

# MOMSS MAGAZINE



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**News & Views for our MOMSS villages of  
Middlezoy, Othery, Moorlinch, Stawell,  
Sutton Mallet and Greinton**

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## ***LETTER FROM THE EDITOR***

Dear Friends,

My goodness how spring has given us plenty of quick changes of weather! Sunny days, wet days, windy days, cold nights!

Summer is now upon us so we can go out and about to enjoy the beautiful views of the countryside and seaside.

Gardeners will be busy, holiday makers eager to enjoy getting away from work, schools soon to be engaged in exams and sports days and special day trips.

With the countdown to the splitting up of the benefice gradually proceeding we turn our thoughts to getting to know our intended new partners in the adjoining benefices. We have begun to visit and attend some of their services and some of their congregations have begun to attend some of ours. A whole selection of different services abound in all our churches – some old, some newer, some very modern – all will find favour by those who enjoy such variety. Our need for guidance and succour will soon be met by full time clergy – an improvement from the half-post situation we had to bear since 2000 and the lack of a vicar (or incumbent) since August 2024.

Within this month's magazine, we have received reports of events in our six villages and outside our area that have happened and details of more to happen in the future, yes lots of future events and dates. In the July edition we will publish the events you want announced for the remainder of 2026 – if you tell us!

The magazine team and the editors have enjoyed receiving and publishing items during the 23 years that the magazine has been in existence and thank you for them.

So relax and read this magazine, contemplate and compose articles, provide us with information and enjoy the days ahead.

Enjoy summer!

Sincerely, Anita.



Anita Winslade, Editor, [momsseditor@live.co.uk](mailto:momsseditor@live.co.uk)

## ***GENERAL ITEMS***

### **ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE FINAL EDITION**

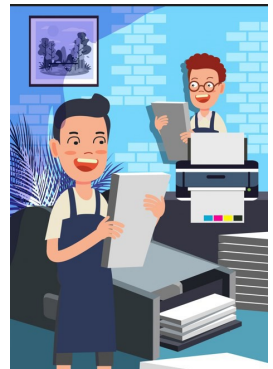
The plan is for the July MOMSS magazine to be our final printed edition.

Although it could happen quite quickly now, we still don't have confirmation of when the MOMSS benefice will split up and cease, but in any case the magazine funds are only sufficient to print the June and July editions.

We want to give our village organisations the opportunity to mention in the July edition any events they are organising during the remainder of 2026, so set your dates and get them into our diaries.

Deadline for copy for the July magazine is Monday 15 June.

*From the Magazine Committee*



## **SKY AT NIGHT** June 2026

### **Sunrise Sunset**

Beginning of June 5.02am-9.17pm

End of June 5.00am-9.30pm

### **Moon Phases**

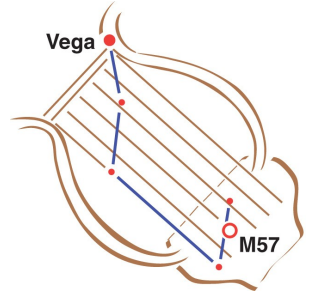
Last Quarter 8th / New Moon 15th / first Quarter 21st / Full 30th

### **Planets**

Venus is an amazing sight this month shining bright high in the west at sunset and not setting until midnight. On the 9th, Jupiter now fainter than Venus but brighter than any star will appear very close by. Look around 10.30pm for the closest view when you may be able to see both planets together using a pair of binoculars. Saturn and Mars rise in the early hours at around 2am and 3am respectively.

### **Constellation**

High overhead around the middle of the month you will notice a very bright white star being Vega situated in the constellation of Lyra, which is Latin for lyre, a stringed musical instrument. It's a small constellation but has some interesting objects: a set of double stars which are in turn doubles themselves and the Ring Nebula M57, although you will need optical aid to spot these. However you only need your eyes to see Vega the fifth brightest star in the sky and the brightest and first star to appear of the three stars of the famous Summer Triangle asterism.



### **Phenomena**

The Summer Solstice is on the 21st when the Sun reaches its highest point in the sky and we have our longest daylight and shortest night.

*Paul Adamson, 01823 698156*

## **SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 24 June at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall. This month Nick O'Donnell of the South Somerset Astronomical Society will give a presentation on the Somerset Space-walk (which runs alongside the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal) and its scientific dimensions. We also have a guide to observing the night sky during the month of June along with all the latest news from the world of astronomy and spaceflight.

£3 visitors, membership available.

For details contact

*Paul Adamson, 01823 698156*

## **MIDDLEZOY AND OTHERY SCHOOLS**

As we head into the final part of the academic year, there is a real buzz around our school and plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks. One very special day we have already enjoyed was celebrating the wonderful Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. The school was alive with colour as children arrived dressed as explorers, animals from around the world and even David Attenborough himself. The staff certainly joined in too, all looking ready to ride off on safari! Throughout the day, pupils learned about the natural world and the importance of caring for our planet. We



marked the day by creating a fantastic '100' photo on the playground. Looking ahead, one of the highlights of the summer term will be our much anticipated Key Stage 2 production. Rehearsals are already under way, with pupils practising lines, songs and dance routines with great enthusiasm. These productions are always a joy and showcase not only the children's confidence and creativity but also their teamwork and resilience. We are very much looking forward to welcoming families to enjoy the performances.

Another date firmly marked in everyone's diary is Sports Day. This is always a wonderful occasion, filled with cheering, encouragement and a real sense of community spirit. Pupils will take part in a range of team events. We are especially proud of the way children support one another and celebrate everyone's achievements.

This term is also packed with exciting trips and visitors to school. Classes will be heading out to enhance their learning through hands-on experiences, while a variety of visitors will be joining us to share their expertise and inspire our pupils across the curriculum. These opportunities play an important role in bringing learning to life and broadening children's horizons.

