

CONTACT

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Crook Peak Parish Community Magazine

April & May 2026 Edition


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

Scenes from Springfield Wildlife Site (see article on Page 3)



Scenes from Biddisham



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		CORRESPONDENTS	
APRIL		Badgworth	Debra Anderson
Apr 1	7.30pm Cross Hall. Women's Fellowship Pauline Wood, Stand Up to Falling Down. Light Supper. All welcome. By Donation	Loxton & Christon	Philip Davies (07881630629)
Apr 2	7pm. Weare Churchroom - Maundy Thursday Passover Supper. An all-age, interactive evening. Hot meal. Free to attend. By Donation. To book text or call Ruth 07738 953660.	Compton Bishop	Situation Vacant
Apr 3	4pm Loxton Village Hall Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt - with evening Bingo and hot dogs	Biddisham	Sarah Ayling and Claire Talbot
Apr 5	11.15am. Weare Churchroom. Easter Sunday Egg Hunt Families across the Parish are welcome whether you come to the 10am service or not. Free to Attend.	Cover	Sarah Ayling and Claire Talbot
Apr 9	10am Cross Memorial Hall – Coffee morning – all welcome	Treasurer:	Paul Wattam (732413)
Apr 15	7pm Cross Hall. ACA Martin Williams. Belmont Estate, Rewild, Regenerate, Reconnect. Free to attend. All welcome.	Weare	Hilary Hugh (hdhugh@btinternet.com)
Apr 18	10.00-12.30 at Chapel Allerton Church BS26 2PH - Cakes & Plants Sale. Entrance free. For more details call Johnny Torrens-Spence on 01934 710188.	Distribution	Pat Northmore (07788671194)
Apr 18	10am-4pm Blackford Church. .West Mendip Benefice Envisioning Day for PCCs. Bring & Share lunch. Please pray for this meeting	Editor	Bob Foster rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk
Apr 23	7pm Badgworth Schoolroom. ACA Members Meeting Come along and find out what we do and why.	<p>From the Editor: Please ensure your submissions for the (Jun/July) edition arrive in my inbox between 12-14 May rmfoster10@yahoo.co.uk. (if you need to send your contribution earlier then Gary can accept them to his email address before May 12 'crookpeak6in1@gmail.com')</p> <p>A Special Notice Very sadly, Peggy Farley, of Cross died recently. Her Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, 18th March at St Andrew's Church, Compton Bishop. Peggy was Treasurer and Distributor of CONTACT Magazine for many years and always valued it highly as a resource for the community. She also worked tirelessly in the community and church, in many roles, and she was a key member of the team who restored the Cross Memorial Hall. We give thanks for Peggy's life and ask everyone to remember Eddie and family in your prayers.</p>	
Apr 24	10.30am – 12noon Weare Church Room: Parish Coffee Morning: Coffee, Cake & Book swap		
Apr 25	7.30pm B&B Biddisham Parish Hall Fun quiz Contact (see poster page 3)		
Apr 27	Weare Churchroom Crook Peak Parish Annual Parish Church Meeting APCM. All welcome.. 7pm Vestry Meeting – for village church items. Main Meeting 7.30pm for Parish matters		
MAY			
May 4	1pm-5pm Stone Allerton. BS26 2NG. ACA Greening Festival Adastra Cider, A fun family afternoon. Stalls, Talks, Games and cider! Free entry.		
May 6	7.30pm Cross Hall. Women's Fellowship. Cindy Bayley. A Military Wife. Light Supper. All welcome. By Donation		
May 14	7.30pm Shipham Church - Ascension Day Service		
May 14	10am Cross Memorial Hall – Coffee morning – all welcome		
May 15	7.30pm in Cross Hall. 60s Night, Cross Connections Fish & Chips and 60s Fun. £15. For tickets text 07918 656670. Fundraiser for the William Cray Foundation and Weston Hospice		
May 15	9 Days of Prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost. 6pm every day, in one of the 9 churches of the West Mendip Benefice.		
May 18	7pm Loxton Village Hall - Loxton Parish Council Annual Meeting		
May 29	10.30am-12noon Weare Church Room: Parish Coffee Morning: Coffee, Cake & Book swap + plant swap – flowers or vegetables		
<p>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.</p>			
<p>From the Treasurer - We continue to welcome your kind donations to keep Contact Magazine running and available to every household in the Parish. If you wish to support the magazine, please scan the QR Code shown here to donate. Alternatively, you can pay by cheque, made out to 'Contact' or cash to the Treasurer – Paul Wattam, Henmore Lane, Weare BS26 2LB. To pay by bank transfer please Email: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01934 732413</p>			

