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LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

Dear friends,

Someone said “A baby is like the beginning of all things – wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities. A baby makes love stronger, the days shorter, the nights longer, savings smaller, and ... a home happier”.

As I write this, I am in Poland with our youngest son, his wife and their new little baby boy Artur. It seems a long time since we had a baby in the family – and this little one lives a long way away, so the time is particularly precious.

When a baby is born, family members congregate to admire, bring meals, and try not to get in the way of developing routines! Holding baby Artur during one of the relatively few times he was awake, watching him quietly as he listened to my voice, and looking into his eyes, filled – in the words of G K Chesterton – with the “gravity of astonishment at the universe”, is such a joy.

Poland is a country of generous and open hospitality, and our visit meant we also were able to meet another *babcia* (grandma) and another *dziadek* (grandad) and although language was definitely a barrier, we agreed that hands and smiles were universal.

Our son and his family live in a quiet village on the edge of a wood, but within walking distance of some small shops and within sight of a beautiful old Roman Catholic Church.

Today (15 August) is a national holiday in Poland, being both the Day of the Assumption and Polish Armed Forces Day. The church bells called the faithful to Mass twice this morning, the later time allowing me the opportunity to join families, some bearing traditional bunches of herbs and flowers, for the service. I may not have understood the words, but the pattern was familiar enough for me to know where we were in the liturgy. The cantor's beautiful voice carried on the loudspeaker across the quiet area. Sitting in the church, giving thanks for Artur's safe arrival, I felt so blessed.

One of the things a parent develops – quite quickly and almost organically – is a deep knowledge of their child. They are able to interpret the different cries and respond to the particular need.

One of the favourite psalms in the Bible is Psalm 139 which speaks about our being held in the deep knowledge and embrace of God – a love that understands all about us, and loves us anyway, a love that accompanies us through all the circumstances and days of our lives. “If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast”.

Peace and gratitude for the journey,

Deborah



Rev Deborah Kirk, Superintendent Minister, TDSS Methodist Circuit

GENERAL ITEMS

BENEFICE PAST – OUR STORIES

The MOMSS&G Benefice has been together since around 1980 and it has shared together the joys and the sorrows that are part of its culture. There is a lot to give thanks for during those life experiences, enabling us to move forward in hope and faith to pastures new. Nothing is wasted – there is a time, a place and a season for everything under heaven. We will celebrate those special occasions at the end of the

year.

In the meantime would you like to submit a short memory to the Editor of MOMSS&G over the next month so your stories can be shared with others at a later time in the magazine? I mention a few that come to mind - climbing Burrow Mump on an Easter morning to see the dawn come up, beach services, weekends away, Quiet Days, the UB choir and the visits of the American choir, shared support of community life – fetes, the street fayre, cream teas events, harvest suppers etc etc.

Please start making your lists!! The MOMSS&G benefice is part of community life. Life often changes shape but the experiences of life spent together in fellowship can help shape the new life that is yet to come.

Many thanks,

Pauline Davies, MOMSS&G Thrive Group

WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Somerset branch of The Western Front Association will take place at 7.30pm in Othry Village Hall on Wednesday 10 September.

Chris Copson, education officer at The Tank Museum and formerly of The Keep (Dorset's museum), will take a look at the Gallipoli campaign through the eyes of the 5th Battalion of the Dorset Regiment. The Battalion suffered severe casualties and deprivation due to the terrain and location. At one stage the battalion was down to approximately 250 men and had to be temporarily merged with the Manchester regiment.

Both WFA and non-members alike are equally welcome to attend this fascinating talk; we ask for a modest £5 to defray costs, to include entry into our raffle and a hot drink.

Thank you to the people who attended our trip to Mells on Wednesday 13 August. It was nice to visit a place with so many memorials to The Great War.

If anyone wishes to be added to our mailing list please let us know.

Pat Adamson, Secretary, Somerset branch, WFA 01823 698156



SKY AT NIGHT September

Sunrise Sunset: Beginning of September 6.26-7.57pm; End of September 7.11am-6.52pm

Moon Phases: Full Moon 7th / Last Quarter 14th / New Moon 21st / First Quarter 30th

Planets

Rising as the Sun sets, Saturn is visible all night as it has its closest approach to Earth on the 22nd and reaches opposition when it is opposite the Sun on the 23rd. If you see a yellow/white star-like object below the four stars that form the square of Pegasus then you have found Saturn. Jupiter rises just after midnight, look for a bright object in the east followed by Venus at 4am, again very bright.

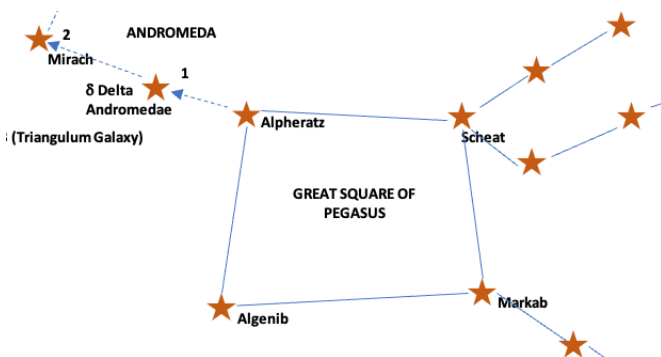
Constellation

The Great Square of Pegasus is an asterism formed by stars, forming a large square which can be seen in the south east, moving west as the night progresses. Only three of the stars are part of the

Constellation of Pegasus as the star top left belongs to nearby Andromeda. The four prominent stars are Markab,

Scheat, Algenib and finally Alpheratz which as mentioned belongs to Andromeda. If the centre of the square is devoid of many stars from where you are this means you are affected by light pollution, an increasing problem in rural areas as housing estates and industrial areas continue to be built around us.

