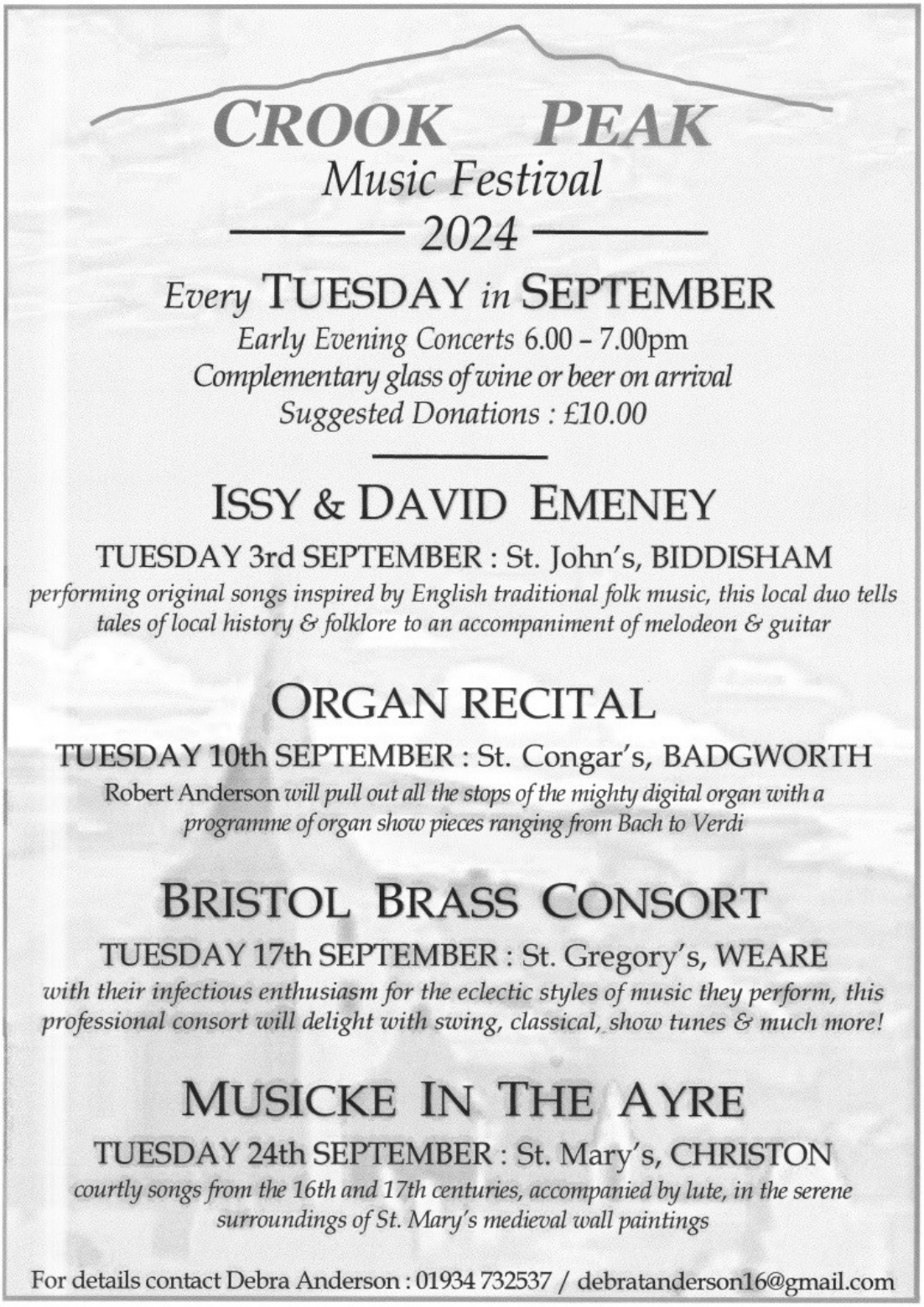
CONTACT

Crook Peak Parish Community Magazine

August & September 2024 Edition *(Free of Charge)*

Local news, views, and events from around the villages of
Badgworth, Biddisham, Christon, Compton Bishop, Loxton, Weare, and everywhere in between.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