From: crookpeakparish@hotmail.co.uk

Dear All

Looking out the window at the warm bright sunlight Spring seems to have truly sprung. The daffodils are out in force; I can hear birds singing. The lambing season has started and the flocks in the fields are being renewed. The promise of new life is definitely here. We all welcome new life and the hope that it brings in the midst of this increasingly dangerous world we live in. New life offers a different perspective on life. New life offers new possibilities, a fresh interpretation of the way things are around us. With this in mind, I am greatly looking forward to seeing how the children from Weare Academy Church of England First School (to give the full title) decorate St Gregory's church in Weare, for Easter. To see how their new young minds interpret the Easter story that is 2000 years old. A very old story yes, but one whose message never ages, that is always relevant. This is because the story of Easter promises new life, a new beginning, reconciled with God through what happened to Jesus over Easter. This promise of new life is not just for now, but forever and is offered to anyone who would like it. We celebrate this offer of new life through the symbol of an egg, specifically in our culture chocolate Easter Eggs. After the Easter service in Weare this year there will be an Easter Egg hunt to which all are welcome. Please meet in Weare Churchroom for instructions at around 11:15. Take the opportunity to view the children's decorations and rejoice in the hope they will bring.

Gary (Lay Minister Crook Peak Parish).

Rev'd Joy Hawes (Area Dean from Axbridge Deanery) writes ...

The west Mendip hills are home to nine beautiful Anglican churches that comprise the parishes of Axbridge, Shipham, and Rowberrow, along with Crook Peak (Badgworth, Biddisham, Christon, Compton Bishop, Loxton, and Weare). Last year, under the leadership of Rev'd Alistair Forster, conversations began about these parishes forming a new benefice to work together. Sadly, his untimely death at the end of the year leaves a vacancy for a Priest in Charge.

During a vacancy there's a consultation period where the parochial church councils (PCCs) and others, reflect on the nature and requirements of their parishes, and the qualities and experience sought in the priest who will take the work forward. This process takes prayer and time, especially as people are grieving as well as looking to the future.

Consultation across the PCCs happened last year to discern a name for the benefice, and West Mendip Benefice was chosen. The name will be confirmed as part of the formal legal process. The PCCs and other leaders will gather in April for an envisioning day, which will provide the foundation for the profile and job advert for the new priest, and it is anticipated that the new role will be advertised in the autumn. Whilst change brings its challenges there is much enthusiasm for working together in the service of God and the wider communities.

PRAYER CHAIN LETTER

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of man, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord will not precede those who have fallen asleep.....and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

1 Thessalonians chap 4 13

As we look forward to celebrating Easter and all that it means ...Jesus dying for us and rising to new life. We remember those who have recently lost loved ones and miss them so much. Jesus's words to the thief on the cross who turns to Him "I tell you the truth today you will be with me in paradise" give us hope that we will be together one day with Him.