As always, we are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our families and the wider village community. We look forward to sharing these special events with you and finishing the year with plenty of smiles, memories and celebrations.

*Lindsay Hayward, Headteacher  
Middlezoy and Othery Primary School, 01823 698465*

## **WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION**

The next meeting of the Somerset branch WFA will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10 June in Othery Village Hall, Fore Street, Othery, TA7 0QU.

Our speaker Peter Hart needs no introduction to historians as an international speaker, military author, ex oral historian of the sound archive at the Imperial War Museum and podcaster. His talk is entitled *I'm Out! Escape to the Frontier*. Nobody really expected to be made a prisoner of war but once captured it was a cruel, hard world, especially if they weren't officers. At the mercy of bullying captors, often existing on a minimal diet that left them suffering from malnutrition, forced to work long hours in appalling conditions, many were too damn exhausted to try and escape. But a few roused themselves and devoted countless hours to escape plans, some taking opportunistic advantage of any brief opening, others engaging in the hard graft of tunnelling. But escape was no guarantee of liberty. Many were all too soon caught, to be ignominiously dragged back to the POW camps. For such men failure was only a spur to greater efforts as they tried, tried, tried again. This is a story of courage and endurance we should not forget.

Everyone is welcome to come and hear our speakers. We ask for only £5 (free if under 18) to help towards costs and for that you get not only an excellent speaker but also a mug of tea or coffee and free entry into our raffle.

Follow us on Facebook or ask to go on our mailing list by emailing [SomersetWFA@hotmail.com](mailto:SomersetWFA@hotmail.com)



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

## FARM DIARY

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

**In the Field.** It has been dry but last month a lot of maize was planted. It could do with some rain as well as our spring sown barley which has been growing well. It is a malting variety and if it makes the correct specification then it will go for the brewing industry. Failing that it goes for animal feed at a lower price. The difference varies from year to year depending on the quantity available to the industry. Winter sown cereals are showing signs of water shortage; this article is written in the middle of the month.

**Open Farm Sunday.** This is on 7 June. Visit [farmsunday.org](http://farmsunday.org) for all the details of the farms that are open and what they offer which differs from farm to farm. Entry is free and provides opportunities to see livestock, milking, and farm machinery as well as tractor and trailer rides. Some are accessible to wheel chair users. Food is usually available.

**National Plant Health Week.** The fifth of these annual events was last month. It highlighted the importance of plants. See the website: [planthealthaction.org](http://planthealthaction.org) for lots of information. Here is some: 98% of the oxygen we breath is produced by plants. 80% of the food we eat is provided by plants. 80% of the world's terrestrial species of animals, plants and insects live in forests. 1.3 billion kgs of air pollutants are removed by plants in the UK each year. 15,000 litres of water can be intercepted by a mature evergreen tree each year mitigating flood risk.

**Prices.** According to the Farmers Weekly, the prices farmers receive for milk, pigs and cattle are less now than 12 months ago. Prices received for wheat, oil seed rape and lambs are higher than they received 12 months ago. These changes are generally small except for milk where the fall has been large. The conflict in Iran has had a profound effect on the prices of supplies. Fertiliser has increased in price by about a third from before the conflict. Red diesel has nearly doubled in price.

*Richard Graham*

## FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

The Devon and Somerset fire service has a team of eight who visit homes to advise on this.

If you or someone you live with has a disability and is over 65 years then it is all free. Ring 0800 05 02 999 or visit [dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety](http://dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety). They can provide help with planning escape routes, smoke detection and home fire safety advice.

In my case, it is particularly comforting to know that on my bedside table there is now a bright flashing light when the smoke alarm sounds and also a vibrating disc under my pillow. The two smoke alarms and this light and vibrating disc are all connected to each other wirelessly.

*Richard Graham*



## MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

### ST MARY'S CHURCH

#### Bishop's visit

The United Benefice service in Moorlinch at the beginning of May welcomed Rt Rev Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton to take the service. We also welcomed Rev Rich Tweedy and members of the Polden Wheel, who had kindly re-directed most of their

services to Moorlinch for that day.

It was a lovely service and a great chance for members of our current Benefice to worship together with those from the 'new home' for Moorlinch and Stawell.

Bishop Fiona was very generous with her time, staying behind to chat and join for refreshments afterwards, whilst many (most!) enjoyed sherry and nibbles.

From one Fiona to another – thank you.

And on the subject of thank yous, sincere thanks to everyone who prepared the church, inside and out, so that we could look our best for this special service and for the Polden Wheel for giving up their regular services to join us.

### **Future plans**

We have another baptism this year, Phoebe (née Hennah) and Max's little boy, Sid who will be baptised in August. It will be lovely to welcome them back from the USA and back to Moorlinch Church following their wedding blessing here at the end of 2024.

We also have another wedding being planned for September.

All in all, a busy time for Moorlinch Church which definitely brings a smile to the Church Warden!

And, as we get closer to the final MOMMS magazine, I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thanks, as always, to everyone who supports Moorlinch Church in whatever way. Joining us for worship, decorating the church with the flowers, the cleaning, the bells, the financial and operational support and everything in between. It is all important and all helps keep our lovely church available for everyone to enjoy, in whatever way that works for them. Thank you.

*Fiona Hixon, CW*

## **MOORLINCH CHURCH HALL**

### **Just a massive thank you!**

Following our Church Hall AGM, I'm delighted to let you know that everyone decided to stay for another year on the committee and the officers remain in post too. We are delighted to welcome Nicky Weeks to our friendly group.

I wanted to take the opportunity to say just a huge thank you to the committee for their hard work and commitment during the last year and how much I'm looking forward to the coming year working with them. Without you, we wouldn't have the hall for the village to use.