Phenomena: As the Moon rises just after 6pm in the east on the 7th it will just be emerging from a total lunar eclipse caused by the Earth's shadow as it passes between the Sun and Moon. This means the Moon will look rather an odd shape as part of it will be in



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darkness. You will be able to see the Moon's full brightness reappear as the evening progresses. The Autumnal Equinox occurs on the 22nd when day and night are of roughly equal length.

Paul Adamson
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SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

At our September meeting we welcome astro-photographer Pete Richardson who will be talking about how he built his own telescope with a 20 inch mirror and its use in the field of taking amazing images of the night sky.

We also have a night sky guide for the month ahead and astronomy news.

Admission is £3 with membership available.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 September in Othery Village Hall, Fore Street, Othery, TA7 0QU. For more details or to be added to our mailing list please contact somersetlevelstargazers@hotmail.com. Follow us on Facebook.

Paul Adamson 01823 698156

MIDDLEZOY AND OTHERY SCHOOLS

The summer holidays have passed in a flash! It is wonderful to be preparing to welcome our children and families back to school at the start of another busy year. A special welcome to our new families in reception and those who are joining us in the other year groups.

We have lots of exciting learning planned including in history where our topics for the Autumn are:

- The Anglo-Saxons, Scots and Vikings in Dragons Class (Years 5 and 6)
- The Stone Age to the Iron Age in Phoenix (Year 3 and 4)
- The Great Fire of London in Unicorns (Year 1 and 2).

We have Darrell Wakelam coming to work with our families on Wednesday 17 September as part of our family learning offer which is always a popular event.

On Friday 26 September, we will be wearing green and opening our doors to host a MacMillan Coffee Afternoon and Cake Sale.

Please do come and join us and help raise money for this amazing charity. Our doors will be open from 2pm, come and join us for a piece of cake and a natter! We would be delighted to show you around our school too.

Work is due to start on our new trim trail this month. Thank you to all who have supported by donating directly, donating via our Just Giving page or though supporting the PTA BBQ. It is very much appreciated. We have also been very fortunate to receive a large donation from the estate of the late Denis Stone which will also be put towards this project which will benefit all the children and is a legacy for many years to come!

Mrs Lindsay Hayward, Headteacher,
Middlezoy and Othery Primary School 01823 698465/4



FARM DIARY

This is written for non-farmers who live surrounded by farmland.

In the Field. Fields already grazed this year have tended to have almost no grass regrowth. On our farm with land on Sedgemoor, the grass is growing but the production is much less than normal. Unprecedentedly, on this peat moor the ditches are dry and where there are cracks, they are wide and deep. Not good news. The soil will oxidise and disappear. Apparently, the Environment Agency is unable or unwilling to let water

from the King Sedgemoor Drain back into our ditch system for some reason that is not clear. This author has never seen the ditches to be dry, ever. This drought is not affecting the whole country but a significant area of it. Also unprecedentedly, we finished our cereal harvest in July. That is a first and also not good news for yields. So, income down this year.

World trade deals. As a result of the Prime Minister's trade deal with America that allowed ethanol into the country without the previous tariff of 19%, Vivergo Fuels, according to the Farmers Weekly of 8 August, is closing. Based near Hull, this company took feed wheat from 4,000 farmers in the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire area and have just taken their last load of wheat. They bought 1 million tonnes a year and produced 400,000 tonnes of animal feed as well. The whole biofuel market in this country is being undercut and likely to close. This ethanol is used as the bio component of our fuels.

Inheritance Tax. Lots of private businesses are either spending money on solicitors and accountants to mitigate the changes in these taxes and/or are investing less in their companies. The working man will pay the price as jobs will disappear. The NFU had a plan to differentiate between the real farmers and the land owners who were buying land for the benign IHT rules. The government were not interested in their deliberations. It affects more than land owning farmers but farm tenants and also the huge private business sector which employ thousands.

Bridgwater Ploughing Match. This takes place on Saturday 20 September at Manor Farm, Bawdrip TA7 8PQ by permission of the Ashford family. A day out for the family.

Richard Graham

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NEWS FROM OUR MPs

Ashley Fox, MP for Middlezoy and Othery

When Somerset Council announced it was suspending normal planning services for 12 weeks, I knew how serious the situation was. This isn't just a technical issue inside County Hall – it affects residents in places like Othery and Middlezoy who are waiting months for decisions, businesses trying to invest locally and parish councils working hard to shape their communities' future.

Officers have described the service as being at a "past fail point". For three months, many applicants will be told not to chase for updates. Replies will be reduced to standard holding messages, site visits will be cut back and planning enforcement – which residents in our villages already rely on to protect local character – will be pushed even further down the priority list. Older, more complex applications risk being left at the back of the queue while newer ones are processed first. That is simply not fair.

Instead of tackling the warning signs early, Somerset Council allowed the backlog to grow. They failed to recruit and retain staff, failed to integrate inherited IT systems, and failed to provide political leadership when it was most needed.

The result is a service in crisis and it didn't have to be this way. Before the creation of Somerset Council, we had Sedgemoor District Council whose planning service was efficient, award-winning and trusted. That model could have been adopted across the county, giving villages like Othery and Middlezoy the same high level of service.

I hope Somerset Council can stabilise the service over the coming weeks. But this new low level of service cannot be allowed to become the new normal. The public must have confidence that their applications will be treated fairly, that their voices will be heard and that the planning system will serve the whole community, not developers.

If you need assistance or would like to raise any concerns, please feel free to get in touch at ashley.fox.mp@parliament.uk www.ashleyfox.org.uk Facebook: Ashley7Fox



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SCAN ME

Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Moorlinch, Stawell, Sutton Mallet and Greinton

I've had a busy August here as Parliament takes a break. I'd like to thank all of you who've written, called and met me in my surgeries to tell me what you care about, be that of local, national or international interest.

