IN TOUCH

St Dubricius Spire re-shingling project
– the scaffolding has reached the top!!

NOVEMBER 2026

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All Saints', Selworthy - https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11308/
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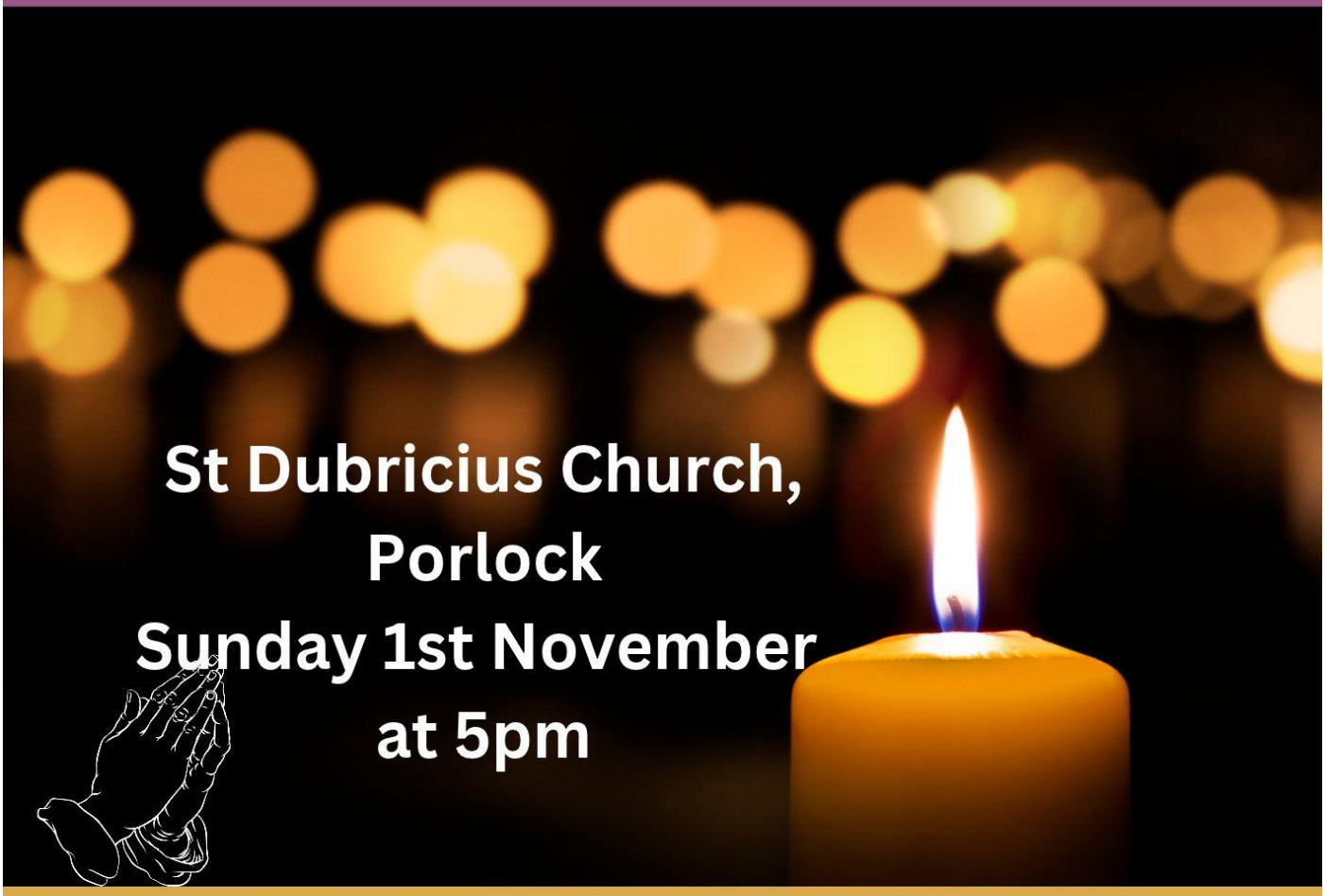
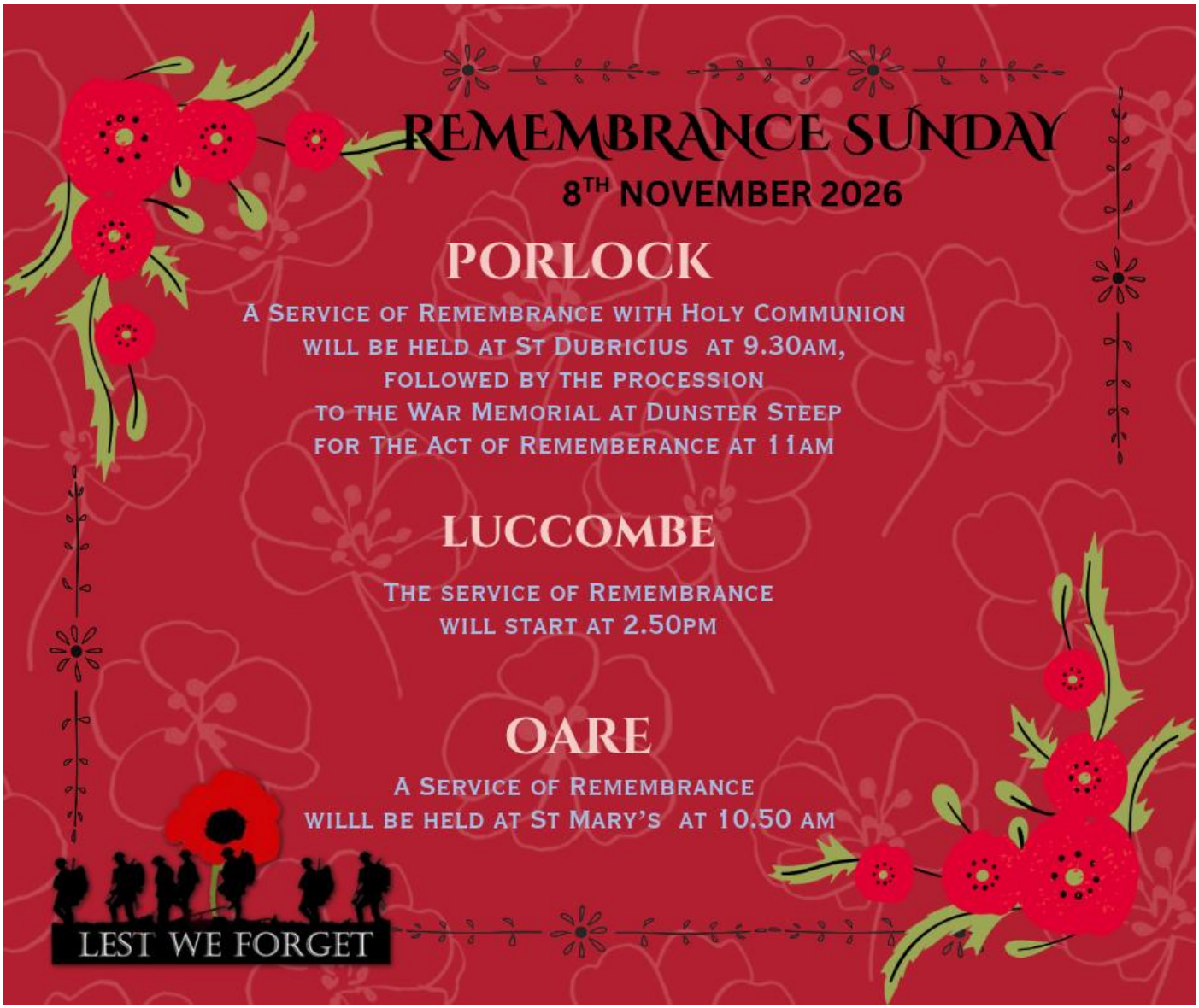
"LIGHT A LIFE"