As well as the committee we have a group of people who help out a lot and regularly and we couldn't keep the hall running without such a skilled and active bunch; the volunteer maintenance group, the secret mowers, the excellent bakers, the kitchen organiser (you know who you are!), the emergency electrical expert, and all the people who donate, clean, support, attend events and use the hall. It's looking better than ever and we hope to undertake further improvements this year.

Thank you!



*Sam Dawe (Committee Chair....for another year!)*

## **POLDEN WHEEL -**

### **Notices**

Tuesdays - Polden prayer group meets at 10am. Details from Richard.

Thursdays - Polden bible study. Afternoons. Details from Alex.

### **WHAT'S COMING UP AT THE CHURCH HALL**

By now the fantastic annual plant sale will be over for another year but we have lots coming up. Please keep your eye on the village email and Facebook pages. We are also looking into better ways to communicate events this year following feedback at the AGM.

**Midsummer Madness** – cream teas, stalls and games on Sunday 21 June

**Boules evening** with bread and cheese – Tuesday 14 July

**Village BBQ** –TBC on Saturday 5 September

**Christmas whist night** – Thursday 17 December

**Table tennis** stopped for the summer but restarting September on Thursday evenings.

**Harvest sale and supper** in September date TBC.

And we are hoping to fit in an Autumn Bingo, a coffee morning and a table top sale. Further information to follow.

*Sam Dawe (Moorlinch Church Hall Committee)*

### **BOOKING THE CHURCH HALL**

Make your year a little more exciting by booking Moorlinch Church Hall for your special occasion! Hold that special event. Have the party you've been meaning to put on. Do some fundraising. Set up a new class or activity.

Our traditional church hall can provide you with flexible indoor and outdoor spaces at very reasonable prices. We have a great audio visual system too.

To book and find out details please contact Pam Coombes [pcoombes@hotmail.com](mailto:pcoombes@hotmail.com)

### **BRING BACK THE CHURCH BELLS TO MOORLINCH!**

That beautiful, traditional peal of country church bells is soon to be a thing of the past in Moorlinch.

Bellringing, the art of producing harmonious and rhythmic sounds to mark special occasions and the passages of time, needs several people to get together and work as a



team. So Moorlinch is looking for people to join its 'tower' and keep the traditions alive as there are no longer enough people to ring.

Bellringing is excellent physical and mental exercise and helps develop teamwork (great for your CV). It's an opportunity for social engagement and provides a huge sense of achievement for a range of ages.

It starts with learning the basic skills of rope handling, controlling the bell at the top of the tower from the ground, with a single rope. Once this basic skill is mastered you will be a welcomed ringer in any tower in the British Isles or its ex-colonies. What else can give you this unique skill!

So, to join the Moorlinch Bellringers, whatever your existing experience, please contact Andrew Gigiel [a.gigiel@btinternet.com](mailto:a.gigiel@btinternet.com).

He can provide details and even arrange for a trial at a mutually agreeable time. Under normal circumstances, practice is at 6pm on a Friday. Do please get in touch and come and have a go.

*Sam Dawe*

## ***STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS***

*Information is available on the website [www.stawellvillage.info](http://www.stawellvillage.info)*

### **ST FRANCIS**

Saint Francis is probably the most well known and loved of all the saints. He is the patron saint of our church here in Stawell. 2026 marks the 800th anniversary of his death and there have been and will continue to be celebrations and commemorations to mark the life of this remarkable man, His love of creation led to an extraordinarily simple life and makes him so well known.

It is timely that this year is marking the 100th birthday of probably the most well-known conservationist, Sir David Attenborough, who has spent most of his life making us aware of the beauty of creation and how important it is for us to preserve and protect it.

Later in the year St. Francis Church, here in Stawell, will be having our own celebration of the life of St. Francis, one of which will be to invite people, regardless of where you live, to bring along their much loved pets for a blessing. Hopefully, St Francis would have approved and I am sure he will be with us in spirit.

On his deathbed St. Francis, who was apparently in much pain, wrote the joyful hymn, All Creatures of our God and King, which will be sung at our celebration, hopefully with great gusto.

*Ruth Peberdy*

### **SUTTON MALLET CHURCH**

#### **Wildflowers, Wildlife and Heritage**

This spring the churchyard has benefitted from more mixed weather than last year's dryness. After a couple of years of overgrowth following the pandemic, we have been learning how to keep the grass and memorials accessible and tidy while looking after the wildflowers and the wildlife they support. The spectacular patch of cowslips is now setting seed, while the many other flowers have been left to flourish between more formal areas of mown grass.

Structural work in the church building will happen later this year, as the CCT follows up

jkon the surveys of 2025. A repair in the tower will be undertaken along with a review of the gallery and bells and a spruce up of the porch. Our heritage project is to make the church as accessible as possible to visitors and for events. Some great fundraising work has been initiated to support all this - including a very successful jumble sale in April, which also benefitted the village hall and youth club. We also welcomed many villagers to a soup lunch in March and hope to have more gatherings like this in the future. We plan to have a summer fair in July and to be able to open up the whole church and gallery before this year is over in a special, welcoming event - so look out for more news and dates to be announced soon. The CCT continues its support for the heritage of our church - we now have a new sign in the porch and regular visits to review and enable the upkeep of the building. Please feel free to visit the church at Sutton Mallet at any time.

*Mortimer Rhind-Tutt*

*(CCT Volunteer) mortimer.rt@gmail.com*

*Churches Conservation Trust, [www.visitchurches.org.uk](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk)*

### **ST FRANCIS CHURCH - Notices**

Tuesdays - Polden prayer group meets at 10am. Details from Richard.

