

# CONTACT

## *Crook Peak Parish Community Magazine* August & September 2025 Edition (Funded by donations)

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



### **CROOK PEAK**

#### *Music Festival*

— 2025 —

*Four* **TUESDAYS** *this* **SEPTEMBER**

*Early Evening Concerts 6.00 – 7.00pm*

*Complimentary glass of wine or local beer on arrival*

*Tickets : £10.00 on the door*

### **CONCERT HARP RECITAL**

**TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER : St. Andrew's, COMPTON BISHOP**

*Mary Reid first performed at the festival in 2018. Come and hear the harp's extraordinary potential and diversity in the hands of a virtuoso*

### **WEDMORE ENSEMBLE**

**TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER : St. Congar's, BADGWORTH**

*Elizabeth Anderson (cello), Catherine Lord (violin) and Margaret Marinkovic (piano) are the Wedmore Ensemble. This top-class trio will delight with the brilliancy of their playing*

### **JAZZ TRIO**

**TUESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER : St. Gregory's, WEARE**


*Adam Biggs (piano) leads Adam's Apple with Yuri Goloubev (double bass) and Rob Brian (drums). Their exciting jazz arrangements of hymn tunes will have you tapping your feet in the pews!*

### **SONG RECITAL**

**TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER : St. Mary's, CHRISTON**

*Debra Anderson (soprano) and Robert Anderson (piano) perform 'Music For A While', a programme of Debra's favourite songs, from C17th Baroque to C20th American jazz*

For details contact Debra Anderson : 01934 732537 / [debratanderson16@gmail.com](mailto:debratanderson16@gmail.com)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		CORRESPONDENTS	
AUGUST		Badgworth	Debra Anderson
Aug 5	2pm Shipham Church – Basic Safeguarding Training. Contact Michelle 07421 502023	Biddisham	Claire Talbot
Aug 6	3pm Loxton Hub - Women’s Fellowship. Summer Tea. Booking essential. Contact Ruth on 07738 953660	Compton Bishop & Cross	Situation Vacant
Aug 9	10am Weare Church Room Friends Of Weare Church AGM	Loxton & Christon	Philip Davies (07881630629)
Aug 11	12.30pm Lunch at Loxton Hub - open to all (Free return transport)	Weare	Hilary Hugh (hdhugh@btinternet.com)
Aug 14	10am-12noon Cross Memorial Hall Coffee Morning & book swap	Cover Image	Debra Anderson
Aug 16	10am-4pm Axbridge Churchrooms - LPA Training Day 1 Contact Sue Hoskins 07771 579543	Distribution	Pat Northmore (07788671194 )
Aug 29	10.30am to 12noon Weare Church Room - Parish Coffee Morning	Editor	Bob Foster (07411720077) rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk
Aug 30	10am-4pm Axbridge Churchrooms - LPA Training Day 2 Contact Sue Hoskins 07771 579543	Treasurer:	Paul Wattam (01934 732413)
SEPTEMBER		<b>From the Editor:</b> Please ensure your sub-missions for the (Oct/Nov) edition arrive in my inbox between 12-14 Sep <a href="mailto:rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk">rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk</a> . (if you need to send your contribution earlier then Gary can accept them to his email address before Sep 12 ‘crookpeak6in1@gmail.com’ )  <b>Crook Peak Music Festival 2025:</b> Plans are finalised for this year’s music festival, which starts on the 9th September. The churches involved are St. Andrew’s, St. Congar’s, St. Gregory’s and St. Mary’s. See Village News - Badgworth for details. There will be a festal choral evensong with the Crook Peak Special Choir on Sunday 28th, at St. Congar’s Badgworth, 6.00pm. The Crook Peak Special Choir will lead Choral Evensong with a musical setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, sung Preces and Responses, a Psalm, and an Anthem. A choral treat from the best of the English liturgical music repertoire.	
Sep 2	7pm Loxton Parish Council meeting at the village hall		
Sep 3	7.30pm Cross Hall - Women’s Fellowship. Margaret Jordon, ‘The Pinwill Sisters’. Light supper. All Welcome.		
Sep 4	Rural Friends day out to the West Somerset Railway		
Sep 6	Weare Church Room and Church yard Clean		
Sep 8	12.30pm Lunch at Loxton Hub - open to all (Free return transport)		
Sep 9	10am Weare Church Room - Friends Of Weare Church AGM		
Sep 9	7pm Cross Memorial Hall - ACA talk by Lauren Holt (NT Area Ranger and Oscar Chambers -Smith of the Beaver Trust)		
Sep 11	10am-12noon Cross Memorial Hall - Coffee Morning & book swap		
Sep 26	10.30am to 12noon Weare Church Room - Parish Coffee Morning		
OCTOBER			
Oct 1	7.30pm Cross Hall - Women’s Fellowship. Moira Anderson, ‘The Swans of Wells’. Light Supper. All welcome.		
Oct 3	7pm Weare Church Room – Quiz night with Hot supper £12pp Teams of 4-6. BYOB. Tickets, Sarah 07702 425129. In aid of the Churchroom.		
Oct 17	7.30pm Cross Memorial Hall – Illustrated Talk ‘They Lived Here - The worthy, successful, adventurous & downright mad!’		
<b>WEARE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION</b> - 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			
<b>EDITOR WANTED FOR ‘CATCH THIS’</b> in Axbridge - Would you like to be an editor? Do you like researching and writing? Play about with design layout? There is an opening for you as editor of ‘Catch This’ magazine. No particular skills needed, just enthusiasm for the community at large, although mostly church based. An eye for articles that will intrigue, and some basic software knowledge would be good. <i>If interested please write to <a href="mailto:editor.catch.this@gmail.com">editor.catch.this@gmail.com</a> with questions. AILEEN MITCHEL.</i>			
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<b>Car scheme</b> 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: [crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk)

