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The Parish Magazine covering  
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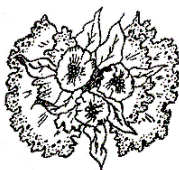


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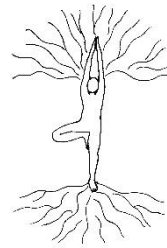
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## A Prayer for our Benefice

Loving God, as we travel together  
we seek inspiration from the River Alham which named us.  
We pray that the life-giving water of your Word  
will flow in our hearts and minds,  
that gently but firmly we will be carried along in its current together,  
that as the river winds and meanders,  
we too can change course to overcome the difficulties we face,  
and as the river flows onwards beyond our borders,  
we pray that your blessings will reach out through us  
into the communities we serve and beyond.

**Amen**

*Cover Photo: Lamyatt Community Produce Table*

## From the Vicar's Study ...

I wonder if there are any other bookworms out there? I am sure there must be. From earliest childhood I have been an avid reader, and books hold a special place in my heart. In student days I was reduced to reading odd snippets, little chunks of text to support whatever argument I was making in an essay or dissertation. For a while fiction fell off my radar, until one year my sister did a wonderful thing and handed me a book token for my birthday. Her gift rekindled my literary imagination and re-established an old habit which has stuck. I already have a stack of novels on the shelves by the fire, waiting for the autumn evenings ahead. But the truth is I love all kinds of books, fiction or non-fiction, art books, travel guides and collections of recipes, even knitting patterns.



Recently I bought a very special book for my study. It is called *Exciting Holiness* and lists the collects and readings for the Festivals and Lesser Festivals of the Church year. I am guessing that some of you might wonder what is so exciting about that. Let me tell you. Each dated entry begins with a short biography of the saint, teacher or noteworthy person being celebrated on that day. By doing so it offers an insight into the diversity of Christian experience throughout the centuries. I would like to share a few of my favourite entries for September.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September we remember Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome and teacher of the faith. Gregory was the son of a rich and powerful man but sold his inheritance to become a monk. In 590 he was elected Pope and sent Augustine and forty monks to successfully re-establish the English Church. Hot on his heels on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the church remembers my favourite Saint, Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, a man so holy that otters would come and dry his feet when he emerged from the freezing waters where he would pray.

The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is marked on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and for those raised on *The Book of Common Prayer*, John Chrysostom features on the 13<sup>th</sup>. On the 17<sup>th</sup> musicians and singers might like to reflect on the life of Hildegard of Bingen, and tax-collectors can remember St. Matthew on the 21<sup>st</sup>. There really is something for everyone, and as someone whose own spiritual journey included working for the Chalice Well Trust near Glastonbury Tor, the 29<sup>th</sup> offers an angelic jamboree as St Michael and All Angels, the beloved messengers of God, are celebrated. The book is pricey but you can access the content for free online <http://www.excitingholiness.org/first-edition/>

*Helen*

Revd. Helen Drever



## PEOPLE NEWS

If you have people news, we would like to hear from you.  
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### Deaths

**Jeanette Kathleen Osborne** died in Cary Brooke Care Home on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 aged 87 years. Her funeral took place at Mendip Crematorium.

**Dr Philip Horniblow OBE** died on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020, aged 92. His funeral and burial took place in St James' Milton Clevedon Churchyard on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

Social distancing and quarantine measures may mean that you can't go to the funeral of a family member or friend. The Ministry Team can offer to support you at this time, whether through phone calls, or suggesting ways of marking the funeral at home, thus being with other mourners in spirit, if not in body.

Although we cannot currently meet in St. Peter's each morning to say **Morning Prayer**, in our own intercession time we pray for people from across the Benefice who are in need of prayer for whatever reason. Of course, we can only do so if we know who needs prayer. So please feel free to pass names to the Ministry Team, with as much or as little other information as you wish.



*Thank You*

Many thanks to everyone who generously donated to 3 chosen charities for my 80th birthday. £415 was raised & will be split between Dorothy House Hospice, Children's Hospices South West & The British Red Cross for the Beirut Appeal.

All charities have greatly suffered financially during 2020 because of Covid 19 and it was difficult which ones to choose. However all these three mean a lot to me personally.

