

MOMSS



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(1944-2024)

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FROM THE EDITOR

On Sunday 26 October British Summer Time ends and Greenwich Mean Time restarts as we put our clocks back, perhaps enjoy an extra hour in bed that day, but then, belatedly realise we have to face the lengthening dark evenings until next spring.

Where has the time gone? Have we 'clocked off' another season?

The long hot summer has finally and rather coldly ended with chillier days and nights and blessed refreshing rain now falling in increasingly heavier and stormier showers. We know we need the rain to water the land in fields and on hills, to fill our reservoirs, rivers, brooks, streams, ditches and ponds and we might wish that it would only happen at night when we are comfortable and dry in our homes. But life is not like that, we cannot control the weather, much as we may wish to, we receive it whatever it is. We can only hope it will not be too bad and look forward to warm and sunny days ahead.

The drawing on the cover this month shows the joy of carving pumpkins for Halloween – an indoor preparation for outdoor merriment.

In our magazine this month we have a wide selection of reports of events past and intended plans for the future, helpful advertisements, articles of advice and observations, items to fascinate and encourage, literature to study and maybe something to inspire or console.

Whatever you find I hope you can embrace and enjoy.

Sincerely, Anita. *Anita Winslade, Editor*



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THE NEXT ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

According to reliable information, the person who fills this post is due to be announced as this magazine goes out to you i.e. the end of September or the beginning of October. The Roman Catholic Church and the Church of Wales both managed to pick leaders in a matter of weeks. The former does this by calling together all Cardinals and they meet, as you will know, until they have picked one of their number to be Pope. The Church of Wales likewise gather together their bishops who pick one of their number to lead them and be Archbishop. Both systems rely on a group of electors getting together quite quickly after the post is vacated and stay together until they have settled on a candidate. No consultation with the wider membership is employed.

However, the Church of England does like to include its members in big decisions and consultation takes time. In addition, as the established Church, the sovereign and the Prime Minister are both involved. In fact, King Charles III can only sign papers relating to the Church of England when he is physically in England which for example precludes him

doing so when at Balmoral or the Highland Games. The Prime Minister has also been a bit busy with the war in Ukraine, the fighting in Gaza, a cabinet reshuffle and other big matters of state. So it has taken time to select a new Archbishop of Canterbury. In the meanwhile, "Each of us has a mission in life. We act as if we choose but we are sent just as Jesus was (John 17.18). Once we start living our lives with that conviction, we will soon know what we were sent to do." These are the words of Henri Nouwen on page 133 of the book *Henri Nouwen: In My Own Words* edited by Robert Durback and published by DLT in 2002. *Richard Graham*

GENERAL ITEMS

MIDDLEZOY AND OTHERY SCHOOLS



We have had a fantastic first full week back at school. It was lovely to see the older children welcome the little ones to our school. At the end of the week, the children dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl character to celebrate his birthday. Students and staff looked fabulous! We have some exciting events coming up with our favourite artist, Darrell Wakelam coming in to work with children for class themed family learning, a MacMillan Coffee Afternoon and cake sale, along with some external sporting opportunities for the children. The children in Unicorn class will be holding a Harvest Assembly for their parents and carers in October. We are also looking forward to the installation of the new trim trail with work commencing later this month.

Heidi Braithwaite, Office Assistant, Middlezoy and Othery Primary School
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WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION



The Somerset branch of the Western Front Association is delighted to welcome Phil Tomaselli as our next speaker on Tuesday 8 October at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall, Fore Street, Othery, TA7 0QU.

Phil has written extensively on military and family history, is a publisher of many books and is a regular contributor to *Who Do You Think You Are?* magazine. His talk will focus on the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) – a fascinating and often overlooked

aspect of the First World War.

We ask for a donation of only £5 to help cover speaker and hall costs. For this you'll enjoy not only an excellent talk but also a mug of tea or coffee and a free raffle ticket. Under-18s are welcome free of charge.

Whether you're a member or simply interested in history, everyone is warmly invited to attend our meetings. Please find us on Facebook or email SomersetWFA@hotmail.com

Pat Adamson, Secretary, Somerset branch, WFA



No. 1 Squadron RNAS - late 1914

NEWS FROM OUR MPS

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



I hope you have had a wonderful summer.

In my last update, I shared my concerns about waterway maintenance and future flooding in Somerset. I attended the South West Association of Drainage Authorities (SWADA) emergency meeting about the situation with the Environment Agency and when Parliament returned in early September, I requested Ministerial intervention.