Dear All,

The sun is still shining brightly and recent temperatures for many have been bordering unbearable. The tree outside our house has sadly died. The grass in most places is definitely looking brown and rather sad. However, we all know a bit of rain and the grass will become green again. This is also true of the church. I have recently been reading a report called 'The Quiet Revival', commissioned by the Bible Society. This is looking into what is happening in the church as a whole across all denominations. Surprisingly, despite the continuous stream of bad press, the church is experiencing significant growth especially in the 18-24 group, and especially young men. In fact, there has been a 50% increase in church attendance over all age groups. People, especially young people seem to be searching for some meaning to life in this confusing, anxious world we live in. If you feel worried, anxious or confused by the world we are living in, then feel assured of a warm welcome at any of our church services. Although in this warm weather the church buildings are a cool haven. We don't claim to have all the answers, but we know someone who does. Our services are not always what you would expect either, as 118 folk found recently when we had cake in the middle of the service. If you need prayer for yourself or someone else, or you need to talk through something, please get in touch. With the blessings of God.

God Bless

Gary (Lay Minister Crook Peak Parish)

### PRAYER CHAIN LETTER

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you, and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.* **Jeremiah 29 v11.**

Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **Matt 11 v28.**

### From the Registers:

#### Baptism:

29 June 2025

Freddie Alan Bebbler

Badgworth

#### Funeral:

12 June 2025

Roy Vear

Biddisham

#### Burial of Ashes:

25 June 2025

Patricia Burgess

Christon

26 June 2025

Gerald Redmond

Badgworth

It is so good to be reminded of God's wonderful love for us, especially when we are going through difficult times. Nobody knows us better or loves us more. It is difficult to accept help except from those who really know us and love us. Pray that we can turn to Him and accept His help. *Do ring with any prayer request 01934 750856*

**THEY LIVED HERE** - "The worthy, the successful, the adventurous and the downright mad!" an illustrated talk about some who lived in Compton Bishop and Cross in the past at Cross Memorial Hall, Friday 17th OCTOBER at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in aid of Friends of CB church, Contact Bob or Margaret Jordan 07812894775 or 01934 732451