Do please ring with any prayer requests 01934 750856

From the Registers

Funerals

18th March 26

25th March 26

31st March 26

Peggy Farley

George Deacon

Fred Body

Features & Letters

John Buckler writes... **Richard Parker.. an appreciation -**

I have known Richard since we moved to the village in 1982. Already he had become well known as a person who could be relied upon to initiate activities and to energetically support those of others. For example, I worked closely with him on the village design statement, which because of his diligence was very successful, as was every activity with which he was involved. With this in mind, recently with the support of other neighbours, I submitted an application for Richard, for the Queen's Birthday Honours List for a community award. Competition is fierce and the application was not successful. However during the course of completing the application, which took some months, I was astonished at the list of his achievements on behalf of all of us. This is a brief summary; Organiser of village fun days; boys football teams; skittles teams, annual vegetable shows; footpath walks; village newsletters, then village website; parish councillor; council secretary; council chairman ; secretary of successful Cross/Axbridge footpath initiative; coordinator of parish councils' resistance to pylons below Crook Peak; trained butterfly recorder for the neighbourhood. In addition Richard could be relied upon to help deal with village emergencies, on one occasion climbing on the village hall roof to repair a sudden leak ! This list only gives examples, many of you will know of others and for which we all owe him a great debt of gratitude. Richard, we look forward to seeing you in the village for many years to come and passing the time of day! So thank you, for you have made life in Cross and Compton Bishop richer for all of us. We owe you !

David Parker writes.. **A Wonderful Opportunity to Become Churchwarden in Badgworth**

My role as Churchwarden began on Saturday 2nd April 2016 when Bill Burdge, a former Churchwarden, asked me to be Churchwarden of St. Congar's church Badgworth, and without much thought I said "Yes".

My wife Claire had passed away two years before, I had retired from my business, and I wanted to 'give something back' as they say. I soon discovered the delight and fun in learning so many new aspects of 'managing' church activities; both worship services, building management, and pastoral care (probably my biggest challenge). What fun I had in that first, and each following year, most of it involving working with the parishioners and fellow Churchwardens, sometimes seeking, and receiving, assistance and advice from the Bishop's management team in Wells. I have now been Churchwarden for most of those ten years (I read the rules and stepped down after each three-year period). Jackie Klinker and then Debra Anderson and now Robert Anderson stepped up to the Churchwarden's role and have thrived.

It really helps to have two Churchwardens, the roles can be 'cherry picked', the duties are halved, but most of all, together is more fun. And there is a great deal of enjoyment in supporting Gary Orris our Lay-Dean and Ruth, his wife, who manages administration, alongside eco projects for the churches and churchyards, and charitable activities. This year I shall not be standing for election as Churchwarden during the Annual Parish Meeting to be held at 7.00pm on Monday 27th April in Weare Churchroom. All are welcome and your election as Churchwarden starts there. Please step forward to join the Crook Peak Parish (soon to become West Mendip Beneficence with nine churches) as Churchwarden. You will receive a warm and supportive welcome. The Diocese of Bath and Wells provide excellent training and support

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

Saturday 17th October 2026 - keep the date free - it's quiz time!! The committee of the Friends Of Weare Church (FOWC) are pleased to announce that their next major fund raising event will be a quiz evening on Saturday 17th October 2026 at Weare Memorial Hall, with a 7:30 p.m. start. It may sound a long way off but we wanted to let you have the date now so that you can get it into your diaries!! Look out for further details about tickets, timings, teams, food etc. in a forthcoming edition of Contact. Steve Mercer, FOWC Chair

Axbridge and District Trefoil Guild usually meets on the second Tuesday each month in the Catholic Church Rooms in Cheddar at 2pm - 4pm and on 14th April we will be playing board games, but on 12th May we will be visiting the Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury (and on 9th June we plan to go for a walk to a teashop for tea and cake). If you would like to join us, or for more information, please contact Sue on 01749 870239 or email swild34@hotmail.com

Features & Letters (cont)