Over the summer, I visited several local charities and organisations, including the Somerset Armed Forces Cadets who were on camp in Hampshire, Prickles Hedgehog Rescue and I learned about the Somerset Wildlife Trust's restoration projects. It's a privilege to recognise the efforts of those who volunteer, support and take responsibility for so much activity locally.

For many of us, the closest hospital can be miles away and big changes are afoot. I attended the Committee meeting when community hospital bed closures were discussed and have had further discussions with NHS Leaders, seeking reassurance that patients and carers will receive improved services at the time changes are made, rather than relying on promises that more will come "soon".

Further afield, I met cancer specialists at the Royal Marsden Hospital working with the latest Radiotherapy machines – amazing! I've pressed the Government for years to update NHS machines.

I'm running surgeries across the area, so please come along. A full list is available if you call or email me. The most local are:

Friday 3 October from 6pm to 7pm at Pub Night, Village Hall, Ashcott.

Friday 17 October from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at The Beer Shed, East Huntspill.

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!)

Ashley Fox, MP for Middlezoy and Othery

Parliament has been back a few weeks since the summer break and I've got straight to work – speaking in the Commons and meeting residents, businesses and groups across the constituency.

In Westminster, I took part in the Bus Services Bill debate. I urged Ministers to go further than their proposals and strengthen the Bill so communities like ours finally get the reliable, affordable services we need.

Buses are a lifeline for many in Somerset. They connect people to work, college, health appointments and more. Yet for too long services have been unreliable, expensive, or



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simply non-existent. Too many villages remain cut off without a car. Even where routes exist, evening provision is poor. For example, the last No. 16 bus from Bridgwater to Langport leaves at 5.15pm – far too early for anyone commuting. I also highlighted the long-standing lack of a usable bus stop at Bridgwater railway station, a simple fix that Somerset Council should have delivered years ago.

Seasonal timetables are another concern. While summer services meet tourist demand, local people are left struggling in winter. The No. 20 is a prime example – reduced frequency and no Sunday timetable mean fewer residents can rely on it. On top of this, the Government's decision to scrap the £2 fare cap and replace it with £3 has imposed a 50% increase in costs on passengers across Somerset.

This isn't new to me. Earlier this year I met First Bus after many of you responded to my constituency survey raising issues of reliability, poor connections and lack of evening routes. While improvements have since been made – later-running 21s to Burnham, a Sunday B1 service and work on a Bridgwater Transport Hub – we must go further.

That's why I'll keep pressing the Government to act. Reliable, affordable, year-round bus services are essential to keep our villages and towns connected.

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

SKY AT NIGHT OCTOBER

Sunrise Sunset

Beginning of October 7.13am-6.48pm **End of October** 7.03am-4.46pm

Moon Phases

Full Moon 7th / Last Quarter 13th / New Moon 21st / First Quarter 29th

Planets

Having passed its closest approach to Earth last month Saturn is now visible at nightfall and sets at 5am. Jupiter rises around 11pm unmistakable because of its brightness and is well placed for observation during the early hours. Venus which is much brighter than Jupiter rises at 5.30am.

Constellation

Autumn evenings are a good time to observe the Constellation of Cassiopeia the Queen, high in the northern sky. Look out for 5 bright stars that form a W or M depending your direction of view. Cassiopeia is what is known as a circumpolar constellation as it circles the North Star Polaris, never sets and so is visible somewhere in our sky all year.

Phenomena

We have the first of the year's Super Moons - on the 7th look as the Moon rises at 5pm for the best effect. On the night of 21st/22nd look out for the Orionid meteor shower caused by debris from the tail of Halley's Comet. On the morning of the 26th British Summer Time ends and we put our clocks back one hour at 2am to Greenwich Mean Time. *Paul Adamson 01823698156*



SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

At our October meeting club treasurer Richard Kilbey will be talking about his own garden observatory and also the lives of astronomers Robert Hooke and Edmund Halley.

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 29 October in Othery Village Hall, Fore Street, Othery, TA7 0QU.

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FARM DIARY

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

In the Field. In early September, with rain finally softening the ground, we managed to sow lots of grass seed and the oil seed rape. Last year, the rape was scrapped entirely, in a first, due to dry conditions at sowing followed by too wet conditions that drowned the seed. This year there has been adequate rainfall so far but not excessive amounts. Long may that last. Also sown in this year's good conditions were a field of stubble turnips and also one of kale; both to give us a crop in the ground over winter, provide grazing for our sheep and provide an entry for spring sown barley. This latter crop is used to help clean the fields of a pernicious grass weed called black grass – referred to before. By the time of publication of this magazine, these crops will have greened up and will be highly visible.

