sad loss of her daughter, Linda. Some of us will remember Linda growing up in Loxbeare and we are saddened to think that she lost her life at such a young age. Our hearts go out to her family.

Reverend Colin Mee, a past rector in the Exe Valley has died. We remember him fondly and are grateful for all that he and his late wife, Mavis, did during their time in the Exe Valley.

Community Events

The charity lunches and cream teas continue to be well supported.

On behalf of the Exe Valley Market Bus, Colin Radford would like to say a huge "thank you" to Carol, Jean & helpers and all who supported the cream tea in February. A 'free' market bus brought people from around the locality and the grand sum of £450.00 was raised for the Market Bus.

At the soup lunch in March, £130 was raised for the British Heart Foundation. There will be a Ploughman's lunch on 9th May from 12.30 – 2.00. Monies raised at this event will be given to Farming Community Network.

On 13th June, there will be a cream tea from 3.00 – 4.30 and proceeds from this event will be given to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Community Holy Communion Group services in March and April were led by Rev' Steph with Dave Edwards.

St Peter's Bells.

It has been a long road with several stumbling blocks during the refurbishment of the tower and bells but completion is at last in sight. On a recent visit to Matthew Higby Ltd we were shown the bells, now fully tuned with their new wheels and in the new frame. The next step will be to galvanise the frame after which all will be transported back to Oakford, to be returned to their tower. The ringing floor, the stairs and the toilet are now finished.

The Books and Chat group met on 1 April with some amusing facts about April Fool' Day accompanying the coffee and biscuits. Tracey brought along the beautiful journals she has made by recycling some of the older books from our book shelves, thank you Tracey they were amazing.

Please remember that anyone can go into the community area of the church to peruse the books and borrow any that you may like, or come and join us for coffee, biscuits and a chat. (10.00 am on 1st Wednesday of each month)

Poppy Craft Group

The poppy craft group knitted and crocheted busily through the winter with the result that the windows in St Peters, Oakford will have a new look for spring. Banners covered in vibrant crafted flowers fill the windows and the church with colour. Well done ladies and thanks to Jenny Benians for donating the hessian and to John Wilder for creating the framework. Call in to the church to have a look, and browse through the book shelves at the same time.

OAKFORD

There have been March winds, April showers and some days of glorious sunshine leading up to the delivery of the May/June edition of Today Magazine. Trees are bursting their buds, fields are greening up and the hedgerows are full of spring flowers. All is looking hopeful for the summer months ahead.

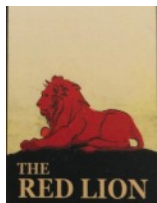
St Peter's Church.

At the beginning of March we welcomed Luke, Becky with family and friends into church for the baptism of Archie. A lovely service led by Rev Steph with David Edwards.

The Mothering Sunday service was led by Dawn and all mums received little pots of heather. Everyone took part in stirring the ingredients to make a Simnel Cake, which was then returned cooked the following Sunday and shared after the service. The Mission

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3 MAY

The 5th Sunday of East
(White)

There's a place for you

1 Peter 2: 2-10
Acts 7: 55-60

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise with
Baptism with Steph Gordon-Jeffs
and David Edwards
4.00pm Taize with Tim Gorringe

CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Morning Praise

LOXBEARE

10.45am Morning Praise

OAKFORD

10.45am Morning Praise

RACKENFORD

10.45am Family Service

STOODLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise

TEMPLETON

10.45am Morning Praise

WASHFIELD

10.45am Holy Communion
Tim Gorringe

WITHLEIGH

10.45am Family Service

10 MAY

The 6th Sunday of Easter
(White)

Sharing your hope

9.30am Zoom Service

**OUR MISSION
COMMUNITY
HOLY COMMUNION
GROUP SERVICE WITH
BAPTISM**

is at

10.45am in

WITHLEIGH

**Steph Gordon-Jeffs
and David Edwards**

Everyone is welcome

17 MAY

The 7th Sunday of Easter
(White)

Support through suffering

1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11
Acts 1: 6-14

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

9.15am 'Explore'
with Nik & Tash

CRUWYS MORCHARD

**10.45am Holy Communion
with Baptism**
**Steph Gordon-Jeffs and
David Edwards**

LOXBEARE

6.30pm Songs of Praise

OAKFORD

10.45am Morning Praise

RACKENFORD

10.45am Morning Praise with
Baptism with Christopher Rowley

STOODLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise

TEMPLETON

10.45am Family Service

WASHFIELD

10.45am Family Service

WITHLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise

THURSDAY 14 MAY

ASCENSION DAY

(White)

is at

LOXBEARE

at

6.30pm

Steph Gordon-Jeffs

Everyone is welcome

24 MAY

Pentecost

(Red)