One of the most pressing issues for this part of Somerset is the Environment Agency's inability to carry out maintenance on our main rivers, confirmed by a letter to riparian landowners recently. The Agency's withdrawal has huge implications for areas like ours. I have spoken to both the Flooding Minister and the Chief Executive of the Internal Drainage Board and will keep you updated.

The Government has indicated that over the next quarter, MPs are likely to consider:

- Mental Health Bill
- Bus Services Bill
- Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill
- Victims and Courts Bill
- Pension Schemes Bill
- Elections Bill
- English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill
- Diego Garcia Military Base and British Indian Ocean Territory Bill

The Government may also introduce Bills covering the following:

- A Rail Bill
- A Hillsborough Bill
- A Sentencing Bill
- A Cyber Security and Resilience Bill

If you have any thoughts on the above, I'm running surgeries across the area, so please come along. A full list is available if you call or email me, but the most local are:

Friday 5 September from 6pm to 7pm at Ashcott Village Hall Pub Night

Wednesday 24 September from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at The Crown Inn, Catcott.

No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served.

If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

Thank you.

Tessa

You can contact me:

Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone out of office hours)

Email: tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk

Post: Tessa Munt Freepost (you won't need a stamp!)



GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL

Volunteers hard work

You may have noticed a lot of sprucing up going on in and around the Village Hall over the past few weeks. Many thanks must go to the small band of enthusiastic volunteers who have put so much work into making the Village Hall that little bit more welcoming

for us all.

Harvest Barn Dance

The date for the Harvest Barn Dance has been brought forward by one day to avoid a calendar clash. It will now take place on Friday 5 September, with doors opening at 6.30pm. Live music will once again be provided by the excellent Hobson's Choice. There will be the usual cash bar (no card reader – sorry!) and, in a break with tradition, a fish and chip van will replace the usual hog roast. Admission has been held at the same price as last year: £10 for adults, £6 for under 18s and free for children of primary school age or younger. This event is always great fun – if you haven't come before, please give it a try and bring a friend or two.



HARVEST CELEBRATION

There will be a Harvest Celebration in the church on Sunday 5 October, starting at 5pm. This is not a regular church service but a chance for all of us, whatever our faith, to get together to give thanks for the harvest and to reflect on the changing seasons. If you have a favourite song, poem or other short reading that you associate with the season and would like to be included, please let Toby Crispin know (he is always looking for volunteers to read too).



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MOUSE RACES

There will be an evening of Mouse Racing in support of Greinton Village Hall on Saturday 11 October. Once again, due to the popularity of the evening, it will take place at the Bere Cider Barn (a.k.a. Jimmy's).

Toby Crispin, greintonvillage@gmail.com



MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE HALL Middlezoy Community Project

As a reminder our next big event on 6 September will be a horse racing evening at which we're hoping to raise money to go towards the replacement of the decking in front of the hall. This will be from 7pm till late. Come along for a fun evening, the bar will be open, racing starts at 7.30pm. Bring your own nibbles for the night.

In October we will be holding the Oktoberfest which will be on Saturday the 25th - look out for further details. Then on Saturday 22 November we will be having a music quiz again which last year was a big success. At all these events we're hoping to raise money to go towards the replacement of the decking. Please follow us on Middlezoy news Facebook page and the village hall Facebook page for information of forthcoming events and what food wagons will be attending on Friday nights.

Do you need somewhere to hold a weekly class? Yoga, pilates, dance or other? Middlezoy Village Hall is currently offering your first 4 hours free when you sign up for 26 hours hire. Please email: middlezoyvillagehallbookings@gmail.com

The MCP hopes that everybody had a good summer holiday and at the time of writing this the forecast certainly for the first part of August was good.

We are still looking for more volunteers to help run and organise events for the future. If you would like to come along to one of our meetings, we hold them on the first Monday of every month starting at 7pm, usually aiming to finish no later than 8.30pm. If you can help, please contact me on 07760 887907. Paul Baker, MCP Chair

MIDDLEZOY WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

The annual outing to Sidmouth on Tuesday 12 August was a great success and the weather was amazing. There were many different shapes and sizes of sunhats to be seen on that day - some great photos circulating for sure!

Some dates for your diary:

Saturday 27 September, 10.30am-12 noon

in Middlezoy Village Hall, the Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning with a selection of home-made cakes.



Saturday 1 November, in Middlezoy Village Hall, Brunch - to raise funds for the Senior Citizens Christmas party.

*Jill Darby, Chairman, 01823 698000
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WEEKLY MONDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

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Jill Darby (Co-ordinator)




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MIDDLEZOY METHODIST CHURCH

Penny Guttridge

We were very sad to hear of the death of Penny, who had been living on the Isle of Wight, but who had a long history and many friends in Middlezoy. Penny's family were all supporters of the Chapel and we always looked forward to welcoming Penny and Colin on their visits to see Pauline and her family.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held at the East Cowes Methodist Church earlier in August, led by the Reverend David Plumb. An additional Memorial Service for those who were unable to travel to the island was held at Middlezoy Methodist Church on Friday 22 August, with refreshments following.

Salads and Sweets

Thank you to all our supporters who came from the village and from Circuit to contribute or to enjoy the monthly meals and conversation together. We raised some much-needed funds for the ongoing work of the Methodist Church in the village. Look out for local notices and the village Facebook for the next one.

Pop-up Café

There may be a few more sunny Saturdays for the pop-up cafe. This is an open drop-by community space for people to chat for a few minutes over a cup of coffee and piece of cake. A little funding from the Methodist District enabled us to buy some bistro tables and chairs for this venture with the Village Shop. Look for the poster on the fence, or the notice on Facebook to let you know when the next one will be.



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We said goodbye to Ildi, our Student Minister from the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham, who had been with our Methodist Circuit for two years, learning some of the practical tasks of ministry. There was a Circuit farewell service for her in Rowbarton Church in July as she prepares to take up her ministry in Wolverhampton. Our prayers and our support go with her. She will be sending us updates from time to time I am sure!

