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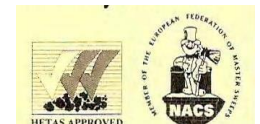
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## A MESSAGE FROM CHRISTINE GRIST AND DEBBIE JUNG

### Looking after God's World - Hope for the Future



Matthew 19 v 13-14: Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'

Jesus' common remedy was to lift up the attitude and trusting humility of children as one to emulate. Not only did Jesus make time to spend with children in order to bless them, he said that to them belongs the kingdom of heaven.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June our monthly Mission Community family Zoom service focused on climate change, a subject close to the heart of our young people. As usual it was a lively session with everyone contributing to the discussion. We focused on COP26, a climate change conference to be held in Glasgow in November and talked about how there is a relay to carry a model boat from Exeter to Glasgow. The young people discussed how they would present themselves if they were fortunate enough to attend.

Climate change is probably one of the most talked about subjects this year, except Covid! From climate change issues we also think about how the world got into the state it is. Plastic waste, micro-plastics in the sea and the extinction and near extinction of many of the plants and animals are also subjects that the children talked about. We have been given the responsibility by God to be good stewards of our planet Earth. We are to care for the planet and all that lives in it – plants, fish, animals and of course ourselves and one another. Not only these things but also the responsible way we use and share the Earth's resources.

The task for this service was for everyone to write some poems and prayers that we could use in our churches.

These are four of the poems by the children. There is nothing more to add, except that these thoughts should give all God's children, of any age, hope for the future.

1. God made this world for a reason  
He gave it to us as a gift  
And as a responsibility  
To prepare us for tests in the future.

2. Our world is great.  
We have so much to love,  
Let's save our planet  
Made by God above

God has created a beautiful world,  
Full on wonder and magic.  
All animals are here for a reason.  
We are the shepherds of God's sheep.  
Everything in God's house has a purpose,  
Nothing is left out.

You've given us our family and friends  
You've led us through the twists and  
bends,  
Let's love our world before it's too late  
Life is great, let's celebrate!

God has given us this gift for us to look after  
and care for.  
He has given us free will to make our own choice.  
We should care for this world of wonder  
As he cares for us.  
Look after the world for the next generation.

3. God created day and night  
He made the sky and land just right  
He made all the plants, flowers and  
trees:  
To give us food, fruit and seeds.  
He made the sun to light our days, the  
moon, all stars and the 'milky way'.  
Then He made fish to swim in the sea,  
Birds and butterflies, animals and ME!

4. God, you gently waken me as the darkness fades to light,  
My eyes begin to open as you fold away the night,  
You colour every morning sky to change throughout the day,  
And when it's time to rest, you tuck the sun away.

*A prayer by the children to care for our planet that God made.* Thank you, God, for our lovely planet that you have created. For the rainforests which help us make our air. We are sorry for the rubbish we leave – the animals that we have made extinct – the deforestation – our sins against the planet. Please help us to recycle – not to be so wasteful – look after each other – give us courage to be kind to each other. Amen.

You can contact the Vicar, Rev'd Bill Lemmey, at: [revbillwhitecross@gmail.com](mailto:revbillwhitecross@gmail.com)/01395 232161

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Woodbury Salterton: Wednesdays, 3 – 6 pm and Saturdays, 9 am – 12 noon



##### Church Services in the White Cross Mission Community

We are pleased to be able to say that we are scheduling a programme of services in all of the WCMC churches in August – full details at the end of the magazine.

There will also be a Zoom service this month: *Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Family Service, at 9.30 am.* Please email Jill at [dupain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dupain@hotmail.co.uk) for the Zoom address (it is the usual Rev'd Bill Zoom address for those who have been on Zoom before).

##### EDITOR'S NOTE



*Hello and welcome to this August edition of the Clyst Valley News. As I write we're over a week into a pretty exhausting heat wave – but cooler, thundery weather is promised in the next few days. Not sure which of those options I prefer! But I do worry that this sort of weather pattern may well become a regular feature of our climate unless we take climate change seriously and act now.*

*My thanks to Debbie Jung for this month's cover photo of the winning entry in Woodbury Salterton's Scarecrow Challenge. It's Neil Armstrong, created by the Clarke family. Congratulations to them! You can read a full report on the event in the WS section; and see a collage of all the amazing entries.*

*For space reasons, I'm going to keep my ramblings short this month. (Yay! – do I hear?) It's going to be a rather different sort of summer for many of us this year, isn't it? Instead of heading off to holiday destinations, far or near, most of us will be making do with treats closer to home. In that situation we here in Devon are very fortunate to live in, and be surrounded by, fabulous countryside and glorious coastlines. We must count our blessings. Talking of*

