

Parish Magazine

Ashprington Cornworthy Dittisham

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"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God."

Luke 12:6

I think Jesus is expressing how much God cares about seemingly insignificant creatures like sparrows in this verse. Apparently, these tiny birds were not only sold cheaply but were probably sold as four for two pennies with one given free. It reminds me of 'Buy one get one free'. How often are we tempted to buy more than we need because one is on offer, then find that we don't need the extra one?

In God's creation, every creature has value. At St Barnabas' Church we have beehives in the orchard behind the Church. We all associate bees and beekeeping with honey and beeswax, products that we can use, but the real benefit of bees to the world is the amazing job they do in pollinating our flowers and crops. Bees are key to making the ecosystem work, vital for a healthy environment and human life.

Watching our bees, you can't help but realise that colonies of bees are a wonderful example of a community living and working together for the common good. Each part of the community valued, set to work, and contributing positively. Bee numbers have dropped dramatically and if there is a sign that all is not well with the world the bees are an alarm call to all of us. We cannot all keep bees, but we can all create an environment where bees can flourish. Something as simple as a pot of herbs or wildflowers on an outside windowsill not only looks good but also makes a bee-friendly area, especially if we encourage our neighbours to do it too.

Value the small creatures around us. Especially value the bees. They are a model of community cohesion and despite their size vital to our lives. God rightly cares for the small things.

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The pollen on this honey bee's legs is from dandelions. Her tongue is sticking out due to what killed her that had been sprayed on the dandelions.

It's spring and dandelions are the bees' first food. This bee died from weed killer sprayed on what she sees as food.

Please don't spray for weeds until you see the blackberries blooming. In this area, weeds, flowers and fruit trees are bees' and insects' only source of food until the middle of June. There are FAR more weeds than flowers or fruit trees, so it's *their only food* source. No bees, no food crops for us and as has been so recently said: we're all in this together.

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April Magazine:

Please try to have all copy to the production editors by the 20th of March for the magazine in April .

Thank you.

From the Editors

This month is more than usually full of nature articles and (apologies for) somewhat bossy nature reminders. The content is simply as it arrives on the email.

Next month we will be wishing everyone a joyful and peaceful Easter. Although it will be the second Easter of lockdown times we should be well on the road back.....

.....to? We hope that during these many past months of online mags you have found helpful or enjoyable articles in these pages. And especially hope that you have been able to access the pages on your computers, pads and even phones.

Perhaps, if we all behave ourselves, by April the paper copy will be back again filled with **long awaited happenings and planned events !**

'He will come'

A final thought from Cliff Berdinner

Thank you for so many good wishes and thoughts for my 97th birthday – and now it's just another thought for you. What is life? Good gracious me, what a question.

Sometimes life is like a walk in the park, singing as we go, especially when we are young and don't have to take all those tablets or lose all our glasses at the same time. But sometimes life is a struggle just to get through the day, or when events can be so overpowering they can threaten to crush life out of us altogether; even God seems far away. At times like these we can feel very lost, alone and frightened, as many have done in this time of COVID-19.

When I was a little child I remember how my mother used to take me into town and into a big store. That, for me, was a scary place because the stalls were higher than I was, and so were all the people. One day I got separated from my mother and suddenly I realised I was alone and lost in this strange place with people pushing and shoving me around, and I was very frightened. But we had a plan; my mother used to say, 'Now if you get lost, stay where you are and I will come to you'. And soon mother did come to me, and I was so glad.

I like to believe that God has a plan that when we feel alone, lost and fearful – if we wait just where we are, God will come to us and the sense of His presence will make us glad. I am sure there are many ways God comes to us, through the flowers of the field, through the ministry of the church and the scriptures; but none more precious than through the love of friends.

We see this so clearly in the story Jesus told of the four friends who took a paralysed man to a house where Jesus was teaching. But they couldn't get through the door for people; so they got onto the roof and broke it up until the space was big enough to lower the sick man down and lay him at the feet of Jesus to be healed. They didn't think how much a new roof would cost. Or how much wine will it take to pacify the owner of the house. Or who is going to clear up the mess.

You see, true friendship never counts the cost of touching someone's pain whether it is a broken body or a broken heart. Or when we just feel alone, lost and frightened. I believe it is through our being loved and comforted by others that the feeling of God's presence can come to us and makes our hearts glad within us.

Dear friends, if we wait patiently for the Lord, he will not ask who we are and what we have done. He will not question our sexuality or ask us for our CV. And one thing is for sure, God will never say, 'There are twelve other people ahead of you in the queue'.

Blessings in the midst of life, Cliff.



Teaching us How to be Different

A few weekends ago I took part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. I expect many of you did the same. As always, the usual culprits failed to turn up in the hour which I had chosen! Nevertheless, I tried to take seriously the RSPB's reassurance that, in terms of their statistics, what you don't see is as important as what you do see, and that my somewhat unimpressive total of nine different species was actually making a difference to ornithological science!

But the high point of my hour was the arrival of a volery (yes, that really is the collective noun, or you can also say a zephyr!) of long-tailed tits. I believe I counted seven, though it's difficult to be sure when they're all flitting around the bird feeder – but what a delight they are! In winter they go around in groups, which is a very interesting form of behaviour. When the spring comes they break up into pairs for breeding. Sadly, many of the nests will fail, largely because of predators. When that happens the bereaved parent birds will often join another pair and help them in raising their chicks. Not only does this give more youngsters in the adopted brood a better chance of survival, but it also cements the foster parents into the family group, giving them a better chance of survival through the coming winter into the next breeding season.

Evolutionary biologists call this a form of evolved altruism. The behaviour has evolved because there is a benefit to be obtained: the protection of being in a group. It would be nice to feel that the long-tailed tit has absorbed some of the Gospel injunction to 'love your neighbour as yourself'. But probably not! Its behaviour is governed by instinct. However, if we as human beings were to take a leaf out of the long-tailed tit's book (or a feather out of its cap!) we would be going a long way to making a difference in our divided world.

'Difference' is the title of our Lent course. It's a big word with a wide range of uses. We can start off by asking ourselves the question: what makes us different from the long-tailed tit? The long-tailed tit does what comes naturally – we have choices to make. We can choose the way of self, or we can choose the way of altruism. I like the idea of nature being tuned in to God's purposes, a bit like the cross on the back of the donkey. We are the ones who are different. It is we who are out of step. Then we can reflect on our difference as a positive thing.