The Peekaboo Gang Toddler Group

I am in Poland as I write this update and it is 30+ degrees here, so I am hoping that the vegetables and sunflowers will be coping in Middlezoy without me being around to water them.

Peekaboo Gang will restart on Friday 5 September, marking a new term.

We know that some of our older children will be moving on to pre-schools and we thank them for their support over the months we have been open.

We look forward to welcoming our younger children and their carers back – please come along and bring your friends! The club is for under 3s and their carers and will run from 10am to 12noon on Fridays in term time. Thank you to Nat for offering her time and support and thank you to Zena when she is able.

September Services:

Sunday 14th, 10am – United Service in Holy Cross

Sunday 28th, 6.30pm – Harvest Thanksgiving Service with Holy Communion, led by Rev Deborah Kirk.

Booking the Methodist Church for your events: Don't forget that the chapel space and back room are available to hire - phone Jill Darby on 01823 698000.

*Reverend Deborah Kirk
Superintendent Minister, Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit
Deputy Chair, SW Peninsula Methodist District
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THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who came to Peter's funeral on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many of you.

Thank you also to all those that made the delicious homemade cakes – a wonderful spread. It looked so lovely when we came back in from the burial to see the cakes, flowers, friends and family.

Shirley Welch

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Open Tower Day

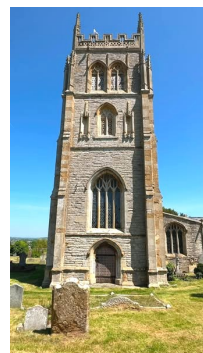
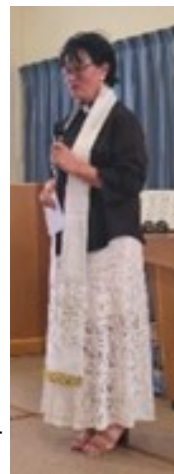
The tower will again be open to the public on Sunday 14 September. Come and enjoy the panoramic views of the Somerset Levels and then get your energy back by enjoying a cream tea. The tower will be open from 2pm.

Harvest Service

On Sunday 28 September the service will be a Harvest Breakfast with the theme this year of WaterAid.

It will be held in the church commencing at 10am.

All welcome.



Concert by Yeovilton Military Wives Choir

On Saturday 4 October Holy Cross Church is hosting a concert by the Yeovilton Military Wives Choir. The concert commences at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 with schoolchildren free (16yrs and under) and will be available from Middlezoy PO or by contacting 01823 698790.

As usual we will have a bar and a raffle. The profit from the evening will be added to the Bells Restoration Fund. Below are brief details provided by the choir to encourage you to buy a ticket!

The Military Wives Choirs

The Military Wives Choirs is a community of around 2,000 women in 70 choirs across the UK and internationally. We come together to celebrate a love of singing and a communal understanding that comes from our members' shared experiences of the Armed Forces.

We welcome all women whose lives are currently impacted by their military connection; our network supports each other and forms life-changing friendships that lead to new and uplifting experiences through singing.

Military life across the services has its challenges. Some families move regularly to a new posting, while for others deployments mean long periods of separation. With choirs across the UK and overseas, many of our members join a new choir when they are posted, enabling them to become part of a familiar community built upon the joy of singing.



Yeovilton Military Wives Choir

Formed in September 2012 following the outstanding success of the TV programmes with Gareth Malone. The choir has gone from strength to strength and now has in excess of 50 members, representative of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, the Army and the Royal Air Force. Members of the choir consist of serving and retired military personnel, wives and family members of serving and retired personnel and women working within the military community.

Steered on its course by its Musical Director, Matthew Rock and supported by Deputy Musical Director and Accompanist Ann Faulkner, the choir's repertoire is extensive. It has had the privilege of performing at local and national venues both large and small. If some of our songs are familiar to you then please feel free to join in!

Ian Campbell,
Churchwarden and Middlezoy PCC


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ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday 21 September 10am

Everyone welcome to the United Benefice Harvest Family service and Holy Communion with presentation of Harvest gifts. Refreshments served in the Church Room after the service.



HARVEST SUPPER AND CHARITY AUCTION

Monday 22 September 7pm for 7.30pm prompt

4 course meal, in Othery Village Hall, bar available, followed with this year's Charity Auction (in aid of Othery Village School's new Trim Trail).

Tickets £22 available from Anthony Betty 07801 233676, Anita Winslade 07714 672316 and Iris Calder 01823 698243.

Othery PCC

LOOKING UP IN OTHERY

Has anyone noticed that the pinnacle at the top of the church tower has all its castle type crenellations (called merlonettes) back in place?

The 8 original merlonettes were carved from Ham stone which has a tendency to delaminate over time. Whenever they broke apart they had been pinned back together, but the pins themselves then rusted and caused further damage to the stones. On inspection they were removed and laid down

on the flat roof of the tower as they were considered unsafe, with the slight possibility that they might break and fall off the tower!

Thanks to several repair grants the new merlonettes have now all been carved in

Douling stone which does not delaminate and should stand proud for

many long years to come.

A grant of £2,100 was received towards the work from Benefact Trust, whose funds come from its ownership of the Benefact Group, an independent specialist Financial Services Group, who give all available profits to charity and good causes. One of the UK's largest grant-making charities Benefact Trust, in 2020 awarded more than £23 million to churches, charities and communities.

The specialists from the contractors JP Conservation caused quite a stir on one occasion when they were seen on the top of the tower garbed in bee suits due to the active beehive there and on another occasion when they hung off the tower on ropes to complete the installation.



Isobel Davis, PCC Treasurer St Michael's Othery

OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

Although many villagers and committee members take the opportunity to escape on holiday during August that hasn't stopped us from booking more live music for those still at home! Please check our save the dates section for the details.

Now for our regular monthly plea – we are always on the lookout for more people to help run our bar on a Friday night – if you are over 18 and are interested in doing a shift every now and then (or more frequently) then please get in touch.

