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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Whether you enjoy the weather or not autumn is in full flow – damp and dull, wet and dry, sunny and misty, shorter days and longer nights – such is nature's cycle. Winter is just around the corner so we must expect even more of what we are already having and with the prospect of snow and ice arriving during that season it is time to prepare ourselves, our homes and our vehicles for comfort and convenience.

World news has improved slightly with a tentative peace in Gaza between Israel and the Palestinian authorities and maybe the war between Russia and Ukraine will end with a truly peaceful settlement and no more needless killings and destruction of buildings and infrastructure. No more of "I want what you have".

What 3 Words is an app which can pinpoint locations in times of need but foremost in my mind are these three words: "Live together peacefully". Other groups of three words are: "Do not kill", "Do not steal", "Do not lie", "Do not hate", "Do no ill" "Do help others" – all these are found in the Bible and in the Quran and in the scriptures of many religions around the world.

Back here at home, so to speak, our villages continue their social activities with the nicest of neighbourliness – clubs, meetings, entertainments, festive activities, neighbourhood watch, speed watch – all caring for communities.

You can find what you may want inside our monthly magazine so sit back and relax, enjoy what is on every page and thank the person who delivered it to you.

Sincerely, Anita.

Anita Winslade, Editor

APOLOGY FROM THE MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

For the past few weeks, we have experienced a problem with accessing the MOMSS Advert email account. We apologise if it has appeared that we have been ignoring your requests to post adverts – that is definitely not the case – it was just a Microsoft glitch. The matter has now been resolved so please do continue to contact us at [**momssgadverts@live.co.uk**](mailto:momssgadverts@live.co.uk)

Richard, Anita, Jane, Isobel

GENERAL ITEMS

URGENT

Hopes for a Church Treasurer

Holy Cross Church needs a Treasurer not only to look after the books but also to advise on such matters as insurance and tax. This makes the work varied and interesting. The basics: Whilst it is not necessary to become a member of the PCC, it is important to report quarterly on the financial position.

This voluntary position does not require an accounting qualification but would suit anyone who can keep a simple cash book. It is an excellent way of involving yourself in the village community.

To consider possibilities contact Gill Wilkinson: [*wilkiberri@outlook.com*](mailto:wilkiberri@outlook.com) or Ian Campbell: [*meadowbank@btinternet.com*](mailto:meadowbank@btinternet.com)

Gill Wilkinson

WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION



The Somerset branch of the Western Front Association will welcome local author Richard Cooper-Knight for an evening talk on his latest book, *Death and Service 3*. The event will take place at Othery Village Hall, Fore Street, Othery TA7 0QH on Wednesday 12 November, starting at 7.30pm.

This appearance comes the day after the official launch of the book giving attendees one of the very first chances to hear about the new release. Copies of *Death and Service 3* will be available for sale on the night with an opportunity to have them signed by the author. Richard Cooper-Knight's *Death and Service 3* series explores the experiences of local soldiers and communities during the First World War, weaving together vivid historical research and personal stories. In this third instalment, he continues to examine the lives behind the statistics, shining a light on sacrifice, duty and remembrance. This meeting is open to all who are interested in military and social history not just members of the Western Front Association. Visitors will have an opportunity to hear Cooper-Knight speak about his research process, the stories that inspired the new book and to ask questions afterwards.

The Somerset branch of the Western Front Association regularly hosts talks and discussions on topics connected to the Great War. Newcomers are warmly encouraged to attend and learn more about the ongoing work of preserving the memory of those who served.

For further information about the event or the Association's activities, please contact the Somerset branch or visit the Western Front Association website or find us on Facebook or email SomersetWFA@hotmail.com

Pat Adamson, Secretary, Somerset branch, WFA, 01823 698156

SKY AT NIGHT November

Sunrise Sunset

Beginning of November 7.04am-4.46pm

End of November 7.52am-4.07pm

Moon Phases

Full Moon 5th / Last Quarter 12th / New Moon 20th / First Quarter 28th

Planets

Saturn rules the first part of the evening in the southwest setting at 2am followed by Jupiter rising in the east at 8pm. Jupiter is much more conspicuous than Saturn being so very bright. Look for it close to the Moon on 6 November. Venus is still a morning object but disappears in the Sun's glow by the end of the month not to be seen again until next year.

Constellation

The Pleiades or Seven Sisters star cluster, part of the constellation of Taurus the Bull, is prominent looking high south at this time of year. This little cloud of stars, easy to spot with the naked eye, is quite deceptive as the few stars you can see are only a very small part of the 1,000 stars which actually make up the cluster. Excellent in a dark sky area a pair of binoculars will give you a spectacular view.



Phenomena

On the 5th we have the biggest and brightest supermoon of the year then on the 6th look for the Moon to the right of the Seven Sisters star cluster (as mentioned

previously). The Leonid meteor shower is on the night of 17th/18th and with the Moon out of sight at this time it's an opportunity to spot some of the fainter meteors.

Paul Adamson 01823 698156

SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

At our November meeting club members Richard and Sue Horsham will present their yearly talk which is being kept secret at this time.