The whole world of nature is full of variety – let's celebrate it! The whole human family is full of variety – let's celebrate it! And yet we have let difference become an excuse to put up barriers. In our human relationships, both at a personal level and on a world scale, we allow ourselves to have differences with our fellows. In our Lent course we shall be looking at ways of resolving our differences, not by becoming all the same, but by the simple act of listening. And perhaps we can do no better than start by listening to the created order itself, the natural world, where difference and diversity is the key to keeping everything in good running order. So fill up the feeders and let the birds of the air teach us a thing or two this Lent!

Fr John Luscombe, St John's Bridgetown



A vicar stood before his congregation. He picked up a large empty jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks. He then asked the congregation if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. Therefore, the vicar then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the congregation again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The vicar picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. "Now," said the vicar, "I want you to recognize that this is your life. The rocks are the important things - your faith, your hopes, your dreams, your family, health, education, and the things that bring joy - anything that is so important to you that if it were lost, you would be nearly destroyed. "The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your, house, your car. "The sand is everything else. The small stuff.

"If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your energy and time on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. "Take care of the rocks first - the things that really matter."

Lent is a time to reconsider our jar, and how we fill it...the Pandemic too has forced many of us to think about our priorities. As we pray that we are coming to the end of this stage of the virus, let's get our priorities right as a country, society, communities and as individuals. Priorities I would like to suggest based on kindness, hospitality, welcome, equality and faith. Priorities not about self but about serving others with joy.

Praying for a holy & reflective Lent...

Andrew Beane

Archdeacon of Exeter

*Thank you to Caroline (Cornworthy) for sending
this delightful and
insightful poem.
And thank you Brian Bilston
for writing it!*

Serenity Prayer by Brian Bilston

Send me a slow news day,
a quiet, subdued day,
in which nothing much happens of note,
just the passing of time,
the consumption of wine,
and a re-run of Murder, She Wrote.

Grant me a no news day,
a spare-me-your-views day,
in which nothing much happens at all -
a few hours together
some regional weather,
a day we can barely recall.

Amen



Watch for this little beauty - seen a week ago on some of the gardens in Ashprington. Britain's smallest bird, a goldcrest.

An update from the Totnes Connection Hub Manager, Joanne:

During January the foodbank gave out 65 food parcels. Putting it like that makes it sound simple, but a lot of work and thought, by many people, goes into this. This month we received donated food parcels from Morrisons, Tesco, local churches, Harbertonford Post Office and store, Greenlife, Food in Community South Devon Food Network, to name just a few businesses and then there were private individuals who have donated food and money. We thank you all as we rely on your generosity to continue our work. If you would like to join the number of people who donate, we currently need baby food and baby products, food for people with special diets, (“Free From”) and cat food. These donations are then rotated into stock on arrival.

In the meantime an administration volunteer accesses the food bank referrals and creates a spreadsheet containing the name of the householder and their individual details like: number of people in the household, ages of children (as a 12 year old boy eats a lot more than a 2 year old girl), dietary needs, any pets, etc. This spreadsheet goes to other volunteers who pack the food parcels.

Another spreadsheet is then needed to identify people who will be collecting their food and those who will need delivery. The delivery list is then passed to “Bob the Bus” whose volunteers make the deliveries on a Thursday.

Normally we like people to collect their food as it gives us an opportunity to engage with clients and ensure that they are ok and don’t have other needs that may have been missed, but there are so many people isolating at the moment that it isn’t always possible. So “Bob the Bus” has been a real Godsend and we would like to thank the volunteers for their efforts.

Oh and by the way, did you know we also have a clothes bank? This operates in the same way and you can get referrals from the same organisations that I listed in last week’s update.

Have a safe week everyone and if you need anything, you know where we are.

Best wishes, Joanne



W o r l d D a y o f P r a y e r S e r v i c e

Friday 5th March. Due to current Covid restrictions, instead of a local ecumenical service this year, all are invited and encouraged to share in a unique International Service, led by the women of Vanuatu, together with fellow Christians from across the churches, locally, nationally and across the globe by Zoom. Full printed service booklets are available in advance from Juliet Hancock (01803 866147, juliet.hancock@btinternet.com) The Zoom link to the service has still to be published – please contact Juliet for further information. This is an opportunity to share in a service with others across the globe.

Ashprington News



St David's Church has been open daily since Sunday, February 20th. We are preparing for our patronal festival, St David's Day on March 1st which always represents a turning point in the year. Spring is arriving with the end, hopefully, of freezing north - east winds coming straight from the Kremlin.

Our Welsh Dragon flag is faded and frayed and has been honourably retired from the tower. It has been replaced by St David's flag, easily confused by colour blind people with St Piran's flag. Don't worry, we won't have to make our scones with cream on top of jam! St David's cross is deep yellow, rather than white, on a black background.

We have planted 10,000 snowdrops in clumps in the re-wilding area as well as a few other wild plants. We have been given lots of wildflower seeds and the wildflowers that are already in the grass will now grow and flourish with only paths being cut in the re-wilded area.

We still need benches ; so if anyone has a bench surplus to requirements languishing in a shed please donate it to St David's.

Our churchyard is full of mediaeval burials, people buried in woollen shrouds. Bones turn up everywhere and are reverently put back where they came from. This applied to a rather delicate jawbone I found while straightening a leaning gravestone the other day.

Pots of daffodils given by villagers and marking St David's Day will beautify both sides of the path leading up to the south door of the church. When they have flowered they will be planted to brighten up the front of the churchyard for many years to come.

We welcome the return of worship in the church. Soon we shall sing hymns and songs of praise once again.

I should like to thank our re-wilding team: Nigel and Lynn P, Nigel D, Richard S, and Kathi G. The churchyard, like the church, is there to welcome everybody. Laurence, Churchwarden.



Fun Quiz:

1. Where are they?
2. What are they doing?
3. When will this building be open again?

Hint: no flies on Ali or Nigel.

Below is an email from Greg Parsons the new manager of The Cheese Dairy at Sharpham. He is explaining the plans for the Dairy, Winery and Restaurant.

And there is an offer for local residents attached.

