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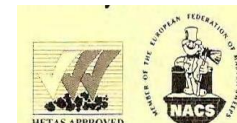
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THE VICAR WRITES...

The Value of Rest



In January on Radio 4 Winifred Robinson and Claudia Hammond hosted programmes about 'rest'; people were asked to list their top ten rest activities: Running was one of them, as were reading and gardening. These radio broadcasts were referred to in the following article entitled 'A Time to Recalibrate' in the *Church Times*:

(www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2020/2-october/features/features/time-to-recalibrate?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook)

It gave me cause to ponder about proper 'Sabbath rest'; I hadn't previously thought carefully about what physical activity constitutes rest.

The problem for me, with my evangelical free church background, is that I have too strong a Puritanical streak - a distorted sense of 'Sabbatarianism'. I remember debating in a free church decades ago about whether one should mow the lawn on a Sunday. I think the general consensus was 'no' for church members, but that we shouldn't expect others to do likewise! However, in the Rectory at Porlock, our next-door neighbour seemed to always have some machinery working on a Sunday - it was hard for me not to make a judgment!

The article points out that the pandemic has given some of us the chance to change our routine. The author tried out some well-worn advice to work less and sleep more - and discovered, surprise, surprise, that it worked. She says: 'Work is better. Health is better. Prayer is better. Forward progress is generally straighter.'

The article talks of God's restoration in not 'just a cessation of toil, but a cessation/shabbat that defines God's people', as any traditional Jew would know. The difficulty is with what part of the church did with this wonderful liberating concept. She writes, somewhat provocatively: 'How did this extraordinary gift come to be sold as a punishment inflicted by the religious who begrudge the happy world its Sunday shopping?'

St Augustine famously said of God: 'You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.' If we find this rest, it 'comes as a shock, an encounter that changes everything' (CT article). The radio programmes had a secular, medical background, but that didn't stop a strong spiritual path emerging: a caller even referred to 'larger public buildings in Russia where people were allowed to go and sleep' - meaning churches, of course. However, she then makes another serious point, that 'rest is not just doing nothing', in fact on the contrary; it might be cleaning the church, gardening or baking with children. She finishes the article, as I do, with these two powerful paragraphs:

'Running can be experienced as restful: it is a complete surrender of the body to its action. What the Bible [teaches] is a vision of *shared* (her italics) work and rest for everyone, in which everyone shares in the divine life. The world in which many people work silly hours and others are unemployed is something that human beings have created, perhaps as a means of avoiding the self-surrender that is rest.

'The pandemic is still with us, and offers a chance to rethink and reassess. I wonder whether it will last long enough for the Church and the world to recalibrate its values.' I hope so.

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Please also see the schedule of WCMC church services for November towards the end of the magazine. In addition, at 11.30 am every Sunday, there will be a ZOOM service for those who prefer not to travel to church or feel more comfortable at home at the moment or would just like to join us. I will send you a link for these services (and advice if anyone needs it on how to access ZOOM) - just email me as I need your email address for the link. Jill Dupain (church admin officer) at dupain@hotmail.co.uk.



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EDITOR'S NOTE



Hello and welcome to this November edition of the Clyst Valley News – it's great to be back in print; but don't worry: if you've got used to the colourful online version, that's going to be continuing too!

As we've got a bulging, action-packed magazine this month there's little space for my usual ramblings (hooray!). So first let me, on behalf of you all, do another big shout out to all the NHS and frontline workers in our communities for the magnificent job you are doing to keep us safe and sane. I fear, sadly, you might be extra busy over the next few weeks. Secondly, a thought to leave you with. As we come up to Remembrance Day, our grateful thoughts and prayers turn to those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to enable us to enjoy today's many, many freedoms, benefits and comforts that we often take for granted. Let's not allow coronavirus, extremism, populist nationalism, Brexit, alternative facts, hatred build divisions in our society that our forebears fought so bravely to break down. Best wishes and stay safe. Peter Skelton

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CLYST ST MARY



Clyst St Mary Church

With Bill, our vicar, at the helm you will see in the magazine that services for the White Cross Mission Community have been put together alongside COVID safety. Clyst St Mary Church's Holy Communion Service will be on Sunday 1st November at 9.30 am and the All Age Service will be on Sunday 15th November, also at 9.30 am. There will also be a Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November at 10.55 am. You are all very welcome and we would like

to hear from families regarding our All Age Services. Our breakfast services cannot happen at present because of compliance with no food and drink to be consumed but we would like to chat about how best to meet the growing pressures on families at present. Call Pat on 01392 877907 or Linda on 01392 875708 if you would like to start up again; and thank you everyone for your patience and hope to see you very soon. Pat and Linda – Churchwardens

Remembrance Day Service: Help Required



Is there any one in Clyst St Mary who would be willing to talk about a relative's experiences during WWII at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November? It doesn't matter in what way they were involved as long as it was connected in some way with WWII or perhaps the Korean War of the early Fifties. If you are willing to take part please contact Don Axford on 01392 873615 as soon as possible.

Church Coffee Mornings



These have been suspended until further notice.

Clyst St Mary Primary School



As this first half term of our new COVID existence in school comes to a close we have been reflecting on the positives that have come out of these challenging times.

We would like to thank all our parents for their support in adapting to the new drop off and pick up arrangements as we recognise this has involved considerable juggling on their part to adapt work timings to make this successful. We are also very grateful to school staff, who have been, and are continuing to run our school crossing point. We have seen a huge reduction in parking outside of school and dropping at the school gates – thank you all! We would also like to thank one of our parents, Mr Savage, Devon's Safer Travel Officer (Young and Vulnerable Road Users) for arranging training for the staff and providing relevant PPE. Look out for the fluorescent yellow outfits and hats! We also feel that the staggered drop offs and pickups are aiding parking and hope our near neighbours feel the benefit of this too.

At half term we will, sadly, be saying goodbye to some long



serving staff but hope that they will return to say 'Hi' from time to time. Mrs Price is retiring from leading Breakfast Club and joining her husband in retirement. Mike Youlden, our caretaker, is moving on to a well-earned retirement before he actually reaches the big 80! Many of you will never have seen Mike as he starts early and leaves just before 9 am but he is a key member of the Clyst St Mary team keeping an eye on maintenance, unblocking toilets, watering the plants, sweeping the playground and spreading salt in icy conditions to name but a few of the many tasks he accomplishes. Both will be sadly missed after so many years of service to Clyst St Mary School. We are also saying farewell to Catherine Potts-Baldwin who is moving on to pastures new which we're pleased to say will include some consultancy work with the school. We are now looking ahead to Christmas and planning nativities, our participation in the Christmas Walk Round in Clyst St Mary and the St Bridget's Cinderella Face Mask Design to mark their 75th anniversary. Unfortunately we won't be able to share our nativities with parents and grandparents in person but we will be videoing these and releasing them in our Google and Tapestry spaces so that mums, dads and grandparents can still share the fun and the 'Ahh...' moments. The older children and their families will miss the joy of our Christingle service in church which always seems to mark so beautifully the start of Christmas but we hope to recreate some of this by singing outside and we intend to grasp the opportunity to create new memories and traditions. Mrs Wilson, who retired in the summer, is helping us with plans for decorating the front of the school for the Christmas Walk Around. The willingness, indeed desire, of past staff to come back and help out is testament to the strength of our community and is very much valued by us all.