We also have a night sky guide for December and January (our next meeting is not until the end of January) and astronomy news. Admission is £3 with membership available. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 November in Othery Village Hall, Fore Street, Othery, TA7 0QU.

For more details or to be added to our mailing list please contact somersetlevelsstargazers@hotmail.com Follow us on Facebook.

Paul Adamson, 01823 698156

MIDDLEZOY AND OTHERY SCHOOLS

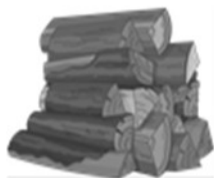
It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of Autumn Term I already. The children have been working incredibly hard and there has been lots to celebrate. Earlier this term, the children and their families joined together to produce some class-related art alongside artist, Darrell Wakelam. This is always a popular event and a great way to celebrate family learning in our school.

This year's fundraising efforts are underway. At the end of September we held our annual coffee afternoon in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support which raised an amazing £173.82. Thank you so much to all who attended and donated cakes and biscuits, your support is very much appreciated. Most recently, the children in Unicorn class presented a wonderful harvest assembly to their families, treating them to a piece of their handmade flapjack afterwards. We also collected a table full of donations which have been taken to the Langport Foodbank.

In other exciting news, as you will no doubt have noticed, our new trim trail is now complete. The children have been busy writing to the many groups and individuals who have helped make this possible. On behalf of the children and staff I would like to thank the local community for their generous support. If you have a moment, please read the note, written by Isla, to thank all who donated via our Go Fund Me page. This can be found on display on our school noticeboard. We know that the children currently in our school will



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get many years of enjoyment out of it as will those who join us in the coming years.

With kind regards, *Lindsay Hayward*

Headteacher, Middlezoy and Othery Primary School, 01823 698465/4

NEWS FROM OUR MPS

Ashley Fox, MP for Middlezoy and Othery

Getting Housing Right for Our Villages

We're seeing more and more planning applications for housing developments in our villages. While each individual application might look reasonable on paper, their cumulative effect risks changing the character of rural communities beyond recognition.

I'm not opposed to new housing. We need more homes so that young people can stay local, families can grow, and older people can downsize without leaving their communities. But it must be done properly. Development must be proportional, sustainable, and supported by the right infrastructure - roads, schools, healthcare and community facilities. Take Woolavington for example. There are currently several proposals pending for some 450 new homes. That's a huge number for a village of its size. Residents already face pressures on local roads, GP surgeries and school places. If these applications all proceed together, the cumulative impact will be immense. It's not fair to ask small villages to carry large-scale growth without the necessary support to go with it. That's why it's essential that the Council looks at all these plans together, so that their cumulative effect is fully taken into account.

Developers also need to play their part. If a project isn't viable once the full cost of local services is factored in, then it's simply the wrong project for that location. Local people



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Growth should be guided by what our towns and villages can reasonably sustain, not by how much land developers can promote. We must build homes that fit the place, match the infrastructure, and enhance the life of the communities they join. That's the kind of housing policy that truly serves villages like Othery, Middlezoy, and the whole of Somerset.

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

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

I was delighted to discover, when my team did a count, that I've held well over 100 surgeries across the constituency since the election last year. I love using local pubs, coffee shops and community cafés, as the buzz means conversations can be held in private in a local venue. The Ring O' Bells in Moorlinch hosted a recent surgery, after which David and I enjoyed our pub supper.

Since my last update, I've spent more time in Somerset, as Party Conferences keep MPs away from Westminster for three weeks.

Last month, I was honoured to be voted in as Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Flooding and Flooded Communities, hitting the ground running meeting the Association of Drainage Authorities, representatives from Councils and agencies in Eastern England and addressing the Flooding Resilience Conference 2025.

I've used the Conference break to visit businesses and charitable organisations and one particular problem faces us all locally. Our Hospices offer end-of-life care, services and support for those who need it, but most Hospices receive only 26% of their funding from Government and consequently are hugely reliant on fundraising and donations for the majority of their income. I'll be pressing the point in Westminster that unless there is a fairer funding deal for the vital end-of-life care services that Hospices provide – which, after all, relieves pressure on the NHS, GPs and hospitals too – our local Hospices will be forced to scale back some services, directly harming local people when they face one of the most challenging periods of their lives – clearly the last thing any Hospice wants to do.

If you'd like to come and discuss any concerns, a full list of my surgeries is available when you call or email me, but this is your most local: Friday 7 November from 6pm to 7pm at Ashcott Village Hall.

No appointment is necessary – it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I can arrange to come to see 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!)



FARM DIARY

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

In the Field. Good news. At the beginning of October when winter cereals are traditionally sown in this part of the country, we sowed a lot and it was followed by rain. This author did witness triticale sown on a Friday, have 11mm of rain on the Saturday and have roots half an inch long by Monday morning. It was up in rows all over the field by mid-October. The soil was warm. Triticale is an animal feed cereal which is a wheat and rye cross. The grains are very similar to that of wheat. We are using it in our rotation in lieu of beans. The latter we cannot organise to give consistent yields and thus financial output. With regards weed control in these crops a thick and well-established crop is the best weed control. The crop outcompetes the weeds. So, in many fields we are off to a good start. Lambs are going to market regularly and fetching between £130 to £150 per 45 kg animal live weight.