God's gift

9.30am Zoom Service

**OUR MISSION
COMMUNITY
HOLY COMMUNION
GROUP SERVICE**

is at

10.45am in

LOXBEARE

**Christopher Rowley and
David Edwards**
Everyone welcome

31 MAY

WITHLEIGH

**9.30am Poems, Prayer &
Praise**



**Compline on Zoom
15 May to 22 May
(not 19 May)
at 6.30pm**
**Steph Gordon-Jeffs
(see update)**

31 MAY

Trinity Sunday

(White)

9.30am Zoom Service

**OUR MISSION
COMMUNITY
5th SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION
GROUP SERVICE**

is at

10.45am in

OAKFORD

**Tim Gorringe, Steph
Gordon-Jeffs and
David Edwards**
Everyone welcome

7 JUNE

The 1st Sunday after Trinity
(Green)

Beyond hope

Matthew 9: 9-13,18-26
Genesis 12: 1-9

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise
4.00pm Taize with
Tim Gorringe

CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Morning Praise

LOXBEARE

10.45am Morning Praise

OAKFORD

10.45am Morning Praise

RACKENFORD

10.45am Family Service

STOODLEIGH

10.45am Morning Praise

TEMPLETON

10.45am Morning Praise

WASHFIELD

10.45am Family Service
with Baptism
Steph Gordon-Jeffs and David
Edwards

WITHLEIGH

10.45am Holy Communion
Tim Gorringe

14 JUNE

The 2nd Sunday after Trinity
(Green)

Out of your comfort zone

Matthew 9: 35-10:8,(9-23)
Genesis 18: 1-15,(21:1-7)

9.30am Zoom Service

OUR MISSION COMMUNITY GROUP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

is at
10.45am
in
RACKENFORD
with
Steph Gordon-Jeffs

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU
ARE WELCOME TO JOIN ANY
SERVICE IN ANY CHURCH IN THE
EXE VALLEY MISSION COMMUNITY
ON A SUNDAY

21 JUNE

The 3rd Sunday after Trinity
(Green)

No compromise

Matthew 10: 24-39
Genesis 21: 8-21

9.30am Zoom Service

CALVERLEIGH

10.45am Holy Communion
Tim Gorringe

CRUWYS MORCHARD

10.45am Morning Praise
with Baptism
Christopher Rowley
and David Edwards

LOXBEARE

6.30pm Songs of Praise

OAKFORD

10.45am Morning Praise

RACKENFORD

10.45am Family Service

STOODLEIGH

No service

TEMPLETON

10.45am Family Service

WASHFIELD

10.45am Family Service

WITHLEIGH

10.45am Family Service

28 JUNE

The 4th Sunday after Trinity
(Green)

9.30am Zoom Service

OUR MISSION COMMUNITY GROUP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

is at
10.45am
in
STOODLEIGH
with
Tim Gorringe
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Baptism and Confirmation

We have had a wonderful number of Baptisms booked in this year. What a joy it is to welcome so many families into our churches.

Do please get in touch, if you or your child, would like to be baptised.

Maybe you have been baptised but never confirmed. If you are interested in being confirmed and would like to find out more, do please contact the church office.



PARISH ROUND-UP

The Village Hall Committee have excelled again with 2 showings of Six Nations Rugby on the big screen. The first event included a pie and mash lunch and the final France/England game was followed by a delicious supper of Coq au Vin and Tarte au Citron (very appropriate as France won!). Thanks to Debra and her team.

The Oompah band evening with The Bierkeller Boys was another brilliant evening of fun, beer and Bratwurst. Thanks again Village Hall Committee. Look out for more upcoming Village Hall events.

By the time you receive your Today magazine there will have been another Taste Off Evening with everyone making and then tasting a variety of home made tipples and food. This was a very well attended evening with much laughter.

Dates for your Diaries
WOW, a WING WALK! by Oakford's very own 'dare-devil'
 On 29 May 2026 Tony Holmes will be wing walking on a vintage biplane taking off from Henstridge Airfield in Templecombe near Salisbury. He is hoping to raise funds for the Devon Air Ambulance. If anyone would like to sponsor him in this "dare-devil" escapade a JustGiving page has been set up. Details can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/tony-holmes> Thanks everyone

Red Lion Pub Quiz dates:
 17 May and 21 June at 8.00pm

The Moorland Ladies Treasure Hunt with a bring and share supper is on 14 May, 6.00pm start at the Village Hall this will be an open event.
 Early notice of the Flower and Produce Show (to enable you to get planting) 8 August in the village hall.

June Club event Thursday 18 June at 2.00pm in the village hall. Watch the Ladies Day Ascot races on the big screen followed by a cream tea. Dress for Ascot and a decorative hat competition.