a service to remember
those we have loved
and see no more



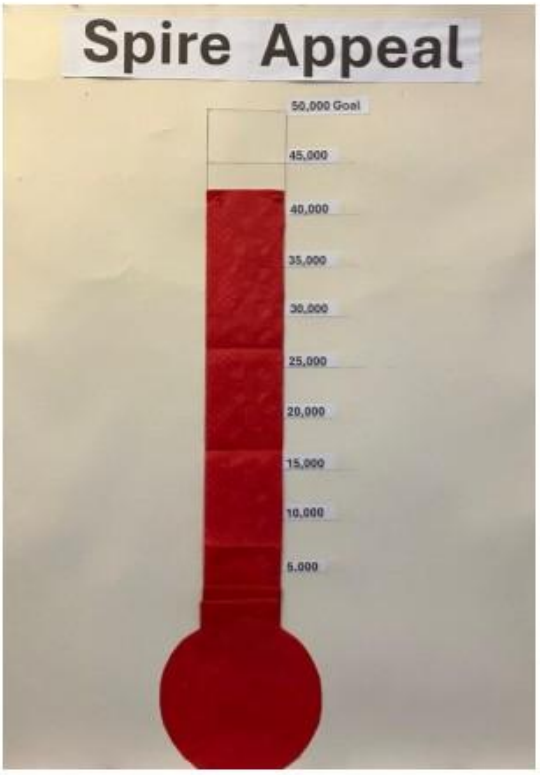
The service is to give you some space to be quiet,
an opportunity to light a candle
and to hear the name of your loved one(s) read out.

