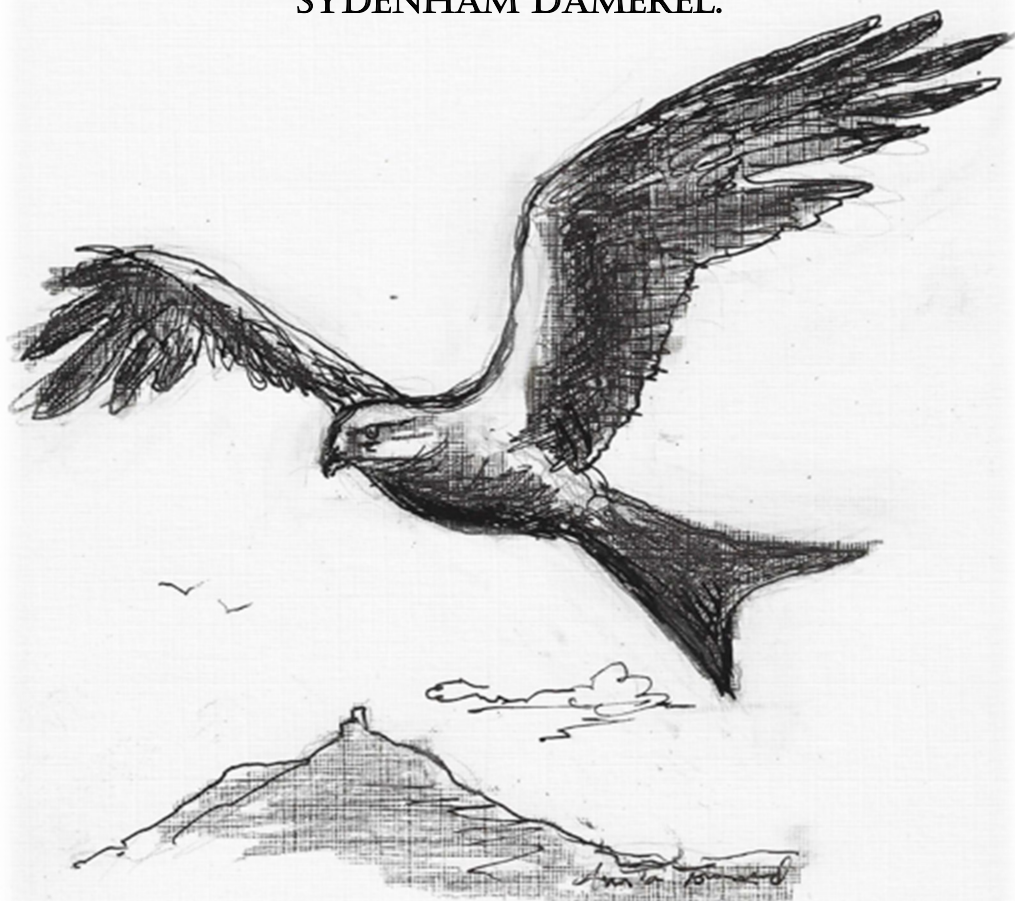


# PARISH NEWS

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## Diary Dates

Event	April 2026	May 2026
<b>Coffee Mornings</b>		
Coffee and Company, Priest's Room, Lamerton 10 - 12pm	3, 17	1, 15, 29
Sydenham Damerel from 10.30am	4	2
Lamerton coffee mornings, Community Centre, 10.30 - 12pm	11, 25	9, 23
<b>Church and other events</b>		
4th Annual Dunterton Skittles Competition. Bradstone Manor Barn 7pm	10	
Mount Kelly Choral Society, Coronation Anthems, 7:30pm, Tavistock Town Hall	25	
Quiz Night 7:30pm, Lamerton Hall	25	
Annie's Mammoth Jumble Sale 10am Lamerton Village Hall		2
Country Market, 10am St Constantines, Milton Abbott		16
Music Bingo, Lamerton Hall Doors Open 6:30pm		22
An evening with Squadron Leader Adam Fox-Edwards, ex-RAF Tornado Fighter Pilot, 7pm, St Peters Lamerton		29

**Magazine deadline for the June/July 2026  
edition is**

**end of day: Saturday 9th May 2026**

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

# From the Vicarage . . .



Welcome to the April-May edition of Parish News. These two months are our busiest in the church. We have Holy Week, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost in the liturgical calendar. Running alongside we have our governance and administrative calendar - a run of Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs). APCMs are the church version of an AGM but with added extras.