Saturday 13 June 7.00pm – 10.00pm
 The Village Hall Committee present Benidorm Bingo - Bingo with a summer theme and a couple of twists! plus lashings of Sangria (sombros optional). Cash prizes and licenced bar. Look out for more info in the coming weeks.

Why not try something different.
Bampton Short Mat Bowls.
 Have you ever fancied playing this fun and sociable game?
 We have spaces for new players on Tuesdays, 2-4.30pm or 7-9.30pm in the Riverside Hall, Bampton. Previous experience not necessary, as instruction will be given. Bowls can be provided.
 The first 2 sessions are free to enable you to see if you want to take it up. We have a break and a cup of tea halfway through, so very relaxed.
 Flat soled shoes or socks are required to protect the mats.
 If you are interested please contact either Anne Hilton - 07934 199756 or Chris Holdom 01398 332039.

We have sadly said goodbye to Carla Bancroft who has left Oakford to return to her native Wales. We will miss you Carla.
 A warm welcome to the village to Paul and Clare who have moved into Town Mead and to Paul and Jane in Weir Meadow. Also to Clare and her neighbours in the Crosspark bungalows.
 Thoughts and prayers go those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time.

Greetings to those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in May and June.

The Lord's Larder - feeding hope

St Peter's, Oakford is joining hands to support CHAT. Every tin of soup, packet of pasta or box of cereal makes a real difference to families and people in need.

CHAT provides supplies to people facing difficult times. With your help, we can ensure that no one in our community goes hungry.

So, how can we help? Together we can share God's love in practical ways. Please consider giving - your kindness will bring hope and nourishment to our neighbours.

You will find a basket near the back of church where you can add your donated items. All donated items will be collected regularly and go directly to CHAT. There is a list of the most wanted items.

RACKENFORD

As we go to print the sun is shining. However, it comes with a very cold wind with a few heavy showers. Easter Sunday was not the warm day we wished for although the beautiful spring flowers with such a wide range of colours was a joy to see.

Easter Sunday is the most significant Christian festival, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, three days after his crucifixion. Rev Christopher Rowley took our 10:45am Holy Communion Service. Thank you to Graham on the organ.

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A pleasure to have Richard P with us and reading a lesson. How lovely to have Easter bunting across the chancel - so pretty! Thank you to Little Angels nursery for bringing your bunting to church. Also thank you to Marilyn, Joy, Margaret, Debbie and Hilda for all the decorating, the beautiful flowers you brought and to anyone who contributed with foliage. A lovely perfume filled the church. Thank you to our congregation who made it a very enjoyable service. Hope you took an Easter Egg as you left church!

The usual Easter Egg Hunt took place on the common early Easter morning where the sound of excited voices could be heard as they searched. Thank you to all who provided the eggs and helped in any way.

Going back to February 27, it was the day many family and friends gathered to support Elaine Carter's family at her funeral service and interment with her late husband Norman. It was a very moving service where her sons Shaun and Mark gave an emotional and loving eulogy for their dear mum. All of Elaine's seven grandchildren spoke in turn of their wonderful grandmother who was dearly loved and treasured. We continue to remember you all with our love and prayers.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Herbert Smith on 24 March. Some of us have known Herbert for many, many years, knew his parents and also attended school with Herbert all those years ago. Herbert was a Church Warden for so many years, we struggle to remember just how many. He was on the Parochial Church Council and always in attendance. Herbert served All Saints Church well. In his service he

helped to raise funds which helped in so many ways to proceed with essential work which is always never ending. Amongst other things, Herbert set up Bingo nights which were very popular, welcoming other parishes including Witheridge, South Molton, etc. He would travel to South Molton collecting meat prizes for the bingo and enjoyed the evenings himself. He would call out the numbers and enjoyed calling '21', then adding 'My age!' to much laughter...every time!! We send our deepest sympathy to Marjorie and all the family at this difficult time. Herbert's funeral will be on May 14 at 12:00 at Withiel Florey.

Our Mission Community Group Holy Communion took place on February 8 with Rev Christopher Rowley, David and Levon. It's always a pleasure to welcome other parishes. Thank you for joining us and we hope you stayed, had a chat and enjoyed refreshments.

Rackenford Gardening Club held their Spring Show in Church on March 21. A beautiful and varied display of such lovely flowers - some stunning blooms and arrangements. For a small Gardening Club, it was a joy to see so many entries. A wonderful display of pictures and a beautiful variation of painted eggs, all produced by children, was a delight to see. These have been on display at Rackenford Shop so we hope you have seen them. Of course another attraction was delicious cakes and tea - a real treat. Trophies were presented by Sarah at the end of the show - a very enjoyable afternoon. Unfortunately, during the show, Mary (who serves in the shop) had a nasty fall and an ambulance was called. After a few days in hospital we were pleased to

see her out and about again. Hope you're feeling well again now Mary.