*which, for someone like me, a sports nut largely confined to home, the past few weeks – and the next few, too - have made me feel a lot like a kid in a sweet shop: the range of top-level sporting events beamed into our living rooms has been phenomenal; I've been totally spoilt for choice. Congrats to the sporting authorities, and the sportsmen and women, for managing to put on these brilliant spectacles in difficult circumstances. And commiserations to all of you for whom sport is about as exciting as watching paint dry!*

*Enjoy the magazine. Best wishes and take care. Peter Skelton*

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#### CLYST ST MARY



##### Clyst St Mary Church

Please see the August rota of services at the end of the magazine; we will not, however, be offering the private prayer arrangements for the time being. Please contact the Churchwarden Pat on 01392 877907 for more information.

##### Church Coffee Mornings



We hope to be able to resume these soon.



## Bishops Clyst Parish Council



*Greenspire to Clyst St Mary Village Footpath.* It was reported at the last Parish Council meeting that designs for the footpath are coming along well and we should be able to submit a planning application within the next month.

*Parish Council Vacancies.* You may be aware that there are vacancies for Parish Councillors on the Bishops Clyst Parish Council. If you would like to represent the residents of Clyst St Mary and Sowton Village on the Parish Council we would very much like to hear from you. We are particularly keen to recruit someone with an interest in the environment to be our Climate Change/Green Champion. If this appeals to you, or you have other areas of interest, please email our Clerk, Karan Bennett, at [bishopsclyst@gmail.com](mailto:bishopsclyst@gmail.com), with a personal statement setting out what skills and experience you would bring to the council.

*Parish Council Meetings.* Parish Council meetings take place each month and dates, agendas and minutes are posted on our website (<http://www.bishopsclyst.org.uk>) and on noticeboards in Clyst St Mary and Sowton Village.

*Contact the Parish Council.* 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](mailto:bishopsclyst@gmail.com).

## Clyst St Mary Village Hall



In line with the reviews of the pandemic restrictions, we aim to keep the Village Hall available as much as possible. Therefore it's a great pleasure to see that the bookings are again building as hirers find that they are able to operate within the guidelines particularly given that the Hall is

spacious and can be well ventilated.

Our new website <https://www.clyststmaryvillagehall.co.uk/> gives details of availability and prices but if there's anything else you'd like to know, please drop Ali West an email on: [bookings@clyststmaryvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@clyststmaryvillagehall.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you soon.

## Clyst St Mary Primary School



The last term of this very strange and challenging year has drawn to a close and we are looking forward to the new academic year. We hope

we will be running the school in a more normal way and returning to some of the functions like Harvest Festival, Nativities and Christingle in the church as we have really missed these events that bring our community together. We are proud to report that the school has been awarded a Pearson Certificate of Excellence for 2021 for being 'Lockdown Heroes for Learner and Community Support'. This is particularly rewarding as it's a real reflection of our aims and ethos.

The last few weeks of term were very busy, despite the restrictions. All classes have been on trips out, we've managed to run Sports Days in a bubble-friendly way and Classes 5 and 6 have performed their end of year show, which all the children enjoyed. You will find lots of information about the events and trips we've participated in on our Twitter account [@clstmaryps](https://twitter.com/clstmaryps) and below are some photos of the fun we've had. The younger classes have also made good use of the new playground and would like to thank everyone involved in making the upgrade of these play facilities possible.

Class 3 were thrilled and very proud to win the Recycled Rosette competition at the Devon County Show - a big well done to the children, Mrs Allen, Mrs Martin and Mrs Wilson and the choir received lots of praise for their contribution, 'This Little Light of Mine', to the pre-show Blessing Service.

It just remains to wish all those children and staff leaving us this term, for pastures new, whether that be secondary school, other primary schools

or new teaching posts, farewell and every success for the future. Please stay in touch, we love to hear how everyone is and what they're up to. We also extend a warm welcome to those who will be joining the Clyst St Mary Primary School family in September.

Enjoy what remains of the rest of the summer and stay safe.



## Clyst Valley Pre-School



Clyst Valley Preschool has remained open throughout the pandemic for all our children and is now full at almost every session. We are currently taking applications for September 2021 and beyond with sessions available on every day. Sadly we are not yet able to hold open days or taster sessions but hopefully this will change as lockdown is eased and things return to a new normal! To

apply, or for more information, check our website [www.clystvalleypreschool.org](http://www.clystvalleypreschool.org). You can also call us on 01392 876615 or email us on [manager@clystvalleypreschool.org](mailto:manager@clystvalleypreschool.org).