'Like the rest of the World, it has been an interesting year here at Sharpham Dairy and we look forward to returning to some form of normality in the near future. My wife Nicky and I took over the running of the cheese business from Mark Sharman in July 2019 and Mark secured his hope of being able to relax more by selling the wine business to Andrew Moon of Sandridge Barton, Stoke Gabriel earlier this year. Despite losing business through the pandemic, we have invested in the business including improvement of the visitor experience and launching our new website www.sharphamcheese.co.uk, so we are well set to welcome visitors this summer. The wine business and café will also continue as normal through 2021, but they will then leave us behind and move to a new winery and visitor centre on the other side of the river in early 2022.

We are a Devonshire family but hail from the East of the county so we do not know many parish residents but we would like to be good neighbours and as a gesture to get you through these crazy times, we would like to offer a 'friends and family' discount of 20% to you all on purchases through our website. Also, you can 'click and collect' (adhering to government guidelines) and avoid the cost of a courier.

Simply email us confirming that you would like to receive the Ashprington Parish offer code and we'll send it to you. info@sharphamcheese.co.uk & the offer will run until 30th April 2021. We look forward to hearing from you.

All the best Greg Parsons

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Remember the starlings - winter 2018 ?

Please read on the next page a recent email received from one of the birdwatching experts who helped us to identify and count (in excess of 10,000) the birds. If anyone has observed a roost this winter in the immediate area, please let us know. Thank you.

I think it is just the case that some Starling roosts occur for a number of years and are then abandoned, particularly the smaller ones such as at Ashprington. Looking through Devon Bird Reports back to 1959 there are records of roosts at Halwell, Harberton and Fleet Mill (opposite Sharpham) and South Brent. The first two haven't occurred for many years although the Fleet Mill roost may continue and it's possible the Ashprington birds are now using that roost. As I think I told you, the Ashprington roost which I think you said started in 2013/14, began after a roost at South Brent, also in bamboo, was abandoned having only been used one winter (2012/13). I suspect there is a degree of opportunism as to where some birds decide to roost although major roosts such, as Slapton (which has been going for at least 200 years) seems to be primarily a migratory roost which finishes around Christmas/New Year with birds moving on to winter in Cornwall or Maritime France, or long established very large winter roosts (a million or more birds), such as Ham Wall on the Somerset Levels, tend to be used over many years and possibly since time immemorial.

There was also a roost on the Heathfield industrial estate at Bovey Tracey in the 2017/18 winter which continued into March when Ashprington finished in February. This site had never been used before and I don't know whether it continues but I suspect that was also an opportunistic roost which will only be used for a few years if that.

There also used to be a large regular winter roost at Okehampton camp but that seems to have moved to Youlstone near Launceston since the trees at Okehampton were felled. There was also a roost, again in bamboo, close to Soussons plantation near Warren House Inn on Dartmoor but again that was short lived.

If anyone hears or knows that birds have been roosting at Fleet Mill or Sharpham in recent years I would be interested to know. Regards, Dennis

Our Countryside Correspondent (from February 2017)

'February fill dyke' will soon be gone and so far it has lived up to its name. In the last three weeks waterfalls have poured down my windows thrashed by the very considerable wind and yet there have been other days when sitting in the garden with hot sun and no wind was amazing. On those days even that dog was willing to step outside the 'yurt'. The moorland Dart is brimming with rock bubbled water and it remains to be seen whether March, the 'month of Winds', has anything in common with either a lion or a lamb! March is not notoriously a wet month but neither does it promise much sun. One of our greatest poets refers to "the clanging arch of steel grey March" which does seem to sum up the third month of the year

We may all be very confused. My computer tells me that officially the first day of Spring is March 20th but my garden is telling me something else. In the beginning I wish someone would tell the red roses blooming in my ruined herbaceous border that they should at least wait until June. And then there those bastions of spring the bulbs. Snowdrops have been out in places for at least a month and the other day, visiting my family who have a 'proper' garden, their sheets of snowdrops are busy covering the grass with floral snow. The crocuses are out of course and so are those fabulous flowers known colloquially as Naked Ladies. Their silky ballerina 'legs' have never looked better. The primroses are coming along nicely as well. Oh and don't forget the daffodils those very yellow King Alfred, almost as old a named variety as you can find, are already waving their screamingly bright trumpets. Thankfully the modest wild daffodils, the Lent Lillies, are holding back. I looked in my favourite place for finding them the other day and there is no sign of yellow yet. The bluebells too have more sense than to brave the winds of March although amazingly the Agapanthus outside my backdoor are not so wise even though they hail from warmer climes. Which reminds me of someone I knew once, this is a true storey, who fed up with what used to be called trespassers, put a notice on their gate "Beware of the Agapanthus". It worked for a while!

There is never any real rest for the farming community. Apparently Defra more or less require all calves to be born ear-tagged and registered as well! Has anyone any idea how fast a calf can be on its feet? Perhaps the desk tied operatives of our beloved Defra should spend one season with young livestock. Its that time of year for those who keep sheep - this writer has never forgotten the happy years of breeding sheep, new life is always magical. But it does mean there will be some who are short on sleep for a bit. It might be better for us all if Defra went into hibernation for a while.

I am reliably informed that the new guidelines for the Basic Payment Scheme Application 2017 will be published around the 24th February BUT all farmers are required to follow the rules from January 1st. Can it be that somewhere in the murky corridors of Whitehall there lurks an evil sense of humour! Perhaps it belongs to Noddy and Big Ears.

Forget about the lion and the lamb I found this the other day 'March comes in with an adder's head and goes out with a peacock's tail'

Dittisham News

St George's Church:

For the past couple of mornings the sounds to which we have woken have not been howling winds and torrential rain. They have been the sound of birdsong, pigeons cooing, sheep bleating. There has been a strange ball of light in the sky greeting us after so long away - could Spring be here? The churchyard at St. George's is filled with the most glorious splash of vibrant yellow; year after year the daffodils appear and they never cease to bring joy. The sounds in the village have changed as well, people are out in their gardens, scrubbing patios, pruning roses, preparing for what we all hope will be a summer of reunions with our loved ones. There is a strong sense of optimism as more and more people receive their vaccinations - we are almost daring to make plans, yet we also know that we have to be cautious in our optimism.

