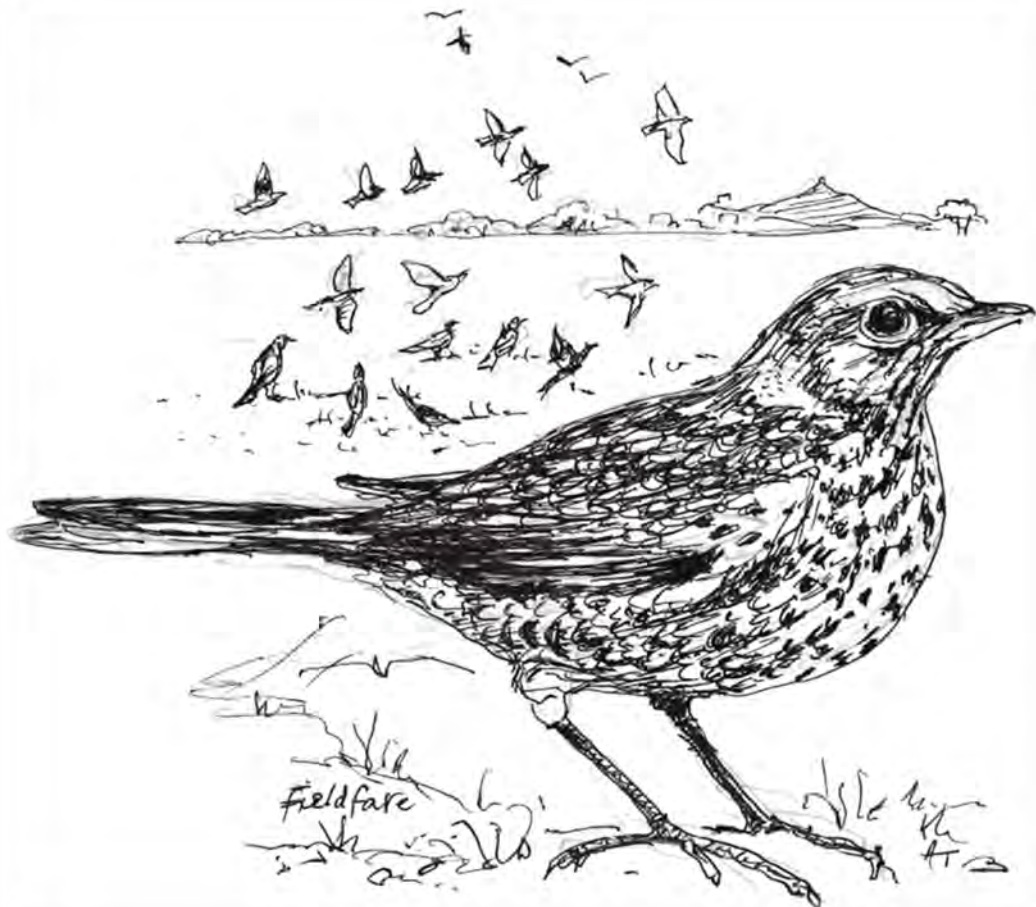


# PARISH NEWS

FOR THE BENEFICE OF:  
CHILLATON, CORYTON,  
DUNTERTON, LAMERTON, MARYSTOWE,  
MILTON ABBOT AND  
SYDENHAM DAMEREL.



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## Diary Dates

Event	October 2025	November 2025
<b>Coffee Mornings</b>		
Coffee and Company, Priest's Room, Lamerton 10 - 12pm	3, 17, 31	14, 28
Sydenham Damerel from 10.30am	4	1
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12pm	11, 25	8, 22
<b>Church and other events</b>		
Safeguarding Training—Domestic Abuse, Christchurch, Estover 10am - 1pm	1	
52nd Annual Handbell Festival, Lamerton Community & Sports Centre, 7pm	11	
Dunterton River Walk, 11am, Dunterton Cross	19	
Milton Abbot Players, Comdey Play, Lamerton Hall,		13 - 15
Milton Abbott Church Christmas Fair 10am - 1pm		15

**Magazine deadline for December '25/January 2026  
edition is**

**end of day: Saturday 15th November 2025**

*Thank you for your timely submissions - they are gratefully appreciated.*

# From the Vicarage . . .



Dear friends

We're now well into the new school year, and beginning our run of Harvest Festivals. This season is known as 'Creationtide' in the church calendar, but I do sometimes wonder if these things are more to remind those living in cities – surrounded by it we can't help but recognise God's creation all year round!

On the 19<sup>th</sup> October Prison Sunday is being marked at Lamerton, when we have our local Prison Chaplain preaching. Then Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> is Bible Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the Bible, let me know. I'm preaching at all three services and am always happy for requests as to what you might want addressed—I can't make any promises to include them, but I do enjoy a challenge! All queries will be treated in confidence, of course.