So THANK YOU ALL again

*Jane Neill*

## Benefice Administrator

The Benefice of Alham Vale is looking for a gifted and experienced administrator to join our team and support our multi-parish ministry on a flexible, part-time basis. The purpose of the role is to facilitate the weekly administrative operations of the Benefice in close co-operation with the Vicar, Benefice Council Lay Chair and the officers of the Church. In addition to a general administrative ability, the right candidate will have excellent communication skills and be at home with digital technology.

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Is it me, or is this year just whizzing by? Others I've spoken to agree. I think it is because we all have had less occasions and events to give meaning to the passing months. At St Michael's things have changed little. Brave souls are attending Sunday or weekday Mass, socially distanced of course, and now with the added difficulty of face coverings. Under some circumstances the priest too must wear one, making a homily very difficult. Fr Bede uses the weekly bulletin to give us food for thought. You can find it on our website: [www.stmichaelshepton.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelshepton.co.uk).

Our shiny refurbished parish room still stands empty, waiting to welcome its former and new users, but the Bishops and our insurers are yet to give permission for us to open. Clearly, obedience is a lesson well learnt, and failing it brings the return of former restrictions. We pray for all for whom the threat of the virus is all too real, too close for comfort, and especially for those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Statistics tell us so little of the reality.

On a happier note, we were delighted to welcome a newcomer, inducted into the Catholic Church during August. We congratulate him and wish him every blessing at his difficult time.

*Jacky Tucker*

## From St Peter's partner church in Zambia

Richard Mwansa Kaoma, the parish priest at St Joseph's, our link parish, told me about the unusually cold weather they experienced at the beginning of August. Temperatures dropped as low as 1 and 2 degrees Celsius, which is pretty much unheard of in Zambia. Thankfully this exceptionally cold weather only lasted three or four days, and people were able to stay indoors and keep warm enough.

Richard has asked for our prayers as St Joseph's is embarking on a long-term project to extend and modernise the church building.

Like us, their church services are restricted because of the pandemic, and, sadly, the number of Covid-19 cases, and deaths, is increasing rapidly and alarmingly. Please pray for them all.

*Anne Sear*

## St Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

We will be holding our delayed APCM in St Peter's after the Sunday Service on 6<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15 am. The 2020 Agenda and the minutes of the 2019 APCM have been emailed to all on the Electoral Roll for whom I have an email address, an Agenda is also displayed on the Church Noticeboard.

I sent out the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, together with the other reports to be presented at the APCM, back in May, if anyone would like a further email or paper copy or any other information please get in touch.

At the Annual Vestry Meeting before the APCM we elect our Churchwardens and have two nominations: **Eric Deyes** and **Geoff Hamlet**, our current Churchwardens, who are happy to stand for re-election.

At the APCM we need to elect 2 Deanery Synod members and have just one nomination: **Anne Sear**. We also need to elect 4 PCC members who will serve for 3 years (until April 2023), we have the following nominations: **Belinda Canning**, **Lynn Godfrey-James**, **Geoff Knapman**, **Jane Widgery**. Should one of our existing PCC members wish to stand for Deanery Synod we will have a further vacancy on PCC.

If you wish to be nominated for any of these positions please ask me for a nomination form. You will need a proposer and seconder. The completed form can be emailed to me or left in the PCC Secretary drawer at the back of St Peter's church on one of the days when it is open, usually Sunday and Wednesday.

If we have more nominations than places available and you are unable to be at the APCM but want to have a vote, please get in touch with me and we can arrange a way for you to vote, this might be an email or phone call at the time of the meeting.

*Carol Searle – PCC Secretary 01749 347823, [carol@cannards.co.uk](mailto:carol@cannards.co.uk)*



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**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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With the Covid-19 pandemic affecting our country, 'Ride+Stride for churches' this year will be slightly different. The traditional format of walking, cycling, or by any means you prefer, between the churches or chapels in your area will still be available to those willing and able to do so, but the churches may not be open and will not be able to offer refreshment. From the sponsorship obtained, 50% will be returned to the church or other registered charity of your choosing. For more information and to download a Sponsorship Form visit our website:

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I am writing this whilst receiving treatment in hospital, although by the time you read this, I hope that I may be back home having completed my first course of chemotherapy. The first thing I want to say, and I am sure this is echoed by so many, is what wonderful treatment and care I have received from everyone in the hospital. Their kindness, concern and professionalism are beyond words.