January ended with a wonderful visit from the Right Reverend Nick McKinnel, who led the Sunday Eucharist - Bishop Nick managed to speak to several of the congregation outside after the service, which was a bonus. We hope that he will return to Dittisham later in the year, when the rules will be able to be relaxed somewhat.

On February 14th we had another visitor; The Venerable Douglas Dettmer Archdeacon of Totnes led our Sunday Eucharist and delivered an insightful and thought provoking sermon. We are so fortunate to have the support of our clergy during the interregnum, not easy in the best of times, let alone during a pandemic. Finally this month we are blessed to have a visit from the Rural Dean, the Reverend Deborah Parsons. She will be presiding at the Eucharist on the last Sunday of the month. Strict guidelines have been followed at all times - luckily we can easily and safely seat everyone who wishes to attend a service. Our curate, The Reverend Dr. Andrew Langley has worked tirelessly throughout the winter months, always ready to speak to anyone in need - he so rarely seems to have any time off!

It is with great sadness that the death was announced on February 16th of Dr. Clive Roberts, resident of the village. His funeral will be on March 5th, by invitation only, owing to Covid restrictions. I am hoping to have some memories of Clive for next month's magazine.

On a brighter note, Ian Wakeling was rewarded for his keen observation skills, he won the Dittisham Parish Council prize for spotting the first of the purple crocuses that were planted in the autumn in Ham Lane, in conjunction with Dartmouth Rotary - well done Ian!



Dear Parishioners,

We would like to take the opportunity through your parish magazine to apologise for the blot on the landscape we have caused by installing a site office at our property Sunbeams in Riverside Road Dittisham.

Unfortunately it is necessary because of health and safety regulations.

So many of you have been so kind and welcoming and this is how we reward you.

The Covid 19 virus delayed our builder as he had a previous job to finish and the groundworks have been much more extensive than first thought necessary but hopefully we can now press on.

We are so looking forward to moving to Dittisham and enjoying life in this lovely village.

Best wishes stay safe.

Anna and Robert Perry

Gardening for Wildlife by The Untidy Gardeners

We have come out of hibernation - just like the frogs and newts. There is frog spawn in the ponds and the newts have taken up residence so will be procreating in the very near future. This year we plan to show a view from the kitchen window as the months go by. This picture was taken in mid-February. A truly untidy garden !



Nothing was cut back in the Autumn and we hope that the habitat has provided lots of hiding places for over wintering insects, invertebrates, amphibians and small mammals. The birds loved it too - visitors to the feeders, the garden plants and the undergrowth included blue tits, great tits, house and tree sparrows, robins, blackbirds, collar doves, pigeons, chaffinches, dunnocks, magpies, jackdaws, goldfinches (they loved the teasels), greater spotted woodpeckers a jay and a sparrow hawk. He/she didn't catch anything!

Such a delight to watch them come and go while drinking a morning cuppa, mid-morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea! Yes, we're still in lockdown!

The borders will be tidied up in early March to allow the new growth to flourish so next month's picture should tell a different story.

If you are thinking of doing some planting don't forget to plant nectar rich perennials and wildlife friendly bushes and shrubs for both daytime and night-time insect visitors.

We gave a lot of ideas in our April article last year - here is a summary to help you to decide what to plant:

- Single or tubular flowers are always best
- White, pale coloured and scented flowers such as honeysuckle, white foxgloves and night scented phlox, for moths.

- The best shrubs for early emerging insects are skimmia, all trees with single flowered blossom, mahonia, heathers and holly.
- If planning to sow seeds or buy plants then consider teasel, single poppies, lavender, rosemary, blue bells and ox-eye daises.
All bean and pea varieties - some of which will provide scrummy food for you - Plant them in your border!
- If planning a hedge try to incorporate our native privet - the flowers are a bee magnet so don't trim them so much that they don't flower!
- Cotoneasters and crab apples
Definitely avoid the temptation to plant laurel as it has virtually no real value to our wildlife.
(Many thanks to Steevie Rogers (Chair of Dartmouth Green Partnerships) for advice about planting nectar rich plants.)

Your Motoring Correspondent - Paul Jolly

Planning your Escape from Covid-19

Soon we will all be free to get out and about to enjoy the outdoor space we are so fortunate to have here in Devon. The journey I have in mind is actually here on our doorstep but one we sometimes take for granted. But don't make the same mistake as me ... More on this in a moment!

The wonder of Dartmoor. This 365 sq mile wilderness is as good as it gets, and is free at the point of use. It is the same size as Greater London.

It is one of motoring's best kept secrets and is like going back in time but you must pick the right day. A clear, dry, crisp and sunny day will reward you with fabulous views and try to avoid the weekend if possible.

You can be at Haytor Visitor Centre in under 30 minutes from Totnes. Take the A38 to the Trago Mills exit and head to Bovey or alternatively the Widecombe road out of Ashburton. Then pick up the moorland road to Haytor. There is suddenly a cattlegrid and then just sheep, ponies and boulders with switchbacks to rival the best of Europe and a nice road surface in the main, with very few potholes and no fences. I would highly recommend a stop at Haytor car park directly in front of the twin rocks. All car parks are free. The climb to the Tor is an easy 10-minute grassy rise and it is said that the steps leading to the very top were cut out for Queen Victoria's visit, but on the day, she declined to climb the last bit! The views over Teignmouth and East Devon are incredible. Her loss!

There are fabulous tarmac tracks around the reservoirs of Burrator and Fernworthy, plus magnificent granite dams to drive over toll free! Get yourself an OS map and study it well while you plan a trip. The road from Ponsworthy to Postbridge passes the forest of Belliver and is narrow, like so many of these routes, but the pace is gentle and there are always passing places. Belliver Forest car park also has good WCs and a nice walk to its own tor rising majestically above the treeline. Take a picnic and enjoy what is one of the most amazing and unspoilt places in Britain.

No visit to Dartmoor is complete without a glance at the prison at Princetown. A Category C for men and opened in 1809. Makes you want to stick to the speed limit!

Famous pubs include the Rugglestone Inn at Widecombe and the Warren House Inn just north of Postbridge with the famous Clapper Bridge, where it is claimed the lounge fire has never been extinguished since 1845!