As ever please keep an eye out for our visiting food vendors – any suggestions or recommendations then please let a committee member know.

SAVE THE DATES!

20 September – Live Music Night featuring The Painkillers

24 October – Halloween Party 7pm

14 November – 2nd Annual Othery Village Beer Fest 7pm till late, featuring Vinyl Act

7 December – Village Christmas Party 4pm

Regular events

Friday night social from 7pm including happy hour (and a half) on the first Friday of the month – enjoy 50% off!

Pilates, Western Front Association, Short Mat Bowls, Little Pickles and Somerset Levels Stargazers as advertised on the village hall website www.otheryvillagehall.org.uk

Rachael Selway, Secretary, Othery Village Hall Management Committee

Email: otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 07456 653252



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MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

MOORLINCH HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Traditional harvest festival time will soon be on us and we have our usual events coming up to celebrate. These are run jointly between the church and hall committees and we look forward to you coming along to enjoy yourselves with us.

So ... what actually do we have going on in late September and early October?

It will kick off with decorating the church on Saturday 27 September from 10am. Please bring flowers and produce up to the church on Saturday morning and stay and help make the church look 'harvesty'.

Got no spare apples or marrows or dahlias? Then please consider popping a donation to the Bridgwater Foodbank into the box in the church porch.

Our Church Harvest Service will be on Sunday 28 September at 4.30pm. Led by Pauline Davies we will be traditionally enjoying local cider and apple cake.

This is followed by the Harvest Auction on Monday 29 September at the Ring of Bells. Thank you so much to Clive and Trish for hosting this as it's a great evening out and always a great deal of fun. Get your bidding arms ready for the excitement of winning your fresh produce, homemade bakes and preserves and all sorts of other donated goods - if you can donate, please keep an eye out for news about when to take your produce.

We culminate with the famous Harvest Supper at the Church Hall. This will be from 7.30pm on Saturday 4 October. Everyone loves some entertainment on the night, so if you fancy setting up a small sketch with your friends, playing your instrument or organising a game, we would love to hear from you.

Any offer of help with the above gratefully received. Please contact Jane Stryker stryker.jps@gmail.com or Samantha Dawe sam.eastend@gmail.com if you can help, donate or have a question.

MCC

PARTY IN THE POST HOUSE GARDEN, MOORLINCH

I would just like to thank everyone who took part either by helping or attending my charity garden party. Over £2,500 was raised for the air ambulance and other local charities. The final monies will be published in next month's magazine. In the meantime many thanks and love and best wishes to everyone.

Audrey Warner



STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

SUTTON MALLET CHURCH

An Historic Church Tour visits Sutton Mallet Church - and an interesting discovery! In July a coach load of visitors from all over the UK finished their tour of conserved churches in the South West by visiting Sutton Mallet. Their tour took in the splendid medieval wall paintings of St. James Cameley, All Saints Langport and several others, and we were pleased to welcome them with a delicious afternoon tea before they set off

for home. As ever, thanks to everyone who helped with this.

The wildflowers flourished this year and we enjoyed a bright display of cowslips, yellow vetch, celandine, wild alliums and flowering plantain. They have finished now and we have cleared the patch and mowed to allow the seeds to develop for next year. As part of the conservation of the church, we check the base of the walls and in August, we found some hidden stones under the moss on one side. They have words and decoration inscribed on them and are probably gravestones, lost and buried many years ago. More investigation is needed to find out what the text says and hopefully some dates.

On Sunday 5 October Sutton Mallet Church will be hosting a Harvest Celebration - an ideal opportunity to visit this historic and peaceful church and village, open to everyone. We hope that many people from the village and surrounding area will join us on that day. The church is open daily - everyone is welcome to visit at any time.

Mortimer Rhind-Tutt (CCT Volunteer) mortimer.rt@gmail.com

Churches Conservation Trust www.visitchurches.org.uk

CCT Representative Marie Leverett mleverett@thecc.org.uk



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Hidden stones

STAWELL AND SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE HALL

All that's happening at Stawell & Sutton Mallet Village Hall in September

Groups

Monday Keep Fit with Liza 7pm-8pm

Tuesday Latin in Line with Claire 11am-noon Tuesday Yoga with Clare 7pm-8.15pm

Wednesday Dog training with Sophie 5pm-7pm Wednesday Short Mat Bowls 7pm-9pm

Thursday Zumba with Carole-Anne 9.30am-10.30am Thursday Art Group 7pm-9pm

Friday Yoga with Clare 10am-11.15am

Events

15th 2pm-4pm Whist

20th 10.30am-1pm Hub Cafe Saturday

20th 7.30pm-11pm Hub Pub Saturday

Sunday 28th 3pm-6pm Harry Skinner & Dave Saunders (Formerly of The Producers)

Phat 'n' Tall Burgers will be serving food.

Maxine Hughes, Chairperson

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

A big thank you to all who supported our cream tea afternoon in July. We raised just shy of £200, not bad for just a couple hours. The scones, made by Morag and Jim Thorley were up to their usual 5* scrummy standard, as were the wonderful cakes, made by ladies in the village. Much appreciated.

As we move along to autumn, our thoughts turn to the harvest season.

Our Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 28 September. As in the past, we ask for donations of non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Bridgwater food bank. We would be delighted to see anyone who would like to join us in this service of thanksgiving, and bring along their food donations. However, if you are unable or do not choose to come and would still like to donate, please leave items at the font just inside the church.



This year, our Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 4 October, at the Village Hall. Tickets will cost £12 for adults and £6 for primary schoolchildren and can be purchased from Richard Graham 01278 722284 and Ralph Sealy 01278 722934 or Ruth Peberdy 01278 722914. It is an opportunity to meet up with friends and family for an evening of good food and fun. Bring along your own drinks and glasses.