You might be forgiven for thinking you want to join events with hot cross buns and Easter eggs, but less keen on joining the AGMs! Well, you know what I'm about to say - you'd be missing out.

The church is not a 'club'. I have the 'cure of souls' (perhaps more relatable defined as 'pastoral responsibility') for everyone living in these six parishes (which is why I strongly encourage people to tell me if anyone is sick or bereaved so that I can check if they want a visit). Now, everyone living in the parish has a right to nominate and vote for churchwardens. That vote is at an open parish meeting immediately before the APCM opens. So I would encourage ALL those living in the parish to come along to that "Meeting of Parishioners".

The next thing to avoid missing out on is the Electoral Roll - that gives access to voting, and also, with other criteria fulfilled, confers eligibility for election to PCC.

The PCC is the place to be! There are limited spaces so that it isn't just a talking shop. The PCC is where you can share the management of your local church - and we can't survive without more people on board.

So, join us at Easter and afterwards - for services and also to help keep your churches alive and kicking. In May we have Ascension (for which we're being joined by North Tamar) and Pentecost.

Pentecost is known as "the birthday of the Church" as the powerful breath of the Holy Spirit flowing through the early church was like a scaled-up version of the breath of God breathing life into the first pro-humans in the garden of Eden - what better time to be part of a new breath of life happening in your local church!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Amen.

Yours 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*

## Our next APCM meetings

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.

Coryton's is 6pm on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Josie's House

Lamerton's is 7pm on April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Priest Room

Marystowe's is 7pm on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Guy's House

Milton Abbot's is 7pm on April 30<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall

## BIBLE READINGS (Year C)

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

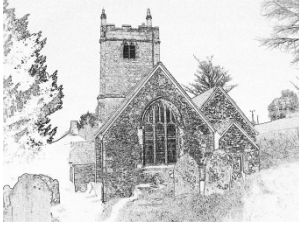
<b>Bible Readings</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>Sun 5th Apr EASTER DAY (Gold/White)</b>	Jeremiah 31.1-6	118.1-2, 14-24	Acts 10.34-43	John 20.1-18
<b>Sun 12th Apr Easter 2 (White)</b>	Acts 2.14a, 22-32	16	1 Peter 1.3-9	John 20.19-end
<b>Sun 19th Apr Easter 3 (White)</b>	Acts 2.14a, 36-41	116.1-3, 10-end	1 Peter 1.17-23	Luke 24.13-35
<b>Sun 26th Apr Easter 4 (White)</b>	Acts 2.42-end	23	1 Peter 2.19-end	John 10.1-10

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'***.

## BIBLE READINGS (Year A)

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<b>Bible Readings</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>Sun 3rd May Easter 5 (White)</b>	Acts 7.55-end	31.1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2.2-10	John 14.1-14
<b>Sun 10th May Easter 6 (White)</b>	Acts 17.22-31	66.7-18	1 Peter 3.13-end	John 14.15-21
<b>Thu 14th May Ascension Day</b>	Acts 1.1-11	47	Ephesians 1.15-end	Luke 24.44-end
<b>Sun 17th May Easter 7 (White)</b>	Acts 1.6-14	68.1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4.12-13, 5.6-11	John 17.1-11
<b>Sun 24th May PENTECOST (Red)</b>	Acts 2.1-21	104.26- 36, 37b	1 Cor. 12.3b-13	John 20.19-23
<b>Sun 31st May TRINITY SUNDAY (Gold/White)</b>	Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end	8	2 Cor. 13.11-end	Matt. 28.16-20



## St. Andrew's, Coryton

As in prior years, the time since Christmas has been quiet in Coryton. Services of Morning Prayer (Matins) continue to be held at 11.15am on the second Sunday of the month with Holy Communion at 4.00pm on the fourth Sunday. Please do check the newsletter which Rev'd Gill sends around each week for any changes to this pattern.