## Table Tennis Club



Please come and join us! We resumed play at the Clyst St Mary Table Tennis Club in May. New members always welcome. We play at the Village Hall every Thursday, 4-6 pm. The minimal fee of £20 for a 10-week session includes use of all equipment and refreshments. For further details please contact Pam Gardner on 07714 097220 or by email to [pamelamgardner@gmail.com](mailto:pamelamgardner@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 Church

Please see the August rota of services at the end of the magazine; and contact Jacquie Manser at [jacquie@jmanser.co.uk](mailto:jacquie@jmanser.co.uk) for more information.

### CSG Parish Council Chairman's Notes, August 2021

We now have another vacancy; Dominic Hazell is moving out of the parish to a larger house with his growing family. We wish him all the best and will miss his views on green topics. The

Council agreed to start the process of filling his position. If you are interested, please contact Cathryn, our Clerk, at [clyststgeorgeparishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:clyststgeorgeparishcouncil@googlemail.com).

The recent wet then warm weather has really made the hedges grow, so if yours is alongside a highway please cut it back sooner than later.

I think that the coffee mornings won't restart until September when hopefully infections will be diminishing. Stay safe. All the best.

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### Norman's Weather Report



So the 'flaming' dry period did materialise during the first half of June with 'hay making' conditions quite prevalent and widespread. However, on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> a mini-monsoon descended on Ebford producing 34 mm of rain, followed by a very wet Sunday and night a week later on the 27<sup>th</sup> giving another 1.36 inches.

The total for June was 70 mm (2.8 inches) of rain, nearly all of which fell during the period 19<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Average value for June over the last 20 years here at Ebford drops in at 63 mm (2.5 inches).

The first third of July has been rather unsettled, good for gardens but not so far for outdoor sports and holidays! [That has now changed dramatically! Ed] Norman Cann

### Clyst St George Parish Hall



Clyst St George Parish Hall is 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 confident we will resume the coffee mornings (see above), Big Breakfast and the quiz evenings, hopefully soon. Watch this space!

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

### 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.)

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## WOODBURY SALTERTON



### Church Services

Please see the August rota of services at the end of the magazine; and contact the Churchwarden, Debbie Jung, on 01395 232328 for more information. The church will continue to be open for private prayer on Wednesdays, 3 – 6 pm and Saturdays, 9 am – 12 noon.

### Family Service

Mark Lovett led the June Family Service on Father's Day. Shirley Moore read a Bible story and Debbie Jung and Phil Dent read a drama from an old BT advertisement. Mark asked members of the congregation what male role models had inspired them. Answers included David Attenborough, Marcus Rashford and Captain Tom. Jill Dupain read the poem *Footprints in the Sand*. The first and last hymns were sung outdoors so everyone could sing and Debbie and Clare Rooke sang the second hymn as a lovely duet. Instead of saying The Lord's Prayer people listened to Andrea Bocelli singing a beautiful version on tape.

### Weekly Saturday Coffee Mornings



These continue throughout August, outside in the churchyard or inside if wet (current guidelines being observed). Please join us from 9.30 till 10.30 and enjoy a cuppa and a cake and as the season progresses purchase any home grown produce on offer. A good social occasion and we raise some much-needed funds for the church.

### Scarecrow Challenge



There were 18 entries for this year's competition which had as its theme *People or Events in History*. Entrants showed amazing ingenuity and went to a lot of time and trouble to make their scarecrows.

Entries included Cleopatra, Einstein, Florence Nightingale, Isaac Newton, Anne Frank,

Queen Victoria, Captain Tom Moore with HM Queen, Thomas Crapper, Blackbeard, Harry Kane and Laika the Space Dog complete with space rocket. As usual the winners are decided by public vote, people going round on Sunday afternoon with their maps and voting forms.

The winner was the Clarke family with their spaceman Neil Armstrong [see the cover photo], second were Mark and Joy Lovett with Emmeline Pankhurst and third Robin and Louise Lee and family with *Strawosaurus*, a door-height dinosaur. Ngaio Southard won the prize for solving the scarecrow anagram.

Despite the great heat which deterred some from turning out, the event was well supported and people were glad to shelter under the shade of trees in the Glebe Field and under the gazebos, which each year are lent and put up (and later dismantled) by Charles and Katie Olney.