Aug 3	9am-1pm Axbridge Square - Axbridge Farmers' Market
Aug 7	No women's fellowship meeting
Aug 8	*10am-12noon Cross Memorial Hall Coffee Morning (all welcome)*
Aug 10	Hullabaloos – Loxton Village BBQ
Aug 12	12.30pm – Loxton Community Hub - Village Lunch
Aug 13	10.30-12.30 Stable House, Moorland Farm, Cross. Coffee Morning Bring & Buy stall. In aid of CONTACT Magazine. Tel 01934 733281
Aug 30	*10.30 – 12.00 Weare Church Room – Parish Coffee morning – All Welcome*

SEPTEMBER

Sep 2	7pm Loxton Village Hall – Parish Council Meeting
Sep 3	**6pm St John's Biddisham – Issy & David Emeney perform original songs inspired by English Traditional Folk Music**
Sep 4	7.30pm Cross Hall - Women's Fellowship. Zeina Banks on Lebanon. Light Supper. Tel 01934 733281
Sep 7	9am-1pm Axbridge Square - Axbridge Farmers' Market
Sep 7	Lunchtime – Loxton Village Hall - Harvest Home, (Evening party at St Andrew's Farm)
Sep 9	12.30pm Loxton Community Hub - Village Lunch
Sep 10	**6pm St Congar's Church, Badgworth (Robert Anderson Organ Recital)**
Sep 12	*10am-12noon Cross Memorial Hall Coffee Morn. (all welcome)*
Sep 17	**6pm St Gregory's Weare – Bristol Brass Consort**
Sep 24	**St Mary's Christon – Musicke in the Ayre**
Sep 27	10.30–12noon Weare Church Room (Alzheimer's charity coffee morning)
Sep 28	*Evening – Biddisham Harvest Home Supper (provisional)*

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From the Editor: Please ensure the email of your sub-missions for the next (Oct / Nov) edition arrive in my inbox between 12-14 Sep rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk. *(if you need to send your contribution earlier then Gary can accept CONTACT contributions to his email address before Sep 12 'crookpeak6in1@gmail.com')*

From the Treasurer : DONATIONS FOR CONTACT: Your donations continue to be gratefully received; these are used for the printing costs of Contact Magazine which relies entirely on your kind contributions. An easy way to donate is by scanning the QR Code shown here - thank you. Otherwise please continue to donate by cheque or cash to our Treasurer, Helen Mercer, 4 Pipers Close, Weare, BS26 2PS. If you wish to make a bank transfer, please send Helen a message; Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

Car scheme *The Crook Peak Community Car Scheme offers help in transporting patients for medical appointments at local surgeries and hospitals. A message can be left on 07572336605. Some one will return your call asking for details of the request and you will be notified once a driver has been found. There would be a small contribution dependant on the destination. We are also happy to receive offers from drivers who are willing to help with this valuable service.*

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

2 June 2024	Alfred Brown	Christon
29 June 2024	Atley Isgar-Withers	Loxton

Weddings:

8 June 2024	Erica House and Alexander Fiallos	Compton Bishop

Funerals:

12 June 2024	Francis "Adrian" Rant	Badgworth
21 June 2024	Susan Bills	Loxton

WEARE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION *- a small charity established for the benefit of young people in the parish of Weare. Grant applications should be made to The Trustees, C/O Paul Wattam, Henmore Lane, Weare BS26 2LB*

From: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

Dear All
The summer doesn't seem to have got going just yet. It is still not as warm as we would like. The sun seems to want to stay hidden most of the time. However looking out the window this morning the sun is shining, perhaps giving hope for the day to come and maybe the remainder of the summer. Hope is present for many at this time. Hope (at the time of writing) that England may at last win a major footballing trophy, after a long wait. Hope that a new government may begin to fix the many problems our nation faces. For Crook Peak Parish there is hope, that in joining with Axbridge, Shipham and Rowberrow we will face the future as part of a larger supportive family. As important as these hopes are, they are transient within the great sweep of history. I believe a greater, surer hope, can be found in following the teachings and person of Jesus. Jesus, in showing us how much God loves each one of us, offers a hope that there is a better, eternal future for us all. As to the immediate, by the time you read this, hopes for England's success in the Euro finals may or may not have been fulfilled. Hopes for our new government will still be waiting to be fulfilled. The hope represented by the new family of Axbridge, Shipham, Rowberrow and Crook Peak will have started to be realised.
God Bless, Gary, (Lay Minister Crook Peak Parish).