### **Locations of Local Defibrillators**

**Phone 999. You will be given a keypad access code if necessary.**

Location	What3words	Parking
<b>Badgworth School Room</b>	extensive.choice.pave	Park in Car Park
<b>Biddisham Hall</b>	divorcing.bashed.battle	Park in Car Park
<b>Cross BT Box, White Hart Pub</b>	endearing.lights.galloping	Park on the road
<b>Cross Memorial Hall</b>	clicker.sands.coolest	Park on the road
<b>Compton Bishop BT Box</b>	ears.ringside.hotdog	Park on the road
<b>Loxton Hub</b> A gate immediately on the left from Loxton Garage forecourt.	alien.cupboards.unfilled	Park on the road
<b>Rooksbridge Post Office</b>	drizzly.roadways.spruced	Parking outside
<b>Weare, St Gregory's Church</b>	scoring.flexible.inflates	Parking outside
<b>Weare Memorial Hall</b>	renamed.household.ketchup	Park on the road
<b>Webbington Hotel</b> Left of the Reception steps	exploring.fists.ashes	Parking outside



## Features & Letters

**Axevale Climate Action activities and programme.** - Two Acre Farm on the Webbington Rd hosted a well attended and very interesting tour and talk on July 9. The owner Dan Fox walked us round his well stocked vegetable patch explaining how he farms sustainably. We were fascinated by the use of voles under plastic sheeting to prepare his soil, as well as his work on supporting seed banks with mixed varieties of seeds. A butterfly walk on July 23rd with a picnic for all the family was also a big success. *A talk by Lauren Holt, NT Area Ranger and Oscar Chambers -Smith of the Beaver Trust, on September 9 in Cross Memorial Hall, 7pm, promises to be fascinating. Lauren will tell us about her plans for the Mendip Hills and Oscar will surprise us on what beavers are up to in Somerset. Suitable for all the family.*

**Badgworth Parish owned & managed Greenspaces** - Badgworth Parish Council will shortly be undertaking a consultation regarding parish owned and managed greenspaces. This will include the Jubilee Field in Badgworth and the Memorial Field in Biddisham. The aim of this consultation is to ensure the green space is managed and maintained in a way that fits the needs of the parish. Responding to this consultation should take no more than 10 minutes and all feedback will be useful to determine how the fields will be managed in future. Consultation links will be sent out via the email mailing list and paper copies of the consultation will be available on request. If you would like a paper copy of the consultation, please contact Badgworth Parish Council at [badgworthparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:badgworthparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk)

**Friends Of Weare Church AGM - 9th August** We will be holding our 2025 AGM at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday 9 August. As usual, it will take place in the Church Room next to St. Gregory's in Weare. All members should now have received the report and accounts together with an agenda via e-mail or by post and they are very welcome to attend the meeting.

**Eco Church -5 Things You DON'T Need to Stress About** - Climate change can often feel overwhelming. While there are many difficult, complex challenges to address, it's important to remember that not everything is a cause for concern. Here are five things about the climate that you DON'T need to stress about:

**1. More People Care About the Climate Than You Might Realise** - You might feel isolated in your concerns about the climate, but 86% of people surveyed across 63 countries "believe" in climate change and a further 72% supported policies to tackle it. This means that more minds and resources are being dedicated to solving climate-related issues.

**2. Renewables Are Cheaper Than Fossil Fuels** - Renewable energy sources, like wind and solar, have become cheaper than fossil fuels in many parts of the world. This means that it makes more sense to invest in renewables than fossil fuel alternatives, which is one of the key reasons that renewables are growing over 50% each year.

**3. Companies Are Required To Report On Sustainability** - The EU has implemented regulations that require companies to report on their sustainability practices. Knowing that large corporations are mandated to report and improve their sustainability efforts can alleviate some of the stress about the overall environmental impact of big business. Whilst the EU are in the lead there are other countries following suit, so expect to see more of this.

**4. Being Green Doesn't Mean You Have To Wear Sandals** - There's a stereotype that living sustainably means adopting a minimalist, do-it-yourself lifestyle, complete with homemade clothes and sandals. However, the rise of sustainable fashion brands means you can make environmentally friendly choices without sacrificing style or convenience. By using sustainable materials, and ethical labour practices, you can look good, feel good, and do good for the planet, all at the same time.