We continue to worry about the wars continuing and the nightmares so many are experiencing - all the families that face such an uncertain future. We continue to pray for peace.

To whom it may concern

For many years, the late Herbert and Marjorie have delivered the church magazines to many in their area. Going forward, Marjorie is unable to continue delivering. We can quite understand - it's a demanding task, especially when you are not in good health. So from now on, if you wish to have a magazine, they are available from Rackenford Shop or Rackenford Church. We thank you, Marjorie, for the many years you and Herbert have delivered all these magazines. We are most grateful for all your help.

We remember all those we have heard of - Jacques, Mary, Derek, David S, David from Bulworthy and Marjorie who are not feeling too well at this time. We pray for you all, including our Steph.

Congratulations to all who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries. We have two people in our village who have celebrated very special birthdays Mary and Helen. We hope you had a happy time.

STOODLEIGH

Hello from Stoodleigh and as I write it is just after Easter. The sun has finally arrived for a couple of days and brought much needed warmth to refresh us all.

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A timely reminder of what a stunning Exe Valley we are privileged to live in and how fortunate we are in this world today.

St Margaret's

St Margaret's Church at Easter was a sight to behold after the empty, quiet days of Lent. Our Ladies who arrange the flowers did a wonderful job, each bringing colour and prettiness with their individual arrangements. A huge Thankyou to everyone involved in bringing buckets of woodland greenery, bright flowers and giving your time. Our Church truly looked like it was dressed up and ready to party!

Our Thanks to Tim Gorringe for taking the Good Friday Service and to Penny our Churchwarden for organizing an amazing Easter Egg hunt around the church on Easter Sunday.

A date for your diary is Sunday 28 June when we will be holding a Family Sunday afternoon with tea, cake & Pimms at Linney Mead, Valley View Farm, Stoodleigh (to those who have been around a while it's the entrance where the Egg Shed used to be). This is a joint fundraising event between our Parish Hall & St Margaret's church.

Admission is £5 per Adult; £2.50 for children aged 12 and under; both to include tea & cake

There will be games, raffle, refreshments for everyone including beer and Pimms. Please look out for more community information to follow.

There are many people who need a thankyou towards keeping St Margaret's up and running throughout the year. From the cleaning of the church, monitoring of the flag, daily opening and locking up...a lot goes on voluntarily to try and keep our church available for everyone to enjoy. The

paid maintenance is always ongoing which you would expect with a building built in the 15th century. Every five years there is an in depth inspection, carried out by specialist architects, of the stonework, the tower, boundary walls and churchyard, belfry...phew, the list is never ending! Top of the list this year was tower roof repairs, and they weren't wrong. The proof was the water that dripped down through the tower to the main church and into buckets placed by Penny from the incessant rainfall since Christmas!

Flower Rota:

Julie Hubbard	26 April & 3 May
Mandy Widdowson	10 & 17 May
Geraldine Talbot	24 & 31 May
Yvonne Lang	7 & 14 June
Phyllis Hill	21 & 28 June

Stoodleigh Parish Council

A plaque has now been placed in memory of Chris Whitehead on the playground side of the wall next to the church. Chris lived in Stoodleigh for about 15 years and quietly did a lot for the village before moving to Exeter. He passed away in October 2025 and his donation and generosity enabled the re-building of the playground wall.

The Parish Council are in the process of updating some of the equipment in the play area and they would like to thank Martin Baker for generously arranging the donation of materials.

Stoodleigh Parish Hall

Saturday Coffee Mornings have been well supported by our community recently. Thank you to our regulars, those who have returned after being away and visitors who drop in - you are all very welcome, it's great to see you. We look forward to catching up with you again on the first Saturday of the month between 10.30 and 12 noon - 2 May,

6 June, 4 July and onward through the year. Everyone enjoyed a treat in March when, in addition to coffee and cake, Chef Tim provided delicious bacon baps. Thanks Tim. We hope to have bacon baps available again in the future!

The Skittles and Supper Evening in March was a very successful and fun night for all those that joined in. Beef stew, vegetable casserole and crusty bread was served followed by a choice of tasty desserts. Two evenly matched teams battled it out and the winning team won by just six points - so close! Friendly rivalry and cheering made for another fun, nail-biting, close game of Killer. Our Stoodleigh Killer Champion for 2026 is Angela Hill who won the trophy - congratulations Angela!

Spring Fair - 11 April - We'll report on our April events in the next edition of the magazine.