Towards the end of October and through November we move towards the 'dusk' of the church year. All Souls and All Saints tide, followed closely by Remembrance, are times for reflection and a pause. On All Saints' Sunday at 11am we celebrate the Patronal Festival of Dunterton Church, and then in the evening at 6.30pm please do join us for a quiet service of Reflection, where we'll have the opportunity to light candles in prayer for loved ones as part of this special service. It will be a precious and sacred time.

Then we mark the start of the Advent season on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November with the ever-popular Carols at Theale, with mulled wine and mince pies. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November is Advent Sunday, the first day of the new church year (Year A) when we'll have a United Benefice Service.

Our Advent Groups begin before the next edition of Parish News (see below) and on page 26 you'll see a few 'save the dates' for Christmas services. They aren't set in stone and there will be more—but put them in your calendars. Speaking of which, if anyone knows where I can get hold of a blow-up Christingle costume do let me know!

Finally, I want to say how blessed I feel being here among you all. Looking at things with the eyes of a newcomer, I am seeing so much of



God in individuals and in the life of these parishes as a whole. Every single individual is treasured by God, and every single person reflects a different facet of God's being in the world. I know sometimes it is a plod, especially as the days darken, but please do be encouraged—God has promised blessing on our churches and communities. Keep praying with me for that.

With love in Christ,

Gill

### **The Reverend Gillian George**

*Priest in Charge of the Parishes of Milton Abbot, Dunterton, Lamerton, Sydenham Damerel, Marystowe and Coryton, known as the South Tamar Mission Community*

## **Advent Groups**

...will run for 4 weeks beginning the last week in November

**Mondays 7pm at the Vicarage, repeated on  
Wednesdays 10.45am in the Priest Room**

Contact Rev Gill for more info.

## **Our next PCC meetings**

**Coryton—6pm Monday 22nd September**

Coryton House, Coryton EX20 4PA

**Lamerton & Sydenham Damerel—7pm Tuesday 23rd September**

The Priest's Room, Lamerton, PL19 8RN

**Marystowe—either Thursday 16th or 30th Oct, tba**

Save the dates—usual time and place (Guy and Janet's house)

**Milton Abbot & Dunterton—7pm Tuesday 27th January 2026**

The Reading Room, Milton Abbot Village Hall, PL19 0PP

The PCC is an elected group of people who work in cooperation with the minister to promote the whole mission of the Church in each parish. It is the place where ideas for the future are discussed, and can impact the wellbeing of the whole parish. If you would like to come and observe a PCC meeting, or want to know more without getting roped in, contact Rev. Gill.

## BIBLE READINGS (Year C)

*Please use the readings published in the Parish Magazine and your own Bibles.*

DATE	1st READING	PSALM (if used)	2nd READING	GOSPEL
<b>Sunday 5th October*</b>  Trinity 16 / Proper 22 (Green)	Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4	37.1-9	2 Timothy 1.1-14	Luke 17.5-10
<b>Sunday 12th October*</b>  Trinity 17 / Proper 23 (Green)	2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c	111	2 Timothy 2.8-15	Luke 17.11-19
<b>Sunday 19th October*</b>  Trinity 18 / Prisons Sunday (Green)	Jeremiah 29.10-14	n/a	Ephesians 2.1-10	Luke 7.36-50
<b>Sunday 26th October</b>  Last after Trinity / Bible Sunday (Green)	Isaiah 45.22-25	119.129- 136	Romans 15.1-6	Luke 4.16-24

<b>*Harvest Festival Readings</b>  (for use in Harvest Festivals instead of the Sunday readings)	Amos 8.4-7	(113)	1 Timothy 2.1-7	Luke 16.1-13
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## BIBLE READINGS (Year A)

*Please use the readings published in the Parish Magazine and your own Bibles*

DATE	1st READING	PSALM (if used)	2nd READING	GOSPEL
<b>Sunday 2nd November</b>  All Saints' Sunday (Gold/White)	Daniel 7.1-3, 15- 18	149	Ephesians 1.11-23	Luke 6.20-31
<b>Sunday 9th November</b>  Remembrance (Red)	Job 19.23-27a	17.1-9	2 Thess. 2.1-5, 13- 17	Luke 20.27-38
<b>Sunday 16th November</b>  2 before Advent (Red)	Malachi 4.1-2a	98	2 Thess. 3.6-13	Luke 21.5-19
<b>Sunday 23rd November</b>  Christ the King (Red)	Jeremiah 23.1-6	46	Colossians 1.11-20	Luke 23.33-43
<b>Sunday 30th November</b>  Advent Sunday (Purple)	Isaiah 2.1-5	122	Romans 13.11-end	Matthew 24.36-44

The readings may end with either ***'This is the Word of the Lord'***,  
or ***'For the Word of the Lord'***  
to which we are invited to respond ***'Thanks be to God'***.



MILTON ABBOT CHURCH

# CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
10AM - 1PM

PL19 OPA, located between Tavistock & Launceston

The church will be full to the brim with lots of different hand crafted gift ideas for those special festive presents. Light refreshments available. Free Admission.