A Church Near You and the end of the Crook Peak Parish website. *Many of you will be familiar with the Crook Peak Parish website, www.crookpeakparish.org.uk Over the last 20 years this site has kept residents up to date with Church matters, not least during the Pandemic. However, technology moves on and the PCC of Crook Peak is now delighted to offer you a much better option. A Church Near You is run by the Church of England. It is very well supported and very secure. It has taken some time, but we have now moved all of the most used content to new pages on A Church Near You. Why not take a look and see how easy and clear it is to use? Moving everything across has been a big task and as you look around the site you may spot a typo or broken link. PLEASE let one of the Editors, Ruth Orriss, Helen Mercer or Gary Orriss, know as soon as possible. Should you have a suggestion to make it even better, we would love to hear it! Under the direction of the PCC the old Crook Peak Parish website will be deleted and will be no longer be reachable. Ruth Orriss*

PRAYER CHAIN LETTER

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down
in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
He restores my soul.
He guides me
in paths of righteousness
For his name's sake.
Even though I walk
Through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
For you are with me;
Your rod and staff,
They comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love
will follow me
All the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever.

The 23rd Psalm

Let the words of this most favourite psalm convince us of our Lord's wonderful love for us in all circumstances. Do please ring with any prayer requests 01934 750856.

Please join the Biddisham Church cleaning rota.
We need more volunteers urgently. Contact Claire or leave a note at the Church and I will get back to you.

ROTAS FOR CLEANING & FLOWERS

	Badgworth		Biddisham		Compton Bishop			Christon	Loxton	Weare	
2024	Flowers & Dusting	Brass	Flowers	Cleaning & Brass	Flowers	Cleaning	Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers & Brass	Cleaning
3 Aug			J Body	I Emeney						B Channon	S Melhuish & A Yates
10 Aug			"	"	J Crawley					"	"
17 Aug			"	"						J Freedman	S Pettifer & R Hanson
24 Aug			"	"	J Murray					"	"
31 Aug			"	"						A Le Provost	A Le Provost
7 Sep			J Vining	TBA	S Thorne	S Tabrett & F Stanford	S Acland & G Gavel			"	"
14 Sep			"	"						L Taylor & B Channon	L & F Taylor
21 Sep			"	"	P Warner					"	"
28 Sep			"	"						A Ham	J Wattam

Features & Letters

Could you be a Churchwarden?

Do you care about the upkeep of our ancient Church buildings? Do you value the Christian heritage these buildings have fostered? Do you want the joy of engaging with your fellow villagers and enabling the church to thrive? In Crook Peak Parish we have 6 beautiful and ancient Church buildings, which all need care and support. Each building represents hundreds of years of prayer, worship and service in our communities. The role of a Churchwarden can be extremely varied, but generally involves management, maintenance of a Church building and a duty to maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, particularly during services. Each building can have 2 Churchwardens. The best scenario is that they share the role with a small committee within their village, for 3 years or more, although you could resign at any time. The PCC oversees all 6 churches. There is support and training available from the Diocese of Bath and Wells, including Safeguarding. All the Churchwardens in the Parish work together on the PCC, supporting each other and sharing ideas and resources. This is especially helpful when there is only one Churchwarden in post.
You must be over 21 and have a Christian faith, however far you are on that journey. If you are not currently on the electoral role, baptised or confirmed, or don't have 2 people to nominate you, don't worry that can all be sorted out very easily. Currently Christon, Loxton, Weare, Biddisham and Badgworth all have at least one vacancy. To find out more simply contact any one of the existing Churchwardens, Stephen McColgan, Gary Orriss, Claire Talbot, David Parker or Mary Counsell. Contact details are in the Who's Who section at the back of this edition.

Women's Fellowship

Crook Peak Women's Fellowship meet on the first Wednesday every month in Cross Hall, 7.30pm. Why should you come? Perhaps you in need of some company? Or do you find your evenings drag and you would welcome an evening out of the house? What some of our attenders say ….