Village Walk and Lunch - Saturday 9 May - Meet at the Hall, enjoy coffee before the walk and return to the Hall for lunch. Non walkers are also invited to join in for lunch. Timings available soon - keep a look out on community news or ring 07734 451741 to book or for more info.

More events are being planned and we'll report on those next time.

Stoodleigh 100 Club

Thank you to members of the 100 Club for your support over the last year. If you're not already a member, would you like to join and be in with a monthly chance of winning? It's an opportunity for everyone to have some fun and profits are split between Stoodleigh Parish Hall and St Margaret's Church. The new 2026/27 year will start on 1 May so to renew or sign up for new



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2nd £15 ** 3rd £10
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Recent Winners:

January - Mary Harding, Sally Holland, Trevor Crowland and Peter Ayre
February - Julian Earl, Malcolm Jones, Carol Radford and Peter Ayre
March - Penny Baker, Roland Chant, Pat Robinson and Mary Harding

Welcome to new residents, Hilary and David. We very much hope you'll enjoy living in Stoodleigh.

TEMPLETON

Despite the unending days of grey, wet, windy, chilly and generally unpleasant weather over the past couple of months, the snowdrops never fail to amaze ... appearing, year after year, increasing in number as their bulbs divide and spread. Spring is a favourite time of the year, and it's a good time to reflect on all those good things that bring us life and joy - even in the middle of winter. Easter is early this year, and with it we have already seen the daffodils, primroses, cowslips, early camellias and so much more! One week the trees seem bare and still; the next, blossom colours the trees, and daffodils brighten the area. It's a reminder that winter never has the final word, and that life and light always return. As we enjoy the new life around us, we are reminded that this season

will bring fresh hope and wonder to our parish.

St Margaret's Church: The Church is constantly in need of attention. The roof flashing needs repairing to prevent water from entering the church. The damp walls are causing the paint to peel off and mould to form, and the work involved in sorting this is costly. We are grateful for all the help we can get in managing these problems.

Gloria's Hundred Club: In order to raise enough money to restore the church windows and walls, Matthew has offered to restart Gloria's Hundred Club. It will cost £12 for the year (£1 a month). Half the money entered each month will be split between two winners, so the more that take part, the higher the winnings will be. The first draw will be at Templeton Village Hall Social Club on Mon 1st June. Contact Matthew (07595 868165) if you would like to be one of the hundred!

The Churchyard: Now that the weather is warmer, it's time for a churchyard spring clean! The brambles, ivy and weeds need clearing, and some branches need cutting - and we need your help and a date will be circulated soon! If you are able to lend a hand do contact our churchwardens William or Reg (contact details on page 2 of this magazine.) Some areas of the churchyard may be left uncut for the grass to grow longer to encourage wild flowers and support insect life.

Church Services:

The Sunday services for May and June are published in the centre pages of this magazine. The Sunday services at St Margaret' Church, Templeton will all be at 10.45am. If you or your family have any favourite hymns that you' like to sing at one of the services, just let

our churchwardens Reg or William know (contact details on page 2).

The Templeton Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) was held at Witleigh on Thursday 19 March joining with Cruwys Morchard, Washfield, and Witleigh parishes. This was led by Steph who has recovered so amazingly and will soon be back to full time commitments within the Exe Valley Mission Community. The Annual Parishioners' Meeting was held in St Margaret' Church, Templeton on Thursday 9th April, with some helpful suggestions about the care of the churchyard and the state of the interior walls of the church. We are very grateful to William and Reg for agreeing to be re-elected as Churchwardens this year - they have been a great support for the village in maintaining the church and churchyard.

Defibrillators: In 2022, with help of financial support from Templeton Parish Council, the Village Hall acquired an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) which was set up at Templeton Village Hall. This was followed by training on basic life support and how to use the defibrillator. The Parochial Church Council recently funded another defibrillator which has been placed just inside the church so that it is easily accessible for everyone. Since then the British Heart Foundation has donated two defibrillators with external cabinets to Templeton Parish Council, and these have been set up at Mill Cottage, Templeton Bridge and also at Lower North Coombe Farm. Many thanks to the Parish Council for their efforts with these important additions to the village. We shall circulate a map to everyone to show where they are all situated. The instructions on the defibrillators are very clear for anyone to use. Plans for




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training updates in basic life support and familiarity with the defibrillators are under way, and if you're interested in some training and haven't already mentioned it, do get in touch with Bindy (belinda.linden1949@gmail.com).