**5. Using our Churches!** - Each of our 6 church buildings has a carbon footprint of less than 4 tonnes of carbon per year. That's probably a lot less than you! To calculate your own carbon footprint, there are many options online, but these 2 are a great start. [www.giki.earth/zero/](http://www.giki.earth/zero/)      [www.footprint.wwf.org.uk/](http://www.footprint.wwf.org.uk/)

### **Lay Pastoral Assistant Course.**

Are you prayerful, empathetic, self-aware and an attentive listener? Could you be a Lay Pastoral Assistant, working in an approved framework in the new Benefice wide team? Rev Sue Hoskins would love to chat to you about this exciting course, even if you are only at the exploratory stage.

**The 2 day course is on Saturday the 16th & 30th August 10-4pm in the Church Rooms in Axbridge.**

If after the course, you think that becoming an LPA could be for you, you will need to go through the usual church safer recruiting process. This includes Basic & Foundation safeguarding training and a DBS check. To find out more, ring Sue on 07771 579543 or email [sue-hoskins@outlook.com](mailto:sue-hoskins@outlook.com)

**Axbridge Trefoil Guild** – The Axbridge Trefoil Guild are taking a break in August, but will be meeting on the second Tuesday (9th) of September as usual in the Catholic church hall in Cheddar. We will be having a Fish & Chip lunch so meeting earlier than usual, at 1.00 not 2.00. If you would like to join us, or for more information call 01749870239 or email Sue on [swild34@hotmail.com](mailto:swild34@hotmail.com). "

# News from the Villages

## Biddisham

*Claire Talbot (churchwarden) writes...*

**50s club winners** - We have the results of the first 50's club draw for 2024. The numbers were pulled out by Rev Anne at our St John the Baptist service in June: 1st Prize - John Hayes...2nd Prize - Colin Mokirgan. 3rd Prize - Richard Cox. For the next draw the 50's club name will become Biddisham Villagers Club. Do join if you are not yet a member - contact Claire for details.

**The church tower bells** - The tower bells were successfully removed from the tower at the beginning of June. The bell tower entrance and the aisle width were spot on for the bells to pass through to get into the churchyard. Hi five to the Victorians as there was only mm's to spare! The bells were displayed in the churchyard for villagers and friends to view. We celebrated with drinks and nibbles and raise just over £400. Thank you. The hi-light was seeing the size of each bell and their inscribed dates. The earliest being 1609. Many people climbed up into the tower to see where the bells are hung. Sadly, bell 2 was cracked and has to have specialist welding before it can be rung again. This was an un for seen expense of £3,500. I need to say thank you so, so much to villagers and friends who donated so generously to pay for the welding. We now only have a shortfall of £2,250 to complete the whole project and get the bells back ringing. Please help get to our target if you possibly can.

**Another Altar hanging** - The sewing Bee's have completed another of the alter hangings, "Ordinary time" in the church calendar. It is on display in the church do pop in to view George Hatton's lovely design and the sewing Bees super sewing. Thank you.

**More Rota Volunteers needed** - We are still asking for rota volunteers for grass strimming and dusting at the church. Please help, neither jobs are very time consuming.

Have a good summer break if you are going away.

## Badgworth

*Robert Anderson writes...*

**Baptism and Agape meal:** 89 adults and 29 children attended the Crook Peak together service and Christening on Sunday 29th June. The agape meal celebration was well received by an enthusiastic congregation.

**Church Fabric:** The sound system for the digital organ has been enhanced, financed by a generous donation from an anonymous donor. A discreet cable extension from the organ in the west end of the Nave has been laid to the east end of the choir stalls, to enable the choir to hear the organ more clearly.

## Badgworth (cont)

**Churchyard:** The gate post at the northern entrance to the churchyard is unstable and we will seek help to re-hang it without incurring costs. There are plans to control weed infestation around the base of the church walls. We have asked parishioners to make a working party to tidy up the churchyard.

**Assessment of Finances:** Our planned giving remains more or less steady, but the passing of a former resident, Gerald Redmond, may mean a reduction. His graveside funeral took place on 26th June in St. Congar's churchyard.

### Crook Peak Music Festival 2025:

The music festival returns for its fifth year with four Tuesday evening concerts in September from 6.00-7.00 pm, in the beautifully bucolic settings of our lovely ancient parish churches.