What is an unusual experience for me, however, is that I have not been allowed to leave my room and the doors and windows have been kept firmly shut. Looking out of my window and craning my neck upwards I am just able to get a glimpse of the sky outside. Without that I would not know whether it was sunny or cloudy or raining outside. Not that I am in any way complaining. I am safe and receiving the best care imaginable. It is also important whatever may happen to keep a sense of proportion. I vividly recall hearing Terry Waite speak when he came to the diocese on one occasion. It is unimaginable what he went through in those 1763 days in Beirut – the first four years of which were spent in solitary confinement, blindfolded, in a basement room with no windows, with no books or papers, chained to a radiator and sleeping on the floor. His courage and faith are remarkable and have inspired so many people since. I remember him once being interviewed and being asked what the happiest moment of his life was, one that he would cherish forever. He replied: ‘When my blindfold was taken off during my release in November 1991. I’d been in the dark – in a basement or blindfolded - for years. For the first time in five years I saw the sky, the grass, the colours, and I felt the wind on my face.’

Terry Waite is also very clear about how the prayers of so many others supported him through those years. As I write I am also very aware of all the prayers that have and are being said for me. That is both humbling and encouraging and once I am getting out and about again, I look forward to being able to thank you personally.

With my thanks, best wishes and prayers for you,

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## News from Lamyatt

‘A little bit of normal’ – that’s what I can report on, this month!

By that I mean we have had our annual summer produce table up and running in the bus shelter for the past few weeks – see picture on front cover. We hummed and ha-ed about setting it up with the Covid-19 about, but in the end decided that spare home-grown food going to waste seems shameful. So, at the time of writing, the table has brought in just over £117 – which is a wonderful start. It seems unlikely that we will equal last year’s total of £322, but I will let you know the grand total later in the year. In the meantime, thank you to all who have used the table. Keep on doing so – let’s see how close we can get!



The other progress towards normal is our first church service since March. Ok, so it wasn’t quite what you would expect with no hymns, being socially distanced and masked, but at least it took place and it was a delight to see so many there. Our first reflective service was on the theme of ‘**What is this life.....**’ No prizes for guessing the first poem featured! (For those who don’t know, look up that title by W H Davies).

In September we will be back to services on the first and third Sunday, but please note that **both will be at 10.00 am**, the first Sunday will be a communion, the third Sunday will be another reflective service.

*Jen Richards*

## Evercreech WI

Evercreech WI are trying to keep spirits up in these trying times; we have had a few activities during lockdown, a craft day and a meet and chatter with a picnic during August.

We are planning a get together in Evercreech Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> September, so hopefully things are beginning to get back to normal. There are a few restrictions, on numbers and activities, (no cup of tea and no singing!) But we will do our best.

The September meeting will be members only, but hopefully we will be able to open our meetings up to visitors in the not too distant future.

For more information about Evercreech WI please contact:

President: Maxine Clinton, [clintonmaxine@gmail.com](mailto:clintonmaxine@gmail.com)



## News from Milton Clevedon

So far the month has been reasonably straightforward both in the Parish and on the farm.

We have been preparing the church for our first service and the cows have been calving quite successfully. It has been busy in the fields with silage making continuing every few weeks and now is the time to begin planting the crops to give to the cows in autumn.



We had a small service of readings and prayers at the church on 23<sup>rd</sup> August to start our worship off again and are looking forward to our Holy Communion service in September. We have been very grateful to Geoff Hamlet and Evercreech parishioners for their advice as to how to prepare the church. We have completed a thorough spring clean and it looks lovely and is now equipped to comply with Covid regulations. Many thanks to all who helped.

Our Harvest Festival will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Due to current restrictions, we will not be able to hold our usual Harvest Supper. Details of the arrangements will be in next month's magazine and on our website ([www.miltonclevedon.com](http://www.miltonclevedon.com)).

We are sad that Philip Horniblow died recently after a prolonged illness. He was a much loved and enthusiastic member of the PCC and frequently read lessons and led prayers at our services at St James'. His stories about his experiences in the Middle East were most interesting and it was very helpful to hear from him some of the background to its history and the Arabian way of life.