Past Templeton Activities:

Templeton Run: On Sunday 29 March there was the annual Charity Templeton Run starting from and finishing at Templeton Village Hall, organised by the South West Road Runners and Exe Valley Rotary Club. Over 200 runners took part and the route took the runners through the beautiful countryside around Cruwys Woods and Templeton. Refreshments were served at the Village Hall for the hungry runners and marshals. Jamie Howard, of South West Road Runners, who organised the event, would like to say a few words of thanks to Templeton and the Rotary Club:

"A special thank you to the people of Templeton and the Exe Valley Rotary Club. It's been four incredible years of crazy springtime hijinks with our March bustle through the hills and valleys of Templeton, with runners puffing the Fury out of the 10 mile race or braving the 5 km "Fun Run". Thank you for hosting us, I hope we didn't inconvenience anyone too much - and if you took part or helped out then please know that you made it the special day it was. This year went off with a complete success - it was such a pleasure to see so many people having fun and I can honestly say, the comments we've had about the event and the people of Templeton have been really heart-warming. We have raised around £3,000 for mental health charities from the runs in Templeton over the past four years - that's something to be proud of.

Wishing you health and happiness, we hope to see you again next year"
Warmest Regards, Jamie Howard



Deanery Sunrise Service:

This Deanery Sunrise Service led by Rev Claire Curtis was held in their beautiful grounds of Bradleigh House, Templeton, at 6.20am on Easter Sunday. It was a wonderful service that attracted over 80 people across the deanery even at this early hour, and everyone enjoyed bacon baps afterwards. Thank you, Claire, for such a moving Easter event.

Later, on Easter Sunday, at St Margaret's Church, Templeton there was an Easter Service for the families in and around Templeton, when Laurel was helped by the younger members of the village in making wind chimes and Easter wreaths. Everyone stayed on

after the service for refreshments while the Easter Egg Hunt was in progress! Thank you everyone for making it such a special service at this most important time of the year!

By the time you read this magazine, there will have been a Bingo Night at Templeton Village Hall on Saturday 11 April! The doors opened at 7pm and eyes down at 7.30pm, with the bar open and snacks sold at the interval. The money raised will go towards maintaining the four defibrillators in the village. Thank you so much Richard, Val and Laurel for all the preparation to make it such an entertaining and successful evening.

Future activities in Templeton:

Templeton Bluebell Walk: Sunday 10 May. Starting from 11:00am at Templeton Village Hall with bacon rolls, tea and coffee. The walk will go down to Templeton Bridge then along the public footpath leading up through the woods to The Beeches where refreshments will be provided. The final leg will take you through Templeton village past St Margaret's Church and returning up the lane to Templeton Village Hall. This should be in total about 3 miles with stops along the way. Let's hope for a beautiful sunny day so we can all enjoy the walk and the refreshments along the route. For more information do contact Laurel (lb@templetonparishcouncil.org.uk)

Templeton Panto: Thinking ahead - would you be up for taking part in a Templeton pantomime? It should be great fun but this needs planning and commitment! -if you're interested in taking part in ANY way, please contact Sue at sueandregcoffin@fhsinternet.com or 01884 860246.

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Regular Gatherings:

Art Group: Have you seen the wonderful displays of the art groups paintings in the village hall? Do come and join the group –it' every second Tuesday 10am-12 midday Templeton Village Hall. No charge. Just come along. Coffee and cake provided.

Book Group: Templeton Village Hall. Second Wednesday of every month at 3pm. Although the group is at full capacity at the moment, please contact Julie 01884 233507 if you would like to be contacted when there's a vacancy.

Knit and Natter: At St Margaret' Church on the last Friday of each month 10.30am to 12 midday. Bring any repair work, embroidery, crochet, knitting, or just come along for a cuppa and biscuits and a chat!

Templeton Village Hall and Social Club: Come up on a club night for a drink and a chat or maybe you would like to have a game of darts, pool, table tennis or skittles? - Club nights are held on Monday and Saturday evenings from 8.00pm to 11pm. Club membership is £ and the drinks are very reasonably priced. If you would like to book the village hall for a birthday party, meeting, or any other event, contact Bindy 01884 860655.

Gardening Club. Now that spring is here, the garden group is a chance for people to get together and talk gardens, help problem solve, suggest places to visit, share any other questions, eat cake and have a coffee. If you want to know more and would like to join in next time, just email Ginah at ginahpalmer@gmail.com .

Thoughts and prayers:

Sadly, there are several people who have lived in or around Templeton who

will be greatly missed by their family and friends, and us all in Templeton.

Val Greenfield sadly died on Thursday 26 February. Her funeral was held on Friday 27 March at St Margaret's Church, Templeton followed by refreshments at Templeton Village Hall. Our thoughts and deep sympathies are with Val's sister and brother-in-law Pat and Ian and family, and Val's wider family and many friends. Val has lived in Templeton for many years and has been central to the village life, managing to combine farming with lecturing in English, chairing the parish council, and also an excellent artist and tennis player.