The next special event will be the Walk In Witness which is planned for Good Friday 3rd April. This year the walk will go from St Mary the Virgin in Marystowe to Coryton, setting off from Marystowe at 1100am. Dogs have always been a big part of this as the walkers wend their way along the lanes between hedgerows full of early spring flowers. The walk takes about an hour. On arrival in Coryton Church, there will be food, (including hot cross buns!) crafts, a story and song. This is an event for all ages and especially for children so come and see what it's all about and above all, enjoy!

Easter this year will be celebrated with Easter Holy Communion at 11.15am on Easter Sunday April 5th.

### **Making St Andrew's more accessible.**

The concrete steps and the uneven path leading from the parking area up to the church are not exactly easy to navigate for anyone with limited mobility. This has now been resolved with the addition of a new, level path leading from the lane up to the west (tower) door of the church. The path is wide enough for a wheelchair and has a drainage channel running alongside to reduce any risk of flooding. With many thanks to Niel O'Neill and Chris Gregory.



**Josie Whitfield**

# All Saint's Church, Dunterton



We held our first "Tea & Chat" of the year in February where we discussed our plans for 2026. We will be holding our usual six services during the year. In addition to our Annual River Walk (on Sunday 18th October this year), we are planning more social events in the church during the warmer months, with a musical evening and quiz evening being two of the ideas currently being discussed.

We are delighted to be holding a Morning Praise service on Easter Sunday (5th April) at 11.00.

There will be some Easter Eggs hiding around the church for our younger congregation!

By the time you are reading this, we may already have held 4th Annual Dunterton Skittles Competition, at Bradstone Manor Barn.

This is taking place on Friday 10th April at 19.00 and tickets are available at the door at a cost of £5.



Pasties will be available to purchase and tea/coffee/soft drinks provided. So if you are reading this before 10th – do come and join us!

In Memoriam - We were all very sad to hear of the passing of our dear friend Gerald Napier in February.

Gerald was a strong supporter of the church and generously devoted time to helping maintain the building and its surrounds.

He will be deeply missed by us all and we will remember him and his family in our prayers.

*Christine Youds*

SERVICES AT DUNTERTON CHURCH – DATE & TIME	
Sunday 5th April	11.00 a.m. Morning Praise

# St. Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel



Like everyone else in the County our spirits have been a bit low with the constant rain and mud.

The last few days however have brought sunshine, smiles and daffodils.

A fabulous fundraiser was held in Mary Tavy by the Sydenham Damerel Blowers and Jack of All Trades. Coronation Hall was packed which created a wonderful atmosphere to enjoy the music and the very tasty pasties!

The rather marvellous sum of £1200 was raised.

This will be split evenly between St Mary's and Coronation Hall. A huge thanks to everyone involved and to everyone who came out on a wet and stormy Winter's evening.

The Book Club met recently. We had read *The Passenger* by Ulrich Alexander Boschwitz. There were some very stark parallels with what's currently happening in the world today. This made for some wide-ranging and thought-provoking discussions from Covid to Trump, Ukraine and the politics of Jersey.

If you fancy reading along with us the next book is *The Wasp Trap*, a thriller by Mark Edwards.

The Coffee Mornings on the first Saturday Morning of each month, continue to be a welcoming community hub and a great place to catch up with the local gossip.

The wet weather has contributed to the worsening state of our roads – it has already cost me two new tyres...While you are out and about, if you spot a pothole, and if you are able, please report it to the Devon County Council website:

[www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole)

If the pothole has already been reported you can add your name to the report and you will get regular updates.

The weather did have some positives. The Northern Lights were once again visible in the West Country. Peter Hurdwell took the above stunning photograph of St. Mary's.

Wishing you a very happy Easter from everyone in Sydenham Damerel.



## St. Peter's Lamerton



This something of a mile stone as it is my 100th contribution to the Parish News.

I started in June 2010 to inform you all as to what was happening with the renovation of the tower. This followed our first major fundraising with our Heaven in Devon Festival in 2009, which consisted of a full weekend of Flower Festival, Concerts, Open Gardens,

Local History display, lots for children and a Songs of Praise Service.

Thank you very much Annie for filling in for me in the last Parish News.

I missed out on thanking our great team of flower ladies, cleaners, Christmas tree and cross putters up - you made the church look lovely and cared for, for our many Christmas services. Thank you all.