Thursdays - Polden bible study. Afternoons. Details from Alex.

Tuesday 23 June - Church Committee meets at The Manor at 5pm.

*Ruth Peberdy, Chair of St. Francis' Church Committee.*

### **VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 27 June - Monthly coffee morning at Janet and Brian Scowcroft's, Willow Cottage from 10am until 12 noon.

All welcome and there is no charge but donations to the church for repairs for the 800 year old building are always welcome.

*Richard Graham, Churchwarden*



### **STAWELL AND SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE HALL**

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

#### **Groups:**

Monday Pilates with Sarah 10am - 11am

Monday Keep Fit with Liza 7pm - 8pm

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:**

**June:** Saturday 13th Hub Café, 10.30am - 1pm

Saturday 20th Hub Pub, 7.30pm - 10.30pm

**July:** Saturday 11th, Hub Café, 10.30am - 1pm

Saturday 25th, Hub Pub with Thai Catering in attendance, 7pm

*Maxine Hughes, Chairperson*



## **GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS**

### **PARISH MEETING**

The Village Meeting Committee has very recently set up a village website, as an alternative way of disseminating information around our community. You can find it

here: greintonvillage@co.uk . It is very much in its infancy and still a work in progress but we hope it will become a useful way for everyone to keep in touch with what is going on in the village.

In other parish news, we are continuing to try to improve the appearance of the village. You should see new village signs go up at either end of the village in the next few months and hopefully flower planters too. We are also looking into installing a couple of dog waste bins along popular dog walking routes. We are also investigating ways of encouraging drivers to maintain a safe and sensible speed through the village. Finally, to clarify what the Parish Meeting has been doing regarding potential flooding, our efforts are concentrating on reducing the potential for water to collect on the A361 within the village. This will be achieved by reducing the flow onto the road and improving the drainage off the road. We are aware that a few properties may suffer from water flowing directly off the surrounding agricultural lane and unfortunately there is very little we can do about this, other than liaise with the relevant landowners. We realise that this is far from ideal for the individuals concerned but our powers are really quite restricted.

## **VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall Committee has come up with the following dates for your diary for the next few months:

Friday 5 June 7pm, Pub Night in the Village Hall. No licence, so bring your own drinks and snacks – we'll provide the company and chit-chat. Fish and Chips van from about 8pm (tbc).

Friday 3 July 7pm, Pub Night in the Village Hall, details as above.

Friday 7 August, Pub Night in the Village Hall, details as above.

There will be no pub night in September.

Sunday 27 September (tbc). Aller Fun Ride. This is a marshalled horse riding event on farmland between Aller and Greinton that is not normally accessible to the public. It is run jointly by Greinton Village Hall Committee (which provides marshals) and the Pony Club. Contact Denzil for details.

Saturday 3 October, Pub Night in the Village Hall, details as above.

Saturday 10 October, Mouse Racing at Jimmy's (aka Bere Cider Company) time and full details to be confirmed.

Saturday 4 November, Pub Night in the Village Hall, details as above.

Friday 4 December, Christmas Bingo, doors open 6.30pm.

Sunday 20 December, Christmas Singalong - we are hopeful that we will still be able to hold this in the church. Starts at 5pm.

Tuesday 22 December, Carol Singing - meet outside the church at 4pm. Finish off with refreshments somewhere warm at about 6pm.

Further details of all the above will follow in due course.

## **CHURCH**

There is still no news about the future of the church. We are doing our best to keep it neat, tidy and, most importantly, weatherproof. We are hoping to get some minor work done on the tower over the summer.

## **LANDOWNERS**

Finally, if any landowners in the benefice would welcome an enthusiastic amateur metal

detectorist, please email [greintonparish@gmail.co.uk](mailto:greintonparish@gmail.co.uk). It could be to your mutual advantage!  
Toby Crispin, [greintonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:greintonvillage@gmail.com)

## **MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS**

### **MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE HALL Middlezoy Community Project**

Now that the patio has been completed, with the better weather now with us fingers crossed, people are enjoying sitting out there on a Friday evening. Bring the family down and let the kids play on the field, and you can keep an eye on them whilst enjoying a drink.

With the summer now here and the better weather (hopefully) we are also open on a Saturday afternoon. These sessions are run by the cricket club, so why not come down have a cold drink relax and watch the cricket.

The solar panels are working well and both projects would not have been possible if it had not been for all your support and the funding we got from the National Lottery and Sports England. On behalf of the village hall committee many thanks to everyone.

Over the summer months we have a number of private functions coming up and they are taking advantage of the redecorated hall and the new patio. If you are thinking of holding a private function, what better place to hold it. If interested contact Middlezoy village hall bookings.

Notes for your diary we have the following booked:

We have the Morris Men coming to us again on a Friday evening towards the end of July; it was great last year and looks to be a good evening this year.

Saturday 25 July, Caribbean night, it is hoped we will have a steel band and Caribbean food van.

Saturday 12 September, Levi and the Bean.

Saturday 10 October, we are holding our October Fest.

Saturday 21 November, Mouse racing.

For all the details on our events follow us on our Facebook pages, along with details of the Friday night food wagons.

Any suggestions for events that you would like to see held at the Village Hall let one of the committee know and if feasible we will look at putting that event on.

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](mailto: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 METHODIST CHURCH**

#### **The Peekaboo Gang**

The Peekaboo Gang has resumed following the holidays for their summer term of fun and friendship. Thank you to all the lovely mums, grans, and kiddies for being such



a great group. We meet every Friday in term time, from 10am – 12noon. Drop by whenever you like for as long as you like. No charge, but a small donation is welcome.

### **Salads and Sweets at the Chapel**

The next one will be on Tuesday 16 June, at 1pm – do come along and enjoy the delicious food with friends. Suggested donation of £7. Raffle.