Frank Saunders sadly died on Saturday 28 February. His funeral service was on Tuesday 31 March at East Devon Crematorium, Whimble followed by refreshments at The Cranberry Farm, Cranbrook. Our thoughts and deep sympathies are with Francis, Martin, Phillip and Jane and all of Frank's family. Frank loved and understood the countryside, the farming life, the seasons, his horses and fox-hunting. He was deeply involved with Templeton village and was for some time a member of Templeton Parish Council.

It is also with sadness to report that Herbert Smith of Rackenford died on 24th March. Our thoughts and deep sympathies are with Marjorie and all their family. Herbert was such a wonderful kind man and valued member of the community, and who for many years was central to the Rackenford community, having been churchwarden in Rackenford for over 30 years. More recently, Herbert and Marjorie have become very special and valued in Templeton with their considerable support for St Margaret's church where Marjorie regularly played the organ for our services. Herbert's funeral will be

held on Thursday 14th May at the church of St Mary Magdalene, Withiel Florey at 12 noon.

Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes are also with all those who are unwell, who are receiving or awaiting treatment, who have been in hospital, recovering from surgery, or going through a tough time.

Church Flowers and Cleaning Rota May and June 2026

Julie Dent Flowers and cleaning
3rd May –10th May

Bindy Linden Flowers and cleaning
17th May –24th May

Sue Coffin Flowers and cleaning
31st May –7th June

Val Hopley Flowers and cleaning
14th June –21st June

Phillida Strong Flowers and cleaning
28th June –5th July

WASHFIELD

Welcome May, the month of magnificent miracles and splendid surprises and June, bringing with it the promise of long days and beautiful sunsets

Spring has arrived in Washfield as a welcome wave of sun after a particularly wet start to the year. The churchyard is looking beautiful, thanks to Martin for keeping it in shape.

We enjoyed hosting the Exe Valley Community Agape meal on Maundy Thursday, with some moving prayers, readings and reflections. Dawn and Geoffrey created the most marvellous supper to share, with an authentic flavour, with pitta, humus, watermelon

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and feta followed by a delicious lamb tangine. Thanks to Camilla for pudding.

Steph's understandable enthusiasm and thanksgiving for Easter has been contagious as we also celebrated Easter for the Group Service. Many thanks to Dave for the music and hymns.

The Annual International Egg Decorating and Rolling Competitions were celebrated with a lot of fun and a lot of people! Fiercely fought over, entry numbers reached new highs. Hot Cross Buns were justly deserved.

A total of £405 was raised for church funds. Massive thanks to the Tobey's for expertly arranging the competitions, and to Anne Dee, Emma, Camilla, Jess, Ellie, Eliza and Annabel for the refreshments, Jenny for the plant stall and Jean and Liz for the raffle. We send our sympathy to Oliver for missing it all and hope his foot makes a full and speedy recovery.

Early warning for a slight change to the date of the village fete 11 July (Second Saturday, not the first). Please do come to the planning meeting date in the church on Wednesday 3rd June at 6.30, all are welcome.

We extend thanks to all in the village who look after the Church, the PCC and Fabric Committee, to Martin for the lawn and maintenance, Alison for dressing the altar, Linda for diligently opening and locking the Church every day of the year, James for the bell ringing and clock winding, Jeanne for everything, and our Churchwarden Malcolm. We use this opportunity to thank Richard Scholes who has stepped down as Church Warden – thanks for staying on as treasurer!

We look forward to welcoming you and your families to services and village events over the summer, we always need a helping hand so please do step forward if you have chance. Even for an hour an extra pair of hands makes light work.

The, ever productive, Social Club hosted a hugely popular Beer Festival at the end of March with several beers and lagers to try (thanks Andrew and the bar staff) whilst partaking in a yummy barbecue, thanks to all. There was also live music (with impromptu singing and lots of fun for all) Well done to all the Social Club committee and Pete's brother on the mic.

Don't forget the Social Club's monthly Supper Club between 6-9pm on the first Friday of each month where members can partake in a simple meal, have a drink at the bar and meet with friends and neighbours at these nights.

The next film night will be on Saturday May 16 – Film yet to be chosen.

Keep an eye out for details of other events to be planned as the Spring and Summer months move on and please keep taking part in these lovely events to support YOUR village. Everything is advertised on posters, Friends of Washfield Social Club WhatsApp page and Humans of Washfield and Lower Washfield FB page.

Several interest groups also meet on the Social Club evenings and you are most welcome to join those taking part. These include a Book Club, Table Tennis players, Craft Group and Scrabble players. Come along on a Club night, pay your subs, and join in!