**EXTRA PARKING AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL**

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE EMAIL  
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*and the  
winner is..*

## **Lucky Lamerton Lottery!**

**The winning numbers are:**

**August 2025 – 41**

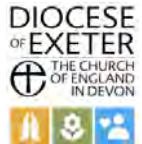
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***Congratulations to our winners***

**All proceeds go towards St Peters Church, Lamerton.**



## **WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD OR VULNERABLE ADULT?**



Please speak to your Parish Safeguarding Representative if you have any concerns for the well-being of a child or adult, or about the behaviour of someone towards a child or adult.

**If you think someone is at immediate risk of harm, dial 999.**

**The South Tamar Benefice Safeguarding Representative is  
Julie Hibbert**

**Phone 01822 618221**

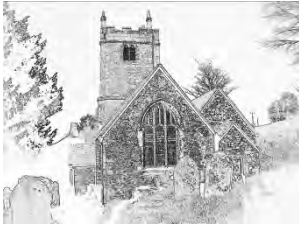
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**Or contact Rev'd Gill George on 07947 604160**

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## St. Andrew's, Coryton



### UPDATE ON CORYTON CHURCH BELL TOWER

Work has finally started on the bell tower. The scaffolding is now fully installed. We had to change scaffolder and the new team have done a brilliant job surrounding the tower with multiple platforms for access to the top of the walls in readiness for repointing and hoisting the lead up to the roof.

The top 2 metres of the walls and the pinnacles are in need of repair so that work is being done now, before work starts on the new lead roof. Work has also started to clean up the bell chamber where a couple of jackdaws have made their home, and repairs will be made to the louvered windows so they don't come back! Again, many thanks for all who sent donations without which this would not be happening. We have raised over £12,000!

**Harvest Festival** this year is on Sunday **12th October at the usual time of 6.30pm**. This has always been a popular service with substantial refreshments afterwards. Do come and join us.



**Remembrance Sunday.** This year Coryton is hosting Marystowe Parish at **10.45am on Sunday 9th November**. Last year at Marystowe we had a wonderful display of information and memorabilia related to local people who served in various conflicts.

This year, as we commemorate the 80th anniversaries of both VE Day and VJ Day we will have a smaller but similar display, including a booklet detailing connections of local people with the war in the Far East. ***Find out how a kingfisher played a vital role for one local resident!***

***Josie Whitfield***



# All Saint's Church, Dunterton



We were delighted to be the chosen venue for Glen & Tessa's wedding at the end of August. The featured photo shows one of the wonderful flower displays done by the bride's mother for the church.

Thank you to all those who helped make sure All Saint's was looking its absolute best on the day, both church volunteers and family and friends of the bride and groom. We wish the happy couple all the very best for the future.

Our service on 7<sup>th</sup> September was led by Richard with Gill in attendance followed by refreshments after.

We also took the opportunity to collect items for the Launceston Foodbank – thank you to all who contributed.

**River Walk, Sunday 19th October** – As we write this we are in planning mode for this year's walk with fingers firmly crossed for better weather than 2024 when we had to cancel due to Storm Ashley. This fund-raising event is a firm favourite with all walkers living in the area – c.450 people took part in 2023. Starting and ending at Dunterton Cross (from 11.00 to 15.00), the 5.5 mile circular route will follow the same path as 2023 with parking in the field by the church. Dogs welcome, on leads please. Refreshments including hot and cold drinks and a selection of cakes will be available to purchase towards the end of the walk. A wonderful opportunity for our wider community to get together in our beautiful local countryside – please do join us!



*Derek Youds*

SERVICES AT DUNTERTON CHURCH – DATE & TIME	
Sunday 2nd November	11.00 a.m.—All Saints Service
Thursday 25th December	9:30am—Christmas Service

# St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel



Looking at the wellies and the steaming dog  
currently in my kitchen, safe to say  
Autumn has arrived with a bang rather than a  
Whimper!  
But wasn't Summer lovely?

A particular highlight for Sydenham Damerel was the 'Pimm's and Strings' fundraiser held on a beautiful summer evening in August. The audience were resplendent; dressed as for Henley Regatta with more straw hats and pretty dresses than you could shake a stick at! The always-willing events team had decorated the churchyard with bunting, and it was lovely to meet Reverend Gill at her first public engagement in Sydenham Damerel. To add to the atmosphere of a perfect summer evening, Mike Forster kicked the evening off by ringing the bells of St Mary's.

Janet Giles had done a marvellous job collecting an amazing array of raffle prizes and the raffle made a wonderful £159.

This was even more remarkable when you consider that we had a limited capacity of 50 tickets!

The Sydenham Strings were formed by three violin-playing friends for fun.

They regularly practice in St. Mary's and had never really planned to play in public!

However, cajoled by the ever-persuasive Peter Hurdwell, they stepped up when asked.

David, Roz and Rob treated us to a lovely varied programme including Einaudi, Haydn and Keane, with a tango thrown in for good measure.

Fionnula Kirby, the talented Celtic Harpist, played beautifully for us and singer Alfie Forer brought the house down with his rendition of 'If I was a Rich Man'.

The evening raised a phenomenal £550 for the St. Mary's fundraising campaign. Thank you!