We have been busy planning lots of fun things for fund raising. Our fiendish quiz is now out - do have a go.

Annie is arranging a Mammoth Jumble Sale on the 2nd May in the Village Hall - lots of nearly new items. If you want a table to join her de-cluttering please contact her - on 01822 614178.

On the 29th May Jim is arranging a fascinating talk by Squadron Leader Adam Fox-Edwards telling us of his time in the RAF and at Buckingham Palace where he organised the late Queen's Golden Wedding celebrations. This will be held in the church at 7.00pm. Tickets £5 to include light refreshments. Proceeds to be divided between Help for Heroes and St. Peter's

Then on the 11th June Babs is rounding all you knitters up for a Knitathon in the Priest's Room 10.00am till 4.00pm. Knitted hats and scarves will be sent to Ukraine - please be generous with your sponsorship.

Later in the year we are going to have a Pet Service here at Theale with a BBQ - date and time to be decided. And Richard is undertaking a Sponsored Walk around all the churches in the benefice - so start training as Richard is a fast walker!

Looking forward to welcoming you to our events.

## St. Constantine's Church, Milton Abbot



We were saddened recently to hear of the death of Gerald Napier on 23rd February. Gerald served on our PCC for some years and was Treasurer for both Milton Abbot and for Dunterton, as well as being a regular and faithful member of the congregation at St Constantine and at All Saints. His memorial service will be held on Monday 20th April prior to interment of his and Marjorie's ashes in Dunterton churchyard. Gerald will be very much missed by us all.

We are very grateful to Lamerton for their hospitality while we held our services in the warmth of the Priest's Room in January and February. Our services are now back in Milton Abbot – do wrap up warm and join us.

As usual, once the clocks have changed at the end of March the church will be open between approximately 9.00am and late in the afternoon every day and is always a welcome oasis of calm in our busy lives.

A few dates for your diaries:-

On **Saturday 16th May, 10.30am – 3.00pm**, we will be holding a Country Market in the church.

We will have lots of stalls for you to buy all sorts of goodies and soup will be available as well as the usual coffee, tea and cake.

We will be holding a **Flower Festival on Thursday 2nd July to Saturday 4th July, 11.00am – 4.00pm**. More details of that in the next issue of Parish News, but if you might be interested in doing a display please contact Angie Williamson on 01822 870636.

While I hesitate to use the "C" word so early in the year, we are intending to hold our usual Fair on **Saturday 14th November**.

**Liz Padmore**

# Eastertide dates

**Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
7pm Last Supper at Lamerton

**Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
11am Walk from Marystowe to Coryton  
12noon Children's Service at Coryton

**Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
6.30pm Easter Eve Exultet at Milton Abbot

**EASTER SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
9.30am Communion at Marystowe  
11am Easter Praise at Dunterton  
11am Communion at Lamerton  
11.15am Communion at Coryton

**Ascension Day Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
6.30pm Communion at Lamerton  
(This is a united service for North and South Tamar)

**Pentecost Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
(wear something red to mark the occasion)  
11am Pentecost Celebration at Milton Abbot  
4pm Pentecost Communion at Coryton  
6.30pm Pentecost Praise at Sydenham Damerel





# Annie's Mammoth Jumble Sale



Saturday 2nd May  
Lamerton Village Hall

10.00 am - 1.00 pm



All donations for St Peter's Church  
and Devon Historic Churches Trust



Coffee and tea available



If anyone would like to purchase  
a table for their jumble, £10 a table,  
contact Annie Jefferies 01822 614178  
by 29th April at the latest.



*and the  
Winner is..*

## **Lucky Lamerton Lottery!**

**The winning numbers are:**

**February 2026 – 76**

**March 2026 – 50**



***Congratulations to our winners***

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



## **APCC MEETING !**

Combined Sydenham Damerel & Lamerton APCM.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 7pm,

In the Priests Room at St Peter's Lamerton.

All Parishioners welcome to come along & hear what we are up to.