Visit Dates for Parents of 2021 Reception Children. We always welcome an opportunity to show people our happy, caring school and would like to invite parents of children, who will be due to start school in September 2021, to one of our visit sessions. Unfortunately these cannot take place before the October half term as Devon County Council have advised against tours currently due to the increased level of COVID infections. Visits, when they do take place, will be limited to six people at a time, including any children that accompany and you will be asked to wear a mask. Please see below for available dates and times and contact the school either by emailing admin@csmmps.org.uk or by 'phoning 01392 874583 to book on to one of the sessions. We are very much looking forward to meeting you.

Mondays – 2nd, 16th November, 3.45 pm; Tuesdays – 3rd, 24th November, 3.45 pm; Thursdays – 12th, 19th November, 3.45 pm; Fridays – 13th, 20th November, 3.45 pm.

Bishops Clyst Parish Council



While we are delighted to hear that this excellent magazine will once again be delivered to everyone's home, we would firstly like to thank Peter Skelton and his assistants for all their efforts in maintaining this publication electronically over the past six months. Keeping everyone abreast of what is happening in the community is so important in these difficult times and for those that are not aware, provided below is some information of what has been happening from the Parish Council's point of view. Much of the information is brief but we hope to provide more detail over the next few months. Firstly, in August, we were delighted to welcome our new Parish Clerk, Karan Bennett, who has settled in very quickly and is already making a noticeable difference to our operations and hopefully you will all get to know her in the months to come. As well as being heavily involved in considering planning applications, not least of which has been the one from Burrington Estates, we have also continued investing time, effort and monies in capital projects many of which you advised were needed by the community. Provided below is an update on what the Parish Council has achieved so far this year.

Car Parks. Both car parks have been tidied up and parking bays re-lined.

Sowton War Memorial. The re-inscribing of the names of all those that served in WW1 has

been completed.

Allotments. The new entrance and car park for the allotments in Church Lane have been completed.

DAA Landing Site. The emergency landing site for Devon Air Ambulance in the Village Hall field has been completed with the help of grants from the DAA, Devon County Community Fund and our own Community Infrastructure Levy.

Drainage. For the first time in many years all the ditches and gullies within the Parish have been cleared.

Greenspire – Village Footpath. After what seems like years of waiting, the Parish Council took upon itself the responsibility for this project and has created a design for the new footpath from Greenspire to the village through the Village Hall car park which has now been accepted by Devon County Council and the Village Hall Committee. This will provide safer access to the play area and village not only for the residents of Greenspire but also Winslade Park with the inclusion of steps to the new footpath from the Toucan crossing over the A3052. Many negotiations still need to take place but we believe we can now see light at the end of the tunnel.

Play Area. We are delighted to announce that after many months of negotiation, including with the children of our school, we have reached agreement to invest approximately £50,000 in a complete modernisation of equipment in the play area which we hope to complete before the spring of next year. Unfortunately, we have had to remove the swings temporarily due to faults in the safety surface. This will be replaced as part of the modernisation of the play equipment and the swings will then be reinstated.

Village Hall Field. Again we are delighted to announce that we have also just reached agreement to provide football goalposts and ball stop safety fencing for our teenagers in the Village Hall field and hope to have these installed before Christmas.

Website. We have commissioned the building of a new interactive Parish Council website in order to improve two-way communication and hope to have this fully functional by New Year. *Community Grants.* We would like to remind all groups seeking financial assistance that we operate a Community Grant Fund which this year has £1500 available. Please view the current website for details of how to apply or contact our Clerk, Karan Bennett at our office in the Village Hall for details.

New Councillor. We are delighted to welcome Mr Harvey Platter as a new member of the Parish Council. Harvey's career began in newspapers and then he moved to the IT industry where he remained until his retirement. He has keen interests in photography and writing. Harvey and his wife have lived in Clyst St Mary since 2015.

Karan Bennett, PC Clerk, working from the PC office in Clyst St Mary Village Hall on Monday to Wednesday, 9 am to 1 pm. Call 01392 874405 or email bishopsclyst@gmail.com.

Village Hall



Clyst St Mary Village Hall is open for hire and is a COVID-19 secure venue. Many of our regular hirers have resumed their activities and we are pleased to welcome a keep-fit class on Monday mornings. The Hall was redecorated during the summer and the ladies' toilets have been refurbished. We are working on plans for a new website and an improved booking system. We would welcome new members who would like to join the committee. We meet every other month on ZOOM; contact our Secretary, Pat Cusa, on 01392 877907 for details.

Walking Group

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From My Front Door: In the Footsteps of the Rebels (Part 2). The Second Part of the Fascinating Local Walk from Clyde Bish



The Prayerbook Rebellion in Clyst St Mary

Following on from Part 1, this walk takes you, step by step, through the phases of the Battles of Clyst St Mary and Clyst Heath and the aftermath of the Prayerbook Rebellion in this area. As before, the notes I have included use for the most part the words of those who were present (or at least in the vicinity) and are best sampled at each stopping point. That way, standing where the combatants stood, you will get a fuller understanding of the developing conflict.

The first part of this walk followed the Rebellion in the village from its beginnings until the commencement of the battle. This part completes the story. (I am assuming you have completed - or at least read through - Part 1 from last month's edition of the CVN. If not, I recommend you to do so first to get the overall picture.)

8. We take up the story at the car park at the top of the village by the garage.

You will remember that, because of Sir Thomas Pomeroy's actions, 'Russell and his company, thinking themselves caught in an ambush, retired hurriedly.' The 16th century historian Richard Hooker takes up the story again: *'The army having recovered the hill did pause there for a while; and finding themselves to be deceived, marched back again towards the town; but before they came thither, his Lordship was inform'd that every house therein was fortified, and full of men; and that it was not possible to pass that way without great danger unless the town was set on fire. Upon this, order was given to set fire thereto. The rebels*

had regrouped behind the original front line, occupying the village houses as strongpoints, but the mercenaries exposed these positions as vulnerable by igniting the thatched roofs.' It is said that no building in Clyst St Mary was not destroyed by fire. Hooker continues: *'But the rebels, who now assembled themselves in the middle of it [the village], stood upon their defence; when a very fierce, cruel, and bloody fight began, in which some were slain by the sword, some burnt in the houses, some shifting for themselves, were taken prisoners, and many, thinking to escape over the water, were drowned; so that there fell that day about a thousand of these obstinate and foolish men.'* No prizes for guessing whose side Hooker was on, then!