Our last pre-lockdown visit was last February in the trusty 35 year old classic Landrover 90 County V8 which we have had for 20 years. It has a tendency to veer off road through any open gate it finds leading onto moorland and did just that on this occasion. Heading north towards Little Mis Tor near Princetown, this track eventually leads onto Great Mis Tor. 'Oh, how sweet' said my wife, pointing at the pretty flags on the tops of each Tor, and when we stepped out for a better look, that's when we heard and felt the explosions at the same time. Yes, we had strayed into the live Army firing range. Oops. Big time oops! So much for my map reading. A very quick U-turn and we fled the scene with me feeling rather silly. With my Dartmoor background, I should have known better but hey, we all make mistakes.

Any trip on Dartmoor has unsurpassed views the entire way, and I promise, you will be back again soon. Just don't tell anyone or they'll all want to come. Paul Jolly www.jollycars.co.uk 01803 712990

Cornworthy News



Sadly, not much to report this month, at this time, but hopefully last minute updates on the Church Noticeboard as we make further decisions about possible reopening for services. So, please keep checking and we will get the word out on email as soon as we know what can be managed.

The advantage of being in a small community is that we have constant support around us and we need to continue to feel how very lucky we are. However, I know it is all relative, as personally we are missing actual contact with so many of our families and loved ones. As I write we are looking to life opening up a bit more in the near future.

A big "welcome" to Colin and Bronwyn who have just moved into Cornworthy - we have tried to be as welcoming as possible in the circumstances!

There are many services that you can link up to via Zoom, which has been such a bonus, and if you wish to access the links please contact me or anyone on the PCC. We are conscious that it is the season of Lent when we should be meeting up for our Soup Lunches at the Village Hall and, even without that being possible, perhaps some of you in your own ways are joining spiritually as we journey on to the joy of Easter. Easter Day is on Sunday 4th April and I sincerely hope we will be back in church for this important celebration.

Please feel welcome to visit St Peter's - it is open every day from 9.30 to 4 pm. Enjoy the peace and beauty of it, where many, many feet have trodden before you and hopefully will again.

Grant us, O Lord,
the royalty of inward happiness
and the serenity which comes
of living close to You.

Do You daily
renew in us
the sense of Joy,

so that by The Spirit
we may bear about with us
the infection
of a good courage

Prayer of Saint Thomas More

Take care and enjoy The Day, Caroline

Ash Dieback and 3,2,1 ... replace that tree!

Most of our readers will have noticed the accelerating demise of our ash trees, not just within our own parishes but when travelling around the county, or continent. A great many of our Devon roadside ash have already been felled, and others in our woods and hedgerows are increasingly showing signs of the cholera virus, an ash equivalent of Covid. In the coming years our landscape may resemble those of the post-dutch elm disease years, though there is more hope for the ash because it does appear that enough of them will prove resistant to repopulate our landscape, given time.

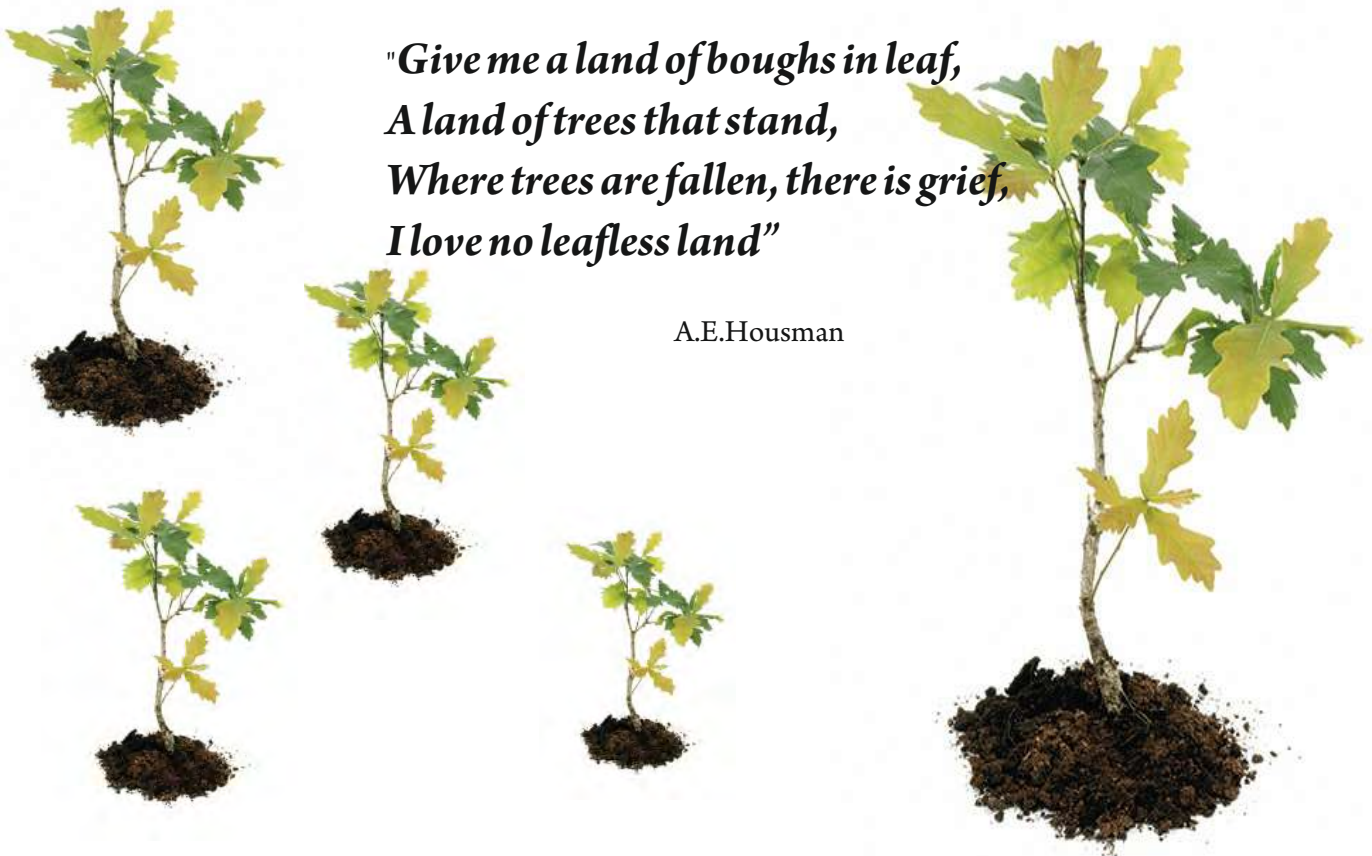
DCC, supported by many other organisations, encourage us to plant new trees where ash trees have been lost. We are encouraged to use the 3:2:1 "rule": at least 3 new trees for every large ash tree lost, 2 for every medium one and 1 for every small one. Aspen, alder, field maple, sycamore, birch, rowan, oak and disease resistant elm are all recommended. Nowadays most of us would naturally wish to do this; the benefits are both practical - in terms of CO2 and climate change, producing oxygen, reducing flooding, improving soil health and air quality, increasing biodiversity, to name but a few – but also emotional and spiritual; benefits that are increasingly classified under the heading of "Natural Capital".