2025 harvest. According to reports in many newspapers, farms have suffered their second worst harvest on record. According to the man from Openfield who markets our grain, the picture is very varied with some farms in the southwest doing very well and others all through the range down to some doing terribly. It just depends where the rains fell and did not fall. Other factors are involved as well of course.

BrewDog. According to Patrick Galbraith in the Daily Telegraph of 3 October, this company, having bought a large Scottish estate of over 9,000 acres, kept it for five years and has now sold it again. They had planted trees on it which largely failed but were described as going to help the brewer with its net zero credentials. The buyer is a rewilding company called Oxygen Conservation. Neither of these companies would ever pay inheritance tax. If a private family or person bought the estate, they would be paying this tax on it every 40 years or so according to the legislation coming in April 2026. It is strange to have one rule for some land and another for other land.

Richard Graham

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OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Open: The church is currently only open from 9am to 3.30pm, Mondays to Fridays during school term days and for services. Genuine visitors can phone 07714 672316 to arrange for access at other times.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

The village's annual Remembrance Sunday service will be held in St Michael's church on 9 November and all the village organisations are invited to lay a wreath at the War Memorial plaque in the church. Please assemble in the church from 10.50am so we can start the service at 10.55am and hold the national two minutes silence at 11am exactly.

The service will be led by the Reverends David and Christabel Ager and afterwards refreshments will be served in the Church Room.



OTHERY STREET FAYRE - ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

This was held on Wednesday 15 October in the Church Room and attendees discussed the successes and disappointments of this year's Fayre and received feedback from people involved. The chairman thanked everyone involved with the Fayre for their enthusiasm and help with the success and resilience of this wonderful annual event.

A cheque for £5,500 was passed to the PCC treasurer, being the joint profits from this year's Fayre and from the Mouse Races evening in March. Next year's Mouse Races evening is planned for Saturday 21 March.

It was agreed to hold the Street Fayre next year on Saturday 20 June. Several people have agreed to either join the committee or help with next year's event. However it was agreed more people are needed for setting up on the Friday, running items on the day and dismantling and clearing up afterwards and on the Sunday. Please help us if you can – the more people who help means less work for each one! We thank you in advance.

Anita Winslade, OSF Committee Secretary & Vice-Chairman, 07714 672316

OTHERY BOOK GROUP

***Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly**

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both because they were used for medical experiments and because the consequences meant that they were never able to walk properly again. Caroline was a former actress and liaison to the French consulate. Her world was changed when Hitler's army invaded Poland in September 1939 and then set its sights on France.

The lives of three young women are set on a collision course when one is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women, one works there as a doctor and the US citizen tries to help. Their stories cross continents: from New York to Paris, Germany and Poland, as the story is told of those whom history has forgotten. Feelings about the book were mixed and provoked strong discussion. Part of the subject matter is distasteful: some readers failed to finish the book, whilst others found it a page-turner. Despite the story of the women in Ravensbrück being little told, it could be considered that stories of the Holocaust have been endlessly recounted and that there are more contemporary horrors to consider. On the other hand, if it were read as a true history, it could be thought that the love interest is just a frivolous addition, as it is not strictly historical.

All agreed it was not light reading. Certainly it was thought provoking and the majority were pleased to have had the opportunity to read it.

The book for the next meeting on Wednesday 5 November is *The Land in Winter* by Andrew Miller. Gill Wilkinson

OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Halloween party – we hope you all had a spooktacular time!! Not long now until the Second Annual Othery Beerfest. We hope to build on the success of last year's inaugural event and look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Many local brewery beers will be available to try, together with the regular bar. We also look forward to being entertained by not one but two music acts throughout the night – it is sure to be a great night!

SAVE THESE SPECIAL DATES!

Friday 14 November – 2nd Annual Othery Village Beer Fest 7pm 'til late – featuring Danny Jukebox and Vinyl Act

Saturday 29 November – Gemini CC are holding a Christmas Bingo

Sunday 7 December – Village Christmas Party 4pm.

We continue to attract a great variety of food vendors on our Friday nights. Details are sent out on Facebook and Instagram or contact a committee member for more info.

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

Adults only Bingo – third Wednesday of the month (organised by Gemini Carnival Club) – keep an eye out for signage.

If you have some time available and would like to help with running the bar, setting up/clearing away for events or even putting up posters round the village then please don't hesitate to contact us.

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MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

MOORLINCH HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

A big thank you

We had a week of harvest events this year in Moorlinch. The church looked stunning due to the efforts of our increasing group of Flower Fairies, led by Margaret Gould, and loads of beautiful donated flowers.

The church was decorated beautifully for our harvest celebration service which was well attended, led by Pauline and during which we enjoyed local traditional cider and Somerset apple cake. It started the week so well. Thank you to all who donated homemade and homegrown delicious items for the harvest sale and the harvest supper held in the hall the following week and to all who were able to put together, run and support the events. Funds raised will help towards the upkeep of the church and hall buildings.