### **The ‘Back Room’**

The ‘back room’ is now functional and in use. One storage unit and a shed awaited, and then the space is available for the village to hire for functions and meetings. Contact Jill Darby on 01823 698000.

### **June Services**

Sunday 14th, 10am – United Service at Holy Cross.

Sunday 28th, 6.30pm – Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Deborah Kirk.

### **Booking the Methodist Church for your events:**

You will remember that we are not allowed to have alcohol on the premises, but the room will be available to hire by members of the village community – for meetings, children’s birthday parties, and other events. Contact 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*

### **WEEKLY MONDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

The backroom of the Chapel is now complete and we have our own storage cupboard in it. We do still have books and jigsaws but very limited. There are also knitting patterns and knitting needles along with handmade cards.

Come along and join us on Mondays 10am - 11.45am at the Methodist Chapel Middlezoy. Tea/coffee/hot chocolate/biscuits. All are welcome. *Jill Darby (Co-ordinator)*



### **MIDDLEZOY WOMENS’ SOCIAL CLUB**

**Reminder :** The summer outing this year is on Tuesday 4 August to Weymouth with a stop at Dorchester on route. Invitations will be distributed during June so keep a look out for them.

Due to large numbers, we are having to raise the age for qualifying for a free seat on the coach this year. You need to be aged 67 or over. If you are eligible and have not received an invitation by mid-June please do contact me.

*Diane Pacy, Chairman, 07557 784775, diane.pacy@yahoo.com*



### **GARDEN ART 30 and 31 May**

This year is The Year of Reading and to acknowledge this fact Garden Art is returning to the front gardens of Middlezoy with the theme of “A Book Title or Story”.

Villagers are encouraged to construct an installation visible from the roadside. We are not looking for David Hockney or L S Lowry standard - we just want people to have a go. Residents, friends and families can then vote for the ones that make them smile or admire the thoughts behind it.

They will be displayed on 30 and 31 May to coincide with the Church Open Tower.

In the past it’s always been a fun event so let’s make this one the best ever.

Entry forms available from the shop.

*Pam Jamieson*

## **HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

### **Sunday 31 May Open Tower**

On Sunday 31 May, as part of the Garden Art weekend, the church tower will be open from 2pm to 4.30pm. A chance to enjoy the panoramic views across the Levels.

Refreshments including homemade cakes and cream teas will be available.

From 1pm there will be a bell ringing taster session led by Mick Howes,

### **Saturday 13 June Brunch**

On Saturday 13 June we will be having another Brunch in the church from 10am until 12.30pm. Come along and enjoy a bacon or sausage filled roll and a lovely cup of tea or coffee. There will, of course, be a vegetarian option.

During the Brunch we will be having a Seed and Plant Swap. This is to celebrate The Great Big Green Week (6 -13 June). You can bring a plant or seeds to swap or, if you have nothing to swap but see something you would like, all we ask is that you leave a donation towards us improving the biodiversity within the churchyard.

Hope you can come along.



*PCC Middlezoy*

## ***OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS***



## **OTHERY STREET FAYRE**

### **Saturday 20 June - VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

If you can give us a bit of your time to spread the load, please get in touch as soon as possible with the following or Isobel on 01823 698119.

Publicity, leafleting round the village, putting up posters and taking them down again after – contact Graham on [charley.hole@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:charley.hole@hotmail.co.uk)

Setting up tables, chairs, gazebos before the Fayre and clearing away again on Saturday afternoon and Sunday – contact Richard on [mce.othery88@btinternet.com](mailto:mce.othery88@btinternet.com)

Saturday – helping on bar, rota morning, afternoon and evening, also setting it up and dismantling – contact Anthony on [anthonybetty@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anthonybetty@hotmail.co.uk)

Saturday – helping on stalls, also setting up bric-a-brac and bottle stalls – contact Isobel on [isobeldav@gmail.com](mailto:isobeldav@gmail.com)

To book a private stall – contact Rachel on [stalls.otherystreetfayre@gmail.com](mailto:stalls.otherystreetfayre@gmail.com)

Thank you, we're looking forward to a great day.

## **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH      Open**

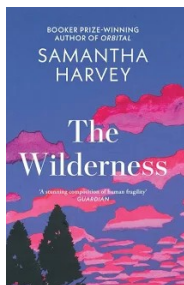
The church is currently only open from 9am to 3.30pm, Mondays to Fridays during school term days and for services. Genuine visitors can phone 07714 672316 to arrange for access at other times.

## **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ROOM**

A Coffee Morning is held in St Michael's Church Room every Tuesday between 10am and 12noon. This is run as a weekly 'Warm Space' with free drinks and biscuits although donations are very welcome. This space has been added to the Warm Space

register. We can offer tea, hot chocolate and a variety of coffee including Latte and Cappuccino so there is something to suit everyone's taste. We also have a selection of home-made marmalade and sometimes chutney! There is a selection of books for sale (25p per book) with a variety of authors and a lending library of jigsaw puzzles for those of you who fancy a challenge. This is a great opportunity to meet up with friends and relax for a while, so please do join us – you'll be made very welcome.