Thanks to all who helped and especially to Debbie Jung, ably supported by Geoff, for all their hard work in organising it. A profit of £455 was made for church funds.



## Woodbury Salterton C of E Primary School



It is the end of the summer term (almost) and at this time the children will be saying a big thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who make Woodbury Salterton a very special place to learn. As part of the national Thank You Day, which was on 4<sup>th</sup> July, the children in each class made their own thank you poster. Classes all around the country will have made cards to say thank you to those who have helped in the pandemic. The day was supported by Charlie Mackesy who is an artist and author- you may have seen his work online with beautiful images of a boy, a fox, a mole and a horse. His illustrations explore kindness and understanding; values held precious in our school. We want to share this message with you from Thank You Day and all those who have helped us through this challenging time.

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*But from the beginning, we've been helping each other through.*

*As families, streets and communities – checking in on each other, making sure neighbours are ok, going to work when we had to and staying at home whenever we were told.*

*The crisis has reminded us all that when it really matters, we're here for one another, and that's something to be grateful for.*

*Before normal life takes over again, we want to pause and say thank you to everyone who helped. From neighbours who kept the noise down or dropped off the shopping, mum and dad for putting up with us under the same roof, delivery drivers and supermarket security guards who kept us fed, local shopkeepers who stayed open, care workers, doctors, nurses, volunteers, and everyone who obeyed the rules; we couldn't have done it without each other.* The summer term has given the children the opportunity to use our outdoor spaces to learn and work together safely. Even though the sun hasn't always shone the tranquillity of the Glebe Field and our forest school site on Stony Lane is a welcome haven for learning.

Class 3 loved practising their athletics; racing in teams and long jump. They were all brilliant



at encouraging everyone else on. With our visiting coach Becky Mason from the Dartmoor School Sport Partnership the children have learnt Dartmoor 3 Balls, a game invented by Becky and her team about 15 years ago to include all children, giving them the opportunity to practise striking and fielding skills. The



game requires lots of teamwork and communication; it was great to see children trying their hardest and never giving up!

Class 3 also enjoy playing handball matches with their coach Tom; putting their throwing, catching and dodging skills to the test! Frisbee has also been really popular this term.

Learning outside can support learning in the classroom; again, with the support of Becky



Mason the children followed map symbols to track a route across coloured cones. They learnt how to orient the map and follow the pathway; following a map of clues to find superhero answers as part of a maths challenge.

One of the children's favourite places to learn is our forest school tucked away in Stony Lane. Here the children have thought about their memories of forest school and what has



been special for us. They have used sawing skills to make wooden necklaces and decorated them with memories, they created a treasure hunt to find letters of the alphabet that when put together, made the word 'Bushcraft'. They like ending their sessions with delicious toasted marshmallows.

The older children love forest school giving them time to play and learn together making a magnificent marble run, working with one another, enjoying finding and learning about bugs,



insects and natural objects during a scavenger hunt. Their outdoor learning links with the classroom as they used their skills to think about shape properties and angles in maths putting these skills to great use as they marked out a hexagonal space for our new wild flower area. Forest school is also a space for risk taking and personal development and the children enjoy gathering sticks and learning how to make fires using flint, steel and cotton wool.



Life in the classroom has been fun this half term with music lessons; writing their own scores of music and playing them on glockenspiels. Class 2 have worked really hard in their design lessons; creating persuasive pictures with moving parts

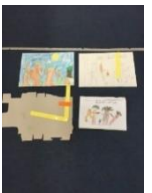


that use levers and linkages. They carefully planned their pictures, created prototypes and then made their final products which have been amazing.



The school's governing body for our federation is looking for volunteers to join our board. Being a school governor is a hugely rewarding role supporting the school and its senior leaders. Woodbury Salterton is part of the Jubilee with Pebblebed Federation; this is a group of five small church and local authority schools. We are particularly interested in recruiting volunteers with skills and

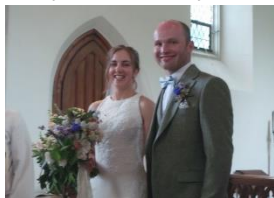
knowledge about school curriculum – if you are a retired teacher with a desire to share your skills please consider getting in touch with our chairs of governors Nicola Westlake and Alan Johnson through the school office email. We have vacancies for parent governors and will be holding elections in the new academic year; please consider putting yourself forward for this role. We wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to sharing our news with you in the autumn. If you are interested in places in our school please look at our new school website for details of how to get in touch. Lastly we all want to say a massive thank you to our wonderful staff team and parent volunteers.