The UK's tree cover is currently estimated at around 13% (against the EU countries average of 35 %) but with the ambition, as recommended by the UK's Committee on Climate Change, to get to between 17% & 19% in support of achieving carbon net zero by 2050. This requires planting roughly an additional 1.5 billion new trees, with 15% of crop and turned into tree planting or growing crops for fuel. Against this background, it is entirely logical to extend the 3:2:1 rule to all trees that need to be felled or replaced, not just to the poor old ash. We need all the trees we can plant!

I suggest the 3:2:1 "rule" is particularly relevant to parks and gardens. But in rural areas – in our hedges and woodlands - there will inevitably be saplings in the shade of any big ash or other tree, waiting patiently for their chance to flourish. So it is as well to encourage these, which have the added benefit that they will already have established chemical "neural networks" (as so brilliantly described by Peter Wohlleben in "The Hidden Lives of Trees") rather than to actually plant a new tree. In a hedgerow such saplings will need identification and then protection from flailing if they are to succeed to be our vital veterans of the future. from: Ima Treeplanta

***"Give me a land of boughs in leaf,
A land of trees that stand,
Where trees are fallen, there is grief,
I love no leafless land"***

A.E.Housman





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- ➔ Recycling Box 1
- ➔ Recycling Box 2
- ➔ Reusable White Sack

www.southhams.gov.uk/newservice

South Hams recycles  

Notice Board

These are the winners for the Dittisham Village Hall 100 Club draw for February

- 1st Prize Ticket No 20 Mrs Nic
Tomlinson
2nd Prize Ticket No 147 Mrs Judith
Sian Smith
3rd Prize Ticket No 5 Ms Cally
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Cornworthy Parish Council



held by video conferencing (Zoom) on Monday 1st February 2021 at 8.00 pm Present: Cllr Kirkland (Chairman); Cllr Bradley (Vice Chairman); Cllr Fry; Cllr Worthington; Cllr Carver In Attendance: County Cllr Hawkins ; District Cllr McKay Mrs L Maby (Clerk); Mrs J Ronson Election of New Councillor : To the proposal that Mrs Janet Ronson be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy for parish councillor. All were in agreement by a show of hands. Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held 11th January 2021 were agreed by all and duly signed by Cllr Kirkland. Matters Arising from Minutes Two Traffic signs purchased saying 'PLEASE SLOW DOWN' for Washbourne to Allaleigh Road to be fixed as soon as possible. Locality Grant of £325 for Grit Bin and Replacement Bench. Clerk advised that the grant has been applied for to cover one grit bin and a replacement bench for the Village Green.

6.0 Local Issues Parishioners Letters: Parking at the junction of Alexandria Place impeding access to this road by emergency vehicles as was the case for a recent chimney fire attended by the Fire Service who could not turn into the lane because of a parked vehicle and had to service the fire from the junction. Two letters had been received regarding this issue. Cllr Kirkland commented that this has been raised in the past and has not been resolved. Cllr Kirkland asked for suggestions. This was discussed and it was decided to send a letter to the resident. Clerk to contact Fire Service with regard to this incident and any initiatives they may have regarding responsible parking in villages. Clerk will also prepare a general letter to go to residents in the village. Dog Waste in the Village : Cllr Kirkland commented that without knowing who is responsible for the unwelcome dog waste, action can not be taken and this is especially a problem given some owners allow their dogs to roam the village. Cllr Hawkins advised that there is to be a new Dog Warden coming into South Hams Council in the next couple of months. Cllr McKay advised that Dittisham PC are conducting an experiment to try and tackle this problem there. The outcomes of this experiment will be useful to other parishes to try and find a solution that works which may guide this. Cllr Hawkins suggested laminated signs around the village might help. Cllr Carver suggested signs on the grit bin to say this is not a poo bin. Cllr McKay suggested that the mobile localities officer could come to Cornworthy and he will instigate the process. Cllr Hawkins suggested we could ask Dog Warden to come to Cornworthy. Gritting in the Village : Cllr Kirkland advised that there is a new gritting bin at the bottom of Priory View and the second will go on private land outside Mr Geatches gate half way up Abbey Road. This will be a self help arrangement .

Highways Cllr Bradley commented that the potholes she'd reported at Broadridge and Tideford bend pothole hadn't been addressed. Cllr Hawkins advised that Highways were working with the landowner at Tideford to resolve problems there and the potholes at Broadridge would be attended to if they were deep enough. Cllr Bradley assured him that she had measured the Lower Washbourne Farm, Washbourne TQ9 7UE 3905/20/PDM Application to determine whether prior approval is required for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q a&b) PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED & GIVEN Finance Bank Balance at 10/12/2020 Total : £22,945.78 Current Account :£14,882.09 Savings Account £8,063.69 Allocated: Cornworthy PC: £ 21,980.89 Charlecombe Wood: £108.01 P3: £856.88 Reports Clerk advised that NALC is to issue new guidelines regarding Code of Conduct policies. Clerk will advise when this happens so Parish council can decide how to review its own Tree Warden : Clerk advised that SHDC had sent a communication regarding links to information about queries on trees including Tree Preservation Orders, Ash Dieback etc. Cllr Kirkland asked that Bill Petheram be contacted to ensure he is still willing to be Tree Warden for the parish and have his contact details displayed on information we can put on our website for residents. District Councillor : Cllr Kay said he was very disappointed that the Amphibian Crossing signs which had recently been erected on the Tuckenhay road have been stolen. He mentioned that businesses and village halls can still apply for Covid grants.