**OTHERY BOOK GROUP**  
**'The Wilderness' by Samantha Harvey**



This book portrays the journey of a man (Jake) as his Alzheimer's progresses; slowly at first but as he loses his connections and his past everything becomes jumbled in his mind. Consequently, he finds it difficult to distinguish reality from dreams, memory from books or events which happened to others and mixes up women in his life. He is attached to a dog but muddled about the circumstances of how it came into his life. Jake experiences conflicting emotions as his condition deteriorates; anger, shame, and confusion. Added to this he is feeling frightened and vulnerable. He struggles to complete his timeline and feels a sense of achievement when he "fills in the gaps". The explanation of how the disease affects his brain and connections is well described. However, Jake does not really understand and immediately forgets. The novel describes the difficulties of those who love the person with dementia – in



**In Aid of St Michael's Church**  
**Othery Street Fayre**  
**Sat 20th June**  
**11am - 4pm**

**To be opened at 11am by Rev Dr Simon Bale,**  
**the Vicar of the Athelney Benefice**  
**Live on air with Sedgemoor FM**

**Free Entry Free Car Park**

Bar in the Marquee (all day)	Barbecue and Street Food
Refreshments Stall, Teas & Cakes	Bouncy Castle & Slide
Punch & Judy	GameZone
Live Music	Fun Dog Show
Children's Poetry Competition	Crazy Golf
Street Market Stalls	Classic Vehicles
'First Drop' & 'Guess the Weight'	Bric-a-Brac and Bottle Stalls
	'Grand Draw' Tickets

**From 4pm-11pm in the Playing Field**  
**LIVE MUSIC**  
**And from 5.30pm**  
**PIG ROAST**



this narrative his son Henry, colleague and friend Fergus and in particular Eleanor, his childhood friend who had always loved him, waited 30 years and now he was gone. A successful architect who no longer remembers his career or recognises buildings, places or people and is lost outside his immediate environment, Jake was not a particularly likeable person. He was single-minded, selfish and favoured his daughter over his son. He ignored or rode roughshod over his wife's feelings and needs. A few of the group found the book too confusing to finish reading. However, some of those who did, found it a really good insight into how dementia can affect some people. An amazing read and although confusing as to what was real and what he had imagined it was very cleverly written. The author gave us a depth of writing and understanding of the confusion felt by sufferers.

*Mollie O'Flanagan and Lynette Gollidge*

## **OTHERY VILLAGE HALL**

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Hall. We hope you enjoy the variety of food vendors who come week in and out and the live music events that we hold monthly. Our next live music event for June is Levi and the Bean who will be with us on Saturday 27 June.

Our annual barbecue this year will see the proceeds from the food and raffle donated towards repair costs of the village playing field flooring, around the play area. Kier have kindly agreed to fund match the donation. Please pop the date in the diary and come and support this worthwhile community event which will benefit the children of the village.

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

Saturday 27 June – Live music from Levi and the Bean.

Friday 24 July – annual Summer Barbecue.

Friday 11 September – Live music from Big Brass Ska – please note  
NEW date!

Friday 30 October – Annual Halloween Party.

Friday 13 November – 3rd Annual Beer Festival.

Sunday 6 December – Annual Village Christmas Party.

We continue to attract a great variety of food vendors on our Friday nights. Details are sent out on Facebook and Instagram and are displayed on our village hall noticeboard. You can also speak to a committee member for more information.

### **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 and Somerset Levels Stargazers as advertised on the village hall website [www.otheryvillagehall.org.uk](http://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*

*Email: [otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk)*

*Website: [www.otheryvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.otheryvillagehall.org.uk), Tel: 07456 653252*

# ***BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS***

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

## **BENEFICE/MIDDLEZOY PRAYER GROUP**

Please do not think you have to be a member of the local churches as we are very willing to pray for anyone who asks. The prayer group feel it is needed so please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing [middlezooyprayers@gmail.com](mailto:middlezooyprayers@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**

### **Baptisms:**

Stanley Michael Eccles of Moorlinch, son of Emily and Ellis Eccles was baptised on 3 May at St Mary's Church. Rev Keith Powell officiated and Stanley was a very good baby.

### **Deaths/Funerals:**

**Graham Simmons** of Moorlinch died peacefully at home on 26 April, aged 87. Funeral to be held at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Thursday 28 May at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations to St Margaret's Hospice.

**Don Miles**, late of Othery, died on Thursday 7 May; his funeral will take place in St Michael's church, Othery, on Monday 1 June at 12 noon, followed by burial in Langport Cemetery. Rev. Keith Powell will be officiating.



## **TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

In the early days of the Ukraine war, the Diocese of Hereford, where I was then serving, was approached by Herefordshire Council. They had been so impressed by the work of church members during the pandemic, who stepped up to support their communities in practical ways, that they asked if the diocese could take on organising homes for Ukrainians fleeing the war. Yes, of course, we said. And so began an ongoing partnership,



where hundreds of Ukrainian guests have found homes in the Welsh Marches, and hundreds of tonnes of aid has gone across to Ukraine.

That's just what we do as the church, isn't it? We see a need in our communities and, motivated by Christ's love and teaching, we try to meet it. And we do it out of love, not seeking any reward. We are volunteers.

The word 'volunteer' comes from words meaning, 'of a person's free will.' Volunteers serve willingly. Freely. Out of love. So many across our diocese serve our communities willingly, freely, out of love. We are deeply grateful. There are Foodbanks, lunch clubs, debt counselling services, mental health first aiders, bereavement cafes, after-school clubs, and youth drop-ins. That barely scratches the surface. All of this is done in the name of Jesus Christ,

the one who came and gave himself for us willingly; freely; out of love. And it's transformational.

One of the areas of our common diocesan life which I'll be involved with is our work around Transforming Communities. There will be a lot more to be said in the coming months, but for now, I simply want to thank all our volunteers who serve willingly, freely, and out of love and say how much I'm looking forward to celebrating what we have, and building on it together, transforming our communities through the love of Christ.

+ Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton

**Ashley Fox, MP for Middlezoey and Othery**

## ***NEWS FROM OUR MPs***

**There is a growing sense that the planning system is no longer fair.**



People who follow the rules, apply for planning permission properly and wait for decisions often see others ignore the system entirely and face little immediate consequence. That damages public confidence and leaves communities frustrated.