There is a list at the back of church if you would like to add a name


REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
8TH NOVEMBER 2026
PORLOCK
A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE WITH HOLY COMMUNION
WILL BE HELD AT ST DUBRICIUS AT 9.30AM,
FOLLOWED BY THE PROCESSION
TO THE WAR MEMORIAL AT DUNSTER STEEP
FOR THE ACT OF REMEMBERANCE AT 11AM
LUCCOMBE
THE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
WILL START AT 2.50PM
OARE
A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
WILLL BE HELD AT ST MARY'S AT 10.50 AM
LEST WE FORGET

We are nearly there!

A huge thank you for supporting this appeal, it's success could not have happened without your generosity.



Some exciting events are being planned, with opportunities for becoming actively involved.

More information will be available in the coming weeks

Made possible with Heritage Fund

St Dubricius Spire Appeal

DATES FOR DIARIES & NOTICES

Open Door every Friday at 11am, now meeting in the Castle Hotel, Porlock. Everyone is most welcome to come and join us for a cup of coffee and a chat. (We meet in the Castle for the cold winter months, and in the church during the summer.)

Me & U Prayers – the first Friday of every month at 10.30am in St Dubricius Lady Chapel before Open Door – everybody welcome.

Weekday Morning Prayer – This takes place at 9.00am weekdays at St Dubricius, Porlock or St Mary's, Oare; details each week can be found in the pew sheet.

Advent Study Group

Starting Monday 7th December. Please read what Rev'd Alison has written about this on page 9, and please speak to Rev'd Ann or Rev'd Alison if you would like to join this group.

Emergency Box

Does anyone have a sleeping bag that they don't use to go into the homeless box ? Our last one went this week. Also we are coming into the season for gloves and have few suitable ones left so any glove donations would be welcome. If you are donating items please check the list for what is needed. We definitely don't need any more socks!!

We pray for…

Ivor Ellis, Rosemary Cape, Nick Simpson, Aaliyah, Iris Savery, Steve Godfrey, Nicola Madeley, John Rogers, Pauline Clarke, Hazel Leeves, Malcolm Bleasby, Holly Bloys, Mike Rowe and Audrey Brown

Recently departed: Dori Dawes, Ron Savery, Clara Lawrie and Miles Robertson
Ron Savery's funeral will be held at St. Dubricius at 2pm on Friday 30th October

Sadly, Dori passed away on Wednesday 21st October. May she rest in peace. Funeral arrangements in due course.

Church Giving

If you wish to give a donation via regular giving, please leave your offering in the chest at the back of the church, or give your envelope to Bill Ball. He will then process the donation in the regular giving register and pay it into the bank.

Porlock Accommodation needed

Our main contractor for PorlockInSpired, is asking whether I can suggest local accommodation for probably three of their workforce. They say the ideal would be a three /four bedroomed self contained & self catering flat/house/cottage with ensuites for each, but since that is unlikely they will consider anything. Are you able to suggest anyone suitable in the village who may have something to rent please. I have no idea how much they are able to pay. I am assured they are "clean and tidy, mature and responsible" but can't offer any guarantee not having met them.

Requirement would likely start by November and continue through the winter and spring, but I don't know how long they would initially want to commit to. Suggestions to Peter Fosker please or porlockinspired@yahoo.com

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Message from Reverend Alison

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of you that responded to the appeal for the emergency repairs to St Nicholas, the roof has been made watertight, the bell reattached (we didn't know how precarious it was) and the floor in the porch made safe. It's amazing how different it felt when I recently went in. We continue to work on plans for the future of the splendid little tin tabernacle (which features in the latest edition of the Exmoor magazine) and we keep you updated.

And so, as I ponder what thoughts to share with you this dark October evening, with lots of different thoughts racing around my brain – including some quite negative ones, those words 'let it go' come to mind. Many of you, especially with connections with children of a certain age will instantly think of Queen Elsa from the film Frozen and that child swirling round singing those very words 'let it go, let it go', but I wonder how many of you have actually looked at all the lyrics … there're really quite powerful, perhaps you might be interested enough to look them up, see what you think.

As we approach the season of remembrance, firstly with All Saints and All Souls Day, and then with Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, it can be hard to even begin to imagine letting go of all those feelings these events can evoke.