### Congratulations and Love and Good Wishes...

...to Alan Nixon, who celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 13<sup>th</sup> July with a party at the home of his son near Oxford. Mark and Joy Lovett, friends and former neighbours here in Woodbury Salterton, were invited to the party.

## Holy Matrimony



The wedding took place in church on 3<sup>rd</sup> July of Samantha Kenshole and George Bowles. Rev'd Bill conducted the marriage service and the small choir permitted to sing sang the hymns. We pray for them and wish them many happy years together.

### Open Garden

Gill and Pat Bricknell will be opening their garden on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August (Bank holiday Monday) to raise funds for Hospiscare from

10 am to 4 pm. The garden mainly consists of shrubs and trees infilled with numerous perennials planted with bees and other pollinators in mind.

Admission is by donation. There will be tea/coffee and cakes and plants for sale. We look forward to seeing you at Rossli, White Cross Road, Woodbury Salterton, EX5 1EL.



## POETRY CORNER

### Magpie Intrusion

by John Smith (of Clyst St Mary)

Flap flop, hip hop, stumble bumble  
You land like a canvas and wire biplane  
From World War One

Puffing and fluffing out stuffed shirt front  
Wagging and swagging your black coat tail  
Like a pompous dinner guest gent.

But you will not tolerate  
The graceful gliding pigeons  
Who clean the bird feeder lawn.

You bully! In this playground,  
You cannot bear to see  
Others living so peacefully

But I must not endow you  
With human sensibility  
For you have not our free will to choose  
©John Smith



## AND FINALLY...

### Exmouth Mobile Library Timetable 2021

Day	Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Friday	Aylesbeare	Nightjar Inn	09.50	10.10
Friday	Clyst St Mary	Cat and Fiddle	12.10	12.30
Tuesday	Clyst St Mary	Winslade Park	14.50	15.10
Tuesday	Clyst St George	School	15.20	15.40
Monday	Exton	Station	09.45	10.05
Friday	Woodbury Salterton	Kennels	12.50	13.10
Woodbury	Woodbury	White Hart	14.00	16.00

- *Disclaimer: Due to operational circumstances, the mobile library may need to be off road and unable to visit on some dates. Details will be publicised closer to the time. These timetables may be subject to change.*



### Calling All Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises Across East Devon to Have Their Say on the Support That Could Be Available to Them!



A Council for Voluntary Service provides support, guidance, networking opportunities and training to the VCSE sector in local areas. Every area of Devon currently has a Council for Voluntary Service, with the exception of East Devon. There are some issues with this lack of provision, which became more evident during the first wave of the Coronavirus pandemic, when both existing and new

voluntary and community groups came under pressure and struggled to find support if they needed it. A temporary support arrangement was commissioned by Devon County Council to provide basic guidance and advice, but this was limited and this contract has now ended. East Devon District Council has drafted a discussion document, which outlines what this potential support could look like, and what its aims could be. Some voluntary and community groups have already been involved in part of this. The council now wants feedback on the document from all of East Devon's voluntary, community and social enterprise groups, which is available online along with a questionnaire.

Cllr Megan Armstrong, East Devon District Council Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Homes and Communities, said: *'We witnessed an impressive and overwhelmingly positive effort by voluntary, community and social enterprise groups during the pandemic, which clearly demonstrated the value of their work in communities.'*

*'We recognise that community groups of all shapes and sizes would benefit from support allowing them to focus on what they do best, by helping them in ways that they would find useful. We would like to work with the groups to develop a proposal for provision of this support, then further consider the funding options to pay for it once we know what is needed.'*

Have your say by filling in the questionnaire before 5 pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021:

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/community-engagement/voluntary-community-and-social-enterprise-sector-support-consultation>

The council would like the views of:

- a wide variety of VCSE organisations such as wellbeing, health, sports, social isolation, community transport, children and young people, older people, heritage, arts and culture...



- groups from all areas of East Devon.
- rural groups and town-based groups.

If you need a copy of the consultation paper, on paper in large print, or in any other format, email: [jbuckley@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:jbuckley@eastdevon.gov.uk) or call 01395 517569.

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### August - Sunshine and Discoveries in Topsham



August may represent the dog days of summer, but if we're lucky enough to have more intense heat there's no better place to enjoy it than Topsham. There are some obvious spots to make the best of the weather.