Labour's Tax on Family Businesses and Farms. In a Daily Telegraph article dated 2 September 2025, Hannah Boland wrote that the chairman of the UK's largest chicken supplier has claimed that Labour's tax raid on farms is pushing thousands of British farmers to financial ruin. He added that anything that encouraged farmers to quit the industry was crazy. The previous Labour Environment Secretary, Steve Reed, said that Labour was aiming to boost self-sufficiency arguing that food security is national security. This contradicts the Chancellor's actions which has encouraged lots of farmers to cash in and give up and many others to reduce their planned investment. Family businesses in other industries are facing the same dilemma and reducing investment. To pay the tax business owners will have to sell the 'tools' of their trade. There is a consequent loss of jobs and food security. Only one government cabinet member has ever run a business, this author has been told.

Richard Graham

Stay Strong, Stay Smiling with Flexercise!

Looking for a fun and friendly way to stay active? A brand-new Flexercise class is starting on Wednesday 10th September at Middlezoy Village Hall, Nethermoor Road. These sessions are specially designed for beginners and are all about moving at your own pace, building strength, improving fitness, and most importantly – enjoying yourself!

Led by experienced teacher Elaine, Flexercise offers a welcoming environment where everyone is encouraged to join in, no matter your level of fitness. Each session runs from 9:30 to 10:25am, and at just £6.50 per class, it's an affordable way to boost your health and wellbeing. There's no need to book in advance – simply turn up, bring your energy, and leave with a smile. For more details, contact Charlotte on 07764 301304 or email hello@fitandfabcharlotte.co.uk

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BENEFICE PAST – OUR STORIES

Following on from the September edition other memories of life spent together as the MOMSS&G Benefice have been forwarded. Listed here are some of the examples collated: Shared fellowship at UB services, rejoicing and enabling rekindled faith, pastoral care and home visits, Lent courses, plus Holy Week home communions and Passover meals. Easter celebrations, Walk of Witness, praying around the parishes, fellowship with the Methodist chapel, pilgrimage to Israel and Iona. Children's support - 4 for U, Urban Saints, Friday Club, Treasure Seekers, Sticky Church, Youth Club, Table Tennis Club and School Assemblies. We give thanks for the interaction of community life and for both clergy and laity over the years to enable 'Our Stories'. Apologies, space doesn't enable all memories to be listed here. However more can be included, displayed and shared at a Benefice Celebration Farewell Do. Thank you for all the contributions. We pray for the new life to come.

Bless O God the journey ahead. Bless the travelling and the arrival. Bless those who welcome and those who accept hospitality, that Christ may come among us in journeying and in stillness. Amen.

Pauline Davies, MOMSSG Thrive Group

THE BIG CHURCH READ 2025

The Big Church Read draws people together to read through the same book at the same time. It's FREE to join in and is designed to be used by individuals, small groups and whole churches. It offers an enhanced reading experience with exclusive videos and questions from the author as they lead you through their book. Set to run in over 11,000 venues in October the chosen book is Bear Grylls' *The Greatest Story Ever Told*.

For anyone in Moorlinch, Stawell, Sutton Mallet or Greinton who wishes, the Rev Rich Tweedy is participating in this, starting on 15 October at 7.30pm at Shapwick church and then on Wednesdays in October and November. This will be an excellent way to get to know our future church colleagues. Everyone is welcome and there are other local venues including Westonzoyland and Langport if you need somewhere closer.

Details can be found on this website thebigchurchread.co.uk/the-greatest-story-ever-told/

The book itself retells the drama of Jesus' life through the eyes of those who knew him best, his mother Mary, Thomas, Simon Peter, a friend and Mary Magdalene. Books can be bought direct from the website or through Rich Tweedy when there should be a £2 discount owing to the numbers. Let me know as soon as you see this but by Sunday 5 October.

Richard Graham

SOMERSET COUNCIL'S TRANSPORT PLAN: PUT BUSES FIRST

Draft for consultation

The consultation period was recently extended until 28 September 2025 and we were urged to read the Draft Transport Plan and to comment. It can be found here <https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/active-travel/copy-of-local-transport-plan-2025/>

The questionnaire that had to be completed about the Draft Transport Plan can be found here

<https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/active-travel/copy-of-local-transport-plan-2025/consultation/introl/>

The logo for Somerset Bus Partnership features the text "Somerset Bus Partnership" in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a green vertical bar with a white circle at its base, resembling a stylized bus stop or a graphic element.

Undoubtedly, there is much to be welcomed in the Draft Transport Plan. It identified the challenges facing Somerset very well and very succinctly. The issue is how most effectively to address them.

The Draft Transport Plan states “65% of Somerset emissions are from cars, 35% from goods vehicles. 70% of emissions on journeys of more than 5 miles and less than 50 miles. Hence there is a need to encourage a modal shift from cars to more sustainable transport modes like active travel and public transport.”