That is why I welcome my party's proposals to tackle unauthorised traveller development and strengthen enforcement powers for councils and police.

The current system too often allows a "build now, apply later" culture to develop. Retrospective planning applications can mean unlawful sites remain in place for long periods while councils work through lengthy legal and enforcement processes. In many cases residents are left dealing with disruption, uncertainty, and concerns about the impact on the surrounding area.

My party's proposals would end the use of retrospective planning applications for unauthorised caravan sites, strengthen coordination between councils and police, speed up enforcement action and restore protections for green spaces and countryside.

I believe these are sensible and balanced measures. Most people understand that rules must apply equally to everyone.

We have seen examples locally. Along Dunwear Lane in Bridgwater unlawful development and excavation works took place before permission had been applied for. Enforcement action was eventually taken. A retrospective planning application was later submitted but refused yet work on the site continued.

Residents also regularly raise concerns with me about repeated unlawful encampments, particularly during the summer months when pressure on local areas increases. Local

businesses and residents deserve reassurance that disruption will be dealt with quickly and properly.

Somerset Council must be prepared to act robustly and without delay where unlawful development or encampments occur. That means using the powers available, working closely with the police, and ensuring enforcement is consistent.

Communities expect the rules to apply equally, and they are right to expect that.

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

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

In April, I held my 200th surgery. I'm always happy to listen, wherever you catch me. I'm looking forward to the next 200! Locally, I've met residents and officials about informal 'festivals' on private land, parents and carers of adults with learning disabilities, Ofsted's Regional Director to discuss education and care, an officer from the Woodland Trust, and talked through sewage spills and water quality in my 'patch' with the Rivers Trust. In Westminster, I discussed provision of Basic Financial Advice for consumers with a Treasury Minister, met Health Department officials about ME, attended an intergovernmental round table on Frozen Pensions, and helped constituents meet a Justice Minister to discuss victims' rights.

Many of you raised concerns about the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which stalled on its passage through the House of Lords. It must be re-introduced to the House of Commons to progress further. If you'd like to be kept updated, please contact me.

If you've anything you'd like to raise with me, please contact me or come to a surgery. My next most local surgeries are listed below, but please visit my website or contact my office for the full list.

Friday 5 June from 6pm to 7pm at The Pub Night, Village Hall, Ashcott

Saturday 13 June from 9am to 10am at The Bluebird Café, Wedmore

No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

As we enjoy the move from spring to summer, I look forward to joining you at forthcoming fêtes, fairs and festivities. If you see me, please come and say hello!

Thank you. Tessa

You can contact me: Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone outside office hours)

Email: [tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk) Post: Tessa Munt Freepost (you won't need a stamp!) To keep updated on my work as your MP, find me on Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky and LinkedIn.



## ***AROUND AND ABOUT BEYOND THE BENEFICE***

### **THE WI - MORE THAN JAM AND JERUSALEM**

#### **Today's Women Working For Tomorrow's World**

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

#### **WIs near us**

Ashcott and Pedwell 7.30pm Third Thursday

Ashcott Village Hall, TA7 9PZ



Shapwick Starlets 7.30pm Second Tuesday Village Hall, Station Rd, TA7 9NJ  
Westonzoyland 7.15pm Second Wednesday Village Hall Cheer Lane TA7 0EZ  
Local times can vary so it is best to contact Somerset Federation before attending for the first time 01278 287034.

### **Westonzoyland WI**

The next meeting is on Wednesday 10 June at Westonzoyland Village Hall arrive 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. We will be having a talk on organic gardening from Nigel. He has exhibited at Chelsea and we hope to learn some useful tips. You would be most welcome to come and see.

For any further information please email: [zoywisec@gmail.com](mailto:zoywisec@gmail.com) or call Gill Wilkinson on 01823 698429.

*Gill Wilkinson*

### **MUSIC ON THE LEVELS**

Music on the Levels announces details of the free concert with Zeffe on Sunday 28 June 2026 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. Zeffe play Klezmer - the amazing music from Jewish East Europe that makes you want to dance and laugh (and sometimes cry) at the same time - plus fantastic tunes from the Balkan traditions that fed and bred with Klezmer.

*Arrangements for this concert*

Since the 2026 Music on the Levels leaflet was printed, it no longer has the use of The Old School car park. However, there is parking on most of the roads in the village but we ask people not to park in Church Lane.

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 well over £400 to put on a concert. The Performing Rights Society supports tour events with their Charity discount. For further information contact: *Frank Challenger 01278 699071 email: [f.challenger@icloud.com](mailto:f.challenger@icloud.com)*



### **TAUNTON PARK & RIDE**

#### **Single tickets are only £1!**

Patronage on the Park and Ride service from Gateway (M5 J25) via the town, Musgrove Hospital and Silk Mills to the West continues to rise along with a 6.2% footfall increase in Taunton. The service runs every 20 minutes until 8pm Mon-Fri (6pm Saturday) then less frequently until 11pm (Mon-Sat) using the 1E for Silk Mills and 30 for Gateway (M5 J25). The double decker service is well used by both visitors plus those who live on the route but there is always room for more!

#### **Why bus it?**

Cheaper. The cost of fuel, tyres, servicing our cars continues to rise. Bus travel remains capped at £3 a single trip until at least March 2027.

Accessible. Buses are for everyone and take us directly to the centre of our towns and right outside our hospitals and railway stations.

Reduces traffic. Each driver that chooses to bus it is one less car in the queue. So when you need to drive, you get to your destination faster.

Environmentally friendly. Buses slash emissions by moving more people with fewer vehicles helping to lower local air pollution.