*Helen & Tessa*

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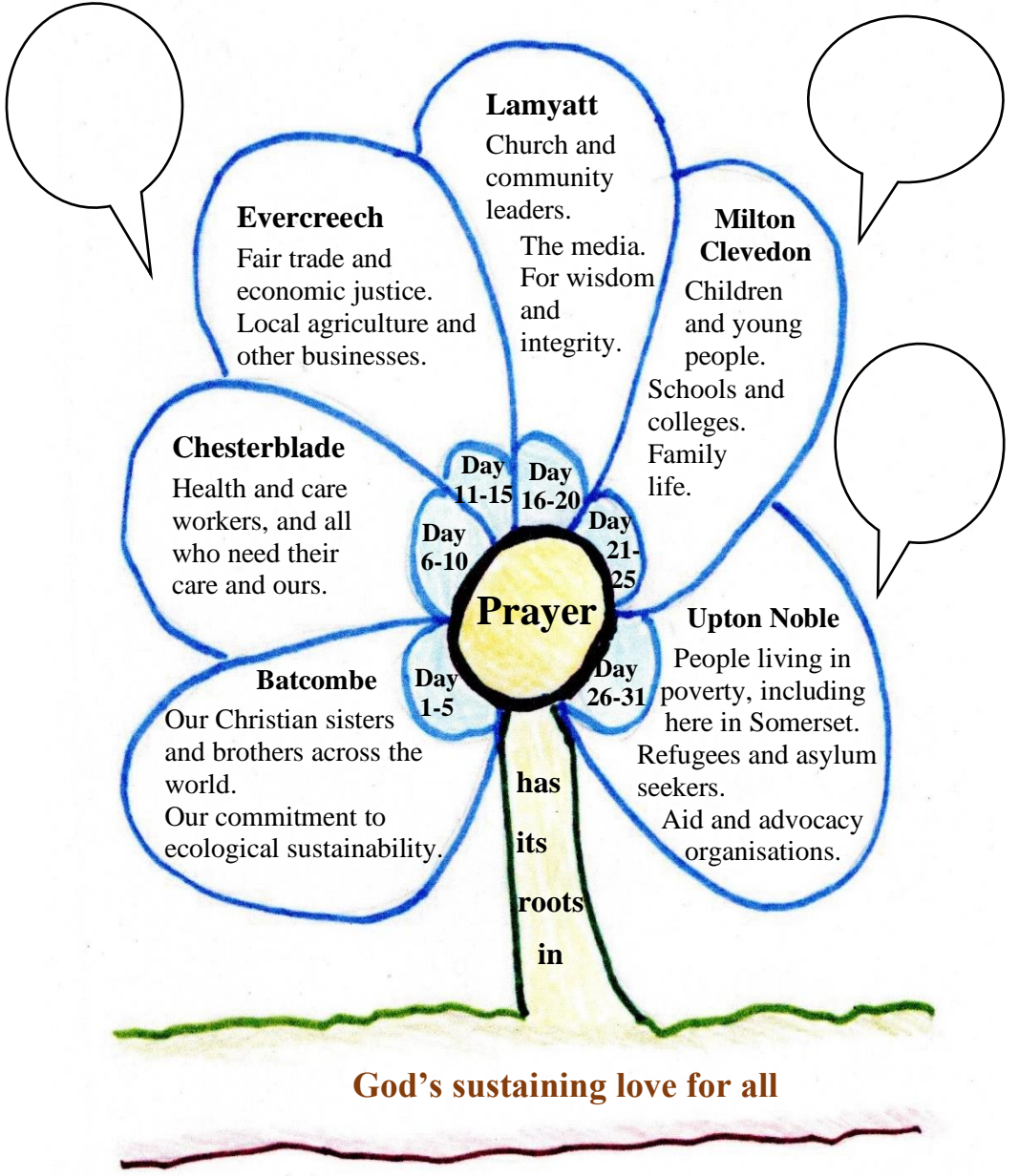
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Here we offer ideas for your prayers through the month, for local and wider concerns. The speech bubbles are for your personal additions to this calendar.





## Sundays in the *Alham Vale Benefice*

### 6<sup>th</sup> September **Forest Sunday** Creation Season

10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary & St John, Lamyatt
10.00 am	Service of the Word	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe
6.00 pm	Evening Service	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble

### 13<sup>th</sup> September **Land Sunday** Creation Season

10.00 am	Service of the Word	St Peter, Evercreech
10.00 am	Holy Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary Batcombe
6.00 pm	Harvest Festival	St Mary, Chesterblade

### 20<sup>th</sup> September **Wild Spaces Sunday** Creation Season

10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
10.00 am	Reflective Service	St Mary & St John, Lamyatt
10.00 am	Evening Service	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
6.00 pm	Evensong	The Blessed Virgin Mary Batcombe

