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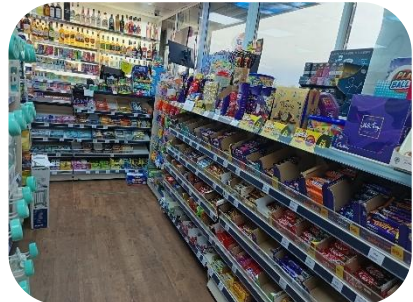


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From the Vicarage

I have a fondness for Japanese haiku, for how in a few short lines the essence of a transient experience is captured. This one records the miracle of cool showers when the temperatures soar.

Three rain drops
a greeting card from heaven...
midsummer heat.

(Kobayashi Issa)

June comes festooned in beauty, full of light and colour and movement - the whole of creation pulsing with life. It is easy to be a mystic when God's presence is tangible in every living thing.

On 9th June the church remembers St Columba who brought Christianity to the Island of Iona in the Inner Hebrides. To this day Iona remains a place of holy pilgrimage and spiritual retreat. It is home to the Iona Community, whose founder George Macleod described Iona as a *thin place* with only a tissue paper separating the material from the spiritual. In a *thin place* spirit does not displace matter, rather heaven and earth touch. The Iona Community work out their faith in their commitment to Jesus Christ, and to justice, peace, an equitable society and care for the whole of God's Creation. Members of the Iona Community meet locally. You can join them at 4pm for Iona style worship at Lamyatt church (7th June), Chesterblade church (5th July), Ansford church (2nd August) and Milton Clevedon church (6th September). *Time and dates correct at time of writing.*

The modern mystic and spiritual writer Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941) is remembered by the church on 15th June. An Anglican, she did much to awaken Protestants to the teachings of the Catholic mystics and to popularise contemplative prayer. Like George Macleod hers was a down to earth spirituality, one that married contemplation and action. As she explained to her readers, "*we do not follow the footsteps of his most holy life by the exercise of a trained religious imagination, but by treading the firm, rough earth, up hill and down dale. Faith is not a refuge from reality. It is a demand that we face reality*".

In contemplative prayer we allow ourselves to simply be in God's presence, and invite the transformative action of the Holy Spirit within. Such prayer is a profound act of resistance and can strengthen us to turn our gaze to meet things just as they are, and prepare us to act with compassion towards our beloved brother and sister creatures, human or otherwise, who are in need.

Helen

Rev. Helen Drever, Vicar of the Alham Vale Benefice



PEOPLE NEWS

If you have news of anyone who has moved away or would like to share any life events - whether it's a birth, marriage, death, or anything else significant - we would love to hear from you. Please email: Evercreech.news@gmail.com



WEDDING

Naomi Hammerton and **Robin Michael Wass** were married at St Mary Chesterblade on 9th May 2026.

Congratulations

to **Hazel & Gerald Fry** who celebrated their **Diamond Wedding Anniversary** on 5th May 2026. They were married at St Mary's Church, Bruton, set up home in Evercreech and have worshipped at St Peter's for sixty years.



DEATHS

Binnie Pauline Horniblow died on 7th April 2026, aged 90 years. Her funeral service was held in St James Churchyard, Milton Clevedon on 29th April.

Alice Joan James died on 8th April 2026, aged 88 years. Her funeral service was held at St Peter's Evercreech on 5th May, followed by interment in Evercreech Cemetery.

Muriel Berry died peacefully on the 6th May 2026 aged 93years. Loved by so many.

Thank You

I am very sorry for the delay in sending everyone at St Peter's Church this thank you message.

I would like to thank Revd. Jolyon Stonehouse for his support on Robert's passing and the excellent service under difficult circumstances. Thank you also to Belinda and other friends who have helped and supported me.

Robert and I wanted to come and live in this village because of the Church and the Choir; sadly I'm unable to attend very often nowadays. Please remember me in your prayers as I deal with my loneliness.