Our harvest sale was held at the Ring o' Bells and bidders enjoyed the traditional but quirky pairing of lots such as a jar of Aileen's marmalade and a packet of 'blow your head off' chillies or a massive marrow and an elegant bunch of flowers. Thanks to Clive and Trish for opening up especially for us and hosting the sale and to our wonderful auctioneer, his assistants and our village money man who collected all the lot payments at the end of the sale.

If we don't see an apple or pear again for a few weeks I think we will all be fine. It was a great traditional celebration enjoyed by many. We hope to see you there again next year! *Church and Hall Committees*



CHARITY COFFEE AND CRAFT MORNING

Don't forget our charity Craft and Coffee Morning on Saturday the 8th! Maybe start your Christmas shopping early with some lovely homemade cards, beautiful glass and textile gifts and gorgeous baked goods and preserves at our coffee morning. Or just treat yourself! 10am - 1pm at the Moorlinch Church Hall, this is a cash only event so please bring plenty of real money! Raffle, lovely homemade cakes and a chance to catch up with friends. Funds raised are for MacMillan Cancer Support and Crisis at Christmas with donations to the church and hall. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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Moorlinch Church Hall - 17 December.

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If you've been in the village for a few ... well ... decades, you may recall

the Tuesday evening whist drives with great fondness. And if not,

you're in for a fun and traditional evening out anyway. There will be tuition at the start

for those who are unfamiliar with how to play with prizes for overall highest scores at

the end of the evening. The £10 entry fee includes a drink and mince pie at half time and

24 hands of whist played during the evening. Please also bring money for a raffle! You are

welcome to BYO Christmas drinks too. Contact Sam Dawe on sam.eastend@gmail.com

for further information or to reserve places.



Sam Dawe

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Remembrance Sunday – 9 November

Our traditional Remembrance Day Service will be held at St Mary's on

Sunday 9 November beginning at 10.45am.

We are delighted to welcome back, for a third year, Jane Sedgman from the

Wheathill Benefice who will lead the service. In addition to the names read from both

the First and Second World War

memorial plaques we have a book of

names of people who have seen action

in one of the battle zones throughout

the world since 1945 or served in a

branch of the armed services and who

have a connection to someone living in

Moorlinch. If you have a name that you

would like included in our service, please

either let me or our churchwarden

know before the service or bring it on

a piece of paper. The collection will go to

the British Legion.

Following the service there will be a

curry lunch in the Church Hall. Lunch

will begin at approximately midday.

Please come to the service and lunch or

just lunch – you will be very welcome.

To help us with numbers for catering

please let us know if you would like to

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Dates for Your Diary

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Sunday 21 December at 4.30pm – Village Carols at St Mary's. Mulled wine and mince pies.

Further details next month.

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STAWELL AND SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE HALL

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

Groups

Tuesday Yoga with Clare 7pm-8.15pm

Wednesday Dog training with Sophie 5pm-7pm

Thursday Art Group 7pm-9pm

Friday Yoga with Clare 10am-11.15am

Events

Saturday 8 Nov

Film Night 7pm for 7.30pm start, showing *Mr Burton* Cert 12

Monday 17th

Whist 2pm-4pm

Saturday 22nd

Winter Craft & Hub Cafe 10.30am-3pm with Christmas gifts galore

Saturday 22nd

Hub Pub 7pm-11pm. Glastonbury Wood Fired Pizza in attendance.

Maxine Hughes, Chairperson

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

With the harvest season over, we turn our thoughts to Remembrance and Christmas. Does it not come round more quickly each year? it seems that way.

Many thanks for all the donations for the Harvest Festival. Ian Scott kindly took them all to the Bridgwater Food Bank where I am certain they would have been most gratefully received. Our Service of Remembrance is at 3pm on Sunday 9 November. As



always, we have the ever popular Burtle Band who always do a great job with the music. With Christmas just around the corner, it is time to think about our Prize Christmas Bingo with Turkey Bonanza. This year it is on Saturday 6 December and as usual, we are appealing for prizes. It is always a fun evening and there will be a draw for a festive hamper so donations for that could be a consideration, festive and seasonal items always gratefully received, or maybe something from the store cupboard.

On Sunday 14 December we have our Christingle and Gift service and as in previous years, we ask for gifts for all ages, unwrapped, which will go to the Salvation Army appeal. Christmas is a time for giving and with things as they are right now, there are people who will be only too grateful for some Christmas cheer.

We have been very well supported at this time of year in the past, and I am sure this year will be no different.

So, as winter approaches, we at St. Francis Church look forward to seeing you at our services and events.

Ruth Peberdy, Stawell Church Committee

STAWELL CHURCH DIARY DATES

Tuesday 4 November at 5pm, the Church Committee meets at Ruth's. Amongst other routine matters, we are discussing a £27,500 conservation project for the 800 years old church. Grants will be sought but individuals who wish to help can find forms near the font for regular giving.

Sunday 9 November, 3pm. As in the past we have the Burtle Silver Band to assist us to mark, remember and give thanks for those who fought for our freedom in the wars of the last 110 years. We recall the names of those who gave their lives from Stawell and Sutton Mallet at this service. It is open to all.