### 27<sup>th</sup> September **River Sunday** Creation Season

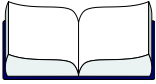
9.45 for 10.00 am	Café Church	Evercreech Village Hall or Zoom
10.00 am	Harvest Festival	The Blessed Virgin Mary Batcombe
10.00 am	Holy Communion	St James, Milton Clevedon

### 4<sup>th</sup> October **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.00 am	Harvest Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
10.00 am	Harvest Communion	St Mary & St John, Lamyatt
10.00 am	Service of the Word	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe
6.00 pm	Harvest Festival	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble

All these services are subject to change and, to comply with social distancing and public health requirements, seats will be limited. Hand sanitiser will be available as you enter, currently face-covering is mandatory with some exemptions.

A service booklet and readings will be on your seat. There will be no hymns.



## Helpers at St Peter, Evercreech

<b>6<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b> Creation Season <b>Forest Sunday</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Sue Kewish
	Reader: Acts 17:22-28	Geoff Hamlet
	Reader: John 3: 1-16	Belinda Canning
	Prayers	Eric Deyes
	Sound	Frank Brown
	Sacristan	Sandra Clubb
<b>13<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b> Creation Season <b>Land Sunday</b> <i>Service of the Word</i>	Sidesperson	Nola French
	Reader: Romans 5: 12-17	Val Simmons
	Reader: Matthew 12: 38-40	Eric Deyes
	Prayers	Geoff Hamlet
	Sound	Geoff Hamlet
	Sacristan	Nola French
<b>20<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b> Creation Season <b>Wild Spaces Sunday</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Jane Neill
	Reader: Romans 8: 18-27	Geoff Hamlet
	Reader: Mark 1: 9-13	Janet Rundle
	Prayers	Belinda Canning
	Sound	Frank Brown
	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
<b>27<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b> Creation Season <b>River Sunday</b> <i>Café Church</i>	Sidesperson	Nola French
<b>4<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b> Creation Season <b>Harvest</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Janet Rundle
	Reader: Deuteronomy 28: 1-14	Dawn Aldworth
	Reader: Luke 12: 16-30	Jane Neill
	Prayers	Liz Henderson
	Sound	Eric Deyes
	Sacristan	Nola French

The Helpers list for October will be at the back of St Peter's during the first three weeks of September, please do sign up for the jobs you would like to do.

## Church buildings open for private prayer.

**St Mary & St John, Lamyatt** is open every day from about 8.00 am to 5.30 pm

**St Peter, Evercreech** is currently open for limited hours on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Opening times for St James, Milton Clevedon & St Mary Chesterblade are still being looked at. Updates to opening times will be on Church notice boards..

## Weekly Church Bulletin

The weekly printed pewsheet has been replaced by a weekly bulletin giving the readings for that Sunday, internet links and other information. If you don't already receive this and would like to, please email [carol@cannards.co.uk](mailto:carol@cannards.co.uk) to request a copy.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Since its launch at the beginning of May the DailyHOPE line has received more than 215,000 calls. That accounts for over 2.5 million minutes of listening to prayers, hymns and reflections. It offers something for those who don't access things online.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer, updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service. Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group.

## St Peter's Church Choir Choir Practice resuming in September

Now that there is some guidance for amateur groups to get back to singing, as your new Director of Music, I am keen to get things moving along again!

Choir practices will resume on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. I invite all previous members who wish to continue, to come along. I am also keen to encourage new members to join, all voices, SATB. Please ensure you let me know you are coming, so that I can be sure to have enough music for everyone!

Graham Coatman (Director of Music)  
[grahamcmusickmeister@gmail.com](mailto:grahamcmusickmeister@gmail.com) 07979 866303

## Food Saving

### Do you hate seeing food go to waste?

Every night at around 8.00 pm, the Evercreech Food Saving volunteers collect food which the Co-op (and sometimes other sources) would otherwise have to throw away at the end of the day because it's reached its use-by or best-before dates. We used to have a table outside Evercreech Village Hall, but since Covid-19 stopped that, we are delivering food bags by car.

If you live in Evercreech and could help by using up a bag of food, which may contain bakery or deli items, fruit or vegetables, meat or other items, please contact our local Mendip Councillor Barry O'Leary on 01749 321 421 who will pass your name to me to be added to our list.

If you have a garden bursting with produce at this time of year, why not share it in the same way? You can deliver your produce to the volunteer on duty outside Evercreech Village Hall at 8.00 pm on any evening and we can add it to the bags.