"Entering a room of happy, smiling faces, that give you a warm 'hello' welcome whoever you are. Newcomers or old-timers are greeted the same …. and the suppers are always super-duper." Claire

'I am always made very welcome, …… and GREAT food and wine' Shirley.

'I love meeting old and new friends' Jean

'It is a very friendly group with interesting speakers' Edith

We start with a welcoming drink and a light home cooked supper, followed by a short talk and time to chat. Recent topics include Shelter, Stitch craft, Guide Dogs, the SW Coastal Path, Weston Hospicecare and the U3A. We have no membership fees or subscriptions, just a donations pot for those who wish to contribute. Ladies from across BS26 and beyond are all very welcome. The group is run by Crook Peak Parish, but is not a religious meeting, it purpose is to provide a welcoming evening with gentle companionship and conversation. Why not come and see for yourself? The next meeting is on Wednesday, the 4th of September in Cross Hall at 7.30pm., For more information, please ring Ruth on 01934 733281 or Sarah on 07702 425129

Harvest Festival Time

The Church has three Harvest Festivals this year when you are invited to bring gifts of food for those struggling with the cost of living.

15th Sept	St Andrew's, Loxton,	10am Family Service
22nd Sept	St Andrew's, Compton Bishop	10am Holy Communion
29th Sept	St Mary's, Christon,	10am Crook Peak Together Agape Meal

Please bring foods that can be eaten cold or heated easily and at least 3 months within date. Tinned meat and vegetables, baked beans, long-life milk; pasta sauce; Weetabix and cereal; packet soup and rice; biscuits; instant hot drink, instant potato and noodles, will all be very welcome. We cannot pass on any fresh or out of date food. The food and any monetary donations will be sent to the Cheddar Food Bank and the Bournville Healthy Living Centre. If you cannot come to a service, you can leave food gifts in the regular food collection box in Compton Bishop or Weare anytime.

Axbridge District Trefoil Guild - The Guild does not meet in August but will meet again on 10 September for the Autumn Fish and Chip Lunch. This will be at 1.00pm in the Catholic Church Rooms, Cheddar. Please place orders by the end of August with Sue on 01749 870239 or swild34@hotmail.com

Small Cod £6.00 Chips £2.20 Large Cod £7.20 Chips £3.30 Pay on Day

Axbridge Royal British Legion - The next meeting will be 6 August at 11.00pm in the Lamb Inn, Axbridge. This will be an important meeting being an Extraordinary General Meeting to enable you to listen to plans for the future and share your ideas with one another. Please try and be there. The meeting on 3 September at 11.00am in The Lamb Inn, Axbridge will be a talk by a Commonwealth War Graves Commission representative and entitled "Gardening The World" and will illustrate the close relationship between Architects and Gardeners working together in War Grave Cemeteries around the world. For more information contact Shirley 01934 732630 or shirley.rosser4@yahoo.co.uk

News from the Villages

Badgworth

David Parker (Churchwarden and Treasurer) **writes…**

The Fire Protection System and equipment were tested and serviced 29th April, a fire logbook and new battery were supplied, cost by Ball Fire Protection £235.00

The 'earthing systems' were tested and found satisfactory by Dawson Steeplejacks at a cost of £60.00

QR codes for donations have been placed at pew ends

We plan to significantly raise the canopy of the two huge lime trees at the northern end of the churchyard, by the gate. Somerset Council have confirmed that there are no Tree Preservations in place for these trees and that the churchyard is not in a Conservation Area.

We have registered a List A faculty application

Latest: The two massive Lime Trees had their canopy lifted, there is now an uninterrupted walk through the north gate of the churchyard and no low hanging branches over the road. Logged wood was removed by villagers and £20 was given as a donation, two loads of shredded brash was removed and £35 was donated.A quarter peal was rung on a recent Saturday and was well received in the village.

Debra Anderson writes…

CROOK PEAK MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024

The music festival returns this year with a concert every Tuesday in September from 6.00-7.00 pm, in the serene settings of four of our lovely ancient parish churches.