Richard Graham, Churchwarden

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 29 November, 10am 'til 12 noon is our monthly Coffee Morning and held at Richard and Lianne's, The Manor, Stawell. All welcome for coffee and cake.



Richard Graham, Churchwarden

SUTTON MALLET CHURCH

From Heatwaves to Harvest

After the lockdowns of 2020 and 2021, our church and churchyard really needed refreshing. Since 2023 there has been a visible improvement both inside and out, and some events have been held at the church again. Recovering the overgrown churchyard grass took a lot of work over 2023 and 2024 but this year it stopped growing from June to September, so apart from clearing the wildflower patches it was just a question of waiting. The grass started growing again in time for our Harvest Festival on Sunday 5 October - the church was filled with local produce and flowers and looked delightful. The service was well attended and everyone was appreciative of the efforts by villagers to make the church so welcoming.

It is also pleasing to see that the front aspect

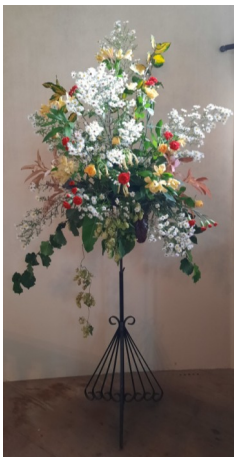


of the churchyard has been cleared following earlier shrub and tree work.

This historic church benefits greatly from the stewardship of the Churches Conservation Trust. In October the tower was inspected by a structural engineer commissioned by the CCT and earlier in the year, we were visited by a specialist historic churches architect. These are important surveys for the future of the church and it is reassuring to know that the CCT is regularly funding and overseeing them. As the mowing started again, I was pleased to meet a large walking group who came to see the church - it's open every day, so please feel free to visit and enjoy the peaceful and refreshing atmosphere. The next service will be on Christmas Eve - this is an event that always has a real village feel to it and everyone is welcome from all around.



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GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

CHURCH

We held a very enjoyable Harvest Celebration on Sunday 5 October. Many thanks to Nicky and Shirley for providing delicious homemade cakes and Toby for homemade apple juice.

The next event in church is the Act of Remembrance on Sunday 9 November starting at 10.45am. The Christmas Singalong will be on Sunday 21 December, beginning at 5pm. All are very welcome and volunteers to read doubly so.



VILLAGE HALL

Following its success at the Barn Dance, the Posh Fish and Chips van made a return appearance for October's Pub Night. The Village Hall was packed and we will be repeating the fish and chips at the next Pub Night on Friday 7 November. If you haven't tried it, why not give it a go. It is a great chance to meet friends and neighbours for a chat. Our Christmas Bingo Night will be on Saturday 8 December, the day after the next Pub Night. In the preceding week we will be walking around the village asking for donations for prizes. Bottles (ideally full!) or other seasonal gifts (chocolates, biscuits etc) are perfect but anything you might like to win will be gratefully received.

PARISH MEETING

You may have noticed that the finger road signpost at the junction with the Moorlinch Road disappeared for a couple of weeks last month. It has been professionally refurbished and replaced, thanks to Trevor's hard work and a generous donation from CPRE.

We are now aiming to get road grit bins delivered before the winter frosts set in. The parish meeting continues to work to improve the quality of life in our small community - whether it is improving drainage or simply making the village a little more attractive.

Toby Crispin
greintonvillage@gmail.com

I hate telling people I'm a taxidermist.

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MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS

Let's keep the Arts alive... Just For Tonight!

Don't miss Middlezoy Church's yearly event for the whole family! Lighting, visual effects and fully orchestrated - let's kick off the festivities as a community. On 22 November come and support our local composer and music teacher and his team of creative volunteers as they perform his musical work and performance *Just For Tonight* - tickets include canapés and free glass of bubbles! Tickets available in Middlezoy shop, Wady's Cider and Westonzoyland store priced at just £13.

There are roles for children and adults to get involved - fun singing workshop (no talent necessary!) is held for adults on 16 November 11am-4pm at Middlezoy church.

TURKEYS ON THE LOOSE!! Kids (and big kids) we need your help!! Ruke and six of his friends have been kidnapped by the Nor Folk! Hunt around Middlezoy community places to find them... for each one found, place safely in the church porch, take a photo and put it on our village facebook page so we know who is saved! For each turkey, the lucky hunter will be handsomely rewarded with a £20 Amazon Voucher - wow!!

For more information, please email beatfourfour@gmail.com

MIDDLEZOY WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

We held a successful McMillan Coffee Morning at the end of September raising £656. Thank you to all those that supported.

As our funds are currently quite healthy, we have decided to donate all proceeds from our Brunch on Saturday 1 November to the village church bell tower fund. We look forward to seeing you at the village hall from 10 -12.

The invitations have been delivered for the Senior Citizens Christmas party on Saturday 6 December at the village hall. Lunch will be served promptly at 1pm so arrive in plenty of time. If you are aged 60 years or above and have not yet received an invitation do please get in touch. This year (provided no power cut like last year) we will be entertained by the Taunton Ukulele Band.