Don't forget our time-honoured teatime@thehall is still as popular as ever. Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month between 3-4.30pm (times have altered now we are in Daylight saving) All ages are welcome to these friendly, chatty afternoons. Come along, you would be most welcome.

We wish Emma and Rohan many happy wishes as they marry on Saturday 30th May in the Tobey's field. May the sun shine on you and your families and your day be happy and fun-filled.

To those who are not enjoying good health at the time of writing (we know of neighbours who are recovering after surgery) we wish you a speedy recovery.

Flower Rota
May 3/10
May 17/24
May 31/June 7
June 14/21
June 28/July 5

Mrs Nicholson
Mrs Balment
Marion Elston
Alison Atkins
Anne Moore

WITHLEIGH

What a sunny few days we have had over Easter and so nice to see the flowers emerging from their winter sleep and the birds all singing and preparing nests for new life.

The two months of May and June also have celebrations with the 26 May being a feast day to celebrate Augustine who was to become our 1st Archbishop of Canterbury and this year we have celebrated the appointment of another new Archbishop this time Dame Sarah another 1st a woman. June celebrates two feast days; Petroc a British Prince and Christian Saint who ministered to Devon and Cornwall on 4th June and St. Boniface Patron Saint of Devon on 5th June. Then we have Father's Day which originated in the USA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd who wanted to celebrate her father who raised 6 children alone, on this day we honour the physical and spiritual fathers we have in our lives. Father's Day celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of June means another couple of busy months.

"Part 1" of our annual church meetings was held on Monday 23rd February, in the village hall. Brenda was unanimously re-elected as churchwarden, and we are extremely grateful to her for all that she



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does (and not just in that role). Following on from agreement of the various reports, the elections resulted in Christine and Sara being re-elected as Deanery Synod reps, with the other PCC members being Coralie (secretary), Daphne, Ken, Margaret, Marianne, Elizabeth and Paul. Christine and Sara (Treasurer) are ex-officio members, and Peter N continues as our electoral roll officer. Brenda thanked all who play a part in the life of St Catherine'.

"Part 2" was held in church on 19th March, combined with Cruwys Morchard, Templeton and Washfield, chaired by Steph, to confirm the agreements that had been reached during the first meeting.

Congratulations to David and Janet on reaching their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. We hope you had a lovely meal with your family.

Our Mothering Sunday service on 15th March followed our normal pattern and was led by Paul and Elizabeth. Thanks, as ever, go to all who took part.

Sunday 29th March, being the fifth Sunday of the month, saw our Poems, Prayer and Praise service in the village hall at 9.30am, led by Susie, on the theme of Palm Sunday, and when those present each received a palm cross. The next of these informal services will be on 31st May at 9.30am.

Our Good Friday service this year was held in church, taken by Steph, with David Edwards. The service was one of reflection –very thought-provoking. The service was followed by tea / coffee and biscuits.

Easter Sunday saw twenty sat down for our customary breakfast in the village hall at 9am, and this was fol-

lowed at 10am by a service in church, led by Paul and Elizabeth. The church looked lovely with all the spring flowers, many thanks to all those who supplied and arranged the flowers, also thanks to Janet for cleaning the brass, a thankless task! Our thanks to all who took part in the service, and especially to Annabel and Sophie who both enjoyed opening the 'Easter eggs' though the contents were not what they might have expected!

See the middle pages of this magazine for our services in May and June.

We are thinking of those who are waiting for dates for various operations. Hopefully you won't have to wait too long and that your operation's are successful.

Bingo's in the Village Hall are on Thursday 7th May and Thursday 4th June, eyes down at 7.30pm.

The Village Hall AGM is to be held on Tuesday 26th May, in the Hall @ 7.30pm.

This year' Summer Fête will be on Saturday 18th July, in the Village Hall 12 noon to 3pm.

Advance notice of our service on Sunday 19th July, when a representative from The Mid-Devon Messenger will be speaking to us about their work. This is our nominated charity for 2026 and was chosen in memory of Harry. There will be a retiring collection for The Messenger.

WOW

At the March meeting of WOW we were very impressed by the two ladies who talked to us. Their lives were completely and lovingly involved with Riding for the Disabled. They talked with such

passion about the benefits of their organisation and all the help they give to adults and youngsters. They accompanied their talk with slides. We are now looking forward to our April meeting where we are planning the beginnings of a WOW Cookbook. To contact, us ring Susie on 258492.

Flower Rota

3, 10, 17 May – Linda Taylor
 24, 31, May, 7 June - Rachael Pugsley
 14, 21, 28 June – Gill Mobbs

Taizé Prayers

Taizé is an ecumenical community in France which has been a focus for young people for about 70 years. The core of what they do is meditative prayer, based around simple chants, very easy to harmonise to.

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