On the 15<sup>th</sup> August the village commemorated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ day at a sombre and reflective gathering at the Village Hub.

We recognised the emotional complexities and multi-faceted nature around this particular date. We had 80 strikes of the tenor bell, the Kohima Epitaph, the Last Post and a two minute silence.

The village book club is up and running after the summer, the next book is The Midnight Hour by Eve Chase.

As ever, there is plenty to look forward to in Sydenham Damerel.

Our next event is the Community Barn Dance on the 18<sup>th</sup> October.

This will be held at Chapel Barn and will be great fun - tickets are available now! We look forward to seeing you.

**Gail Cullen**





## St. Peter's Lamerton

A beautiful Summers evening made Phill's Farewell and Gill's Hello Service at Theale a very thoughtful and memorable occasion.



The Lamerton Hand bell Ringers joined us with a rendition of Now Is the Hour and Jude seemed to enjoy sitting on the Tractor.

Patrick and Bruce together with Rosalind and Sue did a fine job of providing us with a very tasty BBQ.

Many thanks to Richard for his help in setting up and next day putting all away and thanks to Robert for his car parking help too.



A number of us went see Phill instituted in his new position at St. Andrews Church, Ashburton. We wish him, Morag and Jude all the very best for the future.

We hope to see you at our Harvest Service on 5th October at 6.30pm which will be followed with a 'Bring and Share Supper'.

# St. Mary's Church, Marystowe

On 26th July we held our second annual Chillaton & Marystowe Fun Day.

Once again we had the Wellies ready for wanging, a 'Rat' to be splatted with many other games, prizes to be won, competitions to be played, a fundraising raffle, delicious cakes & BBQ treats and of course, the return of our ever popular Debbie's Doughnut Challenge!



Great fun was had by all during the day with much merriment and dancing at the BBQ and music in the evening.

We thank everyone who helped make the event happen and of course everyone who attended and made the day such fun.

We are pleased to announce that we raised £300 from our raffle, for the CICU/ICU Secret Garden at Derriford Hospital and thank all the local businesses and community for so generously supporting this.



The Unit was incredibly grateful to us all

and have given us this lovely certificate.

They have promised they will let us know how they have spent the donation in due course!

As visitors to us will see, our Churchyard is looking as lovely as ever and we thank James and all volunteers for their continued efforts at keeping it in shape.



(Picture courtesy of James Hitchcock.)

# St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot



It was a joy to see the church so full to welcome Revd Gill at her Licensing service on 22nd July.

Very many thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a lovely evening, whether by participating in the service or by helping with the catering and drinks, beautiful flowers and ringing the bells.

A month later we said farewell and God-speed to Phill, Morag and Jude on a beautiful summer evening at Theale with Songs of Praise and a BBQ; many thanks to Ian and Angie for hosting us.

Just under a fortnight later some of us made our way over to Ashburton for Phill's Licensing – a lovely service which was further enlivened by contributions from Jude! Many thanks to Gill for driving the minibus – I for one wasn't looking forward to driving home from there in the dark!

Gill has met with the churchwardens and discussed our programme of services for the rest of this year.

Please do join us for our Harvest Festival on Sunday 12th October at 4pm; your contributions will be most welcome and, as previously, dried and tinned goods will be donated to Tavistock Food Bank and fresh items distributed locally.

Then we will have a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 26th October at 11am.

In November we will have a Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November at 10.45am and a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 23rd November at 11am.

In December, as we move through Advent towards Christmas, we are planning a Carol Service on Sunday 14th December at 4pm, as well as Holy Communion on Sunday 21st December at 11am and a Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve.

And, as there will be five Sundays in December, we will also have a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 28th December at 11am.

Pat is once more sewing like a maniac in preparation for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 15th November in the church.

We will have a full quota of stalls for you to buy from, including some stallholders who have not been here before – an excellent opportunity for you to do your Christmas shopping and then to have a cup of coffee and a slice of cake while catching up on all the local news!

We are also looking for donations of bottles, chocolates, nice biscuits etc and any other Christmassy items for raffle or tombola prizes; if you can donate anything could you please let me or Pat Lovell have them before the Fair – many thanks.

***Liz Padmore***



# IN PICTURES: A FAREWELL FATHER PHILL & FAMILY AND A WELCOME TO REVEREND GILL & FAMILY







## A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

### When I Am Afraid

Are you afraid of snakes? How about the dark - are you afraid of the dark? Are you ever afraid during a thunderstorm? Well, the fact is, we are all afraid of something. Even the rich and famous have their fears. Listen to a few of them.

**THE FEAR OF CLOWNS:** You have probably heard of Johnny Depp. He was the star of "Pirates of the Caribbean." You might be surprised to know that the sight of a clown makes this brave pirate shake in his boots! Yes, he is afraid of clowns.



**THE FEAR OF HEIGHTS:** Actor Liam Neeson is one of many people who share this fear.



**THE FEAR OF INSECTS:** Do creepy crawly bugs scare you? Well, you are not alone. Actress Scarlett Johansson is afraid of cockroaches, Nicole Kidman can't stand butterflies, and singer Justin Timberlake is afraid of spiders.