9. Walk down through the village and on to the causeway. Go as far as the first bridge over the mill leat.



Here the rebels had made a stand. Hooker takes up the story again: 'With Russell's army in control of the town, the surviving rebels made good their escape across the bridge which was blocked with felled trees and defended by a cannon, taken from a ship at Topsham, which was manned by a solitary gunner.'

Blocking the bridge would have been easier then than now as it was originally only about half

its present width. (If you cross the stile on to the levee at the far end of the causeway and look under the bridge you will see that the upstream half is smooth whereas the downstream part - the original build - is supported by arches. This arched form is quite rare in southern England; another historical 'tick' for Clyst St Mary!) Hooker continues: *'Nevertheless, it was necessary to clear the bridge to allow the infantry to cross. Proclamation was now made, that whoever should pass first over the bridge, should have 400 crowns as a reward. Immediately hereupon one of the company, more respecting the gain than forecasting the peril, gave the adventure; but the gunner, discharging his piece, slew him.'* Result so far: Stalemate!



10. Look to your right and follow the course of the leat upstream to where it disappears from view behind the willow trees.



This is the area where the River Clyst could be forded. (There had probably been a ford here since Roman times to carry the road running from Exeter to Dorchester.) This ford proved crucial to the outcome of the battle: 'Lord Grey desired to get over the river to be in the open fields of Clyst Heath, but the river was very deep by reason of the

flowing off the sea. Nevertheless one John Yarde, a local man, passed over near unto a mill above the bridge and others followed.'

Back to the stand-off on the bridge. Hooker tells us, 'But before he [the gunner] could again charge his piece, one of the company who before had passed over the water, entered the bridge at the farther end, and coming behind him, slew him; and the timber and trees then removed, the whole army passed over the bridge to the heath [Clyst Heath - you'll see what is left of this area later].'

11. Retrace your steps to the Half Moon Inn. Turn left and walk up Frog Lane to where it turns right into Bishop's Court Lane.

Grey's cavalry would have followed the route you have just taken, although it would have been just a muddy lane at the time. At the junction, the present track to the left, down to the cattle bridge, may well be on the line of the original path down to the ford.



12. Turn right and walk up Bishop's Court Lane (although it's probably best to read the next part of the narrative now rather than when you are walking as you will need to keep a lookout for cars. (And you won't be the only one who should have kept a look out! Read on...)

You'll remember (Stop 6 in Part 1) that as the Royalist army neared the village, Sir William Francis and his division turned north-west to join a back lane - this one: **'Sir William Francis, who was at the head of the foremost division, leaving the road which he first march'd, took now one that was both deep and narrow...'** As you walk up the lane,

worn down by centuries of feet, wheels and hooves, you will appreciate Hooker's description. But what Sir William hadn't considered was that the rebels might set an ambush above him: **'...when the enemy, being upon the banks on each side of the road, with stones so beat him, that they struck his headpiece fast to his head, of which he died.'** (Later, Sir William's body was **'taken to Exeter and buried in Martial Manner, very honourably in the Cathedral'**.)

13. Continue up the lane until you pass a large tree on the left and reach a telegraph pole on the right. A path here takes you up right to a footpath across the field. Go half way across the field then look to the right across the Clyst valley.



The wooded area between the motorway roundabout, left to the rugby stadium is all that remains of Clyst Heath. It was here that the Royalist army, with their rebel prisoners, was heading. But the Royalist commanders were on edge. Hooker tells us: **'The Lord Grey, as**

soon as he passed over the Water, rode to the top of the Heath from thence to view the country about; and looking towards Woodbury espied a great company of men marching forward; and suspecting they were a new supply appointed to come upon the King's troops acquainted Lord Russel therewith; when it was agreed that the great number of prisoners taken should be all killed; which was forthwith done, every man dispatching of his prisoners.' In fact there were no rebel reinforcements arriving. It was just a shadow from the clouds - which did not help the men who had just had their throats cut! Once the false threat was realised the army **'with night approaching there encamped themselves'** - presumably without a thought for the recent massacre. But the rebels who had escaped, joined by some from Exeter, made one final effort: **'The rebels from Exeter came in all haste to Clyst Heath and on the lower side thereof, next to the high-way entrenched themselves by a hedge where they planted their ordnance in the night and put all things in readiness.'** If you look beyond the wooded area, the red roofed houses you can see run along Apple Lane Path. This and the lower part of Apple Lane where it turns off the main road - the 'high-way' mentioned above - follows the line of the hedge in Hooker's account and still exists as a public right of way. The path starts at the roundabout in Apple Lane. Hooker describes, quite graphically, the final fight: **'At break of day the rebels discharg'd their pieces against the Army who in response quickly separated into the usual three divisions for a counterattack. Lord Russell having no way open before him, caused his pioneers to cut thro' the hedges of inclosed grounds; by which means he at length came upon the back of the enemy; and they were so entrapped on every side, that they could not any way escape,**



but must either yield or fight. The one they would not, and in the other they prevailed not; tho' indeed they fought most stoutly, nor would give out as long as life and limb lasted; so that few or none were left alive. Great was the slaughter, and cruel was the fight; and such was the valour of these men, that the Lord Grey declared, that he never, in all the wars that he had been, knew the like.' It was all over for the men of Clyst St Mary.

14. Continue crossing the field, go over the stile and down the path, which becomes a lane. The last battle of the Rebellion was back at Sampford Courtenay. It did not go well for those rebels for **'seeing themselves about to be overwhelmed, the they broke and fled without further fighting'** (Rowse). And so the story ends. The rebels' leader, Lord Arundell, escaped to Cornwall. A few of the rebel leaders were hanged, including, Hooker tells us, Robert Welsh, vicar of St Thomas - from his own church tower: **'...having on his priest's vestments, with a holy bucket, a sprinkling brush, a small bell, a pair of beads, and other Romish articles hung about him.'** Probably the most interesting form of retribution involved church bells. Royalist supporters suggested: **'Where the rebels have used the bells in every parish as an instrument to stir the multitude and call them together, we have thought good to pray your good lordship to give order to take down the bells in all the churches, leaving one bell which may serve to call the parishoners together to the sermons and divine service.'**



(Pocock) In fact it was the clappers that were removed - and gifted by the King to a couple of 'entrepreneurs', who sold them back to the parishes! (One parishioner, who loaned part of the money, was still waiting for repayment in 1554!) But what more is said of Clyst St. Mary? Nothing. With the village burnt to the ground and the male population slain what else was there to be said? (Ironically within four years Edward was dead, to be succeeded by his half-sister Mary, a devout Catholic, who reinstated the old church services!)