Whilst active travel is a good alternative for shorter journeys, not many are going to walk or bike on journeys of more than 5 miles ... especially in all weathers! If we are going to achieve a modal shift from cars then it is going by bus.

Bus travel is not currently given the priority in this Draft Transport Plan that it warrants in terms of how a modal switch from cars to buses will help tackle pollution, congestion and carbon emissions in Somerset. *Condensed article from Somerset Bus Partnership*

THE ANGLER

The poem shown below was written by Reg Winslow, a resident of Middlezoy. He is a regular attendee at the Othery coffee morning and someone asked if the poem could be read at the funeral of an angler 'up north'. Reg agreed and the other attendees, having read the poem, asked if it could be published and Reg agreed.

THE ANGLER

The river awakes in a warm morning glow,
the sun pierces the mist and warms the dew.

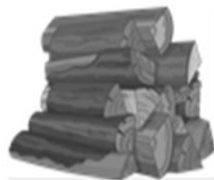
The splash of a trout rising for flies,
skylarks sing as they spiral and rise.
Moorhens squabble and scabble for food,
a swan glides by trailing her brood.

As the sun lights up the morning sky
the azure of a kingfisher flashes by.
Buzzards soar, relaxed and at ease,
then rooks arrive to mob and tease.
The tiny wren chimes long and loud
a robin visits, bold and proud.

Day turns to night as light slowly fades,
the nocturnal army begins to invade.
Time to leave, darkness wrapping around,
Another day done and homeward bound.
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Middlezoy Community Project

The horse racing event on 6 September was a massive success, everybody enjoyed themselves and we raised a reasonable amount of money to go towards the replacement of the decking.

In October we will be holding a mini-Oktoberfest which will be on the 25th. We are hoping to get at least 3 different Bavarian beers for the event. There will also be German food available. Keep an eye on the Middlezoy Facebook page for further details.

It was hoped that we would have a music quiz on 22 November, but unfortunately we may have to cancel it, but watch this space for further details. It is hoped that we may be able to reschedule this for the New Year. With all these events we're hoping to raise enough 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.

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 0776 0887 907. *Paul Baker, MCP Chair*

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE SHOP

It's been a successful summer at Middlezoy Village Shop, with plenty of exciting developments and community spirit. Our new extension has made a great difference, allowing for more flexibility in stock and providing extra space for people to stop, browse and chat. The shop has become a vibrant hub for locals and visitors alike.

One of the highlights of the season was our series of pop-up cafés hosted together with the Chapel. These events were a great success, bringing people together over coffee and cake. We're already looking forward to repeating them next spring and summer.

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Winnie's Bakery has also proved incredibly popular, delivering a delicious range of bread and pastries every Tuesday and Friday. The fresh, locally made goods have become a favourite for many of our customers.

As we move into autumn, we're planning to expand our range of frozen meals. Customers love the local Choice Kitchen's authentic curries, so we'll be including their popular English favourites such as shepherd's pie. We continue to stock local homemade cakes, Somerset Chocolate and all sorts of other goodies that make our shop unique. Everyone involved in the shop is a volunteer and we're always keen to welcome new members to our happy team. We can fit roles around your skills and availability, so if you'd like to join us, please get in touch by emailing middlezoyvillageshop@outlook.com
Debbie Wesley

MIDDLEZOY WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

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

Jill Darby, Chairman, 01823 698000 jilldrb@gmail.com



WEEKLY MONDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

The Coffee Morning runs every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays) 10am-11.45am.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Jill Darby (Co-ordinator)



MIDDLEZOY METHODIST CHURCH

The Peekaboo Gang Toddler Group

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.

Autumn Family Fun Day

At the Methodist Church on Thursday 30 October from 2pm-4pm.

Fun for all ages with activities, games, crafts, story, refreshments.

Everyone welcome.

October Services:

Sunday 12th, 10.30am – United Service in the Methodist Church with Mr Arthur Salisbury

Sunday 26th, 6.30pm – 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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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Open Tower Day

Despite the heaviest rain we have seen for months there was a good turnout for the Open Tower Day on 14 September. As the afternoon progressed the sky started to clear and several still climbed the 93 steps to admire the panoramic view before enjoying a cream tea or/and a wide choice of home-baked cakes.

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 are available from Middlezoy Shop and Post Office, by contacting 01823 698790 or on the door. There will be a bar and a raffle.

Brunch

Our next event is a Brunch, in the Village Hall, on Saturday 18 October from 10am. Come along and enjoy a sausage or bacon (or both) butty and good company.