One day Jesus was with his disciples in the temple. The disciples were commenting on how beautiful the temple was when Jesus began to tell them about some things that were going to happen. He told them that the temple would one day be destroyed and that there would be wars, earthquakes, and people starving. He also told them that they were going to be hated and persecuted and even thrown into prison. Those are pretty scary things, aren't they? It would be understandable for the disciples to be afraid, but Jesus told them not to be afraid. He promised that he would be with them and that not a hair on their heads would be harmed if they put their trust in him.



Jesus has also promised to help us when we are afraid. Everyone is afraid of something, and fear can be a good thing, but we should not let our fears keep us from enjoying the life that Jesus wants us to have. After all, he has promised to help us when we are afraid.

Dear Jesus, we put our faith and trust in your promise to be with us when we are afraid. Amen.

## Signs of the End of the Age

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2

The puzzle is based on Luke 21:5-28 (NIV).



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## A Story on the Theme of Compassion

### The Grandfather's Table

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table, but the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his fork onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.



The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about Grandfather," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor." Therefore, the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's

direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days, he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled or the tablecloth soiled.







Terry Neild  
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees  
Lamerton Hall  
Green Hill  
Lamerton

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Dear Residents of Lamerton

### Lamerton Hall: A Call for Volunteers!

As you all know, Lamerton Hall is a vital community hub, hosting diverse events that enrich our village life. Its continued success relies on dedicated volunteers. We urgently need more helping hands to maintain and enhance our services.

We are seeking volunteers to **join the Board of Trustees**. This is a direct opportunity to shape the Hall's future. No prior experience is necessary; just a willingness to contribute time and ideas. The Board meets quarterly, overseeing finances, bookings, and planning.

### Beyond the Board, you can assist with:

**Event Support:** We always need assistance with setting up, running, and clearing up after events. This could involve anything from serving refreshments to helping arrange seating or managing entry.

**Hall Maintenance:** If you have practical skills or simply a willingness to help, we welcome volunteers to assist with general maintenance tasks, minor repairs, cleaning, and gardening to keep the Hall and its grounds looking their best.

Volunteering is a great way to meet people and contribute to our community. Your contribution, big or small, makes a difference.

If you are interested in joining the Board or helping with events/maintenance, please contact me, Terry Neild, [chair@lamerton-hall.co.uk](mailto:chair@lamerton-hall.co.uk) or Katie Ayland, [secretary@lamerton-hall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@lamerton-hall.co.uk). Alternatively, come down to one of our bi-weekly coffee mornings and speak to one of the trustees who will be in attendance. We look forward to hearing from you.

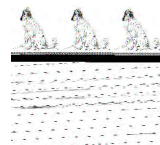
Thank you for considering this appeal. Together, we can ensure Lamerton Hall remains a thriving heart of our village.

Warm regards,

Terry Neild,

Chairperson, Board of Trustees,

Lamerton Hall



Round the corner comes Jack Fall,  
Dressed in yellow, dressed in brown,  
'Goodbye, summer,' hear him call  
As he wanders through the town.

'Give her a kiss and wish her well,  
Give her a gold and silver chain.  
Tell her you love her,' said Jack Fall.  
'And bring her back this way again.'

This autumn is rich in blackberries, apples, mushrooms and slugs, as the rain sweeps in. There have been a lot of butterflies, particularly white ones. The swifts and swallows, cuckoos and willow warblers are gone, but the winter migrants are coming to bring cheer

on their wings. The winter thrushes, the redwings and fieldfares come in large flocks from the harsh Arctic winters of Europe. Wild swans, Whooper and Bewick's, join our resident Mute Swans, and geese and waders come to our lakes and estuaries.

The Gulf Stream is the cause of our milder winters, but climate scientists tell us that ocean currents are shifting with melting ice from the North Pole. Global warming could actually make us colder. (Simon Barnes RSPB Magazine Autumn 2025). It could also affect fish migration as currents change.



Fish, especially salmon, have a brilliant sense of smell, or olfactory sense. This is how salmon find their way back to their natal river after years spent miles away at sea. Scottish salmon rivers are spring fed. The springs bubble up sometimes from hundreds of feet underground and each has a different chemical composition and different temperature reading. However dilute or polluted the scent of the different stream and its varied mineral content, salmon can pick out the scent of their home stream again. (The Salmon; Michael Wigan; William Collins, London 2013).

For a long time it was believed that birds cannot smell. But recent research has proved this to be a myth. Despite their highly developed visual and auditory systems, their elaborate plumage and complex vocalisations, birds can smell and have olfactory acuity as good as a rat's.

family by smell.

Pigeons find their way home by smell. Homing pigeons reared behind glass screens (with a view but no wind) had difficulty navigating home compared to those raised behind a palisade (no view but exposed to wind) who returned home easily. (Marc Gilles, Bielefeld University; BTO News Autumn 2025).