15. At the bottom of the lane on the left is the car park where you started.

Last Thoughts. So were the inhabitants the rebels they were proclaimed to be by the State - or the heroic but failed revolutionaries they set out to be? That I leave to you.

The question has been asked as to why there is no memorial to these, some would say, brave men from Clyst St Mary. The answer may lie in the fact that history is written (and memorials raised) by the victors. If you win a conflict you are a revolutionary and have the opportunity to raise memorials to yourself and your achievements. But if you lose you are a rebel against the State, not worthy of recognition. Although there is no memorial, the efforts of the rebels, fighting for what they believed to be right, the Battles of Clyst St Mary and Clyst Heath are mentioned briefly on the information board at the far end of the old causeway - and now, of course, in this edition of the Clyst Valley News!

Acknowledgement. Most of the narrative in bold type is taken from Hooker's *The Ancient History and Description of the City of Exeter*. You can find this in Google Books. The section relating to Clyst St Mary begins on page 41

Wombles



Sadly, we've had to be sensible about 'Wombling' over the past few months and not do it! Looking around the village, I'm afraid it shows! However, as restrictions ease, I feel sure that by applying common sense (who mentioned that?!), we could start to clean up our environment again.

So...we're always glad to welcome new volunteers and we have all the equipment to keep you safe. If you'd like to help, please contact Roger

Norman on 01392 874597 or at rogernorman@clyststmary.net. Many thanks.

Clyst Valley AFC – to Expand!!



With the likelihood of the football pitches at the old Winslade Manor recreation ground coming back into use, Clyst Valley AFC is making plans to take advantage of these exciting opportunities for the benefit of more of the community. Having been restricted to the use of only one football pitch for many years, the proposals by Burrington Estates to create two more adult pitches and two junior pitches in the village means that Clyst Valley can expand the club in order to offer football to more age groups of both sexes. At present we run two adult and one Under 18 team but would like to consider running a third male team, a male veterans' team, ladies' teams and commence a youth section for all age groups of boys and girls. While we recognise that planning permission has still to be granted we would like to hear from anyone that would be interested in playing or in helping with this expansion. Please don't hold back; if you or your children have any interest please let us know as quickly as possible so that we can gauge the interest and start to formulate our plans. Our website is currently being re-built so please register your interest by emailing the Club Chairman at petercain@fh9.co.uk.

Clyst Valley Pre-School

Clyst Valley Preschool - Clyst St Mary
www.clystvalleypreschool.org - Phone: 01392 876615
 Email: admin@clystvalleypreschool.org

Places available for September 2020

- Ofsted Outstanding
- Purpose built building on site of Clyst St Mary Primary School
- Highly qualified and experienced staff, including 3 Early Years Teachers
- High staff to child ratios
- 30 hours funding accepted
- Sessions available every day from 9:15am - 3:15pm

Easy access to M5, Dowton, Bishops Clyst, Clyst Heath, Newcourt, Pinhoe, Cranbrook and surrounding villages.

Ofsted Outstanding Early years provider 2015/2016

The Countryside Code
 Respect
 Protect
 Enjoy

- Respect other people**
 - Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
 - Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available
- Protect the natural environment**
 - Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
 - Keep dogs under effective control
- Enjoy the outdoors**
 - Plan ahead and be prepared
 - Follow advice and local signs

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Table Tennis Club



The Table Tennis Club has suspended all play for the time being but hopes to be back very soon! If anyone is interested in joining the club, please contact Pam Gardner either by telephone (07714 097220) or by email at pamelamgardner9@gmail.com.

[For the tennis, short bowls and badminton clubs please look out for notices in subsequent issues of the CVN as to when activities will resume.]

CLYST ST GEORGE AND EBFORD



Clyst St George Remembrance Service

Please note that the Remembrance Service at Clyst St George Church commences at 10.55 am on Sunday 8th November. There will also be a Holy Communion Service at 9.30 am on Sunday 22nd November. Do come and join us for both these services. We will follow COVID guidelines, ie masks, hand sanitiser, social distancing and contact tracing.

Clyst St George Parish Council Chairman's Notes, November 2020

The Parish Council has a new member, Sam Piper. He lives in Clyst St George and has an interest in planning and road safety; due to the COVID restrictions co-opting took longer than normal, but we now have a full complement of Councillors.

The Council have ordered some trees and we hope to plant them before Christmas. They will only be 'whips' but they should grow away quickly in the spring and they will help stem the loss of trees from our parish and absorb CO2 as they grow.

The Parish Council are still unable to meet in the Parish Hall so we continue our monthly ZOOM meetings, so do let me or the Clerk know if you want us to discuss something. You can join in the meeting; info is on the agenda which will be up on the boards and also our website: www.clyststgeorge.org.uk/. Stay safe.

John Manser

john@jmanser.co.uk

01392 874861

Nature Garden

Clyst St George has a delightful nature garden by the side of the parish church. The aim of the garden is to grow local Devon indigenous plants and trees and to encourage a Devon meadow with local wild flowers. Should you wish to help develop this 'green' facility, you can come along on the first Saturday of every month from 9.30 to 11 am. (PLEASE CHECK IN ADVANCE.)

Lady Seaward's C of E Primary School



At Lady Seaward's we strive to promote equality and celebrate diversity in all of its forms. We feel that it is important to address the ongoing events across the world in response to the *Black Lives Matter* movement that followed the death of George Floyd in recent months and the wider debates about equal rights and racism now and in the past.

We are already very proud of the provision we have built into our curriculum that educates our children about such issues. The focus we have on the fundamental British values of individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance, the rule of law, and democracy are all already intertwined into their education.

Over the next few weeks, through some of our collective worship in assemblies, we will be raising awareness of the *Black Lives Matter* movement in age appropriate ways across the school. The theme of this act of worship is to illustrate that, yes, all lives matter, but at times, the lives of those who are vulnerable, marginalised, abused or persecuted need protecting and rescuing more than others. The Bible is clear, that standing up for injustice and caring for those marginalised in society is a priority. The Parable of the Lost Sheep will be used to illustrate this point. We will discuss that our role as 'Shepherd' on Earth is to stand up for the vulnerable, help those who need rescuing, call out and not ignore situations of racism.