Springfield Wildlife Site (by Sarah Ayling) *continued from front cover*

During the winter period volunteers met regularly and in spite of the wet and blustery weather were able to carry out a wide range of tasks. In the central area we have continued to pull up nettles and any non-native or invasive plants, such as sycamore, pyrocanthus and bay. The vegetation on the dipping platform, and saplings growing out of the side of the platform, has been cut back to ensure ease of access. Brambles growing close to the path, except in areas that have been set aside for growth of brambles, were cut back or pulled up. Some areas have been set aside for brambles because they are important for many different insects including Brown hairstreak, Comma and Orange-tip butterflies, carder and bumble bees and hoverflies. Many mammals enjoy blackberries, including humans, field and yellow-necked mice, bank voles, foxes and badgers. This time of year, as the sap begins to rise and plants are coming into leaf, willow stems have their brightest colour. The seeds of ivy ripen in early spring; they have a very high fat content and act as natural fat balls for birds. Blackbirds seem particularly fond of them and you sometimes see male blackbirds fighting for ownership of a heavily fruiting plant. Early spring is also when Blackthorn and wild plums flower, I always find it incredible that such delicate blossom can withstand wind, hail and frost. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped at the site. New volunteers are always welcome; please contact the parish clerk who will pass on your details. Even if you do not feel you can volunteer at a work party you can still help by identifying wildlife. You do not need to be an expert - records for common species are as valuable as those for rarities. There are several good identification programmes that can be downloaded onto a computer or mobile telephone to help with identification. Somerset Wildlife Trust is using i-naturalist (<https://www.inaturalist.org/>). If you have not visited the site before, the entrance can be found between numbers 8 and 9 Springfield Close, Cross.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting
is to be held on
Monday 27th April 2025
in the Churchroom
at St Gregory's, Weare.

Vestry meetings of each church|
start at 19:00,
followed by the APCM at 19:30.

All very Welcome

COME TO OUR FUN **QUIZ**

in the Parish Hall

SATURDAY **25th APRIL**

7.30 START

INCLUDING A PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER
AND DESSERT

£10 per head

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

Please book your places (it helps with
the catering) with either :-

Jenny 750715 ; Ian 751287

Stephen 750002

Singletons, pairs or groups = **all welcome !**

UNICEF fund for Therapy for the Orphans of Gaza... For several years, the Wild,Wild Garden of my late wife, Jean, has been opened to the public. Last year's event set in train a sequence of fundraising activities for the worthwhile cause above. As well as another open garden occasion, an auction of vintage tat and talks was held in the village hall and there were fireside storytelling and jazz concerts held at Christmas. In total, £ 2100 was raised for the orphans over the course of the four events. A similar programme is planned for this year and for the same cause, because the orphans are still orphans! In addition funds will be raised for the charity, Medical Aid for Palestinians, for their need is desperate. The support last year was surprising and fantastic, and I hope this will continue . The first event of this year will be "Tulips Galore" on April 19th at Wicken House (BS26 2HL)from 10 til 4pm, admission £5.00, children free. Refreshments. Parking in the church car park. See you there !

News from the Villages

Weare

Sarah Pettifer writes... We are delighted to announce that we now have a flat screen tv for use in the church room, perfect for presentations. Our thanks go to Mike and Juliet Friedman for donating this plus to Trevor Morgan and John Burford who kindly installed it.

Hilary Hugh writes ... A warm welcome is extended to Martin and Carol, Hannah, Jack and their two young sons who have recently moved into Hopedene. We hope you will be very happy in your new home and enjoy life in the village.

Juliet and Dean have not moved far - just down the road in fact - and are now settled into Green Acres. We wish them every happiness in their new home. We are very sorry to report that Heather Peace has recently passed away. Heather will be greatly missed by many in the village, and our thoughts and condolences are with her family at this very sad time. Please make a note that the Annual Parish (The Community) Meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th May at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall. All residents are warmly invited to attend.

Loxton & Christon

Philip Davies writes... The grounds of Loxton Church provide a wonderful haven for wildlife and as Spring is upon us I am reminded of efforts that are being made by parishioners to support the ecology. A wild flower garden has been made and the grass has been allowed to grow longer to encourage more wild flowers to grow naturally. Also bat and bird surveys have been carried out. The bird survey carried out on February 13th, using a birdsong recognition app, revealed gold crest, chaffinch, great tit, jackdaw, blue tit, wren and robin all to be present.