**Together we can save the food!**

*Jenny Newton*

## Pete's Fruit'n'Veg

**Pete's Fruit'n'Veg** (produce sharing table) has operated in St Peter's Church in Evercreech for a number of years, as a way of avoiding waste, and giving people without gardens access to fresh produce.

Unfortunately **Pete's Fruit'n'Veg** cannot run at the moment, with all the Covid-19 restrictions and with the church only open twice a week. Some people with surplus garden produce leave it outside their gate for others to collect and use. If your garden or allotment is producing more than you need, you may wish to consider this or bring it along to the Food Sharing volunteers outside Evercreech Village Hall every evening at 8.00 pm

**Please do not leave your surplus in the church,  
unless and until we can start Pete's Fruit'n'Veg again. Thank you.**

*Anne Sear*

The cover photo this month shows **Lamyatt Community Produce Table**, see also Lamyatt News on page 8.

**Food poverty** is a big issue nationally, not just in towns and cities, even here in Somerset. The BBC Food programme on 12<sup>th</sup> July had young people recording their personal experiences of living in food poverty. Here is the link – it's well worth listening to: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000kw4q>



## Shepton Mallet Salvation Army Food Bank

Each week we are having to buy supplies to maintain our stock levels. Financial donations mean that we can keep our foodbank running and purchase exactly the stocks we need.



**Please help if you can.**

*Thank you to everyone who has already generously donated.*

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thesalvationarmysheptonmallet>

## EVERCREECH RELIEF IN NEED

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The trustees of Evercreech Relief in Need are able to make modest grants to help people in the village. If you, or anyone you know, gets into financial difficulty during or after the current Corona (Covid-19) virus emergency; anyone living in the parish of Evercreech is most welcome to apply, as shown below, for help.

We will try to help quickly where needed but the overall sum we can give is limited and we may need to delay some grants until we see the total amount of help requested so that we can allocate the money available as fairly as possible.

Applications should be sent via letter or email to: The Chairman:

Dr David Lindsay, Southwell House, Shapway Lane, Evercreech BA4 6JS

[dlandgl@btinternet.com](mailto:dlandgl@btinternet.com)

or The Clerk: Michele Hole, Bowns View, Weymouth Road, Evercreech BA4 6JB

[holemiche@aol.com](mailto:holemiche@aol.com)



In March 2019, Yeovil Hospital Charity launched an appeal to raise the funds needed to build a £2 million dedicated Breast Cancer Unit in Yeovil. We have secured almost £1,500,000 so far, however building work will only start when we have enough money.

[www.yeovilhospital.co.uk/yeovil-hospital-charity](http://www.yeovilhospital.co.uk/yeovil-hospital-charity)

We are asking people if they might like to look in their jewellery boxes for any unwanted jewellery, broken pieces of jewellery and watches, which they may like to donate. If you would like to support the appeal through donating any unwanted or broken jewellery, please contact:

Maggie Hague, Breast Cancer Appeal Volunteer, on 01963 250108



This year is/would have been the 43rd Evercreech Annual Show, which usually takes place on the first Saturday in September. As has been advertised, the Show Society is hosting a mini online show this year, via its website, just for a bit of fun. Entries closed on 20 August and will be judged by us all between 22 - 31 August, with the results being announced on 5 September. There might still be time to go online and vote for your favourite entries.

As Covid-19 has forced us all to look differently at the way we do things, the Show Society has taken the opportunity to revamp and update the website. Please take a look at [evercreechshowsociety.uk](http://evercreechshowsociety.uk) The new format provides great opportunities to deliver information about the Show Society and the Village Show, as well as being interactive and user friendly.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Evercreech Annual Show of 2021

*Maggie Norris*



## Evercreech Friendship Club

***"We will Return"***

As another month passes sorry to say, once again, we have had to cancel our September meeting. Although the Village Hall is starting to open again, unfortunately we are not able to meet the requirements as required by the regulations, ***one of which is the distancing rule***. The seating arrangements and helping members into or around the hall during the meeting is not possible and running a raffle/card stall would be difficult. This is a very trying period for us all, especially the elderly and vulnerable, but we must be extra careful, and personally I would not like to throw away the effort we have all made over these recent months, "I am so sorry". Although there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel with more vehicles on our roads and people venturing further afield, and, dare I say it, to the beach and picnic spots. We will have to see what the rest of the year has to offer.