# Lamerton Handbell Ringers



It was a great pleasure for the Team to ring “Now is the hour to say good-bye” to Rev’d Phill Parker, Morag and Jude at The Special Service held at Theale on 22nd August.

He had always been very supportive of the Team during his time with us especially at our Annual Handbell Festival last October when he kindly presented the awards.

We all wish him well as he moves on to “pastures new” at Ashburton.

Looking ahead - we have functions booked leading up to Xmas in particular:

52nd Annual Handbell Festival  
Lamerton Sports & Community Centre  
Saturday 11th October 2025  
7pm  
FREE ADMISSION - Draw and Refreshments

This year’s chosen Charity is T.A.S.S. - Tavistock Area Support Services. Teams taking part from all over Devon and Cornwall including ‘CLAPPER CHAOS, a group of 4 young N.H.S Workers from Poole, Dorset who will finish the Festival with some really wonderful performances - SOMETHING NOT TO BE MISSED!

All are very welcome.



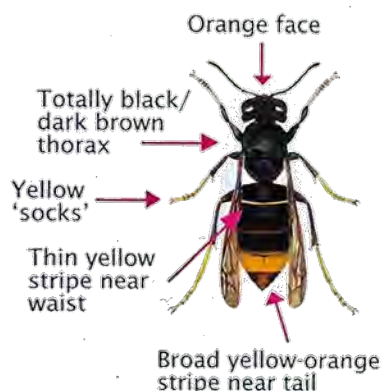
# Be Alert for Asian hornets!

Asian or yellow-legged hornets (scientific name *Vespa velutina*) were accidentally introduced into France in around 2004. Now they have spread through much of Western Europe. They are serious predators of honey bees, and also attack bumblebees, solitary bees and other insects.

They defend their nests aggressively and will attack anyone who gets too close: **never approach a nest**. Since 2016, there have been sightings of the Asian hornet in the UK, and a few nests have been found.

## Asian hornet

actual size



Asian hornets are generally smaller (25-30 mm head to tail) than our native hornet, the European hornet (*Vespa crabro*), which is 30-35 mm head to tail (but can seem much bigger!). They are easy to distinguish because Asian hornets are mostly dark brown/black, with yellow 'socks' and an orange-yellow band near the tail. Native hornets look like very large wasps, with brown legs and bright yellow and black/brown markings. Native hornets fly both night and day, while Asian hornets fly only during the day.

**If you see this insect  
PLEASE REPORT IT!**



Asian hornet  
**REPORT**



Native hornet  
**do not report**

The best way to report the Asian hornet is by using the app: '**Asian Hornet Watch**', or you can send photos and location details to:  
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For identification help and advice in your area, go to [www.bbka.org.uk](http://www.bbka.org.uk) (British Beekeepers' Association), hover over **Asian Hornet** and choose **Asian Hornet Action Team** map from the dropdown menu. Click on a pin on the map for local contact details.





## GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG

Sun-dried tomatoes? Mmmm? I have wondered about them with the lovely hot sunny days we've had.

A metal tray with them scattered on, put under glass in the sunshine, but with lots of hot convected air passing over them? Oh well, maybe next year?

But, if you are keen, and you still have some, you can do them in the oven or air fryer.

The RHS magazine recommends - cut side up on a baking tray lined with parchment paper. Sprinkle with salt and herbs and bake in the oven at 100 deg C for 4 - 6 hours. Perhaps you don't want to use the electricity and don't have the hours either? Me too!

Do you remember those hot sunny days? Oh well, dry/wet, hot/cold.

Bonfire Night is coming. Dark nights. Mustn't grumble, though gardeners do!

Too much of everything. It has been a strange year.

The apples have done very well though and a lot of fallen ones have been good enough to find their way into a lovely crunchy crumble. There are still a lot on the trees.

Some eaters, lots of cookers. If you haven't got apple trees look for a neighbour who has! They'll probably be glad to give you a few.

Think spring! Bulbs for a lovely bright, colourful display. Lots of choice out there and a little bit of work now will bring a stunning reward. Now is the time to think ahead and look forward positively with hope and a catalogue. Pots to like!



And, as we go into darker nights do remember the flowers in your garden, how they were, and think which you want to see again. Pictured here are just two of mine. Nicotiana and dahlia. Both red, but very different. Can you see which one is smiling at you?

I'm fond of nicotianas.

They are easy to grow from seed and there are very many varieties. Look forward to your garden in spring.



## Tower Talk



The Lamerton bellringers report that they have rung for all the services over the last two months.

Monday practices have been well attended, sometimes with visitors from other towers, and our learners and improvers still maintain their progress.

We have rung at Milton Abbot for services, including Rev Gill's licensing and on Aug 15th we rang at five of the churches in the benefice to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VJ Day.



At the end of August we rang for a wedding at Dunterton and we are looking forward to a social evening later in September.

As ever we're still hoping to recruit a couple more learners.