At the village hall the outside hardstanding area has been renovated and at The Frankie Howerd Community Hub the pedestrian bridge crossing the rhine from the car park to The Hub will be installed in April. The Hub is also most grateful for the donation of a piano for the new building.

On Good Friday the village hall will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt from 4pm and in the evening Bingo. Village Sunday breakfast and Friday drinks night will not take place in May due to private events.

Loxton annual parish council meeting will be held in the village hall on Monday May 18th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. The council still has one vacancy.

The Hub 16 seat community bus is available to hire by residents with a BS26 postcode for social events. Due to rising fuel and maintenance costs the hire charge will rise to 70p per km from April 1st. This charge includes fuel. Please email frankiehowerds@btinternet for further information.

Biddisham

Claire Talbot writes.. Dear friends, Biddisham is looking beautiful this spring with all the daffodils in the verges and gardens. Village news: Welcome to Vicky and James and the children now living in Poppy Cottage. The Country and Western night was a great success. The village hall was packed and the evening was full of happy villagers enjoying the music and fun of a line dancing taster moment.

Biddisham (cont)

A big thank you goes out to George Evans from Biddisham and his friends David and Issy for a great set of songs. We wish George continuing success in his music career. And thank you to Aaron for leading the dancing. We raised £835 and that means we have completely raised all the money for the tower bells restoration and new bell ropes. I would like to personally thank everyone who helped in every way to raise £17K. A massive hi 5 to you all. The bells are now ringing again. Do join the village bell ringing team. If you don't know how to ring no worries you can learn. Look out for tower dates on WhatsApp Biddisham and Biddisham villagers emails.

Sadly, 2 of our senior villagers have passed away. Fred Body, a member of a long standing traditional Biddisham family dating back to Victorian times. Fred was a leading member of our community, being chairman on the parish council for many, many years. Our sympathy goes out to Pat and the family. Also Jenny Farmer along the A38 died this month.

Mark at Green Farm has kindly said he will mow the church yard again this summer BUT he needs people to trim around the graves and path edges etc. I would like to set up a new rota this year. Please come forward for one month of strimming, it won't take long the hard work is done by Mark. We are looking at April till October. Just let me know if you can help. Also there is a vacancy on the Church cleaning rota. 4 months spread out over the year. Again the dusting and hoovering doesn't take long. If 2 people help it would reduce to 3 sessions a year. Please volunteer. June is coming around fast. For our St John the Baptist day festival we will look to arrange an event down at the church on Saturday 20th June. So please put the date in your calendar. I will send out information nearer the date. Wishing you all a very happy Easter time. Claire

Badgworth

Debra Anderson writes... Crook Peak Special Choir The choir have started rehearsals again after a very busy Christmas, in preparation for the Easter weekend. We have some superb music planned for two very special services in our parish. On Good Friday (3rd April) at St Mary's, Christon the choir will complement the retelling of the deeply moving Passion story, with beautifully inverted and reflective music for an hours Contemplation starting at 2.00pm. In a time of global instability and violence, why not take some time-out to find a little personal peace and reflect on what really matters within the ancient setting of St Mary's church? On Easter Sunday (5th April) at St Gregory's, Weare the choir will take part in an Easter Celebration where the mood and the music will be uplifting and joyful. The Holy Communion service will start at 10.00am, beginning with a sung introit from 'The Messiah' by G.F. Handel. The Crook Peak Special Choir practice on Mondays from 5.00-6.30pm at St Congar's church Badgworth, for 6-8 weeks before each singing engagement. If you would be interested in singing with us, please contact Debra Anderson on 07881 955804

Robert Anderson writes... Badgworth Book Club If you enjoy a lively meeting with the stimulating interchange of ideas and much laughter, then Badgworth Book Club is for you! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Schoolroom at 8.00pm and we take it in turns to choose a book. So far this year we have read 'My Friends' by Hisham Mater, 'Vathek' by William Beckford and 'Lucky Jim' by Kingsley Amis, so you can see our tastes are wide-ranging. At the end of the year we go out to dinner and award the Badgworth Booker Prize to our favourite book. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th April when we discuss 'Never Let Me Go' by Kazuo Ishiguro. New members are very welcome and there is nothing to pay! Contact Robert Anderson 07774 286676.