On **9th September** at St. Andrew's, Compton Bishop, Mary Reid plays a CONCERT HARP RECITAL. Mary first performed at the festival in 2018, and we are thrilled to welcome back this virtuosic and utterly charming young musician. Her passion for the great diversity of concert harp music will enchant you.

On **16th September** at St. Congar's, Badgworth, the WEDMORE ENSEMBLE will be aiming to repeat their successes at recent Wedmore Festivals and the Pop Up Proms, with a programme to scintillate and highlight the brilliancy of their playing and the closeness of their friendship. The ensemble are Elizabeth Anderson (cello), Catherine Lord (violin), and Margaret Marinkovic (piano).

On **23rd September** at St. Gregory's, Weare, the JAZZ TRIO Adam's Apple perform with Adam Biggs on piano, Yuri Goloubev on double bass and Rob Brian on drums. Their exciting programme of original jazz arrangements, including some well-known hymn tunes will have you tapping your feet in the pews!

On **30th September** at St. Mary's, Christon, Debra Anderson performs 'Music for a While' a SONG RECITAL, accompanied on piano by her husband Robert. This local duo will be performing a programme of songs ranging from C17th Baroque to C20th American jazz, all chosen for the significance they have played in Debra's musical life.

Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine or Badgworth Brewhouse beer on arrival. The concerts will last about 50 min., with no interval. Tickets are £10.00 per concert, on the door only. Proceeds will be shared between the church venues and festival music.

For more details contact Debra Anderson: 01934 732537 / [debratanderson16@gmail.com](mailto:debratanderson16@gmail.com)

# News from the Villages (Cont)

## Weare

*Hilary Hugh writes..* I received this lovely piece from Cindy Bayley a few weeks ago. She had just returned from a trip to Salisbury, arranged by the Frankie Howerd Community Trust. It sounds as though everyone had a wonderful day out. If you would like to find out more about the Community Hub, the cafe in Loxton and the community bus you can email [frankiehowerdhub@outlook.com](mailto:frankiehowerdhub@outlook.com) or phone 01934 244362.

Cindy Bayley writes .. It was with some trepidation that I booked a seat on the Frankie Howerd community minibus to Salisbury. On my own and with a few mobility problems,I wondered if this would be a step too far.How wrong I was to be concerned.

The minibus picked me up at 0910 from my front door.Phil and Ian welcomed me and made sure I alighted the bus safely.Being welcomed by the other passengers with a cheery "Good morning"calmed my nerves. We set off towards Wells but at Draycott we turned off onto smaller country roads,avoiding busy traffic.Travelling across the Mendips through stunning countryside,passing through quaint villages..Onwards across Salisbury Plain, passing places of interest,such as Lark Hill Barracks,the home of the Royal Artillery. Beautiful scenic views throughout.Passing Stonehenge in the distance,we arrived in central Salisbury at about 1130.

During our outward journey I met two other ladies who were on their own, Julie and Isabel., we decided to sight see together.After a coffee we headed towards the Cathedral ,having a short rest in a street on the way. Disappointingly we found it was closed as there was a Flower Festival on.As the entrance fee was £17,we decided it was time for a lunch break, we took this in the pop up cafe on the Cathedral green. The bus picked us up from the green at 3 pm and we set off for home,A totally different route,This time we stopped at two very nice garden centers, one in Gillingham and the other The Otter Garden Center in Wincanton, both selling delicious home made cakes.Travelling on we went through a village called Sixpenny Handly,and down a very steep Zig Zag hill.Arriving back at 1815.How Phil our driver knew those pretty routes I don't know.

A lovely day out, with friendly people, great weather. Phil and Ian were so helpful and informative, and all for £20.I will definitely be using this local community service again. In fact I have already booked on the next trip.

*Heather Cooke (Deputy Headteacher of Weare Academy) writes...* As we reach the end of another school year, it's a time to celebrate achievements, share memories, and look ahead to new adventures. We extend our heartfelt best wishes to our wonderful Year 4 leavers as they prepare to take their next steps into new schools. You've grown in confidence, knowledge and friendship during your time here, and we are so proud of each and every one of you. May your next chapter be filled with success, happiness, and continued curiosity. At the same time, we look forward with great anticipation to welcoming new faces in September. Whether joining us in Pre-School, Reception, or transferring into other classes, we are excited to meet you and your families. A warm welcome awaits you all, and we can't wait to start a new journey of learning and discovery together. Wishing all pupils, parents, carers, and staff a restful and joyful summer break.