Following this, the children will be exploring the wonderful work of black artists, along with some of the other schools in the First Federation, giving the children an opportunity to celebrate the colour, vibrancy and beauty of their works as well as being a chance to talk to the children about the importance of equality and cultural diversity within our society. The work that the children produce will be shared in gallery locations throughout the school, then digitally with other schools across First Federation Trust in a virtual celebration of art in response to the *Black Lives Matter* theme.



Norman's Weather Report



September turned out to be a very dry month, similar this year to May and July; summer rains fell almost only in June and August.

A closer look shows that 5 mm fell during the first week, 7 mm during the last week, plus a further 9 mm on the very last day, totalling 21 mm ($\frac{7}{8}$ inch). This is lower than the 2001-2010 average of 36 mm and much lower than the 2011-2020 average of 51 mm. October is starting in a quite stormy way, with every prospect of maintaining the average rainfall of 3½ to 4 inches (85 to 95 mm). Norman Cann

Clyst St George Parish Hall



Clyst St George Parish Hall Management Committee are pleased to announce that we are open once more to anyone who wants to hire the Hall. We are not making the Ethel Cann Room available at the moment as it is too small to adhere to the social distancing rules. The Hall has been redecorated and is looking splendid.

There are hand sanitising units at strategic points in the building for the use of the hirers and hirers are asked to be responsible for making sure that they adhere to the government guidelines for holding gatherings in a COVID-safe way. Our cleaner will use PPE when working in the Hall and he has special cleaning fluids to make the area as safe as possible. We are not sure when we will resume the coffee mornings, Big Breakfast or the quiz evenings but we hope it will not be long before these things can resume. Watch this space!

Enquiries to Claire Marks at clyststgeorgeandebfordvhall@outlook.com or 'phone 07834 234546. Pamela Diffey (Chairperson) 01392 877497

Greetings Cards



We are always grateful to receive cards (except Christmas ones) for remaking and they can be left in the church which is normally open between 9 am and 5 pm each day. Visitors will also find boxes of made up cards for sale covering birthdays, get well, sympathy, new home, thank you, anniversary, etc as well as cards with no message or cards with no message or wording suitable for any occasion. Do call in and enjoy a few quiet moments browsing and perhaps buy a card. Linda Wilkerson (01392 873699). SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Little Dragons Pre-School

We are pleased with the outcome of our Ofsted inspection in April 2018, where we were judged to be 'good'. We have now re-opened and have been operating at full capacity from September. We are based in Lady Seaward's School and open four days a week, from Monday to Thursday 8.45 am – 3.15 pm during school term times. Do come and visit and meet our highly experienced staff team. For more information please telephone Elly on 07939 995486 (in school hours), email littledragons@live.com or visit our website www.littledragonsclyststgeorge.com.

WOODBURY SALTERTON



Church Services

We are now back to our normal pattern of church services and getting accustomed to wearing masks, sitting spaced out, sanitising hands and recording names on entry. The congregation are still not permitted to sing the hymns but the choir may do so and make a welcome contribution to services – good to have some music again.

We have another innovation in that we have a machine so offerings at services can be made using your mobile phone!!

Will You Help Our Village Church?



Like many other charities, our village church has had a significant reduction in income as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. However, the expenses have continued to come in and recent surveys of the fabric of the building have uncovered work that needs to be done on the lightning conductors, the roof and crumbling masonry, amongst other things. Despite the building being closed for most of the time, the church community has been there to help the vulnerable and needy in

the village. If you would like to support our church and help financially to protect the fabric of the building for future generations please contact the PCC Treasurer, Nigel Dupain, for details. Single donations or regular giving would be very gratefully received and can be restricted to building repairs if you wish. Completion of a Gift Aid form would mean that we could claim a further 25 per cent of your gift from the government without any cost to you or the church. Bank details: 30-93-14, 02863238. Contact details: Nigel Dupain, Little Cannonwalls, Woodbury Salterton, Exeter, EX5 1PY. Email dupain@hotmail.co.uk or 'phone 01395 232953.

Schoolchildren Helping the Church



Members of the School Ethos Committee, under the direction of Mrs Milford, have been helping the church by selling some of Mrs Wheeler's knitted items - nurse dolls, koala bears and octopuses, in their school classrooms. Knitted items are usually sold on the church cake stalls at school, which of course cannot be held under the present circumstances, so the school offered to sell some in school. Thanks to Teagan, Sienna, Henry, Luca, Dylan and Charlie for helping the church in this way.

Alice Rooke is taking her Duke of Edinburgh Award and for her public service has helped on the church coffee mornings held outdoors until the weather changed and continues to clean the church every week. Thank you, Alice.

Monthly Church Coffee Mornings



These have been suspended until further notice.

Church Quiz

The annual church quiz, entitled *Britain in Bloom* has been selling well - £2 per copy for church funds. Copies can be obtained from Katharine Wheeler. There is a £10 prize and entries do not have to be in until 10th January 2021.



To All Those Residents of The Parish of Woodbury Salterton Who Will Be 70 and Older by Christmas 2020

The Kerslake Trust. This Trust was created on the death of Celia Elizabeth Kerslake on 19th September 1939. Under the terms of her will some shares were left to the Trustees of Woodbury

Salterton Church, with the instruction that the income received from them should be distributed among 'the old people over 70 belonging to the Parish at Christmas time'. The Trustees are currently reviewing the list of beneficiaries to arrange this year's distribution, and will be pleased to hear from anyone permanently resident in the Parish who has NOT received a payment in previous years and who considers they now qualify for such a payment. Please advise Nigel Dupain, Trustee, on 01395 232953 by **1st December 2020**.

Woodbury Salterton C of E Primary School



The children are enjoying being back in school and we wanted to share our news from the past month. On 9th October it was World Mental Health Day and the children marked their support for the mental health charity Young Minds by dressing in yellow and other bright colours. Throughout the day, they spoke about the different emotions they feel and the importance of looking after their own mental health. They created superheroes with the powers of love, friendship, hydration, health and happiness. The children started the day with relaxation techniques and talked about how important it is to look after our mental health. Our children's mental health is a key part of our recovery curriculum as we support them during this uncertain time as we learn to live with COVID. In Class 1 the children have joined in with yoga to help focus their minds. They were able to open the session with our *Namaste* greeting and then listened to a story all about dinosaurs which had them stretching and bending in all directions. A great way to practise mindfulness and prepare our little learners for the afternoon's learning. In the same week we welcomed our new Reception pupils who were all presented with beautiful, colourful Bibles. Thank you to the church for these lovely gifts. The Bibles will be treasured for years to come.