As I have held the position of chairman for some time now I have decided to step down and let someone else take the reins. I am pleased to let you know that Diane Pacey has been voted as chairman with immediate effect. I will still continue to be an active member of the group and support Diane along with the other committee members.

Jill Darby (Outgoing Chairman) 01823 698000 jilldrb@gmail.com

WEEKLY MONDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

This year is going along very fast and Christmas is not too far away. We have some dates for your diary. We have visiting stallholders and of course the children from Othery/Middlezoy School visiting us in the lead up to Christmas. Monday 17 November - Hand painted cards.

Monday 24 November - Somersata designs with an array of handmade items and lots of ideas for stocking fillers and presents.

Monday 1 December - Rachel Smith with her bespoke handmade jewellery.

Monday 15 December - Our Christmas coffee morning where the school children from



Othery/Middlezoy will entertain and our grand Christmas raffle. Proceeds will be for the church bell tower fund and any donations of prizes would be gratefully received. If you would like to come along with a stall before Christmas do get in touch. Don't forget - Mondays 10am-11.45am at the Methodist Chapel Middlezoy. All are welcome.

Jill Darby (Co-ordinator)

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE HALL Middlezoy Community Project

The music quiz has now been moved to 31 January 2026: for further details keep an eye on our Facebook pages. We will be listing all our future events along with our proposed events for 2026. We are hoping to put on several music events throughout 2026. On our Facebook pages are listed all the different food wagons that will be attending on Friday nights.

Looking ahead we will be open on Christmas eve when there will be carols and mince pies and then will be closed until Friday 2 January.

Our replacement decking fund is growing, and we hope to be in a position to start in the new year, ready for Friday summer evenings sitting on our new patio area looking over the playing field.

Do you need somewhere to hold a weekly class? Yoga, pilates, dance or other?

Middlezoy Village Hall are currently offering your first 4 hours free when you sign up for 26 hours hire. Please email middlezoyvillagehallbookings@gmail.com

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 and we usually aim to finish no later than 8.30pm. If you can help, please contact me on 07760 887907.

Paul Baker, MCP Chair

MIDDLEZOY METHODIST CHURCH

Friends from Middlezoy and Bridgwater Methodist Churches met on Saturday 4 October for our first joint General Church Meeting. We enjoyed a time of fellowship and reviewed the mission of both churches individually and our opportunities together. We then appointed the necessary officers to the Joint Church Council and concluded with a shared lunch. We are looking forward to praying with and working alongside our supportive friends from Bridgwater Methodist Church as we share God's love in our different communities. Our next Church Meeting will be on Monday 27 October, 2pm in Middlezoy and our Joint Church Council meeting will be on Saturday 15 November at 10.30am in Bridgwater Methodist Church.

The Peekaboo Gang Toddler Group

Our under 3s and carers group continues to meet on Friday mornings in term time, 10am-12noon. You will find a warm welcome, friendly chat and fun for the little ones. Thank you to Nat and Jean who help welcome and host.



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, 01823 334854*

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Concert by Yeovilton Military Wives Choir

On Saturday 4 October the Yeovilton Military Wives Choir were given a standing ovation following their stirring and joyful concert. The set ranged from John Denver to Coldplay to Vera Lynn and included hits from The Greatest Showman and Les Miserables. The songs were interspersed with choir members acknowledging the important part the choir play in providing support while their loved ones are away on deployment. The Bell Restoration Fund benefitted from the profits from the evening.

PCC

We said farewell to Sarah and Rob Blake as they moved recently to Langport. We thank them for the contribution to the church through working with young people, safeguarding, bellringing, synod membership, flag raising and just being part of the community.

This leaves a void in several sections of the church's activities. Elsewhere in the magazine you will read of a need for a treasurer from January 2026. If anyone would be willing to help, and not necessarily be on any committees, please let Ian know on 01823 698790.

Remembrance Sunday

All the village organisations are invited to lay a wreath at the Village Remembrance Day Service at Holy Cross on Sunday 9 November. The service commences at 10.45am and will be led by Rev Deborah Kirk.

Coffee Morning with Christmas Goodies

A Christmas coffee morning to support the Holy Cross Bell Restoration Fund, featuring homemade treats and preserves, as well as pickles and other items for sale. Join us on Saturday 29 November, from 10am-12.30pm at The Grange, 24 Main Road, Middlezoy. Parking is available.



*Ian Campbell,
Churchwarden and Middlezoy PCC*

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. Other 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

Deaths/Funerals:

David Grooby of Othery died on Saturday 20 September and his funeral took place on Monday 13 October at Sedgemoor Crematorium.



REMINDER - RURAL FORUM 2025 CALLING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

The 2025 Rural Forum returns to Bagley Baptist Church on Monday 3 November focussing on *Calling in the Countryside*.

Matthew Frankum, Vocations Team Leader, and Bishop Michael will help us consider what God is saying to us in our rural setting and how we can encourage others in using their gifts in our churches and communities.

The event is free of charge and lunch and refreshments will be provided. The Forum is open to all, so please do come. Bookings can be made via the Rural Forum online registration form at <https://forms.office.com/pages/>

If you have any questions or queries regarding the Forum, please do get in touch with Rural Life Adviser, Rob Walrond at rob.walrond@bathwells.anglican.org.