### **Green Week 6-14 June 2026**

This Green Week we're encouraging you to take a bus trip to somewhere you've not been before, it could be something as simple as going to a park in another part of town or a trip to a place you've not been to before.

Want to organise a bus event for Green Week? Get in touch [www.greatbiggreenweek.com](http://www.greatbiggreenweek.com)

### **SLINKY**

The SLINKY is for everyone, want to go to a rural pub a couple of miles along the bus route? Arrange for the SLINKY bus to pick you up at a stop on the route and take you to a designated SLINKY stop near the pub. Want to nip to the next village along to see a friend? Book SLINKY.

The service is continuing to expand with more buses and expanded areas. These areas can be booked on the app - Somerton, Taunton & Wellington and Sedgemoor. Download the SLINKY Somerset App now. All single bus journeys are capped at £3 until at least March 2027. These services are bookable by phone Mendip 01749 880482 South Somerset 08448 009646 West Somerset 01643 707090

You can register via phone or on the website <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/slinky-services/>

## ***Useful INFORMATION***

### **FOODBANKS - DONATION POINTS**

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

**Othery:** St Michael's Church Porch.

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

**Stawell:** The Old Post Office, Stawell

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

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

**Bridgwater Foodbank** can be contacted by email [info@bridgwater.foodbank.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 (CONTINUED)

### DEFIBRILLATOR MACHINES

At scene, assess - is casualty breathing? Call 999 and ask for Ambulance. Start CPR if needed. Call handler will advise of defibrillator location and **may** give a lockbox code. Clearly inform a helper to fetch machine, giving location with any lockbox code and to take a phone. Return without delay.



		Call sign
Greinton Phone box	TA7 9BW	CHT-RT-1583
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

<b>Recycling Boxes, every week:</b>	Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 June, 1 July.
<b>Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:</b>	Wednesdays 10 June, 1 July.
<b>Garden Waste Bins, every other week:</b>	Mondays 8, 22 June, 6 July.

#### OTHERY

<b>Recycling Boxes, every week:</b>	Fridays 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 3 July.
<b>Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:</b>	Fridays 19 June, 10 July.
<b>Garden Waste Bins, every other week:</b>	Mondays 8, 22 June, 6 July.

#### MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

<b>Recycling Boxes, every week:</b>	Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 June, 1 July.
<b>Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:</b>	Wednesdays 10 June, 1 July.
<b>Garden Waste Bins, every other week:</b>	Fridays 12, 26 June, 10 July.

### RECYCLING CENTRES Summer opening times (1 April – 30 September)

All 16 Somerset recycling sites open at weekends

9am to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. 9am to 6pm weekdays.

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 Taunton Area, Route P

The service continues every 4 weeks on Fridays: Next visits: 26 June, 24 July.

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](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries)



# MOMSS COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Please advise [momssgeditor@live.co.uk](mailto: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: Toby Crispin 01458 210277

## METHODIST CHAPEL MIDDLEZOY

**Minister:** Rev Deborah Kirk 01823 334854

Local Contact: Jill Darby [jilldrb@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:themoorlinchclerk@gmail.com)

Stawell and Sutton Mallet - Clerk: Ruby Coombes email: [Clerk@stawellvillage.info](mailto:Clerk@stawellvillage.info)

Greinton - Enquiries: Georgie Crispin email: [greintonparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:greintonparishsecretary@gmail.com)

## VILLAGE AMENITIES

**Middlezoy:** The George Inn 01823 698215;

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

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

Village Hall 07885 195418

**Othery:** School 01823 698464; Othery Village Hall 01823 690482

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

**Stawell & Sutton Mallet:** Village Hall 01278 723665

**Greinton:** Village Hall 01458 210277

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

**CRIMESTOPPERS:** 8am-10pm Weekdays 0800 555111;

**NHS:** Tel: 111

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

## VILLAGE AGENTS

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

## SERVICES CHART FOR CHAPEL AND UB CHURCHES JUNE 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
<b>June 7 Sun</b> ( <i>First Sunday after Trinity</i> )	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Michael's, Othery
<b>14 Sun</b> ( <i>Second Sunday after Trinity</i> )	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am	Breakfast Cafe Joint Worship For All Morning Prayer Morning Worship	The Church Room, Othery Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell
<b>21 Sun</b> ( <i>Third Sunday after Trinity</i> )	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
<b>28 Sun</b> Pentecost ( <i>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</i> )	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Worship For All Morning Prayer Morning Worship Circuit Communion Service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy
<b>July 5 Sun</b> ( <i>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i> )	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Mary's, Moorlinch

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

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
<b>June 7 Sun</b>	First Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 12, verses 1 to 9 Psalm: 33, verses 1 to 12 Epistle: Romans, chapter 4, verses 13 to 25 (the end) Gospel: Matthew, chapter 9, verses 9 to 13 and 18 to 26
<b>14 Sun</b>	Second Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 18, verses 1 to 15 Psalm: 116, verse 1 and verses 10 to 17 Epistle: Romans, chapter 5, verses 1 to 8 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 9, verse 35 to chapter 10, verse 8
<b>21 Sun</b>	Third Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 21, verses 8 to 21 Psalm: 86, verses 1 to 10 Epistle: Romans, chapter 6, verses 1b to 11 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 10, verses 24 to 39
<b>28 Sun</b>	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 22, verses 1 to 14 Psalm: 13 Epistle: Romans, chapter 6, verses 12 to 23 (the end) Gospel: Matthew, chapter 10, verses 40 to 42 (the end)
<b>July 5 Sun</b>	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 24, verses 34 to 38, 42 to 49, 58 to 67 (end) Psalm: 45, verses 10 to 17 (the end) Epistle: Romans, chapter 7, verses 15 to 25a Gospel: Matthew, chapter 11, verses 16 to 19 and 25 to 30 (the end)