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.

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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:
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)
Capacity: 40/55 seats
Cost from £18 for 4 hours
(On street Parking)

**Badgworth and Biddisham
village hall.**
Booking secretary
07828133197
Capacity 75-80
Off road car park
Cost £30 for 4 hours

ROTAS FOR CLEANING & FLOWERS

	Badgworth		Biddisham		Compton Bishop			Christon	Loxton	Weare	
2025	Flowers & Dusting	Brass	Flowers	Cleaning & Brass	Flowers	Cleaning	Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers, Cleaning & Brass	Flowers & Brass	Cleaning
Apr 4			Theresa	Sheila	EASTER FLOWERS All welcome 10am-12noon						
Apr 11			“	“						A Le Prevost	A Le Prevost
Apr 18			“	“		J Stuchbery	J Craig & S Williams				“
Apr 25			“	“						K Vaux	S Pettifer
May 2			Issy	Issy	H Dean		C Laney & C Pettit			“	R Hanson
May 9			“	“						J Stitch	A Fox
May 16			“	“	J Murray	Vacant (any volunteers)				“	H Hugh
May 23			“	“						A Yates	S Melliush
May 30			“	“	P Warner					“	A Yates
June			Sue	Vacant						A Le Prevost	

Crook Peak United Parish - Six Buildings, One Church

Services for April and May 2026

We welcome everyone to our churches, including believers of all denominations.

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

We are moving towards bringing together Crook Peak, Axbridge, Rowberrow and Shipham Parishes into the new Benefice of West Mendip.

Sunday 5th April (1st) Easter Day (White)	10.00am	Holy Communion CW	Weare	Acts 10.34-43 John 20.1-18
Sunday 12th April (2nd) Easter 2 (White)	10.00am	Holy Communion CW	Badgworth	1 Peter 1.3-9 John 20.19-end
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer CW	Compton Bishop	
Sunday 19th April (3rd) Easter 3 (White)	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Loxton	1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:11-16
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Biddisham	1 Peter 1.17-23 Luke 24.13-35
Sunday 26th April (4th) Easter 4 (White)	10.00am	Holy Communion CW	Christon	1 Peter 2.19-end John 10.1-10
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Badgworth	Ezra 3:1-13 John 10.1-10
Sunday 3rd May (1st) Easter 5 (White)	9.00am	Agape Meal	Weare	John 14.1-14
	10.00am	Praise and Worship	Weare	
Sunday 10th May (2nd) Easter 6 (White)	10.00am	Holy Communion CW	Weare	1 Peter 3.13-22 John 14.15-21
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer CW	Christon	1 Peter 3.13-22 John 14.15-21
Wednesday 14th May Ascension Day	7.30pm	Ascension Day Service	Shipham	
Sunday 17th May (3rd) Easter 7 (White)	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Biddisham	1 Peter 4:7-11 John 15:26-16:4
	10.00am	Morning Worship CW	Loxton	1 Peter 4.12-14;5.6-11 John 17.1-11
Sunday 24th May (4th) Pentecost (Red)	10.00am	Holy Communion CW	Compton Bishop	Acts 2:1-21 John 20.19-23
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Badgworth	Numbers 11:24-30 Acts 2:1-21
Sunday 31st May (5th) Trinity Sunday (Green)	10.00am	Holy Communion CW West Mendip Together	Badgworth	2 Cor 13.11-14 Matt 28.16-20
Sunday 7th June (1st) Trinity 1 (Green)	9.00am	Agape Meal	Weare	Matthew 9.9-13,18-26
	10.00am	Praise and Worship	Weare	