Remembrance Sunday

All the village organisations are invited to lay a wreath at the Village Remembrance Day Service at Holy Cross on Sun 9 November.

The service commences at 10.45am and will be led by Rev Deborah Kirk.

Ian Campbell, Churchwarden and Middlezoy PCC



CALLING ALL SINGERS (OR NON-SINGERS) OF ALL AGES

Could you help Ruke the Turkey to fly and save his kidnapped friends from the hands of the Nor Folk? If you love singing around the house or in the shower, or do it as a hobby please come and join us. This is a brand new work, fully orchestrated and with amazing visual effects and staging, to be performed at Holy Cross Church, Middlezoy on Saturday 22 November.

No weekly commitment to rehearsals, just three half day workshops on 11 and 19 October and 16 November from 11am to 4pm. Rehearsal tracks and resources are all provided for you. If you have seen our concerts at the church before, you know it is an amazing event (and yes, it might just snow again).

Please email

beatfourfour@gmail.com

if you are interested or for more information. If you are interested, why not try to get your friends to come along as well. The more there are of you the easier it is and the more fun you will have.

Mark Whitford-William

Emz Pilates & Yoga (FB/Insta/Youtube)

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Yoga Othery Village Hall Wed 9.30am

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EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN, AGES 7 TO 12 !

As part of the upcoming musical event 'Just for Tonight', Mark Whitford-Williams and Caroline Roarty will be holding two half term workshops.

Children will have the opportunity to create props and crafts for the event, to engage with music and creativity with a classical composer.

Dates will be Tuesday 28 and Thursday 30 October from 10am until 3pm and cost is just £7.50 per day.

This will be held at Middlezoy Village Hall. Please text Caroline on 07718 487317 to secure a place for your child. There will also be other treasure-hunt type activities over the coming weeks, for local villagers to get involved with - keep an eye on the Middlezoy Facebook Page for more info! *Caroline Roarty*

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We moved to a lovely village within the MOMSS area in March this year and are absolutely loving village life. We are a husband and wife team with a passion for all things vintage and unique. My love for antiques began in childhood, being dragged around WI jumble sales by my mother, and I've been hooked ever since. In 2014 dots and stripes was born out of that lifelong passion for finding interesting and special pieces with a story to tell. I'm joined by my husband who shares the same enthusiasm - especially when it comes to vinyl records and model railways. We both love meeting new people and sharing the treasures we discover. Please see our advert; we are always looking for new stock so feel free to get in touch with a no obligation free valuation - all we need is a cup of tea.
Michelle and Alan

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.

OTHERY STREET FAYRE ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

This will be held on Wednesday 15 October at 7.30pm in the Church Room to discuss the successes and disappointments of this year's Fayre and invites feedback from everyone.

This is also an important event to try to recruit more people to help organise next year's event.

If you are available to join the Committee to lend a hand organising next year's Fayre on Saturday 20 June then please let me know and I can provide you with more details.

Anthony Betty, OSF Committee Chairman, 07801 233676

OTHERY BOOK READING GROUP

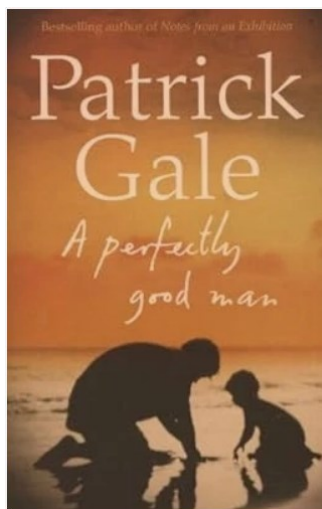
***A Perfectly Good Man* by Patrick Gale**

On Mazey Day in Penzance, amidst celebrations by the sea, a young man makes a grim resolution and summons parish priest Barnaby Johnson who lives in nearby Pendeen with his steadfast wife Dot and their daughter Carrie.

Well-liked and well-known, Barnaby is a man who always tries to do the right thing. Perhaps married life isn't quite as blissful as it once was and perhaps the family didn't turn out quite as expected but Barnaby is still a good man in a difficult, complicated world.

Twenty-year old Lenny Barnes, paralysed on the rugby field, is about to make that world so much more complicated. Lenny's decision will rip apart the delicate web that binds together Barnaby, his family and his community. Past, present, future, wives, lovers and children – all their secrets will be snatched up and scattered for the world to see.

The majority of the group enjoyed the book and found it easy to read. The writing was good and it was easy to relate to, Barnaby who ultimately was an ordinary man, living an ordinary life as do most of us. I would definitely recommend this book and this author. Next month the Reading Group will discuss a very different book *The Lilac Girls* of Ravensbruck by Martha Hall Kelly. *Scilla Tempest*



OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

As we enter the last three months of the year please take note of our remaining events. Keep an eye out for details on posters, banners and the website.