On 3rd September at St. John's, Biddisham, Issy and David Emeney, who live in the village, will perform their own compositions of English folk song-inspired music. Drawing on local history and folklore, they accompany their sung stories with melodeon and guitar. For more info. www.issyemeney.co.uk

On 10th September at St. Congar's, Badgworth, maestro Robert Anderson will pull out all the stops of the mighty digital organ with a programme of organ show pieces sure to impress.

On 17th September at St. Gregory's, Weare, Bristol Brass Consort will show off their diverse repertoire, ranging from jazz to show tunes, classical to sacred, fanfares to folk music. They have been heard on BBC television and radio, and at the Colston Hall, St. David's Hall, St. Martin-in-the-Field, and now Crook Peak! For more info. www.bristolbrassconsort.com

Badgworth (cont)

On 24th September at St. Mary's, Christon, early music group Musicke In The Ayre will be very much at home among the medieval wall paintings of St. Mary's, singing 16th century courtly songs accompanied by the lute.

Enjoy a complementary glass of wine or Badgworth Brewhouse beer on arrival. The concerts will last about 45 min., with no interval and are unticketed. There will be a retiring collection at each concert, with a suggested donation of £10.00. For more details contact Debra Anderson: 01934 732537 / debratanderson16@gmail.com

FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 22nd September at St. Congar's, Badgworth. The Crook Peak Special Choir will lead Evensong with a musical setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, sung Preces and Responses and an Anthem. A choral treat from the best of the English liturgical music repertoire.

Biddisham

Claire Talbot (Warden at St John the Baptist Church Biddisham) **writes…** Dear friends,

Church bells update: Our summer festival fundraiser held on the 22nd June was a great success. The weather was dry and villagers enjoyed the BBQ and music. George Evans gave an outstanding performance of original songs he had written and covers from many different genres. Thank you to everyone who took part in the open mic sessions during the evening. The final amount raised was £797.54 making our total appeal amount to date £2606.54. Please keep supporting this restoration project as we still have a long way to go to reach our target of 20K. If you would like to organise a sponsored event to raise funds please, please do!

The first 50's club draw took place on Sunday 30th June. Pete Murray pulled out the following winners. 1st Prize – Colin Mokingan, 2nd prize - Helen Prosser, 3rd prize – Jenna Catley Day.

Thank you all for turning up for the Church spring clean and Churchyard tidy up in June. We are still looking for volunteers to take over Lynda's cleaning months. Please step forward and help.

The sewing Bee's have been busy making the alter hangings and have now completed the ordinary time hanging and are very close to finishing trinity. If you would like to join the group please contact Claire. We meet up every so often for a drink and a chat and a little bit of a sew.

News from the Villages (Cont)

Biddisham (cont)

Claire Talbot writes ... Harvest is a special village time where we can show our appreciation to all our farmers who work so hard every day of the year to supply high quality food for us to eat. In the past the village has celebrated harvest with a harvest supper. Would you like a harvest home supper this year? Please contact me if you are interested in having this event in the village at the end of September. I am unable to do the event single-handed. It will require ticket sellers, volunteers to help prepare the feast and assist on the night. All proceeds would go towards the restoration of the bells.

Loxton & Christon

Philip Davies writes..Loxton Village Hall is now closed until the end of August for the new kitchen to be fitted which is being funded by a £20,000 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund. The Frankie Howerd Community Hub has also been the recipient of grants towards the extension of The Hub and creation of The Dame June Whitfield building. Grants of £20,000 have been received from the National Lottery Community Fund and The Garfield Weston Trust and a £50,000 grant from the Enovert Community Fund. Trust President, Dame Joanna Lumley, has confirmed that she will be coming to officially open the new buildings when they have been completed.

The horse racing evening held at St Andrew's Farm at the beginning of July was a huge success and raised £430 for the village hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed acting as the horses.

Currently considerable concern is being expressed about the speed of vehicles through both Loxton and Christon with calls for a speed limit to be introduced. The national speed limit of 60mph applies in both villages despite areas with tight single track bends. The road from the A38 at Cross to Loxton has a 30 or 40mph limit throughout but on entering Loxton this increases to 60mph!