Ruth Peberdy, Stawell Church Committee

STAWELL CHURCH DIARY DATES

Tuesday 2 September St Francis Church Committee meets at Ralph Sealey's.

Monday 22 September Moorlinch with Stawell PCC meets the Polden Wheel PCC at Shapwick church at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 30 September Wardens and church reps meet at Othery Church Room at 7.30pm.

Richard Graham, Churchwarden

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 27 September

The monthly Coffee Morning is at Belinda Beake's, 4 The Old Apple Store from 10am 'til

12 noon. All welcome and please leave a donation for the coffee to help with keeping the church building in good repair. It has been here in the village for about 700 years or so.



Richard Graham, Churchwarden

BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN NEWS

For the Diocesan publication *Manna* go to <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/manna.php>

PROCESSES WHILE WE ARE IN VACANCY

The Churchwardens are the people to contact for arranging baptisms, weddings and funerals during the vacancy of the post of Priest-in-Charge for the United Benefice of MOMSS&G.

Details of normal regular services are being arranged with the Area Dean and will be published as usual in this magazine and on posters. UB Churchwardens

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS Open Daily

The United Benefice churches in Middlezoy and Stawell are open daily for private prayer; see their notice boards for their opening times. Othery church is currently only open from 9am to 3.30pm, Mondays to Fridays during school term days and services. Genuine visitors can phone 07714 672316 to arrange for access at other times.

BENEFICE/MIDDLEZOY PRAYER GROUP

Please do not think you have to be a member of the local churches as we are very willing to pray for anyone who asks. The prayer group feel it is needed so please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing middlezoyprayers@gmail.com then the group are informed of the request and the prayers are included in those individuals' prayer time.



Every prayer request is treated with confidentiality and respect.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch as we are here to listen and help. *The Prayer Group*

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding:

Harold Thorne and Hannah Meldrum were married in St Michael's church, Othery on Saturday 2 August by Rev Jane Durham.



Deaths/Funerals:

Penny Guttridge (née Carpenter). A memorial service took place at Middlezoy Methodist Chapel on Friday 22 August.

Adrian Henry Martin of Middlezoy passed away on 6 August. His funeral was held at Aller Church on Thursday 22 August.



BISHOP'S LETTER

GENEROSITY BEGETS GENEROSITY

In August I was privileged to dedicate the restored clock in the tower of Montacute church. It's not just any old clock. In fact, Montacute's is amongst the oldest in the country. Built in the village in around 1400, the clock is so old that it is held in place by iron wedges. At the time of its construction, the



nut and the bolt wouldn't be invented for another hundred years!

The Montacute clock is an artefact that seems to generate generosity. In the 1980s the clock was restored by Humphrey Hamlin, for whom it is now named. Humphrey poured time and energy into its mechanism, preventing it from being scrapped. During the last two years, heroic efforts by the people of Montacute have led to its further restoration. All this was marked last month by a whole village gathering. The community choir sang, Morris men danced, the local pub provided a hog roast, cake was dispensed in huge quantities.

Montacute is a beautiful example of how generosity begets generosity. Like a chain reaction, one act of generosity, the restoration of the clock, led to another, another and another. As a result, a whole community was brought together in celebration and joy. In his second letter to the Church in Corinth, Paul writes of the church in Macedonia that "their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity" (2 Cor 8:2). Having nothing, the Macedonians discovered that they could still give. In turn, their generosity enabled Paul to challenge and encourage the church in Corinth to do the same. All to help the struggling Church in Jerusalem.

As I travel around our diocese, I see this pattern of generosity begetting generosity happening in so many places. One person starts, another adds their contribution, more join in and soon we learn that together we are so much more than the sum of our parts. This is the economy of God. It's an economy that all of us are invited to join.

+ Michael, Bath & Wells

AROUND AND ABOUT BEYOND THE BENEFICE

MUSIC ON THE LEVELS

Music on the Levels announces details of its free concert on Sunday 28 September with Glorishears in St Mary's Church, Main Road, Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP. The concert starts at 3pm and refreshments are available at a modest charge from 2.15pm.

This is a change from the previously advertised line-up as violinist Oscar Tabor is no longer available. However, we are pleased to welcome back Graham Vincent performing with Chris Edmunds.

Together they form Glorishears (named after the old English tune - a corruption of Glorious Years). The duo features Graham Vincent on fiddle and voice and Chris Edmunds on melodeon and accordion. Their performances feature traditional English tunes and songs, but expect some fine music from further afield to be added to the mix!

Graham has performed for us several times paired with the guitar of David Mitchell. "I'm really looking forward to playing at Music on the Levels again," says Graham, "it's always an inspiring place to play thanks to the wonderful setting and acoustics, the lovely team running the event and, last but not least, some of the best cakes in Somerset!"

Arrangements for this concert

There is limited parking on the road by the church but there is additional parking at



Somerset Young Farmers on School Road TA7 0LN. Visitors are asked not to park in Church Lane as this prevents resident access.

There is no need to book as the church's capacity have never yet been exceeded.

However, it should be noted that seats are available on a first come, first served basis. In order to help with the artists' and other costs a raffle is held. In addition, donations are encouraged. It costs over £400 to put on a concert.

For further information contact:

Frank Challenger 01278 699071 email: f.challenger@icloud.com

THE ARTS SOCIETY SEDGEMOOR (TASS)

September meeting

The Arts Society Sedgemoor's next lecture is on Wednesday 3 September gathering at 1.15pm to start at 1.30pm in Woolavington Village Hall. The lecture will be on 'Art Deco Jewellery: The Glamour Revolution', with speaker Laurie Wickwire. Visitors welcome; cost £6.



**The Arts
Society
Sedgemoor**

October meeting

The lecture at the October meeting on Wednesday 1 October is 'The England of Eric Ravilious' presented by Dr David Boyd Haycock, same venue, same times.

Visitors welcome.