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## **Safeguarding**

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## A CHILD'S FOOTSTEPS TO FAITH

### We Are the Sermon

A long time ago—before any of you were even born—movie theatres often had a Saturday afternoon movie for children. Each week children would go to the theatre and watch a great movie. Some of the more popular ones were the cowboy movies starring the great cowboys like Roy Rogers. Each week, right at the moment when the hero was in a very dangerous situation and it looked like he was a "goner" for sure, the movie would suddenly stop and on the screen flashed the words, "To be continued...." Oh no! Now the children would have to wait until the next Saturday to find out how the hero was going to get out of this mess. The next Saturday, the movie would review what had happened the week before, so that if someone had missed it, they would understand what was going on.

This Bible lesson is a bit like one of those Saturday movies. It is actually a lesson in two parts which is read in church on two different Sundays. In part one Jesus was trying to comfort his disciples. He knew that he would soon return to heaven and his disciples would be left alone. "Don't worry" he told them, "I am going to prepare a place for you, but I will come again, and when I do, you will come and be with me." The disciples didn't fully understand, so in part two, Jesus continues... "If you love me, you will



do what I have taught you and I will ask the Father to send a helper who will never leave you." The helper that Jesus was talking about is the Holy Spirit. Jesus asked the Father and he sent the Holy Spirit to live in us and help us to follow Jesus and obey his teachings.

You know, when we try to explain how the Holy Spirit leads us day by day, most people can't understand it. Jesus said, "The world can't accept it because they don't know him and they can't see

him." Do you know what they can see? They can see how you and I treat other people. They see when we are generous, loving, caring, helpful, and kind.

I have heard it said, "You are the only sermon some people will ever hear." That is what you and I need to remember, we are the sermon, the only sermon some people will ever hear.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command." What did Jesus tell us to do? He said, "Love one another as I have loved you." Then he asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit to help us. When others see how knowing Jesus has changed the way we treat other people, then they will want to know him too.

Father, as the Holy Spirit leads us day by day, help us to follow and to obey. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV).



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## A Story on the Theme of Friendship

### The Chair

There was once a boy called Mario who showed off a lot, always talking about how many friends he had at school. One day his grandfather said to him, "Mario, I bet you a big bag of popcorn you don't have as many friends as you think. I'm sure many of them are nothing more than companions, acquaintances, or partners in crime."

Mario accepted the bet at once. However, he wasn't sure how to test whether or not his schoolmates were real friends, so he asked his grandpa. The old man answered, "I have just exactly what you need, it's in the attic. Wait here a minute."

Grandpa left, soon returning as though carrying something in his hand, but Mario could see nothing there.

"Take it. It's a very special chair. Because it's invisible it's rather tricky to sit on, but if you take it to school and you manage to sit on it, you'll activate its magic and you'll be able to tell who your real friends are."

Mario took the strange invisible chair with him to school. At break time he asked everyone to form a circle, and he put himself in the middle, with his chair. "Nobody move. You're about to see something amazing."

And Mario attempted to sit on the chair. Having difficulty seeing it, he missed and fell straight onto his backside. Everyone had a pretty good laugh. "Wait, wait, just a slight technical problem," he said, making another attempt. But again he missed the seat, causing more surprised looks. Mario wouldn't be beaten. He kept trying to sit on the magic chair, and kept falling to the ground...

until, suddenly, he tried again and didn't fall. This time he sat, hovering in mid-air...

Then it was that he finally experienced the magic that his grandfather had been talking about. Looking around, Mario saw George, Lucas, and Diana - three of his best friends - holding him up, so he wouldn't fall. Meanwhile, many others he had thought of as friends had done nothing but make fun of him, enjoying each and every fall.

Mario's grandfather had cleverly thought of a way to show him that true friends are those who care for us, and not just any acquaintance who happens to be passing by. Even less would a friend be someone who takes joy in our misfortunes.



# Invitation



*You are invited to an evening with  
Squadron Leader Adam Fox-Edwards  
in St Peter's Lamerton*

*Friday 29th May at 7.00pm*

*He will be recounting his life  
as a Tornado fighter pilot in the RAF*

*Then while on secondment from  
Royal Air Force, in 1997, he moved to  
Buckingham Palace where he was the  
assistant to the master of the household  
where he had the specific task of  
organising the Queen's  
Golden Jubilee celebrations.*



*This will be a fascinating and informative insight  
behind the scenes.*

*Light refreshments will be provided.*

*Tickets £5 with proceeds to be divided between  
Help for Heroes and St. Peter's*



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LAMERTON SPORTS AND COMMUNITY  
CENTRE

**WE NEED YOU!**  
**VILLAGE HALL AGM**  
**THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026**  
**7.00PM**

**PLEASE COME AND  
SUPPORT YOUR  
VILLAGE HALL**

**WE ARE A FRIENDLY, WELCOMING AND  
ACTIVE GROUP WHO HELP RUN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE AND PUT ON VILLAGE  
EVENTS AND NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP.**

**COME ALONG TO OUR AGM AND SEE WHAT WE  
DO!**



## Safeguarding News

We're here  
to help!