***By the time this is over we should have stockpiled a bottle of sherry each!!!! Now that would be a party! Finally, please take care as we want to see every one of you back again with your friends.***

**God Bless and KEEP SAFE !!**

For more information please contact one of the following:

*Edward Porter 830015, Freda Boyce 830703 or Elaine Woodford 830795*



## Evercreech Village Hall

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From 1<sup>st</sup> September Evercreech Village Hall will be taking bookings for events that comply with current government restrictions on numbers present and social distancing with extra requirements in the hirers contract for cleaning and sanitizing all hall equipment used during the event.

*Mollie Purse*



I will be retiring as Secretary to the Trustees of Evercreech Village Hall in March next year and we are looking for someone to take my place.

The basic job specification is to prepare meetings, take Minutes and deal with correspondence. You can make the job your own over time as there are usually little extras that can be done to make the Hall run smoothly. Meetings take place every 2 months in the evening and the next meetings will be in September, November and January before the AGM in March.

Even if you don't want to be Secretary, there are also two places available on the committee and we would really welcome new blood to add new ideas/viewpoints.

These are all voluntary positions, although expenses are reimbursed if incurred.

**PLEASE HELP** to keep Evercreech Village Hall running smoothly.

For further details or queries please contact:

Marion Covens on: 01749 830239 or [m.covens@btinternet.com](mailto:m.covens@btinternet.com)

## Evercreech Short Mat Bowling Club

To all short mat bowlers, as you are aware there is no bowling during the virus. I myself have spoken to most of you and you have said you are well but getting bored now. So here's hoping that we will be able to get back to bowls again soon. Take care all of you, I shall still keep in touch.

*Irene Cleverdon* 01749 346838

## Evercreech Parish Council

[www.evercreech-pc.gov.uk](http://www.evercreech-pc.gov.uk)

It was a pleasure to return to Evercreech Village Hall for our monthly meeting after having to resort to remote internet meetings for the last couple of months due to coronavirus restrictions. Following guidance social distancing was followed, as well as face coverings being worn, but with thanks to the Village Hall for allowing us to use their PA equipment, it was a small step back to normality.

Guidance has also allowed us to reopen the playground, albeit that it comes with a warning that we cannot regularly sanitize the equipment, so users are responsible for their own precautions. However, it was a delight to see it being used over the summer holidays, and I'm sure relief for both children and parents alike!

We are continuing to roll out a maintenance programme following the update of our asset register, which means the refurbishment of all the seats in the village should be completed this summer, and following a tree survey, any works recommended for trees should commence after the nesting season ends on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The Village Bier, with was which was so expertly restored by prisoners at Shepton Mallet prison will be returning there after a request from the prison to put it on display. This also ensures its future security and safety, so thanks to the prison and the members of the public who brought it to their attention.

The Greencore site remains a major concern, with reports of vandalism and nuisance. The Parish Council decided to support the efforts of our District Councillor in getting the owner to provide more robust security on site, and will write to the owners to request just that. We will also compile a list of complaints and incidents as evidence for the owners, so if you become aware of any, please email the clerk at [clerk@evercreech-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@evercreech-pc.gov.uk),

On a happier note, we were delighted to be offered some large historical photographs and other mementoes which were rescued from the site by members of the History Society. These are a quite stunning link to the history and development of the village, and we hope to be able to display these in a public place at the earliest opportunity.

Please keep safe. The Parish Council will be supporting the village again at our next meeting in Evercreech Village Hall, on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Best wishes

*Rob Reed, Chair, Evercreech Parish Council*  
[rob.reed@evercreech-pc.gov.uk](mailto:rob.reed@evercreech-pc.gov.uk)



## Mendip District Council

Whoever said that summer days were lazy clearly never lived in a village like Evercreech! My work at MDC continues on at pace, attending meetings, providing updates including regular videos to inform you.

I am very pleased that with ever changing government guidelines, it was established Evercreech was entitled to a further £10,000 grant. I am a little astonished to confirm our community has benefited to the tune of £40,000 a positive outcome amongst the disorder of CV19. The council will consider what to do; **my personal preferred focus is to tackle speeding, village signage and resident safety. A unique and most importantly, funded opportunity to make a big difference to long term problems, so watch this space!**


I want to say **“THANK YOU”** to all 130 residents who attended the public meeting concerning the ex-Greencore site, and for the thoughtful questions. There seems to be next to little understanding on the developer’s part of the opportunity this site can offer. There is the danger of a negative impact from the addition of 129 homes with overwhelming pressure on the village school, shops, surgery and roads.