**William Dawe**

### A note of thanks from Rev Gill

*I grew up hearing the church bells along the valley summoning folk to church—including me! I've always loved church bells but never rung them, so must thank our local bellringers for showing me how to toll the bells of St Constantine for my Licensing. I thoroughly enjoyed it, as you could tell!*

*Every time I come to lead a service and hear the bells ringing to announce that church is alive and well and happening right now it brings me joy. Bellringing for services is an important ministry, and I know even those who don't come to church still find comfort in the reminder that the church is gathering and praying on behalf of the wider community. So THANK YOU!*



## Safeguarding News

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### **Safeguarding training - Domestic Abuse**

Please note that the face to face training session at Clearbrook on 3rd October has been cancelled as the diocese is running a session at

**Christchurch, Estover  
on Wednesday 1st October  
10am until 1pm**

Domestic Abuse refresher training every 3 years is a must for those working with children and/or vulnerable adults.

To book a place either visit [Safeguarding Training Online Booking Form - Diocese of Exeter](#) or phone Ruth Puttnam 01392 294929

***Julie Hibbert***

Your Parish safeguarding reps are:

**Lamerton:** Julie Hibbert; 01822 618221;

julie.hibbert3@btinternet.com

**Sydenham Damerel:** Janet Giles; JLGiles89@yahoo.co.uk

**Milton Abbot/Dunterton:** Derek Youds; dyouds@aol.com;

**Coryton:** Jane Vicat; 01822 860254; janevicat@gmail.com

**Marystowe:** Anita Townsend; 01822 860123; 07734809551

Mongoosemoondaisy12@gmail.com

***If you are concerned for the immediate safety of someone,  
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# Harvest Festivals

Sydenham Damerel - 6.30pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Lamerton - 6.30pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Milton Abbot - 4pm Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Coryton - 6.30pm Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Marystowe - 9.30am Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October



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## Advent & Christmas diary dates so far

*not set in stone so watch out for changes in the next magazine!*

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Benefice Carol Service 6pm at Theale<br><i>in the barn with mulled wine and mince pies</i>   |
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Benefice Advent Sunday Communion 9.30am at Marystowe   |
| Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Crib & Christingle Service 4pm at Lamerton   |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Carol Service 4pm at Milton Abbot<br>Carols & Christingle 6.30pm at Coryton  |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec | Carol Service 6.30pm at Lamerton<br>Carol Service 6.30pm at Sydenham Damerel   |
| Christmas Eve            | Crib Service, 4pm at Milton Abbot<br>Carols Around The Tree 6pm at Marystowe<br>Christmas Communion 6.30pm at Marystowe<br>Midnight Mass 11.30pm at Lamerton |
| Christmas Day            | Christmas Communion & Breakfast 9am at Dunterton<br>Christmas Communion 10.30am at Sydenham Damerel<br>Christmas Communion 11.15am at Coryton                |



## LAMERTON WI

**Tuesday 7th October 2:00pm**

Birthday Singalong

Competition: Salt & Pepper Pot.

Raffle & Tea

**Tuesday 4th November 2.00pm**

Goosey Quilters

Competition: Knitting Neesle Case.

Raffle and Tea

*All meetings held at Lamerton Village Hall  
New members welcome*

*Winner is..* **Lucky Lamerton Lottery!**

**The winning numbers are:**

**August 2025 – 41**

**September 2025 – 76**

***Congratulations to our winners***

**All proceeds go towards St Peters Church, Lamerton.**



## **Lamerton Art Group**

**We are looking for new members!**

We are a small friendly group of artists who support and help one another. We have the occasional inspiration of a demonstration or talk by a professional artist.

We meet on Thursday mornings between 10am and 1pm at the Lamerton Community Centre.

*Do come and join us.*

Please contact: **Elaine Price, email: [elainejprice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elainejprice@hotmail.co.uk)**



# LAMERTON HALL

## Upcoming Events

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**30**

**AUG**

### CHESTNUT APPEAL INFORMATION MORNING - 10AM TO 12PM

The Chestnut Appeal are attending our coffee morning to give advice and information about prostate, penile and testicular cancers, providing support and raising awareness for men's health issues

**26**

**SEP**

### HARVEST AUCTION - 6.30PM

Our annual Harvest Auction is packed with local goods, hearty treats, and fabulous opportunities! Come bid, mingle and enjoy an autumn evening bursting with community spirit and festive fun with a pasty and a pint.

**25**

**OCT**

### AUTUMN QUIZ - 7PM

Another chance to be crowned the winner of the Lamerton Hall Quiz nights or go home with a wooden spoon...come along and test your knowledge. BYO drinks and snacks.

**29**

**NOV**

### CHRISTMAS FAIR - 10AM TO 1PM

The annual Christmas Fair, this year run by FOLS is a lovely celebration of all things Christmas and food. Come along and enjoy the festivities.

**13**

**DEC**

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAWER - 10AM TO 12PM

Our Christmas Hamper Drawer will be taking place at our coffee morning with lots of lovely hampers for the winners.

**13**

**DEC**

### CHRISTMAS QUIZ - 7PM

Come along by yourself or with a team of six for a fun night of quizzing at the final quiz night of the year.