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### LAMERTON WI

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

Honiton Lace

Competition: A Ladies Watch.

Raffle & Tea

**Tuesday 5th May 2.00pm**

Annual General Meeting

Competition: Table Place Mat.

Raffle and Tea

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

*"O SPRING has set off her green fuses  
Down by the Tamar today,  
And careless, like tide-marks, the hedges  
Are bursting with almond and may."* **Charles Causley**



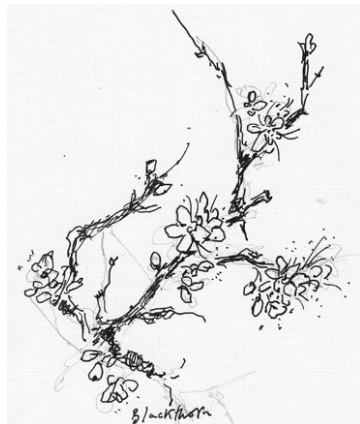
Soon the hedges will be white with May blossom, or hawthorn, in the month of May, white or pink like meringues and cream, bringing beauty, and shelter among their thorny branches from the sparrow hawk for small birds nesting..

To Bluebell's eye the loveliest of English spring flowers are the bluebells, especially seen in shafts of sunlight under young, fresh, bright green beech leaves in the woods, all magical.

*"I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze...."*

**William Wordsworth**

After a long, wet winter, as soon as the sun came out, all the daffodils came into flower to welcome the Spring. In Chillaton

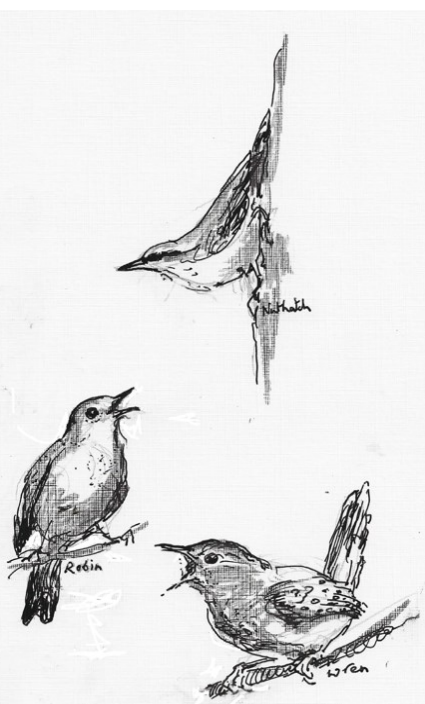


thousands have been planted along the roadside into the village, they draw visitors in to admire them, there are more every year. Blackthorn, or sloe, which flowers early in the hedges, has charming snow-white flowers borne on very sharp thorny black twigs without leaves. When the blackthorn flowers it always brings a spell of cold weather, "the blackthorn winter".

April and May bring the joy of birdsong. He's not the most musical singer, but Bluebell likes the bossy little nuthatch, who, clinging to vertical mature deciduous trees, searches for insects hidden in the bark. and spirals downwards and upside down, like no other bird. Bluebell has been most excited to see a red kite, twice, or perhaps even a pair of red kites, floating over the fields between Portgate and Lewdown, buzzard sized, recognised by their unmistakable forked tail.

Until recently, red kites in England were almost extinct, only a few bred in Wales. But they have been reintroduced and are gradually spreading from the Cotswolds through Wiltshire and into the South West.