SAVE THE DATES!

24 October – Halloween Party 7pm

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

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. *Rachael Selway, Secretary, Othery Village Hall Management Committee*

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MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

MOORLINCH HARVEST SERVICE AND AUCTION REMINDER

Our Harvest Celebration is on 28 September at 4.30pm, followed by the Auction of Produce at 7pm on Monday 29th at the Ring o'Bells. Many thanks to Clive and Trish for hosting.

MOORLINCH HARVEST SUPPER

We culminate our harvest celebrations with the famous Harvest Supper at the Church Hall. This will be from 7.00pm 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.

Tickets are: Adults £10, primary school children £5 and under 5s are free.

Bring your own drink and some cash for raffle and the coin games. Any offers of help with the above will be gratefully received.

Please contact Jane : stryker.jps@gmail.com or Samantha Dawe: sam.eastend@gmail.com to book your tickets.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 October	Start of the 2025/2026 100 Club
9 October	Fun workshop Getting the Best from AI with Roger Lane
18 October	Tabletop Sale and Pop Up Café. Details below.
24 October	Wear it Pink Cream Teas and Cake. Details on next page.
8 November	Charity Coffee and Craft Morning. Details on next page
9 November	Remembrance Service 10.45am followed by a Curry Lunch
17 December	Church Hall - Christmas Whist Drive

For full details of times and venue, please check the village Facebook page or watch out for the village email.



MOORLINCH TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 18 October 10.00am to 1.00pm - Moorlinch Church Hall

Wanting to have a clear out?

Children outgrown their toys and games?

Do you have handmade crafts or edible produce to sell?

Turn your preloved items into cash!

Book a table (or 2) at the above event. There will be a pop-up café selling breakfast baps, cakes, scones, hot and cold drinks. £8.00 per table towards the hall upkeep.

Contact jennierace@yahoo.co.uk to book your table or for further details.

'WEAR IT PINK' AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKE

Friday 24 October 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Come and join us in Moorlinch Church Hall for cream teas and cake and to support Breast Cancer Now.

Wear something pink...wear anything pink! Hoping to raise some money for this charity which is very close to my heart.

I was very blessed to receive an early diagnosis and following surgery and radiotherapy have been breast cancer free for 5 years.

I lost a very good friend who was not so fortunate...so this is for my friend Lou and anyone else and their families who have been affected by this horrible disease.

Jane Stryker

CHARITY COFFEE AND CRAFT MORNING

Saturday 8 November

**In aid of Crisis at Christmas and
MacMillan Cancer Support**

It's that time of year again.... winter is coming, comforting coffee and cake is (even) more appealing and yes, it's the date you've all been waiting for: it's the Charity Craft and Coffee morning. Put it in your diary! Saturday 8 November, 10am-1pm in the Church Hall, Moorlinch.

Thanks to wonderful support over the last few years we secured around 50 places for homeless people to have somewhere to stay and get support at Christmas, which can help set them up for a more comfortable future. We've also donated several £100s to MacMillan.

I am so keen to make more donations this year and hope you will come along, have a nice chat and maybe, dare I say it, buy some Christmas presents and scrummy things to eat?

Hope you can make it.

Samantha Dawe sam.eastend@gmail.com



**Cream Tea and Cake
Moorlinch Church Hall
Friday 24 October
3.30pm to 5 pm**

**Come and Join Us and Help Raise Money
for this Valuable Cancer Research and
Support**

Wear Pink (even one sock will do)

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STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

STAWELL AND SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE HALL

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

Groups

Monday Keep Fit with Liza 7pm - 8pm

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

Saturday 11th Hub cafe with Art Exhibition 10.30am - 1pm

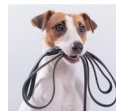
Saturday 11th Film night 7pm for 7.30pm start showing *The Penguin Lessons*

Friday 17th Bingo, over 18yrs only, 7pm for 7.30pm start

Monday 20th Whist afternoon 2pm - 4pm

Saturday 25th Hub Pub 7.30pm - 11pm

Maxine Hughes, Chairperson



ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

Just to remind readers that our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 28 September at 10am. As in the past, we ask for donations of non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Bridgwater Food Bank. If you are unable to be at our harvest service, donations may be left by the font inside the church.

This year our Harvest Supper is on Saturday 4 October at Stawell Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are available, £12 adults, £6 for primary schoolchildren, from Richard Graham 01278 722284, Ralph Sealey 01278 7722934, Janet Scowcroft 01278 7723844 and Ruth Peberdy 01278 7722914. There will be no bar so do bring your own drinks and glasses.