Our traditional Harvest was socially distanced and took a different form this year; each class held their own Harvest service. We donated to the Exmouth Community Larder; an initiative of Christians Together in Exmouth supported by the Salvation Army. They serve the local community and provide those who need it with essential supplies. Donations were collected early to ensure the goods could be quarantined before being taken to Exmouth Community Larder. Thanks to all our families and supporters for your generosity.



In one of our acts of collective worship the children had a visit from Livi Ju from Christchurch Church in Woodbury. She came and led one of the 'bubble' collective worships where the children made paper dolls and wrote the names of people whom they are thankful for on each one. The children also discussed how we pray and speak to God.

In Art the children have been preparing our Northern Lights skiescapes using the technique of spreading and layering shimmering, pearlised paint. We also studied the colour wheel and learned about complementary colours. Class 3 have been looking at how artists use colour and technique in different ways to represent landscapes and skiescapes.

They looked at the work of local artist Becky Bettesworth and her representation of landscapes using perspective and created stylised coloured sketches in her style practising our typography skills all in preparation for our future landscapes based upon The Frozen Kingdom. Learning in school and at home continues and Class 3 have been learning about the Titanic and the events surrounding the disaster in history. This theme has inspired some fabulous home learning and research. In Class 2's history lessons, the children have been looking at the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They have researched the lifestyle of Stone Age people and discovered that Stone Age people used flint for weapons and tools.



In Geography, Class 3 had fun and presented the news on Thursday afternoon! They investigated the problems caused by tourism, both locally and in the polar regions. They then read amazing news stories about problems such as congestion, pollution and the destruction of wildlife habitats. Well done newsreaders – we certainly learned a lot!

We are getting used to our changed ways of working because of the pandemic. We have been using lots of resources to support us with our current curriculum. COVID cases are rising and we hope not to have to close any provision. In addition to our in-person teaching we are regularly posting our online learning resources to complement what is being taught in the classroom. If your child needs paper copies please feel free to make the request.

Is your child starting school in September 2021? Our Head of Learning, Mrs Milford, wants to invite you to a virtual tour! Please see our website for access to the online tour which will give you lots of information about our lovely school. We hope you will find the overview useful until we are able welcome you in person. Please also browse the rest of our website for a wealth of information about our school.

Village Hall Activities

Woodbury Salterton Village Hall



The Hall is a great asset to the village and is a great space for community and private events. We have a few regular groups open to all: community coffee morning, first Monday of the month, 9 to 11.30 am; Woodbury Salterton parent and toddler group, Monday mornings, 9 to 11 am; Woodbury Salterton WI, second Wednesday of the month, 7.30 pm; whist, third Tuesday of the month, 7.30 pm.

[Please check in advance when these activities will resume.]

Stream Clearance



On 10th October the Woodbury Salterton Resilience Group, working with the Parish Council, again undertook a stream clearance to clear undergrowth and debris along the village stream (the Grindle Brook) downstream from Trevanin Farm to Honey Bridge. This is the fifth annual event to help alleviate flooding. There was an excellent response to the appeal for volunteers and fortunately they had a dry and sunny morning.

Thanks to names having to be recorded for Track and Trace (COVID-19) we are able to thank them all by name : Steve Mearing, Amber Arnold, Richard Cullen, Charlie Olney, Martin



Clarke, Barry Bolt, Chris Isaac, Frank and Anne Mulholland, Anne Baker, Tom Buxton Smith, Simon Andrews, Nigel Edwards, Dan, Jenna, Pete and Ellie from the Digger's Rest, Pat Bricknell, Nigel Batten, Finn and Geoff and Debbie Jung. A special mention of Louise Kelly and Aidan Farrell who came to help although they had



only moved into the village a few days before. Good community spirit all round. The total weight of undergrowth removed came to 12 cwt!!!



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Peter

A Tribute to Our Village Shop



I was so pleased to hear that the printing of the Clyst Valley News was to resume again this month. Well, for one thing the delivery of this booklet provides us with the need for a monthly 'very short' walk to deliver some to an area close to where we live.

BUT another reason is that, hopefully, it will give my husband and me the opportunity to share our deep appreciation and to pass on our warm thanks for the role that our local village shop played during the past lockdown period. Being identified myself as a shielded person (and my husband thus benefitting too!), we have been so well looked after, being able to arrange weekly deliveries of food items, repeat prescriptions and somehow even Post Office services too. Kate, being at the forefront of all the organisation, is incredibly efficient, kindness itself and helpful in so many ways. (Well, otherwise sometimes you might forget to choose some particular delectable item from the home bakery area!!) Sally, another member of the family team, is always cheery and helpful too. One is always aware of the friendly banter of the other staff members as they work together as a successful team behind the scenes. As the lockdown eased for me the Mills/Londis shop became a safe venue to visit, with ample provision of sanitisers, marked distancing areas on the floors and although all the staff were 'masked up' you could tell they were smiling behind their disguises. I know that there must be many, many other people in our village community who must feel as we do, so perhaps on their behalf we can include them as we say a HUGE THANK YOU to you all at Mills for your TLC. One day, when this COVID situation has eased, we will be able to give you a long overdue hug!! Watch out! Regards, Valerie Hanson, Clyst St Mary

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AND FINALLY...

### Poetry Corner

North York Moors

by John Smith (of Clyst St Mary)

Stone hard, bone hard,  
And made for tragedy  
This Northern wuthering moor  
Cares nothing for you and me.

Huge skies, bird flies  
Disturbed from heather nesting  
Well practiced decoying flap  
Distracting from the fledgling.

Stamp on, tramp on  
At least to feel achievement.  
This land belongs to the sheep,  
And I am but a vagrant.  
©John Smith

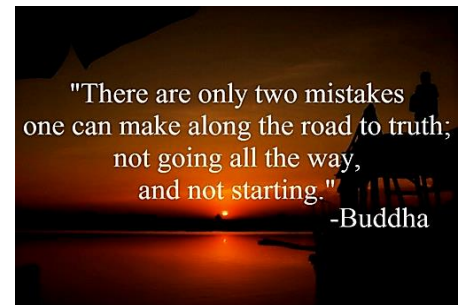


### Phrases and Sayings Quiz by Barbara Scales

The answers to this quiz are well known phrases and sayings such as 'A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush' or 'As cool as a cucumber'.