Further information about TASS can be found at <https://www.theartsocietysedgemoor.org.uk>
Jean Reynolds

THE WI - MORE THAN JAM AND JERUSALEM

Think fun and frolics, trips and treats and Christmas parties

There are talks, activities and events for every woman, single or wed. You can have a bit of fun, make friends, try a new hobby or just explore a new venue. Whichever WI you attend you can be sure of a warm welcome.

WIs near us

Ashcott and Pedwell 7.30pm Third Thursday Ashcott Village Hall,
TA7 9PZ

Shapwick Starlets 7.30pm Second Tuesday Village Hall, Station Rd, TA7 9NJ

Westonzoyland 7.15pm Second Wednesday Village Hall Cheer Lane TA7 0EZ

Local times can vary so it is best to contact Somerset Federation before attending for the first time 01278 287034.

Westonzoyland WI

Come to our September meeting on Wednesday 10 September and try your hand at 'Crafting with Jodie' during a fun social evening which can give you an excellent opportunity to meet with us. This celebrates the end of summer after our pleasurable meal out together and successful trip to the American Museum in Bath.

Should you fancy a night out with the girls, come and see us. We welcome you.

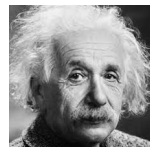
For any further information please email: zoywisec@gmail.com or call Gill Wilkinson on 01823 698429.



TO MAKE US THINK OR RAISE A SMILE

SOME EINSTEIN QUOTES

- ⇒ The life of an individual has meaning only as far as it aids in making the life of everything nobler and more beautiful.
- ⇒ We physicists believe the separation between past, present and future is only an illusion, although a convincing one.

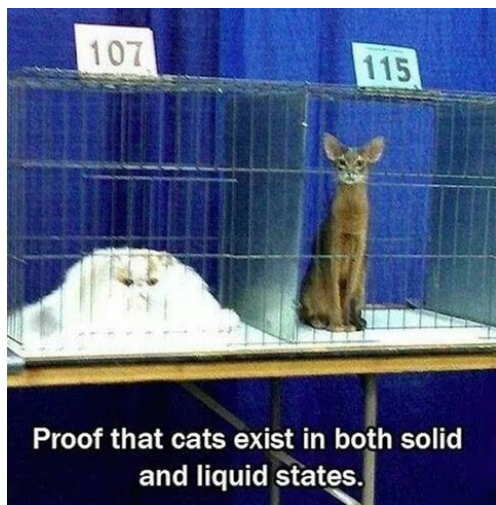


Albert Einstein

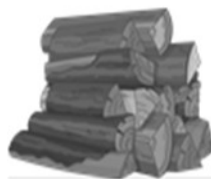
SOME JOKES

A paraprosdokian is a sentence or statement with an unexpected ending. It means "against expectations" in Greek.

- . Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.
- . What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.
- . What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe.
- . I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.
- . I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.
- . Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.
- . I broke my finger last week. On the other hand, I'm okay.
- . Don't spell part backwards. It's a trap.
- . Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink.
- . To the mathematician who thought of the idea of zero. Thanks for nothing!
- . Son: "Dad, can you tell me what a solar eclipse is?" Dad: "No sun."



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so that I may work at a job until I finish it or get it right,
no matter how difficult or boring it may be.
Give me patience with people,
so that I will not become irritated or annoyed,
and so that I never lose my temper with them.
Give me patience with life,
so that I may not give up hope
when hopes are long in coming true;
so that I may accept disappointment without bitterness
and delay without complaint.
Hear this my prayer for your love's sake.
Amen



AUSTRALIA!!

Favourite quotes

May your chooks turn into emus and kick your dunny down
As popular as a snake in a lucky dip
About as useful as a screen door on a submarine
Fast as a rat up a drainpipe
As flash as a rat with a gold tooth
Running flat out like a lizard drinking
Useless as a chocolate teapot
Looks like a dog's breakfast
Hungrier than a dingo in a daycare centre



JUST PLAIN NEAT INFORMATION.....

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite number of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent. Drinking a glass of water before you eat may help digestion and curb appetite.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday, which was written in 1935!

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armour raised their visors to reveal their identity.

Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

Useful INFORMATION

FOODBANKS - DONATION POINTS

Middlezoy: Holy Cross Church, Village Coffee Mornings or Meadowbank, 11a Main Rd.

Othery: St Michael's Church Porch.

Moorlinch: Spring Cottage, Pit Hill Lane, Moorlinch or St Mary's Church Porch.

Stawell: The Old Post Office, Stawell

Cash Donation: By contacting the relevant Foodbank you can make either a single or a regular donation. If you are in a position to give via Gift Aid, the Foodbank will be able to claim back the tax you have paid on this.

To obtain assistance from a Foodbank you need a referral from Citizens Advice Somerset, St. Mary's House, Magdalene St, Taunton, TA1 1SB (08082 787842) or your Village Agent, local GP surgery, schools, health visitors and social workers.

Bridgwater Foodbank can be contacted by email info@bridgwater.foodbank.org.uk or phone 01278 434636 or 07804 119273 (Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays). They will help put you in touch with one of the agencies that can help with a referral.

Langport Cares email langportcares/foodbank@gmail.com

The Glastonbury Community Fridge is organised by the charity Love Glastonbury. It is situated at Town Hall, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury and is open daily 9am - 4pm. Help yourself to food, there is no charge. There are no contact details, other than by Facebook: search for Glastonbury Fridge. Love Glastonbury also runs a Community Pantry with a wide range of food items and toiletries, based in Abbey Mews, off Silver Street. The Pantry is open Wednesday 1pm to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm. Just come along and pick 10 items for a suggested voluntary donation of £2.50.