*Sophie Moore, Resources and Programme Support
Diocese of Bath and Wells, 01749 685116*



BISHOP'S LETTER LET'S WALK INTO THE LIGHT



A story that's often told in our churches comes from the fourth chapter of John's Gospel. It tells of Jesus, in the blinding heat of midday meeting a Samaritan woman at the well in a town called Sychar. The woman is hoisting up heavy buckets of water in the hot sun. She's there because she's a woman with 'a reputation' and it's the only time of day she can avoid the muttering of her neighbours who meet at the well at cooler hours.

In an extraordinary encounter, Jesus sees deep into the woman's heart.

Through their conversation Jesus brings about her healing and restoration into the community from which she is estranged. It's a story of life, possibility, new beginnings and forgiveness.

The woman at the well is not the only Biblical story set in Sychar. There's another, contained in the 34th chapter of the Book of Genesis. This is a tale of terror that's

never heard in our churches; the rape of a girl called Dinah. It's a dark, nasty tale of violence that wrecks the life of individuals, families and the entire community. So we don't speak about it. We keep it hidden.

Sometimes people say to me of safeguarding "It's just a tick box exercise" an onerous compliance requirement. Rather I would say that our work in safeguarding asks fundamental questions about the kind of places we want our churches to be. Just like the Bible passages I've mentioned, we can be places of hiddenness, silence, and hurt. Or places of life, new beginnings and restoration.

Accounts like the Makin review have shone light on our story. We've also been working hard to bring about change. While we cannot be complacent, I am intensely proud of all that was revealed about safeguarding in Bath and Wells by our independent audit that happened earlier this year. This told us that we are moving towards a much better story. So let's build on the momentum we have created. Let's walk into the light.

+ Michael

Rt Rev Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

AROUND AND ABOUT BEYOND THE BENEFICE

THE ARTS SOCIETY SEDGEMOOR (TASS)

November meeting

The Arts Society Sedgemoor meeting in November is on Wednesday the 5th in Woolavington Village Hall at 1.30pm. Emma Watts will be talking about *Monumental Ephemera*. The story of those pieces of architecture, buildings and monuments that were never taken down. Visitors warmly welcome (we make a moderate charge of £6).

December meeting

The lecture on the 3rd will be *Snakes, Saints and Pawnbrokers: the truth about Christmas and Yuletide habits around the world*, Speaker Geri Parlbay. Venue: Woolavington Village Hall, starts at 1.30pm with refreshments beforehand. Visitors welcome (£6).

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

Jean Reynolds

MUSIC ON THE LEVELS Final concert for this year

Music on the Levels announces a welcome return of The Kingsbury Episcopi Band at the free concert on Sunday 30 November in St Mary's Church, Main Road, Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP. The concert starts at 3pm and refreshments are available at modest charge from 2.15pm.

The Kingsbury Episcopi Band was founded in 1883 and is affectionately known locally as KEB. We are a friendly concert band.

The thirty-piece band will be performing an eclectic range of music based on light entertainment, for example: Glenn Miller in Concert, Out of Africa, Bear Necessities, The Magnificent Seven, All through the



Night and Beyond the Sea (La Mer). The music will certainly resound in the wonderful acoustics of the church.

"We are a concert band, made up of brass, woodwind, bass guitar and percussion instruments. The Band originates from the small village of Kingsbury Episcopi in South Somerset, where we rehearse in the village Community Hall TA12 6BG on a weekly basis", says Brian Kelloway, the Musical Director. Brian emphasises the community value of the group. "We exist for the enjoyment of making music for ourselves and others, attending over twenty engagements each year, ranging from concerts and fêtes to Christmas markets and carol services."



The band also gives young people, who may learn an instrument at school but are unable to play in the school band or orchestra, the opportunity to experience the joy of performing.

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 WI - MORE THAN JAM AND JERUSALEM

Think fun and frolics, trips and treats and Christmas parties

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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 November meeting on Wednesday 12 November and hear stories of rescued animals on a Somerset smallholding.

Should you fancy a night out with the girls, come and see us. As winter approaches we look forward to eating out, panto visits and parties. We welcome you.

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

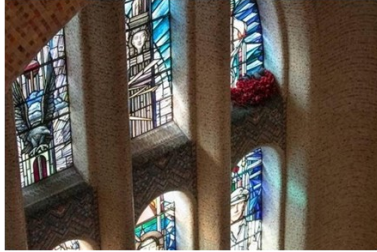
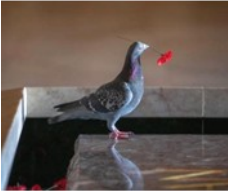


Gill Wilkinson Secretary

TO MAKE US THINK OR RAISE A SMILE

ISN'T NATURE WONDERFUL

In the Australian War Memorial, a pigeon sets its nest up high in the Hall of Memory. It has been stealing poppies from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for its nest on the ledge, below a stained glass window. Last picture, a baby pigeon.



Lambs to the left of me.
Mutton to the right.
Here I am. Stuck in the
middle with ewe.