1. A mass of water vapour in the sky coated inside with a precious metal.....
2. Try the pills and note the flavour.....
3. The joint that attaches the arm to the body is the opposite to hot and is passed to a person.....
4. Follow the gander that is out of control.....
5. Morning, afternoon and evening as a whole is named.....
6. The dog was very vocal and mistook the oak for the ash when it climbed.....
7. The body's largest organ (not the liver) at the side of your incisors.....
8. They will be scrambled if you ignore this advice this when you shop.....
9. Be patient and it will be worth waiting for.....
10. You will need a strong umbrella to protect yourself from this downpour.....
11. Think of the tortoise and the hare.....
12. Robin rose before the other birds to have breakfast.....
13. The rock stayed put and turned green.....
14. The kitchen was overcrowded and the soup was ruined.....
15. The kind deed that earns a repeat.....
16. The feline was allowed out of the carrier.....
17. Be careful when you pull out the plug after bathing the infant.....
18. If you missed the bus to work, catch the next one despite not getting there on time.....
19. The driver of the public transport went on vacation.....
20. Tip the butter, kidney and runner varieties on the floor.....
21. Jumbo went into the lounge.....
22. The mare was taken to the trough but she wasn't thirsty .....
23. Use a weather vane to do this.....
24. Puss died because she was nosey.....
25. If you don't want your GP to visit then eat this fruit.....

[Thanks once again to Barbara for compiling this. Answers after Lockdown Laughs. Ed]



The FORCE Cancer Charity Support & Information Centre  
is temporarily closed

**but we are still here to help**

Monday-Friday 09:30-16:30

For cancer support and information  
plus advice on claiming benefits

☎ 01392 406151

✉ support@forcecancercharity.co.uk

For psychological and  
emotional support

☎ 01392 406168 / 406169

✉ help@forcecancercharity.co.uk



## The Exeter Forum



Meetings of the Forum have been suspended due to the coronavirus outbreak until further notice.

## Exmouth and District U3A Monthly Meetings



stay safe

Meetings have been suspended because of the coronavirus crisis but will resume as soon as it is safe to do so. Look out for our announcement and

## Topsham - Still the Place to Be This Christmas



Topsham has been a long-standing favourite destination for Christmas shoppers and although 2020 has been like no other year, we're determined to make this festive season a time of sparkle and fun - but of course in a safe and responsible way. With social distancing in mind, we're avoiding big single events that may generate crowds. Instead we're hoping you'll visit (and re-visit!) to enjoy the full package of celebrations which can be enjoyed individually.

**Lighting Up Topsham.** From mid-November, Topsham will shine a light

(literally) on Christmas 2020! We'll have festive white lights across main streets and we're inviting visitors to stroll during the evening and admire the special lights on homes around the town - we're making sure residents put on quite a show. A traditional favourite is Topsham's shop window competition - it's back and it's better than ever. More details of all this on [www.lovetopsham.co.uk](http://www.lovetopsham.co.uk).

**Shop Three Ways!** There's no reason to miss the independent Topsham shops you love, and you can find unique gifts in whatever way you find most comfortable: 1. You can visit the shops in person; 2. You can order from many online; or 3. You can email and arrange

a pick-up or safe delivery at your convenience. We have a matrix showing which shops are doing what - that's on our website. And that includes details of those offering festive hampers.

**Dress Up to Help Out.** Big or small, we hope on all December Wednesdays from 3 pm, the children will transform into fancy dress elves and reindeer and come into town for a Love Topsham treat (and don't forget to post a pic on the socials too). Again do please check [www.lovetopsham.co.uk](http://www.lovetopsham.co.uk) for where the treats can be found.

**Striking A Festive Note on December Saturdays.** Toe-tapping tunes and traditional Christmas songs are the order of the day from our talented street musicians who will make Christmas

shopping even more special. Watch out for them from 10 am to 2 pm each Saturday in December along Fore Street, where most shops are located.

**There's More!** We'll have charity gift-wrapping and plenty of surprises over the coming weeks - including a secret or two to end a difficult year on a high. You know what we're going to say - keep an eye on the website for details please!

That's it until next month but put some Topsham Christmas visits in your diary now - Yule never regret it...



## Estuary League of Friends



**Café Take Away Service.** The Bradbury Café is open for a take away service. All orders can be placed by calling 01392 879009. Orders must in by 11 am on that day and is a COLLECTION ONLY service!

Everything is cooked to order with fresh, locally sourced ingredients by our in-house chef at Nancy Potter House.

**Meal Home Delivery.** Would you or your loved one(s) like a hot delicious meal delivered to your door?

Estuary League of Friends are offering

two different meal choices each day. For example, one day you can have cottage pie with veg and gravy OR chicken curry and rice. YUMMY! And it comes with a dessert for £6! If you fancy any of these meals, please call the office on 01392 879009.

**Shop Donations.** Estuary relies heavily on our income from the two charity shops. This income isn't possible without donations of clothes, shoes, books,

bric-a-brac and small pieces of furniture. Donations for us from now onwards will be only be accepted at Nancy Potter House on a Monday and

Wednesday between 9 am and 4 pm. Please note the charity shops will not be able to receive donated items. Please ring the doorbell at the hub and a member of staff will guide you to a safe area to leave them. This will enable us to sort, price and prepare them for sale in the shops and have staff available to place them in accordance with new Covid guidelines into a secure disinfection process. Please don't leave them outside our shops on the pavement or outside the hub doors as this not only causes a trip hazard but also puts our staff at risk having to handle them unnecessarily. We appreciate your support and can't wait to welcome you back in to the charity shops which will be following social distancing guidelines fully. Thank you.

**National Lottery.** We are delighted to have been successful in our application to the National Lottery Community Fund (Protecting Vulnerable during the Coronavirus Outbreak). The award of £100,000 will enable Estuary League of Friends to continue to assist all those in need in our community over the next six months.

Thank you The National Lottery Community Fund! Home Help. We provide tailored services for people of all ages who require our help and assistance to live as independently as possible in their own homes. We provide cleaning, ironing; help with your laundry, and general housework.

- Running occasional errands - Provide a list of your shopping needs whether from the local shop or supermarket and we will collect for you. We can also collect prescriptions and help with banking, sorting mail and completing forms or paperwork.

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### Guide to the tiers:

#### Medium

- Follow the rule of 6 if meeting indoors or outdoors
- Pubs and restaurants to shut at 10pm

#### High

- No household mixing indoors
- Rule of 6 will apply outdoors
- Pubs and restaurants to shut at 10pm

#### Very High

- No household mixing indoors or outdoors in hospitality venues or private gardens
- Rule of 6 applies in outdoor public spaces like parks
- Pubs and bars not serving meals will be closed
- Guidance against travelling in and out of the area

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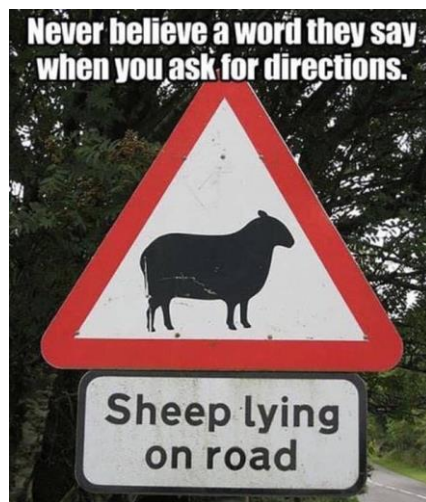


I saw my doctor yesterday and dropped my pants to show him the big boil on my bottom. He wasn't the least bit interested. He just carried on pushing his trolley around the supermarket.