Come along and enjoy traditional harvest fayre and good company. If you have been unable to attend many village events, you might like to come along and have a catch up with people you have not seen for a while.

We are collecting items for a harvest hamper which will be raffled on the night.

Donations may be left on the porch of the Old School, or at the font inside the church.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Ruth Peberdy, Stawell Church Committee



STAWELL CHURCH DIARY DATES

Saturday 4 October Harvest Supper at the Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Wednesday 29 October PCC meets at Fiona's at 5pm.

Richard Graham, Churchwarden

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 25 October

The monthly Coffee Morning is at Di and Carl Allen's, 3 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



GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

VILLAGE MEETING

The new committee set up to run village affairs met early in September. They discussed various items of importance to all villagers: installing grit and salt bins before the winter weather arrives, refurbishing the village notice board and finger signpost at the Moorlinch turning and investigating the possibility of extending the 30 mph speed restriction to slow traffic at both the east and west ends of the village. On-going improvements to drainage in the village were also discussed and those who have worked hard over the summer were thanked. If you have any items you would like to be raised at future meetings, please send them to the Greinton Parish Secretary: greintonparishsecretary@gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL

A lot of work has taken place over the summer; tidying the hall and garden. More improvements are planned, but many thanks to everyone who has worked so hard. Our Harvest Barn Dance took place on Friday 5 September, once again supported by the excellent *Hobson's Choice*, who kept us dancing. The fish and chip van was very popular - everyone agreed that the food was excellent quality and very good value for money. We have asked them to come back for the next Pub Night, which is on Friday 3 October. They will be in the lane next to the old phone box from about 8pm. If it is successful, it may become a regular feature. Please consider trying them out, even if you don't come to the Pub Night. But, if you haven't been to a Pub Night yet, why not think about trying it



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out too? They are very informal and a great chance to meet up with neighbours for a chat. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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).

MOUSE RACES

There will be an evening of Mouse Racing in support of Greinton Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 11 October, starting at 7pm. Once again, due to the popularity of the evening, it will take place at the Bere Cider Barn (aka Jimmy's).

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There will be a short (about 30 minutes) Act of Remembrance in the church on Sunday 9 November, starting at 10.45am.

Toby Crispin, greintonvillage@gmail.com



BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS

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

Wedding:

Duncan Thomas and Beth Morgan were married in St Francis church on Saturday 6 September by Rev. Keith Powell.

Deaths/Funerals:

Adrian Martin of Middlezoy died on Wednesday 6 August and his funeral took place at St Andrew's church, Aller on Thursday 21 August.



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BISHOP'S LETTER

SLAVERY, A MODERN PROBLEM

What do you think of when someone mentions slavery? For many of us, it will be an image related to slavery from times gone by, but slavery still takes place today and it could be happening near you. That is the message that campaigners want us to share on Anti-Slavery Day, which this year takes place on Saturday, 18 October, ahead of Anti-Slavery Week.

It is a message that an event held at St Mary's Church, Bridgwater will be sharing loud and clear. *Hidden Voices* is holding an art exhibition on the theme of 'the hidden market' from Friday, 17 to Sunday, 19 October.

Hidden Voices has partnered with two art groups, the Minehead-based Sparrows Project and Chard-based Vera ArtSCM. They're contributing various forms of artwork and there are also plans for a live performance piece on the opening day, Friday 17 October.

Organiser Julia Holder-Shephard says, "We hope people will come along and see how we're all part of one society, responsible for each other. Anything that raises awareness and helps care for people - whether next door or further afield - is worth supporting. It's not a light topic, but it's one that needs to be discussed."

With the Clewer Initiative charity reporting that over 120,000 men, women and children are trapped in modern slavery in the UK today, it's hard to disagree.

Find out more about the exhibition at bathandwells.org.uk/modern-slavery-art
+ Alistair Redfern

*Hon Assistant Bishop for Bath and Wells,
Chair, The Clewer Initiative charity*

RURAL FORUM 2025 – CALLING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

The 2025 Rural Forum returns to Bagley Baptist Church, a little later this year, 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 share this information with all who may be interested. 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

BEYOND THE BENEFICE

THE ARTS SOCIETY SEDGEMOOR (TASS)

October meeting

The Arts Society Sedgemoor meeting on Wednesday 1 October will be given by David Haycock with the title *The England of Eric Ravilious* watercolourist, muralist, ceramicist, wood engraver and official war artist, working between the two world wars. Venue: Woolavington Village Hall, starts at 1.30pm, visitors warmly welcome (we make a moderate charge of £6).