The 25-metre Topsham Pool is open most days (see [topshampool.co.uk](http://topshampool.co.uk) for details) while our own [lovetopsham.co.uk](http://lovetopsham.co.uk) lists locations in the town where you can sip a cool drink overlooking the estuary or lick an ice cream in the shade. There are cafés galore and Topsham Museum has traditional cream teas if the heat leaves you hungry. If you're an occasional visitor hitting Topsham once again this month, make sure you have time to call in at some new destinations in and around the town.

Try Circle, a new speciality coffee and handmade artisan goods store, located on Fore Street. Fay and David will be behind the counter where you can enjoy cake, coffee, ceramics, cards and plenty of other local arts and crafts.



A short stroll away you'll find Squid & The Kid, another new store on the block - this is a children's shop run by Alice and Alex and, in their words, specialising in 'unique, inclusive and independently made brands.'



Even an old favourite like the Turf Hotel has got a new look to it, in the shape of a different and far more frequent ferry service - take advantage of a l-o-n-g lunch or a smoking good evening BBQ, but check times first on [topshamturferry.com](http://topshamturferry.com). And still on that side of the estuary (this time the part reached by Topsham's other ferry - the council-run one between the landing on Ferry Road at Topsham, and river) there is may be a Victorian gem but it still that work is afoot to bring it back Friends of Exeter Ship Canal? going to be a café as well as from times past.



the lock on the western bank of the the much-loved Lock Cottage. This has some new surprises - did you know into community use, thanks to the Watch this space for details but there's memories of the canal and cottage



That's it for August but just time to remind you that the Love Topsham card is available for a minimum donation of just £3 per month and entitles you to deals at many of the different retailers - the full list is updated frequently on our website. All funds go to making our community what it is for visitors and locals alike. Please check out [lovetopsham.co.uk](http://lovetopsham.co.uk) for a taste of what we do in our town.

We'll be reporting back next month on plans for autumn - there will be a business fair, grand shopping occasions, and did we mention Christmas lights?

Until then have a fab-u-lous August, and best wishes from the Love Topsham team.



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Many thanks for your understanding,

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appointment

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## Monthly Giggle



### Now That I'm Older...

- It's weird being the same age as old people.
  - I love approaching 90; I learn something new every day and forget five other things.
  - Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.
  - Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter.
- [Thanks once again to John Flitney for these. Ed]

They're writing a new Mr Men book about a clumsy  
decorator. He's called Mr Bit.

*Left my job at the watch factory, as the guy sitting  
opposite me kept making faces.*

A little girl was sitting next to her grandfather as he  
read her a bedtime story. From time to time she would  
take her eyes off the book and reach up and touch his  
wrinkled cheek. She would then touch her own cheek.  
After a little while of thinking she asked, 'Grandpa, did  
God make you?'

He looked at her and said, 'Yes, sweetheart, God made  
me a long time ago.'

She paused for a few seconds then asked, 'Did God  
make me as well?'

He replied, 'Yes indeed, my darling, God made you just a little while ago.'  
Feeling their respective faces again, she whispered to him, 'God's getting better at it, isn't  
he?' [Thanks, as ever, to Lesley Richardson, for this one. Ed]





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### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Week 1

09:30	AYL	Morning Worship - Baptism	Rev'd Chris Cant
09:30	WST	Holy Communion - Baptism	Rev'd Margaret Scrivenor
09:30	CSM	Holy Communion	Rev'd Bill
11:15	WBY	Holy Communion	Rev'd Peter Nickols- Rawle
11:15	CSG	Admission to Holy Communion	Rev'd Bill
18:30	EXT	Evening Worship	Rev'd Bill

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Week 2

09:30	EXT	Holy Communion	Rev'd Margaret Scrivenor
09:30	FAR	Holy Communion	Rev'd Bill
09:30	CSG	Morning Worship	Jacque Manser

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Week 3

11:15	AYL	Holy Communion	Rev'd Bill
09:30	CSM	All Age Worship	Carolyn Keep
09:30	WST	Breakfast Family Service	Lay Led
18:30	WBY	Evening Prayer	Rev'd Peter Nickols-Rawle

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Week 4

09:30	CSG	Holy Communion	Rev'd Janice Cackett
09:30	Zoom	Family Service	Zoom Team
09:30	FAR	Morning Worship/Holy Communion	Rev'd Peter Nickols- Rawle

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Week 5

11:15	WBY	Songs of Praise followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Rev'd Bill
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AYL Aylesbeare FAR Farrington EXT Exton WST Woodbury Salterton WBY Woodbury  
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