## Weare (cont)

*Sarah Pettifer writes...*From 9.30am until 12noon, Volunteers are required for annual work party to tidy up both Church room & St.Gregorys churchyard. Could you spare an hour on Saturday 6th September to help out? There are various jobs which need undertaking, a variety of jobs for a variety of talents, ranging from removing cobwebs, dusting , removing flaking paint from the gates to weeding, trimming shrubs. All offers of help gratefully received. Coffee & cake provided. Also, here is a date for your diary:

Quiz Night - Friday 3rd October - John Webley (previous Krypton factor winner) has kindly agreed to be quiz master again. An evening not to be missed. Tickets £12.00 to include a hot supper + BYOB.

To book your place email Sarah [mikepettifer@freenetname.co.uk](mailto:mikepettifer@freenetname.co.uk)

## Loxton & Christon

*Philip Davies writes...* I am most grateful to John Dunstone of the Axbridge Branch of the Bath & Wells diocesan bell ringers for helping to clear out five dustbin liner bag loads of Jay's nests from Loxton bell tower. It took two hours of solid work and the gaps into the tower have now been sealed. He also replaced the tenor bell rope which had snapped. This enabled the full peal of bells to be rung for Mr. and Mrs. Cheek's (Rachel and Nutty's) amazing Blessing at the church on June 7th led by Eric. They wish to thank Mike and Lorraine Isgar for hosting the celebrations and the wonderful community for coming together to make it such a joyous occasion.

The Village Hall has launched a monthly lottery to raise funds. Known as the "Loxto" it costs £5 to have a ball in each draw. anyone interested in taking part should contact Heidi on 07974221589.

Everyone who attended the Eurovision Song Contest evening at the hall had a great time.

Construction of the Dame June Whitfield building at the Community Hub is well underway and it is hoped that it will be completed by the end of October.

The Community Bus is being very well used and has recently taken members of Rural Friends from Axbridge, Weare, Loxton and Christon on days out to Bristol (Boat trip to Hanham) and Weymouth and Portland.

The Frankie Howerd Trust and the Wessex Learning Trust are working together on a new Intergenerational Project which is being spearheaded by Frankie Howerd patrons Dame Joanna Lumley and David Walliams. Students from Fairlands, Hugh Sexey's, Kings (Cheddar), Crispin (Street) and Nailsea School are all actively involved. Running as a pilot scheme for a year it will bring the elderly and young together for a range of face to face educational activities. If you would be interested in taking part please contact me on 07881630629.



## WHO'S WHO IN CROOK PEAK PARISH

We are a Ley Led Parish and hold regular services across all six churches together with Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. For general enquiries contact The Administrator. For confidential matters, email Gary Orriss on **crookpeak6in1@gmail.com** or phone **01934 733281**. All are monitored regularly and responded to as soon as possible, dealing with most urgent matters first. Please bear with us if there is a slight delay.

**LAY MINISTER** **GARY ORRISS**

**Lay Worship Assistants:** Pete Murray & Ruth Orriss

### Churchwardens:

**Badgworth:** David Parker, Yew Tree House, Badgworth, BS26 2QN Email: dparker305@gmail.com  
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**Compton Bishop:** Steve McColgan, Orchard Cottage, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop, BS26 2HF Tel: 01934 732321  
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**Loxton:** No Churchwarden. Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

**Weare:** No Churchwarden. Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

### Other Officers

**Treasurer** Paul Wattam Tel: 01934 732413

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**Communications** Ruth Orriss Tel: 01934 733281

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**Weare Church Room** Anna Fox Tel: 07437 612339  
Sarah Pettifer Tel: 01934 732578

**Children in Church** Ruth Orriss Tel: 01934 733281

## Crook Peak Village Halls – Open for Bookings

**Cross Hall**  
(julietparry@hotmail.co.uk)  
Capacity: 50/60 seats ..  
Cost from £22 for 4 hours  
(Plenty of Parking on street)