The village summer BBQ will be held at Hullabaloos soft drinks factory on August 10th and the Harvest Home will be held at lunchtime in the village hall on Saturday September 7th followed by a party in the evening at St Andrew's Farm.. Tickets will be available from the Community Hub.

SOMERSET MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Badgworth – 12.35-12.55, Old School

(Chapel Allerton, Front Street 1.05-1.25)

Visits on Fridays –Every 4 weeks

USE ME OR LOSE ME!

2024: 9th August, 6th September

4th October , 1st November, 29th November

CHEDDAR ARTS @KING'S THEATRE

Cheddar Arts' autumn season begins on Friday 6 September with Wicked Little Letters starring Jessie Buckley, Olivia Colman and Timothy Spall. - When people in Littlehampton start receiving letters full of hilarious profanities, rowdy Irish migrant Rose is charged with the crime. But something is wrong, so the town's women investigate. "A wickedly funny spin on the safe old British period drama." Tickets are available online at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cheddararts

The doors of Kings Theatre at the Kings of Wessex School open at 6.45pm and performances begin at 7.30pm.For queries and help,
email cheddararts@gmail.com

WHO'S WHO IN CROOK PEAK PARISH

We are a Lay Led Parish and hold regular services across all six churches together with Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.
Please do get in touch with the Parish Administrator
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The Parish phone and email is monitored regularly and responded to as soon as possible.
Please bear with us if there is a slight delay.

Crook Peak United Parish - Six Buildings, One Church

Services for Aug 2024 and Sept 2024

We welcome everyone to our churches and believers of all denominations.

Please be aware that CONTACT MAGAZINE is published every 2 months and may not reflect short notice changes. Please check A Church Near You or WhatsApp.

Sunday 4 Aug (1st)	10.00am	CW Holy Communion Rev Alistair Forster with Axbridge Shipham & Rowberrow	Weare	Eph 4.1-16 John 6 24-35
Trinity 10 (Green)				
Sunday 11 Aug (2nd)	10.00am	CW Holy Communion	Badgworth	Eph 4.25-5.2 John 6 41-51
Trinity 11 (Green)	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Compton Bishop	Eph 4.25-5.2 John 6 41-51
Sunday 18 Aug (3rd)	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Compton Bishop	2 Cor. 3 4-9 Mark 7 31-37
Trinity 12 (Green)	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Biddisham	Eph 5.15-20 John 6 51-58
Sunday 25 Aug (4th)	10.00am	CW Holy Communion	Christon	Eph 6.10-20 John 6 59-69
Trinity 13 (Green)	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Badgworth	Exodus 4.27-5:1 Hebrews 13.16-21
Sunday 1 Sept (1st)	9.00am	Agape Meal	Weare	Jas.1.17-27 Mark 7 1-8,14-15,21-23
Trinity 14 (Green)	10.00am	Praise and Worship	Weare	Jas.1.17-27 Mark 7 1-8,14-15,21-23
Sunday 8 Sept (2nd)	10.00am	CW Holy Communion	Weare	Jas. 2. 1-10 14-17 Mark 7 24-end
Trinity 15 (Green)	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Christon	Jas. 2. 1-10 14-17 Mark 7 24-end
Sunday 15 Sept (3rd)	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Biddisham	Eph. 3. 13-end Luke 7. 11-17
Trinity 16 (Green)	10.00am	Harvest Family Service	Loxton	Jas. 3. 1-12 Mark 8. 27-end
Sunday 22 Sept (4th)	10.00am	CW Holy Communion Harvest	Compton Bishop	Jas. 3. 13-4.3, 7-8a Mark 9. 30-37
Trinity 17 (Green)	6.00pm	Choral Evensong	Badgworth	Jas. 3. 13-4.3, 7-8a Mark 9. 30-37
Sunday 29 Sept (5th)	10.00am	Crook Peak Together Harvest Agape Meal	Christon	Jas. 5. 13-end. Mark 9. 38-end
Trinity 18 (Green)				
Sunday 6 Oct (1st)	9.00am	Agape Meal	Weare	Heb. 1. 1-4: 2. 5-12 Mark 10. 2-16
Trinity 19 (Green)	10.00am	Praise and Worship	Weare	Heb. 1. 1-4: 2. 5-12 Mark 10. 2-16