100 Club February Draw : 1st: Mrs Sue Stephenson; 2nd: Mr P Bradley; 3rd: Mr R Evans

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 1st March 2021 at 8.00 pm

Full agendas and minutes at www.cornworthyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Dittisham Parish Council



Information, updates and practical resources about COVID-19 are posted on www.dittishamparish.co.uk, www.facebook.com/dittishamparishcouncil, and emailed to the [Information email group \(please email the Clerk at parishclerk@dittishamparish.co.uk to be added\)](mailto:parishclerk@dittishamparish.co.uk). Notes from the Monthly Meeting of Dittisham Parish Council held using public videoconferencing on Wednesday 3 February 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Spot the first Rotary Polio Crocus Competition - As part of Rotary's campaign to raise awareness about efforts to eradicate polio purple crocus corms have been planted on Ham Triangle - near the bench - and in the Churchyard. They will bloom from late winter to early spring. 'Life Under Lockdown' Photo Competition - Photos of your experience of the lockdown in Dittisham. Closes 31 March. Details on the parish website.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 21 April at 7 pm using Zoom. Please send your suggestions for topics or speakers for the meeting. The work to assess and manage the drainage in The Level Car Park is ongoing. It has been confirmed that the building site on Riverside Road opposite Ham Lane has the necessary permission from Devon County Council for the objects on the pavement. A Working Group to consider a Dittisham Snow Warden will report to the March meeting. Cllrs Anderson and Bond will review vehicles parked at junction of Manor Street and The Lane and report to the March meeting.

Devon County Councillor Jonathan Hawkins said SHDC and DCC are busy with COVID. Considerable grants are available for families and businesses. It is being looked at to relax some of the rules to see if businesses who missed out previously can receive help. There are COVID Compliance Officers working to ensure COVID compliance. Cllr Hawkins asked to please ensure that the police are notified of people visiting their second homes. They can be fined up to £1,000. There is a 1.5 million pound increase for capital works on bridleways etc. South Hams District Council Councillor John McKay reported that in general the waste collection issue has subsided. Cllr McKay asked residents to let him know if there are any problems. Work is being done on the budget and possible climate change actions. Most activities are related to COVID. Cllr Anderson has been asked to be on the SHDC's Working Group for its Housing Strategy.

SHDC Planning Decisions

- o 3405/20/VAR Cobwebs Lower Street Dittisham TQ6 0HY. Application for removal of condition 3 of planning consent 18/1460/99/F. Approval.
- o 3669/20/HHO Gurrow Point Riverside Road Dittisham TQ6 0JH. Householder application for replacement sunroom with loggia and replacement conservatory with new extension & associated landscaping. Conditional Approval.
- o 3681/20/OPA Land East of The Cottage Capton TQ6 0JE. Outline Application with all matters reserved for erection of a single dwelling and associated works. Withdrawn.

New planning applications

- o 4237/20/HHO Sherwood Cottage Riverside Road Dittisham Devon TQ6 0HS. Householder application for removal of utility structure and garage with replacement single storey extension. Works include removal of existing conservatory, removal of extension to chimney pot and replacement windows.

Support.

- o 0210/21/HHO Pump Cottage The Level Dittisham Devon TQ6 0ES. Householder application for alterations and extension and conversion of garage into new accommodation.

Support with DPC's comment about mitigation of light pollution.

- o 0275/21/ARC Gurrow Point Riverside Road Dittisham Devon TQ6 0JH. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (roof finish details) for planning application 3669/20/HHO.

No comment.

Consultations

- o Interim Devon Carbon Plan, Devon Climate Emergency (DCE) partnership,

The Clerk was delegated authority to respond in consultation with councillors.

The Finance Report showed a total balance of £59,974.47 and unearmarked reserves of £10,843.65.

Approved payments:

- o Cllr Anderson, 1/200 OS Plan of OCBG, £17.40
- o Cllr Bond, Dye, batteries and torch, £18.54
- o Cllr Faulkner, Trees etc for planting on The Ham, £230.95
- o SHDC, Grounds Maintenance 2020, £1,103.40
- o Third quarter VAT payment, £692.50.
- o Shovels for grit bins, up to £150

The next ordinary meeting of Dittisham Parish Council: 3 March 2021 at 7:00 pm using Zoom. Meeting link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8444633513> or dial in by phone +44 203 481 5237, Meeting ID: 844 463 3513.

Full Minutes, Agendas, Parish Council contact details, and COVID-19 information are available at <http://www.dittishamparish.co.uk> Contact details also on The Level and Capton noticeboards.

Ashprington Parish Council



Thursday February 4th, 2020 at 7.30 pm held virtually on ZOOM. Present; Cllr Stocks {Chair} Cllr Thompson {Vice Chair}, Cllr B. Lunt, Cllr R. Rogers, Cllr K. Throgmorton, Cllr N. Paterson. Cllr T. Green. Also present Michael Read, Clerk, District Cllr. J. McKay, County Cllr Hawkins, Apologies - M. Pearey, Tree Warden, P Macey, P3 Co Ordinator. Covid19 Local councils are currently only able to meet remotely until May 7th. Given the current situation it is hoped that this deadline will be extended. As things stand, the final remote parish council meeting will be on May 6th. Grass Verge near Crownley Wood The Council is anxious to ensure that vehicles do not park on the grass verge near the wood so as to prevent vehicles churning up the grass or campervans parking overnight. The Council has decided to erect a fence at the site with a hawthorn hedge planted behind the fence which will in time merge in with the existing fence bordering an adjacent field. Cllr Tom Green hopes to purchase supplies and make a start week beginning February 8th, weather permitting. Former councillor Laurence Green will assist and Cllr Paterson is also available to assist if needed. Parish Snow Warden – Highways Equipment and allocation of grant funding. As indicated at the December Meeting, the parish successfully applied for funding towards the cost of purchasing equipment to deal with issues caused by snow and ice and other highways related issues. All the equipment has been ordered, most delivered and some already in use. Final delivery is due on February 5th.