I have a pencil that used to be owned
by William Shakespeare.
But he chewed it a lot. Now I can't tell
if it's 2B or not 2B.



**My kids and grandkids
keep laughing about
me losing my memory.**

**They won't be laughing at
Christmas when there's no
eggs under the tree!**

I BELIEVE

I Believe...

That just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other.

And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do love each other.

I Believe...

That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

I Believe...

That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance.

I Believe...

That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

I Believe...

That it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.

I Believe...

That you should always leave loved ones with loving words; it may be the last time you see them.

I Believe....

That you can keep going long after you think you can't.

I Believe....

That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

I Believe....

That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done.

I Believe...

That it isn't always enough, to be forgiven by others; sometimes, you have to forgive yourself.

TWELVE THINGS TO ALWAYS REMEMBER

1. The past can't be changed.
2. Opinions don't define your reality.
3. Everyone's journey is different.
4. Judgements are not about you.
5. Overthinking will lead to sadness.
6. Happiness is found within.
7. Your thoughts affect your moods.
8. Smiles are contagious.
9. Kindness is free.
10. It's okay to let go and move on.
11. What goes around comes around.
12. Things always get better with time.

Good friends are hard to find,
harder to leave
and impossible to forget.

It is a desolate road travelled
alone

Sow a thought, reap an act.
Sow an act, reap a habit.
Sow a habit, reap a character.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

- "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." - Einstein
- "God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with." - Billy Graham
- "Life is God's novel" - Confucius
- "Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous" - Albert Einstein

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Yoga Othery Village Hall Wed 9.30am

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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.

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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, Broadfield Park	TA7 0PH	SC0255	
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 5, 12, 19, 26 November, 3 December

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesdays 12 November, 3 December

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Mondays 3, 17 November, 1 December



OTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week: Fridays 7, 14, 21, 28 November, 5 December

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Fridays 21 November, 12 December

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Thursdays 13, 27 November, 13 December

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLEY & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week: Wednesdays 5, 12, 19, 26 November, 3 December

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesdays 12 November, 3 December

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Thursdays 6, 20 November, 4 December

RECYCLING CENTRES Winter opening times (October – March)

All 16 Somerset recycling sites open at weekends:

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Full details of each site, location, opening times, materials they will accept etc. can be found at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/find-your-nearest-recycling-centre/>

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The service continues every 4 weeks on Fridays. Next visit 28 November.

Stawell Village Hall 10.10am - 10.40am

Moorlinch Tapmoor Road Junction 10.55am - 11.15am

Middlezoy Main Road Bus Stop 12.20pm – 12.50pm

For further information about reading books online contact Libraries Direct on 0300 123 2224 or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries



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

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Stawell & Sutton Mallet: Village Hall 01278 723665

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SERVICES CHART FOR CHAPEL AND UB CHURCHES NOVEMBER 2025

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
November 2 Sun (All Saints)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion Service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
9 Sun (Third before Advent)	10.45 am 10.45 am 10.55 am 3.00 pm	Village Remembrance Service Village Remembrance Service Village Remembrance Service Village Remembrance Service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Mary's, Moorlinch St Michael's, Othery St Francis, Stawell
16 Sun (Second before Advent)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion Service	St Mary's, Moorlinch
23 Sun (Next before Advent) (Christ the King)	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Prayer and Praise Morning Prayer Morning Worship Circuit Communion Service	St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy
30 Sun (ADVENT)	4.00 pm	United Benefice Communion, Recommissioning and Posada blessings service	St Francis, Stawell
December 7 Sun (Second of Advent)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion Service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy

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

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
November 2 Sun	All Saints	OT: Daniel, chapter 7, verses 1 to 3 and 15 to 18 Psalm: 149 Epistle: Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 11 to 23 (the end) Gospel: Luke, chapter 6, verses 20 to 31
9 Sun Remembrance Sunday	Third before Advent	OT: Job, chapter 19, verses 23 to 27a Psalm: 17, verses 1 to 9 Epistle: 2 Thessalonians, ch 2, verses 1 to 5 and 13 to 17 Gospel: Luke, chapter 20, verses 27 to 38
16 Sun	Second before Advent	OT: Malachi, chapter 4, verses 1 to 2a Psalm: 98 Epistle: 2 Thessalonians, chapter 3, verses 6 to 13 Gospel: Luke, chapter 21, verses 5 to 19
23 Sun	Next before Advent (Christ the King)	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 23, verses 1 to 6 Psalm: 46 Epistle: Colossians, chapter 1, verses 11 to 20 Gospel: Luke, chapter 23, verses 33 to 43
30 Sun	ADVENT (Common Worship Year A starts)	OT: Isaiah, chapter 2, verses 1 to 5 Psalm: 122 Epistle: Romans, chapter 13, verses 11 to 14 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 24, verses 36 to 44
December 7 Sun	Second Sunday of Advent	OT: Isaiah, chapter 11, verses 1 to 10 Psalm: 72, verses 1 to 7 Epistle: Romans, chapter 15, verses 4 to 13 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 3, verses 1 to 12