**The rejection of any plan for employment use will rob future generations of local work opportunities.** It ignores the obvious need for associated infrastructure, including expansion of the village shop or adding more retail and community services. There seems a determination to wipe away our finely built industrial past. By seizing on English Heritage’s decision, taken on technical grounds, not to provide listing protection for the original buildings, **the site owners are being selfishly opportunistic and insensitive.** Finally, there is a lack of ecological or design awareness. Their plan is for a bland ‘off the shelf’ standardised unimaginative development that could be built in any inner city setting. They show little concern for the impact on our rural settlement especially the visual impact of an unsuitable design in our rural environment. I am glad several residents have taken the step of establishing an action group to demand better; please contact me for details.

This week I had confirmation that Idverde will visit the village to engage a full road and hedge clean-up which I hope is actioned by the time you read this report.

Finally, it would seem that the days of having MDC and SCC may be numbered. There are now two proposals with the minister for consideration and we should know ‘in theory’ by October the direction of travel. Both councils will continue for now and certainly there would be a period of transition. Be assured I am here to help you, make life better!

**Barry**

Your Mendip Councillor,  here for you

**Cllr. Barry O’Leary 01749 321421 [evercreech.barry@icloud.com](mailto:evercreech.barry@icloud.com)**

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# EVERCREECH F • I • L • M • S Evercreech Village Hall.

We are pleased to say that we will be having a trial screening in October. We will be showing a FREE film on the evening of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October in Evercreech Village Hall (entry is free, however, refreshments are still chargeable). This will be a great way to showcase the new and improved sound system and Blu-ray player that have been installed during lockdown.

In order to maintain social distancing, and in line with government guidelines, we will have to limit numbers to 30 people. All viewers must wear a face mask AT ALL TIMES. We will be offering our usual bar, but this will be table service.

If you are interested in joining us, please email us at [evercreechfilms@gmail.com](mailto:evercreechfilms@gmail.com) or on 07765 892004 to register your place, and include your phone number in order for us to set up a track and trace register.

We hope to see you soon.

*The Evercreech Film Team*

## Would you like to help produce Evercreech News?

I am retiring as editor of Evercreech News at the end of this year. We have a new Editor ready to take over, but she would welcome more people getting involved: collecting information, sorting the advertising, helping with the distribution, etc. If you are interested, please get in touch with me.

As you are all aware, we are currently emailing a coloured version and posting a black and white version. At the moment we have no indication of how long the ban on hand delivered copies will last. Several people have said they actually prefer the emailed colour copy so we will continue to offer this even when we can hand deliver again.

Evercreech News will continue to be a monthly magazine produced by the church for the community. If you have any thoughts on the way the way forward for Evercreech News please do get in touch.

If you have received a paper copy of this magazine but could take one via email next month, please do let me know.

*Carol Searle*  
01749 347823  
[pmag@cannards.co.uk](mailto:pmag@cannards.co.uk)

## DIARY

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Parish Council Meeting in Evercreech Village Hall
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Results of online Evercreech Show announced
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Forest Sunday Evercreech APCM
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	WI Meeting in Evercreech Village Hall
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	St Peter’s Choir Practice restarts
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Ride + Stride for churches
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Land Sunday Harvest at Chesterblade
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Magazine Deadline
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Wild Spaces Sunday
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – River Sunday
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Harvest at Evercreech & Lamyatt

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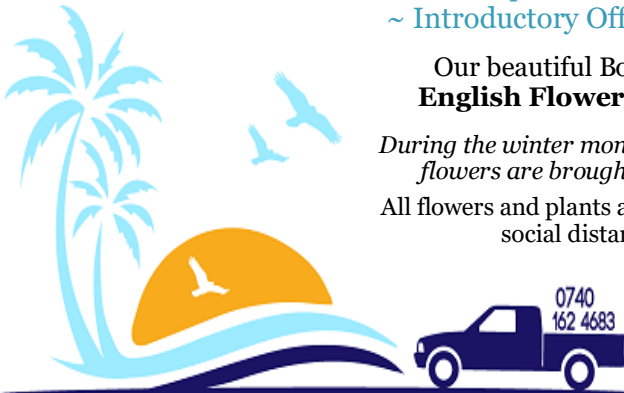
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