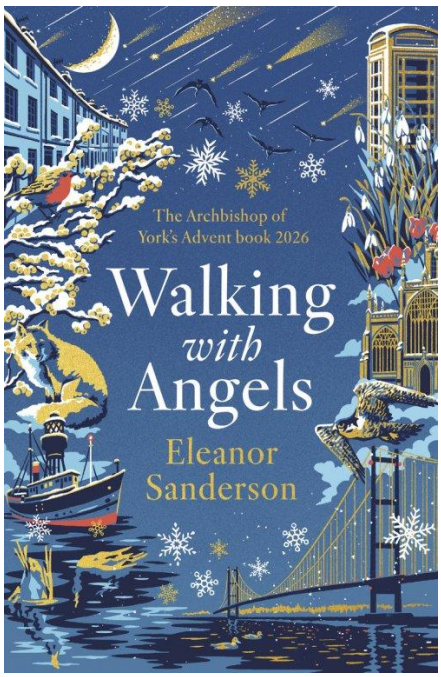
It is a period of the year that a lot of people find difficult for a variety of reasons, and I am grateful that we can offer the opportunity for our community to come together firstly at our Light a Life service, where we remember those we have loved and through their death see no more, those who have died recently and those who have been gone much, much longer - we should not let go of what those people mean to us, but maybe letting go of some of the pain their going is causing us will allow room for us to move forward, and I think this is equally true of other areas of our lives.
I have learnt so much during my time as curate amongst you, seeing how you support each other in times of loss is such a reassuring sign of a healthy community, and I thank you all for being the people you are, and may you know God's presence in your life, each and every day.

Rev'd Alison

Christmas Experience 2026 – 19th December

Times to be confirmed
For the past 3 years I have delivered a Christmas experience at Oare Church and Rectory – I have enjoyed doing it and enjoyed sharing the familiar story in a new way. As we approach Christmas our home situation is slightly different, and to deliver the same experience isn't possible – that said, I very much want to share once more in a different way to our carol services and other worship and so, inspired by a recent retreat – I will offer a Christmas Pilgrimage, with a twist, for I know that not all who would like to will be able to take part in the walking element and the invitation is therefore for you to firstly join us at Selworthy Church for our opening session. Then to meet up with those that are walking at Lynch Chapel for lunch with the shepherds. The journey will continue, on foot or by car (or whatever other form of transport you can find) to St Dubricus, where we will conclude around the stable. (Canva generated image)
Timings are still to be confirmed, so please do watch out for further details.

Advent Course 2026



Advent Sunday this year falls on November 29th, and we mark this with our Advent Carol Service at Stoke Pero Church and continue with the opportunity to prepare for Christmas with an Advent Study Group. It is planned to hold this on a Monday afternoon, starting on 7th December – (the Emmaus group will take a break until the new year) as there are only 3 Fridays in Advent (as the 4th one is Christmas Day) and on one of these is the Christingle Service and on another the end of term service.

We will be using the Archbishop of Yorks suggested book, 'Walking with Angels and we will be invited to listen to the words of angels throughout the Bible and enter Advent with a deeper awareness of the connection between the heaven and earthly realms.

Drawing on the words spoken by angels in Scripture, it explores how these messengers of God reveal the good news at the heart of the Christian story. Each of the four weeks of Advent focuses on a different aspect of that message, helping readers grow in love for God, for their neighbours, and for themselves. Rooted in humility and attentiveness to Christ's authority, this practice grounds prayer in everyday life, inviting us to join our earthly voices with the praise of heaven.

Book description using words of Anna Hockley of Eden books.

Please do speak to Rev Ann or Rev Alison if you would like to partipate, we look forward to walking this journey with you.

Venue to be confirmed

Benefice Services (& Culbone and Oare) – November 2026

Sunday 1st November — All Saints

(W) Revelation 7: 9-end, 1 John 3: 1-3, Matthew 5: 1-12

St Dubricius	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
St Dubricius	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
All Saints' Selworthy	11.00am	Matins (BCP) (Joint service with Luccombe)
St Bueno's, Culbone	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
St Mary's, Oare	3.00pm	Compline
St Dubricius	5.00pm	Light a Life Service

Sunday 8th November — Remembrance Sunday

(R) Wisdom 6: 12-16, 1 Thess. 4: 13-end, Matthew 25: 1-13

St Dubricius	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
St Dubricius	**9.30am**	Holy Communion (CW)

followed by short service of Remembrance at Porlock War Memorial

St Mary's, Oare	10.50am	Holy Communion (BCP)
St Mary's Luccombe	2.50pm	Service of Remembrance (Joint service with Selworthy)