**Badgworth School Room**  
[www.badgworthschoolroom.co.uk](http://www.badgworthschoolroom.co.uk):  
Capacity: 35/45 seats ... Cost from £15 for 4 hours  
(Outdoor play .. Ping Pong ...  
Parking 8 cars, plus on street ... Cycle rack )

**Weare Church Room**  
(Anna Fox - [wwjsfox@aol.com](mailto:wwjsfox@aol.com))  
Capacity: 40/55 seats ....  
Cost from £18 for 4 hours  
(On street Parking)

## ROTAS FOR CLEANING & FLOWERS

	Badgworth		Biddisham		Compton Bishop			Christon	Loxton	Weare	
	Flowers & Dusting	Brass	Flowers	Cleaning & Brass	Flowers	Cleaning	Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers & Brass	Cleaning
2025											
Aug 3			J. Body							B. Channon	S Pettifer
Aug 10			"		J Lunn					"	R Hanson
Aug 17			"							A Yates	S Melliush
Aug 24			"		J Crawley	J Crawley & A Brockway				"	A Yates
Aug 31			"							L Taylor	L Taylor
Sep 7			J Vining	S Steel	H Dean	C Laney & C Pettit				"	"
Sep 14			"	"						K Vaux	J Wattam
Sep 21			"	"	K Wood-house					"	"
Sep 28			"	"						A le Provost	A le Provost
Oct 5					S Thorne	A Sage & P Warner				"	"

## Crook Peak United Parish - Six Buildings, One Church

# Services for August 2025 and September 2025

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, WhatsApp or your emails.

We are moving towards the creation of a new benefice, which will bring together Crook Peak, Axbridge, Rowberrow and Shipham churches as West Mendip Benefice.

As part of this process some of our services may be changing venue and format.

<b>Sunday 3 Aug (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>				
Trinity 7 (Green)	10.00am	CW Holy Communion United service with, Axbridge, Crook Peak, Rowberrow Shipham	Axbridge	Col. 3. 1-11. Luke 12. 13-21.
<b>Sunday 10 Aug (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	10.00am	CW Holy Communion	Badgworth	Heb. 11. 1-16 Luke 12. 32-40
Trinity 8 (Green)	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Compton Bishop	Heb. 11. 1-16 Luke 12. 32-40
<b>Sunday 17 Aug (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Badgworth	1 Cor. 10. 1-13 Luke 16. 1-9
Trinity 9 (Green)	10.00am	Morning Worship	Biddisham	Heb.11.29 - 12.2. Luke 12. 49-56
<b>Sunday 24 Aug (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	10.00am	CW Holy Communion	Christon	Heb. 12.18-28 Luke 13. 10-17
Trinity 10 (Green)	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Badgworth	Heb. 12.18-28 Luke 13. 10-17
<b>Sunday 31st Aug (5<sup>th</sup>)</b>				
Trinity 11 (Green)	10.00am	Crook Peak Together	Biddisham	Heb.13.1-8, 15-16 Luke 14.1,7-14
<b>Sunday 7 Sept (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	9.00am	Agape Meal	Weare	Philemon 1-21 Luke 14. 25-33
Trinity 12 (Green)	10.00am	Praise & Worship	Weare	Philemon 1-21 Luke 14. 25-33
<b>Sunday 14 Sept (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	10.00am	CW Holy Communion	Weare	1 Tim.1. 12-17 Luke 15. 1-10
Trinity 13 (Green)	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Christon	1 Tim 1. 12-17 Luke 15. 1-10
<b>Sunday 21 Sept (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Biddisham	Gal. 5.16-24 Luke 17. 11-19
Trinity 14 (Green)	10.00am	Morning Worship	Loxton	1 Tim. 2. 1-7 Luke 16. 1-13
<b>Sunday 28 Sept (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	10.00am	CW Holy Communion	Compton Bishop	1 Tim. 6. 6-19 Luke 16. 19-31
Trinity 15 (Green)	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Badgworth	1 Tim. 6. 6-19 Luke 16. 19-31
<b>Sunday 5 Oct (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	9.00am	Agape Meal	Weare	Eph. 2. 19-22 John 2. 13-22
Trinity 16 (Green)	10.00am	Praise & Worship	Weare	Eph. 2. 19-22 John 2. 13-22