**SAT**

**TUES**

### COFFEE MORNINGS - EVERY OTHER SATURDAY - 10AM

### BINGO - EVERY OTHER TUESDAY - 7PM

**WANT TO ADD AN EVENT... CONTACT US**

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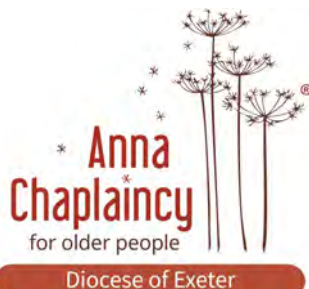
At the recent meeting of the Benefice Pastoral Care Team on the 24th June, it was agreed that we should run a locally based Anna Friends Training Course in October. With Rev. Andy leaving and Rev. Phill holding the fort with support from Tim Thompson and Richard Searight, there was a recognition that many of our older folk, who can no longer physically attend our church services, should be supported as much as possible by our local lay people. Anna Friends work alongside Anna Chaplains ( Annie Jefferies and Josie Whitfield ) to offer varying degrees of spiritual support. This might be personal visits to people's home, telephone support or taking worship services in care homes.

All six of our churches have parishioners in their later years and when falls or illness make people housebound, we should have a flexible team who can visit these people at home. It would therefore be ideal to have one or two people from each church who might consider doing the Anna Friends course which is done over three training sessions of two hours each.

The course will cover:-

- what it means to be a good and focused listener
- the ageing process , grief and loss
- what is dementia and how can we meaningfully engage with individuals and their families
- how to select helpful Bible readings
- writing simple prayers
- offering people Holy Communion at home

The course will run in October, dates to be agreed depending on what is convenient to those wishing to attend. For more details contact Annie ( 614178) or Josie (07989 666427).



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**Every other Friday, 10am-12pm, at the Priest  
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Lamerton.**

**Everyone welcome!**

After the success of the Warm Hub, several people wished to carry on meeting and wanted more people to come along too, so we have relaunched as Coffee & Company.

Coffee & Company will be on the alternate week to the village coffee morning that takes place on a Saturday every other week, but do check the church calendar regularly as it doesn't always follow an exact alternating pattern:  
[www.southtamar.church/calendar/](http://www.southtamar.church/calendar/)

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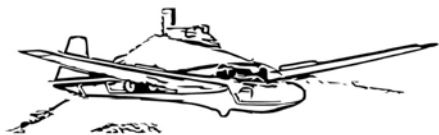
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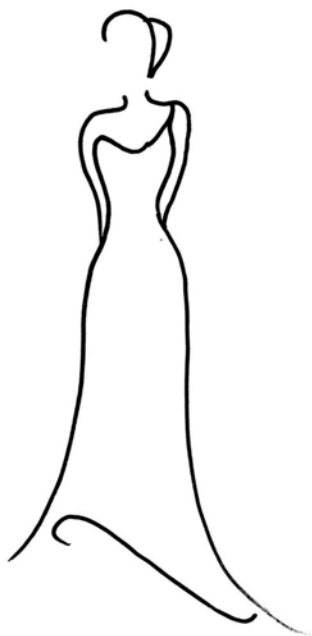


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<b>Services for October 2025</b>				
<b>Sun 5th</b> Oct Trinity 16 (Green)	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion Marystowe			<b>6.30pm</b> Harvest Festival Lamerton
<b>Sun 12th</b> Oct Trinity 17 (Green)		<b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion Sydenham Damerel	<b>4pm</b> Harvest Festival Milton Abbot	<b>6.30pm</b> Harvest Festival Coryton
<b>Sun 19th</b> Oct Prison Sunday (Green)	<b>9.30am</b> Harvest Festival Marystowe	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion Lamerton		
<b>Sun 26th</b> Oct Bible Sunday (Green)		<b>11 am</b> Holy Communion Milton Abbot	<b>4pm</b> Holy Communion Coryton	<b>6.30pm</b> Songs of Praise Sydenham Damerel
<b>Every</b> <b>Wednesday</b>		<b>10am Midweek Communion</b> in the Priest Room, Lamerton		

Services for November 2025					
Sun 2nd Nov All Saints' Sunday (Gold/White)	9.30am Holy Communion Marystowe	11am Patronal Festival Dunterton			
Sun 9th Nov Remembrance Sunday (Red)	10.30am Communion Sydenham Damerel	Act of Remembrance 10.20 parade then 11am Church Lamerton	10.45am Remembrance Service Coryton	10.45am Remembrance Service Milton Abbot	
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance	11am Act of Remembrance Sydenham Damerel				
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2 before Advent (Red)	9.30am Morning Praise Marystowe	11am Holy Communion Lamerton			
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov Christ the King (Red)		11 am Holy Communion Milton Abbot	4pm Holy Communion Coryton	6.30pm Songs of Praise Sydenham Damerel	
Friday 28th	6pm Carol Service at Theale				
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov Advent Sunday (Purple)	9.30am United Benefice Holy Communion Marystowe				
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