In Shakespeare's Tudor times the classic location to see kites would have been in the streets of London, where they were valued scavengers protected by statute, who helped clean the streets and were "as common as the carrion crow." They would snatch bread from the hands of children as boldly as seagulls do



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## Flag Days

### Union Flag Dates ~ April & May 2026

- 9th April, the Kings Wedding Anniversary
- 23rd April, St Georges Day
- 6th May, Coronation Day
- 8th May, VE Day

**VE DAY**

*Rob Wiggins*

*A.k.a. The Bunting Tossler*



**LAMERTON HALL**

# QUIZ NIGHT

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## GARDEN NOTES BY DOUG



The Camellias and Magnolias are looking very nice this year (hopefully not hit back by more wind and rain) and the daffodils are a lovely sign of spring and sunny days.

During the wind and rain Doug had a bit of a problem painting sheep - well, not actually painting sheep themselves but trying to render them in watercolour. Unfortunately, sheep No.1 looked more like a piggy! A pity because the tree, the fence and field looked good.

When you think of painting a flower you realise you have to go either for great realism or for abstract. If the former you realise just how complex something which looks simple is.

How could you invent a new flower? Well, if you sow some seeds you can create lots of flowers which are really pretty and very complex and far more realistic than the ones you can paint.

Could you make such flowers out of paper, cardboard, linen and paint? Well, of course, you can enjoy painting flowers as well as growing them.

As I write this I still haven't cleared out the greenhouse. I will!

There is still some nice kale in there but it is now going into flower which is not what is wanted, so I'll pull it up and off to the compost.

I'm about to sow the tomatoes. I have already sown aubergines in pots indoors. One lot have come up fine, the other lot have stayed asleep. There's much more in the way of edibles to sow soon - indoors or out - carrots, lettuce, courgettes, beetroot, peas and beans.

The fruit bushes are pruned, the rhubarb is growing, the roses are pruned and the foliage is bursting into life. I've pinched out the sweet peas which again were sown indoors a while ago. They are resting in the greenhouse. They will go out into a bed when the ground has warmed a bit more.

There is spring in the garden and in the air. Have a nice coffee out on a bench in the garden and acknowledge the lovely sunshine. Then crack on!



Daffodils, a rhododendron flower and a lovely camellia (which should be painted?)



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Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026



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WI Garden Produce

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**Classes and Exhibits on next pages  
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Entry details will be in June/July Parish Magazine

## Lamerton WI Garden Produce and Craft Show

### Theme: A Country Estate - Classes and Exhibits to help you plan

#### **Cookery Classes - being Judged by a Professional**

1. Victoria Sponge
2. Fruit Tart 8" 20cm
3. Afternoon tea on a plate (scone, sandwich etc)

#### **Men - Being Judged by a Professional**

4. 3 Short Bread
5. Bottle of Wine
6. Bottle of Beer

#### **Jam and chutney - Being judged by a Professional**

7. Jar of Marmalade
8. Jar of Jam
9. Jar of Chutney

#### **Floral Classes**

10. Table Decoration (maximum size 30 cm wide any height)
11. 3 Mixed Roses in own vase
12. Small Posy
13. Flowering Houseplant – pot not exceeding 15cm

#### **Fruit and Vegetables**

14. 3 Different Fruits from the garden
15. 3 Different Vegetables from the garden

#### **Photographs 7" x 5" / 18cm x 13cm**

16. Entrance gates to Country Estate
17. A Country Estate building
18. Grounds to a Country Estate

#### **Arts and Crafts**

19. Hand made Invitation to a Grand Country Ball
20. Painting of a Parterre
21. A Sampler - embroidery
22. A Sampler - cross stitch
23. A Woolly Hat – knitted or crochet

Literature

24.. Write a one verse Limerick about a Country Estate

25. Write a Two sentences story starting with:

As I opened the creaking gates.....

Or

26. What is that before me ?

Children 7 years and under

27. Book mark
28. Photo of an animal on a Country Estate
- 29 . Animal Vegetable max 20cm
30. Bunch of Flowers in a tumbler
31. Invitation to a party at a Country Estate largest size A4 folded in half
32. Painting of a Country Estate House
33. 3 sentence story - **Title:** A surprise visit to a Country Estate

Children cooking - 7years and under Judged by a professional

34. 3 Decorated rich tea or digestive biscuits (can be bought ready to decorate)
35. Decorated butterfly cakes (can be bought sponge cakes ready to decorate)

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45. **Class 1 and 2 Lamerton School**

Lamerton School Class 1 and 2 have been set a competition. All pictures will be exhibited around the Hall. **WI Members will be the judges**

# FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, SYDENHAM DAMEREL ONE HUNDRED CLUB

Drawn at 10:30am, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026,  
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**Coffee @ St. Mary's  
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chit chat or a board game.