USEFUL INFORMATION

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Middlezoy Chapel	TA7 0NZ	SC0253	
Middlezoy Village Hall	TA7 0PG	SC0254	(machine at car park end)
Moorlinch Farm	TA7 9BU		
Othery Village Hall	TA7 0QU		
Stawell Village Hall	TA7 9AD		
Sutton Mallet Phone box	TA7 9AT		

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS

The schedules for the MOMSS & G area are:

MIDDLEZOY

Recycling Boxes, every week: Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 September, 1 October

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesdays 10 September, 1 October

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Mondays 8, 22 September, 6 October

OTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week: Fridays 5, 12, 19, 26 September, 3 October

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Fridays 19 September, 10 October

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Thursdays 4, 18 September, 2 October

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLEY & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week: Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 September, 1 October

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesdays 10 September, 1 October

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Thursdays 11, 25 September, 9 October

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Moorlinch Tapmoor Road Junction 10.55am – 11.15am

Middlezoy Main Road Bus Stop 12.20pm – 12.50pm

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MOMSS COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Please advise momssgeditor@live.co.uk of amendments/additions

ANGLICAN CHURCH INFORMATION

Priest-in-Charge: Vacancy

Contact your village Churchwarden or contact person listed below

United Benefice Readers

Pauline Davies 01278 451280 and Richard Graham 01278 722284

Parish Auxiliary Lay Minister

Ruth Peberdy (Stawell)

Churchwardens

Middlezoy: Ian Campbell 01823 698790

Othery: Anthony Betty 07801 233676

Moorlinch: Fiona Hixon 07767 763628

Stawell: Richard Graham 01278 722284

Sutton Mallet contact: Brian Lishman 01278 722579

Greinton contact: Jean Heywood 01458 210497

METHODIST CHAPEL MIDDLEZOY

Minister: Rev Deborah Kirk 01823 334854

Local Contact: Jill Darby jilldrb@gmail.com 01823 698000

Bookings: <https://middlezoychapeluk.wordpress.com/bookings/> or Jill Darby (above)

PARISH COUNCILS/MEETINGS

Middlezoy - Chairman: Paul Baker 01823 698082

Othery - Chairman: Andrew Tizzard 01823 690284

Moorlinch - Meeting Clerk: Richard Hennah email: themoorlinchclerk@gmail.com

Stawell and Sutton Mallet - Clerk: Mr Chris Fry 07796 794037

Greinton - Enquiries: Toby Crispin 01458 210227

VILLAGE AMENITIES

Middlezoy: The George Inn 01823 698215;

Shop 01823 587222 open Mon-Fri 8.30am-1pm and 3pm-5pm, Sat 8.45am-12 noon;

P.O. 01823 698981 open Mon-Fri 8.30-1pm;

Village Hall 07885 195418

Othery: School 01823 698464; Othery Village Hall 01823 690482

Moorlinch: Ring O'Bells 01458 210358; Church Hall 01458 210755

Stawell & Sutton Mallet: Village Hall 01278 723665

Greinton: Village Hall 01458 210277

POLICE: Emergencies only tel: 999 ; Non emergencies tel: 101

CRIMESTOPPERS: 8am-10pm Weekdays 0800 555111;

NHS: Tel: 111

DISTRICT PCSOs: Georgia Coles 07889 659466; Tom Russell 07935 013566

VILLAGE AGENTS

To contact a Village Agent ring 01823 331222 and they will find the most suitable person

SERVICES CHART FOR CHAPEL AND UB CHURCHES SEPTEMBER 2025

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
September 7 Sun (<i>Twelfth after Trinity</i>)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Mary's, Moorlinch
14 Sun (<i>Thirteenth after Trinity</i>) Holy Cross Day	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Joint Holy Communion service Prayer & Praise Morning Prayer Morning Worship	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell
21 Sun (<i>Fourteenth after Trinity</i>)	10.00 am	United Benefice Harvest Communion service	St Michael's, Othery
28 Sun (<i>Fifteenth after Trinity</i>)	10.00 am 10.00 am 4.30 pm 6.30 pm	Harvest Breakfast Harvest with Holy Communion Harvest Celebration Harvest Thanksgiving Service with Holy Communion	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Francis, Stawell St Mary's, Moorlinch Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy
October 5 Sun (<i>Sixteenth after Trinity</i>)	10.00 am	Harvest service with the United Benefice	Sutton Mallet Church

The Common Worship (Year C) readings and lessons for the following services:

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
various dates	Harvest Festival (Year C)	OT: Deuteronomy, chapter 26, verses 1 to 11 Psalm: 100 Epistle: Philippians, chapter 4, verses 1 to 9 Gospel: John, chapter 6, verses 25 to 35
September 7 Sun	Twelfth after Trinity	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 18, verses 1 to 11 Psalm: 139, verses 1 to 5 and 12 to 18 Epistle: Philemon, verses 1 to 21 Gospel: Luke, chapter 14, verses 25 to 33
14 Sun Holy Cross Day	Thirteenth after Trinity	OT: Jeremiah, ch. 4, verses 11 and 12 and 22 to 28 Psalm: 14 Epistle: 1 Timothy, chapter 1, verses 12 to 17 Gospel: Luke, chapter 15, verses 1 to 10
21 Sun	Fourteenth after Trinity	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 8, verses 18 to chapter 9, v 1 Psalm: 79, verses 1 to 9 Epistle: 1 Timothy, chapter 2, verses 1 to 7 Gospel: Luke, chapter 16, verses 1 to 13
28 Sun	Fifteenth after Trinity	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 32, verses 1 to 3a and 6 to 15 Psalm: 91, verses 1 to 6 and 14 to 16 (the end) Epistle: 1 Timothy, chapter 6, verses 6 to 19 Gospel: Luke, chapter 16, verses 19 to 31 (the end)
October 5 Sun	Sixteenth after Trinity	OT: Lamentations, chapter 1, verses 1 to 6 Psalm: 137, verses 1 to 6 Epistle: 2 Timothy, chapter 1, verses 1 to 14 Gospel: Luke, chapter 17, verses 5 to 10