*The waiter in the Indian restaurant came over and asked, 'Curry OK?'  
I said, 'No thanks. I can't sing on a full stomach.'*

Anybody interested in a free ride in a helicopter for four people?! I'm looking for two more people to join us on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>. We leave early morning from Biggin Hill airfield and will fly to the River Avon where we will have breakfast, and then take a yacht down the river for lunch. We'll have another flight along the coastline, before returning back home. If interested, please message me...Preferably someone with a helicopter and yacht, otherwise we can't go.

*A lad of 12 was a dedicated stamp collector until the kid next door bought an album also. 'He buys every stamp I do,' he complained to his father, 'and has taken all the fun of it away.'  
'Don't be a fool, my boy,' said dad. 'Remember, imitation is the sincerest form of philately.'*



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A Slovakian gentleman went to his optician for a sight test. Like everybody else he was asked to read from a chart, the middle line of which read: LYXKMT. 'Can you read that?' asked the optician. The Slovakian replied, 'Read it? I know the bloke!'

*A woman goes into an antique shop and says to the owner, 'When I was in here last week I saw a big mug with a flat head that holds a lot of beer. I'd like to buy it.'  
'Sorry,' replies the owner, 'but I can't sell you that.'  
'Why not?' asks the customer.  
'Because that's my husband.'*

A proper Yorkshire joke ...

Daley Thompson, Tessa Sanderson and Steve Cram are all round at Seb Coe's house for tea. Steve brought the fish, Tessa brought the chips, Daley brought the mushy peas and Seb provided the salt and vinegar. Suddenly there is a knock at the door so Seb gets up to answer. 'Who is it?', asks everyone in unison. 'It's Fatima wi t'bread.'

*Three tourists were driving through Wales. As they were approaching Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town's name. They argued back and forth until they stopped for lunch. As they stood at the counter one asked the assistant, 'Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are... very slowly?' The girl leaned over the counter and said, 'Burrrrrr, gerrrrrr, Kiiiiing.'*



A very large car screeched to a halt in the middle of a Warwickshire village. The driver removed his cigar and called out to a local farmer, 'Say, am I on the right road for Shakespeare's birthplace?' 'Straight ahead, sir,' said the farmer. 'But there b'aint no need to 'urry. He's dead!'

*Traffic policeman: 'Didn't you hear me shout to you to pull over?'  
Motorist: 'I'm awfully sorry. I thought you said "Good morning, Chief Constable."'  
Traffic policeman: 'That's all right, sir. I just wanted to warn you that the traffic's pretty bad up ahead.'*

**You have the option to destroy a small seaside town in Kent. Deal or no Deal?**

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There was a man who painted rabbits all over his bald head. Claimed they looked like hares from a distance.

### Answers to the Quiz on Phrases and Sayings

- |                                                  |                                                                |                                       |                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1. Every cloud has a silver lining               | 2. Get a taste of your own medicine                            | 3. Give someone the cold shoulder     | 4. Go on a wild goose chase              |
| 5. Call it a day                                 | 6. Barking up the wrong tree                                   | 7. By the skin of your teeth          | 8. Don't put all your eggs in one basket |
| 9. All good things come to those who wait        | 10. It's raining cats and dogs                                 | 11. Slow and steady wins the race     | 12. The early bird catches the worm      |
| 13. A rolling stone gathers no moss              | 14. Too many cooks spoil the broth                             | 15. One good turn deserves another    | 16. Let the cat out of the bag           |
| 17. Don't throw the baby out with the bath water | 18. Better late than never                                     | 19. Busman's holiday                  | 20. Spill the beans                      |
| 21. The elephant in the room                     | 22. You can take a horse to water but you cannot make it drink | 23. Know which way the wind's blowing | 24. Curiosity killed the cat             |
| 25. An apple a day keeps the doctor away         |                                                                |                                       |                                          |





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## WCMC CHURCH SERVICES NOVEMBER 2020

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November: All Saints' Day

|       |     |                          |
|-------|-----|--------------------------|
| 09-30 | WST | Holy Communion           |
| 11-15 | AYL | Morning Worship          |
|       | CSM | Holy Communion           |
| 11-15 | WBY | Holy Communion           |
| 18-30 | EXT | Evening Worship          |
| 16-30 | CSM | All Saints Light of life |

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent

|       |      |                                 |
|-------|------|---------------------------------|
| 10-00 | EXT  | Holy Communion                  |
| 10-00 | FAR  | Holy Communion                  |
| 10-55 | CSG  | Remembrance                     |
| 10-45 | WST  | Remembrance                     |
| 10-55 | CSM  | Remembrance and All Age Worship |
| 10-40 | WBY  | Holy Communion and Remembrance  |
| 11-30 | ZOOM | Morning Worship                 |

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance on the Green

10-50 WBY with the Royal British Legion

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

|       |     |                 |
|-------|-----|-----------------|
| 09-30 | AYL | Holy Communion  |
| 9-30  | CSM | All Age Worship |
| 09-30 | WST | Family Service  |
| 18-30 | WBY | Evensong        |

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Sunday before Advent

|       |      |                 |
|-------|------|-----------------|
| 09-30 | CSG  | Holy Communion  |
| 09-30 | WBY  | All Age Worship |
| 18-30 | FAR  | Evening Worship |
| 11-30 | ZOOM | Morning Worship |

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November

16-00 WST Mission Community Ecumenical Service

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November: St Andrew's Day

09-30 EXT URC Holy Communion

### Week 1

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Rev'd Bill  
Rev'd Margaret  
Rev'd David  
Rev'd Bill  
Rev'd Bill

### Week 2

Rev'd Margaret  
Rev'd David  
Jacquie and Paul  
Graham Gerdes and  
Lay Led  
Don Axford  
Rev'd Bill  
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### Week 3

Rev'd Janice  
Rev'd Bill  
Christine Grist  
Rev'd Geoffrey

### Week 4

Rev'd Bill  
TBA  
Rev'd Bill  
Rev'd Bill

### Week 5

Rev'd Bill

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