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:

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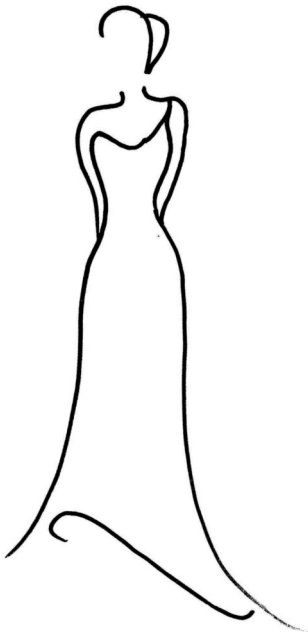
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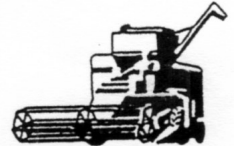
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<b>Church Services for April 2026</b>			
<b>Wed 1st Apr</b>	10am Midweek Communion (TT)		
<b>Thu 2nd Apr</b>			6.30pm Maundy Thursday Last Supper Lamerton (GG)
<b>Fri 3rd Apr</b>	11am Walk of Witness from Marystowe to Coryton (GG & RS)	12noon Children's service at Coryton (JW/GG)	
<b>Sat 4th Apr</b>			6.30pm Easter Eve Reflection Milton Abbot (GG & RS)
<b>Sun 5th Apr EASTER DAY (Gold/White)</b>	9.30am HC Marystowe (GG)	11am Easter Morning Praise Dunterton (RS)	11.15am Easter Communion Coryton (GG)
<b>Wed 8th Apr</b>	10am Midweek Service (RS)		
<b>Sun 12th Apr Easter 2 (White)</b>	10.30am Communion Sydenham Damerel (TT)	11.15am Matins Coryton (RS)	
<b>Wed 15th Apr</b>	10am Midweek Communion (TT)		
<b>Sun 19th Apr Easter 3 (White)</b>	9.30am Bubble Church Marystowe (GG)	11.00am Communion Lamerton (TT)	
<b>Wed 22nd Apr</b>	10am Midweek Communion (GG)		
<b>Sun 26th Apr Easter 4 (White)</b>		11am Communion Milton Abbot (GG)	4pm Holy Communion (BCP) Coryton (GG)
<b>Wed 29th Apr</b>	10am Midweek Communion (TT)		6.30pm Songs of Praise Sydenham Damerel (GG)

## Church Services for May 2026

<b>Sun 3rd May Easter 5 (White)</b>	9.30am Communion Marystowe (GG)	11am Christening Milton Abbot (GG)	6.30pm Evensong Lamerton (MJ)
<b>Wed 6th May</b>	10am Midweek Communion (GG)		
<b>Sun 10th May Easter 6 (White)</b>	10.30am Communion Sydenham Damerel (TT)	11.15am Matins & Christening Coryton (GG)	4pm Bubble Church Milton Abbot (GG)
<b>Wed 13th May</b>	10am Midweek Morning Prayer (RS)		
<b>Thu 14th May Ascension Day</b>	6.30pm Ascension Day Communion for both Tamar Benefices Lamerton (GG)		
<b>Sun 17th May Easter 7 (White)</b>	9.30am Breakfast Church Marystowe (GG)	11.00am Communion Lamerton (GG)	
<b>Wed 20th May</b>	10am Midweek Communion (GG)		
<b>Sat 23rd May</b>	2pm Wedding of Amy & Sean at Marystowe (GG)		
<b>Sun 24th May PENTECOST (Red)</b>		11am Pentecost Celebration (wear Red) Milton Abbot (GG & RS)	6.30pm Pentecost Songs of Praise Sydenham Damerel (GG)
<b>Wed 27th May</b>	10am Midweek Communion (TT)		
<b>Sun 31st May TRINITY SUNDAY (Gold/White)</b>	11am United Benefice Holy Communion Dunterton (GG)		