Ash Meadow Governance Structure Cllr Lunt reported that the setting up of a Community Interest Company had been approved by both the Ash Meadow Committee and the attendees at a Special General Meeting, both unanimously. It is now possible to apply for a new bank account and to complete the other arrangements changing the structure and administration issues of the Meadow. The Clerk has received a copy of the final proposed Memorandum of Understanding Between Devon Air Ambulance Trust and the Parish Council which has received input from Cllr Lunt. This should be signed off by the middle of February.

P3 Report Pam Macey could not be present but reported that the annual P3 survey was completed and despatched to DCC. The Chair has written to the parishioner who kindly moved two of the stepping stones back to their allocated space at Bow Bridge. Paul McFadden will insert metal rods alongside the stones in the summer to put them on a firmer footing. The cycle path to Totnes via Sharpham has been repaired. Although not in the parish, there are issues with Footpath No 2 at Cornworthy – DCC have been informed.

Tree Warden Report The latest information on SHDC tree procedures have been supplied to our councillors following receipt from Thelma Rumsey. No objections to the tree planning applications but the parish is keen to encourage parishioners to replace trees which have to be felled although not necessarily in the same location.

Planning
4027/20/FUL Perchwood Cottage. Subdivision of cottage to create 2 no. dwellings. Support conversion to two dwellings but object to {lack of} parking space {s} proposed.

0127/21/TCA Delamore. Various Tree Works. Support.

3181/20 Jasmine Cottage. Magnolia Tree – Reduction in size. No objection by SHDC.

3961/20/TCA. Tanglewood. Fell 3 leylandii. No Objection SHDC.

Frogmore Orchard appeal by applicants. Rejected by Planning Inspectorate.

District Cllr Report

Cllr McKay reported that he believed some of the teething problems with waste collection have/are been sorted out but he will investigate particular issues.

The next stage of the budget process is on February 11th. A Housing consultation is proposed.

More funds are likely to be made available for Climate Change issues.

Cllr McKay offered to cover the cost of replacing the stolen Toad Crossing sign.

County Councillor Report.

Councillor Hawkins met with the Chair, Cllr Rogers & Cllr Hunt and Paul McFadden regarding ongoing problems at Corkscrew Hill and Hothills Lane. Funds will be made available to resource a solution probably in the summer. Landowners affected need to be consulted first. Cllr Hawkins informed the Council that funds are available at County and District level, for hardship and for those organisations whose cashflow has dried up due to Covid 19. There are plans to “upgrade” Totnes Market later this year. Covid Compliance Officers are now in situ.

Village Hall Report

The Treasurer reported a small excess of expenditure over income but this has been spent on general repairs and upkeep. A grant application has been approved by SHDC, the amount to be confirmed shortly. All February bookings have been cancelled: future bookings to be reviewed as restrictions are lifted. A new gardener has been appointed to work 2 hours every fortnight at present. A painter will start work very soon to decorate the interior of the hall. There is some minor maintenance work that needs attention. There are plans to improve the outside lighting before next winter.

Other Business Councillors Areas of Responsibility Interim Devon Carbon Plan

Cllrs Lunt and Paterson have been working on the Councils response due by the 15th of February. The document runs to 72 pages but a response is almost ready. Cllr Lunt will liaise with Emily Reed, Devon Climate Emergency Project Manager to affirm the response. The Council will support the plan in general terms but note that the majority of the changes proposed to not appear to be within the capacity of a parish council to influence or implement.

Proposal for Highway Maintenance.

Cllr Rogers has produced some ideas as to how best the parish roads maintenance can be achieved. Due to perceived lack of funds, DCC are unable to provide the service that Devon parishes need particularly during periods of very heavy rain. There are a number of obstacles but the parish in essence would like DCC to meet the cost of sub-contracting the work to local contractors, where it is unable to meet its obligations itself. DCC has just approved a capital grant to purchase some equipment but a revenue grant application would seem to be problematic. Some more “flesh on the bones” is needed before the concept can be floated with DCC.

Bus Shelter at Tuckenhay An inspection of the roof is necessary and there is water ingress that has affected the notice board.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm Next Meeting will be on Thursday March 4th, 2021 at 7.30pm remotely on ZOOM. Request access code from the Clerk {email address or telephone below} M.J. Read, Parish Clerk – spooks49@michaelread.plus.com. Tel 01803 732047.

Completing the 2021 Census The census is coming!

Households across the South Hams will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

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All households should complete the census on Sunday 21 March 2021 or as soon as possible after. You can complete your questionnaire before 21 March. If your household circumstances change on Census Day, you can let us know. You must complete the census questionnaire by law or you could be fined up to £1,000.

You can fill in your census questionnaire online and get help to do this at our Census Support Centres. There will be questions about your household, and some about each person living there. If you're aged 16 years or over, you can answer these privately. You can request a paper version and there will be support in different languages and accessible formats.

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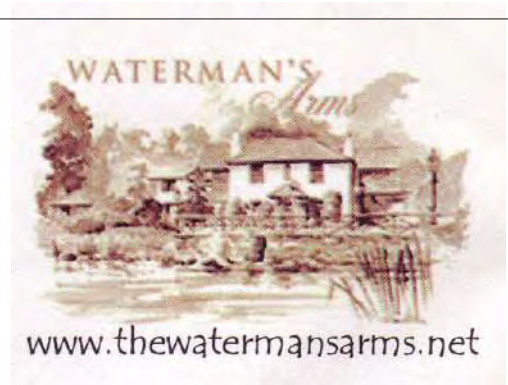


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Calendar for November

St David's Ashprington

website: <https://ashpringtonchurch.org/>

Church open daily 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

St Peter's Cornworthy

Church open daily 9:30am - 4:00 pm

Holy Week across the Team:

Holy Week begins on Monday March 29. We are planning some team-based ways of journeying together through the Stations of the Cross and moving towards Easter. Ideas and details will be discussed in the coming weeks, but include short pilgrimages (actual and virtual), shared worship and time for reflection and contemplation.

St George's Dittisham

MARCH 7TH 0915 VILLAGE WORSHIP
 MARCH 14TH 0915 EUCHARIST
 MARCH 21ST 0915 EUCHARIST led by
 The Venerable Douglas Dettmer
 MARCH 28TH 0915 EUCHARIST
check notice board for Tuesday services and to confirm

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