Wednesday 11th November – Marsh Memorial

Sunday 15th November — 2nd before Advent

(R/G) Zeph. 1. 7: 12-end, 1 Thess. 5: 1-11, Matthew 25: 14-30

Lynch	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
St Dubricius	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Lynch Chapel	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) (Joint service with Luccombe)
St. Mary's, Oare.	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
St. Dubricius.	6.00pm	Holy Communion with anointing and laying on of hands

Sunday 22nd November — Christ the King

(W) Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1: 15-end, Matthew 25: 31-end

St Dubricius	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
St. Mary's, Luccombe.	9.30am	Morning Prayer (CW) (Joint service with Selworthy)
St Dubricius	10.45am	Celebrate
St Mary's, Oare	11.00am	Matins (BCP)

Sunday 29th November — 1st Sunday of Advent

(P) Isaiah 64.1-9, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-37

St Dubricius	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
St Mary's, Oare	11.00am	Jesse Tree Service
Stoke Pero	4.00pm	Advent Carol Service

Friday 4th December

St Dubricius	2.30pm	Christingle Service

Sunday 6th December — Advent 2

(P) Isaiah 40.1-11, 2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8

St Dubricius	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
St Dubricius	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Lynch Chapel	11.00am	Matins (BCP) (Joint service with Luccombe)
St Bueno's, Culbone	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
St Mary's, Oare	3.00pm	Compline
St Nicholas P. Weir	tbc	Patronal Service

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2026

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

Doctors without Borders/Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF) is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural disasters and exclusion from health care.

Group photo of ICCM team at MSF supported region in South Sudan

Doctors from across the world including the UK give their own time to this charity, often taking some of their annual leave to go out and work in dangerous locations.

They provide high quality, impartial care and act always in the best interests of their patients while respecting their confidentiality and their right to make their own decisions. When medical assistance is not enough they also provide shelter, water, food and sanitation.

Without allegiance to any one country they just go where they are needed.

You may have noticed in the media their medical teams working in Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan & South Sudan, Lebanon, Central African Republic, Nigeria, Guinea and Gaza providing food and shelter as buildings continue to collapse. All countries recognise they are there just to help.

Where we cannot go and do their jobs with them, let us help their work particularly during this month of Remembrance when they are often found helping in war torn countries.

Thank you.

ST. DUBRICIUS
CHARITIES COMMITTEE

JANUARY TO JUNE 2026

I thought you would like to see the half year charity donations which have been collected and send to the charities detailed below:

Tearfund	**January 2026**	**£ 215.**
Salvation Army	**February 2026**	**£ 115.**
Marie Curie	**March 2026**	**£ 120.**
Children's Air Ambulance	**April 2026**	**£ 180.**
Love Musgrove	**May 2026**	**£ 90.**
Sightsavers	**June 2026**	**£ 70.**
	Total:	**£ 790.**

On behalf of all these charities, thank you so very much for your generosity and a thank you too, to all those members of our congregation who have put a charity forward to the Committee and obtained information to enable these charities to be promoted.

Rosemary Ball
On behalf of the Charities Committee

Rosemary's 80th Birthday Party

Not relaxing, much preparation
To choose food drink flowers
Seating plans with attractive name cards
What to wear, planned in advance
Journey to my barn near Guarlford and
Settling into the barn.
Actual day brilliant
Seeing all my old friends, cousins, family
I arrived early to put out the seating cards
Friends arrived early having travelled a long distance
Fran first bearing attractive waving plant from Cambridge
Hede and Bob next, Lynn and Tim from Leeds
Again with a large plant
We sat in a circle by the entrance
Drinking coffee, Andy and cousin Pat joining us
Such friendly faces, life long friends
Suddenly everyone arrived, thirty four guests
Everyone bearing gifts and cards
I moved to my seat in the old part of the inn
Attractive food set out on tables near by.
All guests were happy
Enjoying the ambience
Meeting each other again.
I prepared a speech
To thank everyone for coming
I explained my different groups of guests
Over the 80 years of my life.
I had asked if a favourite, book, poem
Could be read.
I read Raising Hare which was well received

Two great nieces read from their books
Bella read a poem
Loved by her father. Emily chose Jane Austen.
Candles were lit on the cake
Based on the month of May in my meadow

Much admired
Pieces of cake were distributed and enjoyed.
Andy brought us back to the barn
Sister in law Gillian and Immy
Loaded with presents.
Was it worth all the preparation?
Certainly
An 80th birthday is a special occasion

Rosemary Boaz
October 17th 2026

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