November meeting

The 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).

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

MUSIC ON THE LEVELS

Music on the Levels announces details of its free concert on Sunday 26 October 2025 with the *Spirit of the Blues* 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.

Julia Titus, actress, poet, singer and songwriter, recreates the songs of the great vaudeville singer of the 1920s, Bessie Smith.

Among her talents is the ability to convincingly put over the songs of that great blues and vaudeville singer of the 1920s, Bessie Smith.

Expect to hear classics including *Careless Love*, *Nobody Knows When You're Down and Out*, *Gimme a Pig Foot (And A Bottle of Beer)* and of course *Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight*, all delivered with verve and style.

Bessie Smith first recorded 100 years ago in 1923 and on many subsequent discs she was accompanied by piano and cornet. These roles will be filled by Mike Denham on keyboard and Steve Graham on the cornet from the nationally acclaimed *Sunset Café Stompers*.

Mike is highly regarded as an exponent of ragtime, boogie and stride piano styles and Steve is considered as one of the country's leading New Orleans style trumpeters. They have worked together for 30 years and are well known to jazz club and festival audiences.



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The programme will be completed with a selection of Gospel numbers, another genre in which Julia delights!

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 has 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, treats and 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

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

Ashcott and Pedwell	7.30pm	3rd Thursday	Ashcott Village Hall, TA7 9PZ.
Shapwick Starlets	7.30pm	2nd Tuesday	Village Hall, Station Road, TA7 9NJ.
Westonzoyland	7.30pm	2nd Wednesday	Village Hall, Cheer Lane, TA7 0EZ.

Westonzoyland WI

Come to our October meeting on Wednesday 8 October and join in to an interactive

evening *Sing Along, Play Along*.

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. *Gill Wilkinson Secretary*

**Autumn, the season
that teaches us
that change
can be beautiful.**



USEFUL INFORMATION

FOODBANKS DONATION POINTS

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

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 Bureau Somerset, St Mary's House, Magdalene Street, 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.

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Call sign

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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	(not locked)
Sutton Mallet Telephone Kiosk	TA7 9AT	(not locked)

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS

The schedules for the MOMSS & G area are:

MIDDLEZOY

Recycling Boxes, every week: Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesdays 1, 22 October

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Mondays 6, 20 October; 3 November

OTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week: Fridays 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 October

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Fridays 10, 31 October

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Thursdays 2, 16, 30 October

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week: Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesdays 1, 22 October

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Thursdays 9, 23 October

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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/>

MOBILE LIBRARY

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The service continues every 4 weeks on Fridays:

Next visits: 3, 31 October

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 to Fri 8.30 am-1.00pm and 3.00pm-5.00pm

Sat 8.45am-12 noon;

P.O. 01823 698981 open Mon to Fri 8.30am to 1.00pm,

Middlezoy 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 to deal with your query. Referrals can also be made via doctors' surgeries.

SERVICES CHART FOR CHAPEL AND UB CHURCHES OCTOBER 2025

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
October 5 Sun	10.00 am	Harvest service	Sutton Mallet Church
12 Sun (17th after Trinity)	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am	Prayer and Praise Morning Prayer Morning Worship Joint All Age Worship	St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy
19 Sun	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion	St Francis, Stawell
26 Sun (Last Sunday after Trinity - Bible Sunday)	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Breakfast Café Worship For All Morning Prayer Holy Communion Circuit Communion Service	The Church Room, Othery Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy

The Common Worship (Year C) readings and lessons for the 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
October 5 Sun	16th 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
12 Sun	17th after Trinity	OT: Jeremiah, ch. 29, verses 1 and 4 to 7 Psalm: 66, verses 1 to 11 Epistle: 2 Timothy, chapter 2, verses 8 to 15 Gospel: Luke, chapter 17, verses 11 to 19
19 Sun	18th after Trinity	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 31, verses 27 to 34 Psalm: 119, verses 97 to 104 Epistle: 2 Timothy, chapter 3, verse 14 to chapter 4, verse 5 Gospel: Luke, chapter 18, verses 1 to 8
26 Sun	Last Sunday after Trinity	OT: Joel, chapter 2, verses 23 to 32 (the end) Psalm: 65 Epistle: 2 Timothy, chapter 4, verses 6 to 8 and 16 to 18 Gospel: Luke, chapter 18, verses 9 to 14
	Bible Sunday	----- OT: Isaiah, chapter 45, verses 22 to 25 (the end) Psalm: 119, verses 129 to 136 Epistle: Romans, chapter 15, verses 1 to 6 Gospel: Luke, chapter 4, verses 16 to 24