Jane Widgery

Church Services in the *Alham Vale Benefice*

Saturday 6th June

12.30 pm Wedding of **Emma Elizabeth Pettitt** and **Matthew Philip Keen**
St Peter, Evercreech

SUNDAY 7th June **FIRST SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)**

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
9.30 am	Service of the Word	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Worship for all ages	St Mary & St John, Lamyatt
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

Tuesday 9th June

1.00 pm Wedding of **Megan Claire Walker** and **George Isaac White**
St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble

SUNDAY 14th June **SECOND SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)**

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
9.30 am	Matins	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Worship for All	St James, Milton Clevedon
11.00 am	Matins or Informal Service	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

SUNDAY 21st June **THIRD SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)**

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
9.30 am	Matins	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Parish Communion	St Mary & St John, Lamyatt
11.00 am	Matins or Informal Service	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

Thursday 25th June

10.30 am Midweek Communion St Peter, Evercreech

SUNDAY 28th June **FOURTH SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)**

ST PETER

9.30 for 9.50 am	Café Church	Evercreech Village Hall
9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Parish Communion	St James, Milton Clevedon
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe
2.00 pm	Baptism of Arabella Anita Statham	St Peter, Evercreech
4.00 pm	Hymns & Pimms	St Mary & St John, Lamyatt

SUNDAY 5th July**FIFTH SUNDAY after TRINITY (Green)**

9.30 am	Parish Communion	St Peter, Evercreech
9.30 am	Matins	St Mary Magdalene, Upton Noble
11.00 am	Worship for all ages	St Mary & St John, Lamyatt
11.00 am	Parish Communion	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe

Helpers at St Peter, Evercreech – June 2026

Sunday 7th June First Sunday after Trinity <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Geoff Hamlet
	Reading: Hosea 5:15 – 6:6	Daphne Roach
	Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13,18-26	Paul Robinson
	Prayers	Eleanor Dawkins
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Meg Wallis
	Sound	Alistair Roach
	Sacristan	Alan Henderson
	Refreshments	Paul & Clare Robinson
Sunday 14th June Second Sunday after Trinity <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Gerald Fry
	Reading: Exodus 19: 2-8a	Samuel Dawkins
	Gospel: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8	Eleanor Dawkins
	Prayers	Belinda Canning
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Eric Deyes
	Sound	Alan Henderson
	Sacristan	Belinda Canning
	Refreshments	Sue & Eric Deyes
Sunday 21st June Third Sunday after Trinity <i>9.30 am Parish Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Janet Rundle
	Reading: Romans 6: 1b-11	Sue Kewish
	Gospel: Matthew 10: 24-39	Sam Phripp
	Prayers	Wendi Davis
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Geoff Hamlet
	Sound	Eric Deyes
	Sacristan	Peter Sear
	Refreshments	Sue Kewish & Sonia Boyle
Thursday 25th June <i>10.30 am Said Communion</i>	Sacristan	Alan Henderson

Sunday 28th June St Peter <i>9.30 am Café Church</i>	Sidesperson	Willing Volunteer
	Refreshments	Hilary Foster & Meg Wallis
Sunday 5th July Fifth Sunday after Trinity <i>9.30 am Parish</i> <i>Communion</i>	Sidesperson	Sonia Boyle
	Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-12	Cherry Lawson
	Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19,25-end	Liz Henderson
	Prayers	Mollie Purse
	Chalice Assistant & Collection	Liz Henderson
	Sound	Alan Henderson
	Sacristan	Alan Henderson
	Refreshments	Hazel & Gerald Fry



St Peter's Church Flowers

	Altar	Memorial
June 6 th	Mrs H Fry	Mrs S Kewish
June 13 th & 20 th	Mrs A Stonehouse	Mrs R Herlock
June 27 th & July 4 th	Mrs J Webster	Mrs A Wilcox

Little Fishes

We are a relaxed, friendly group for pre-school children and babies who meet on Mondays, during termtime, in St Peter's Church at 10.00 am.



We welcome Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers to bring their children. We play and do simple crafts, whilst adults have a natter. At around 11 o'clock it's singing with actions to nursery rhymes. You are most welcome to join us.

Hilary



'Have a Break'

We meet in the back room of Evercreech Village Hall on the first, second and fifth Tuesday afternoons of each month from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm to knit, crochet, chat, read, eat cake and drink tea.

For more information please contact:

Sue or Eric on 01749 831104

Men's Breakfast

We meet on the first Saturday of each month at The Bell Inn at 8.30 am for full English Breakfast and a chat on a topic of current interest.



Further details from *Geoff* on 01749 830924 geoff@prestleigh.com



in St Peter's Church

Thank you to everyone who came, helped and supported the Coffee Morning on 9th May for 'Have a Break'. We made £300 which covers our half of the cost for the coming year.



We would like a couple more people willing to undertake basic safeguarding training to help with running Have a Break. This can be done online as a group activity, is free and keeps us all up to date with good safeguarding practice.

Sue & Eric



The **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 13th June** in St Peter's Church will be in aid of **Restoring Time at Evercreech Village Hall**. To renew and replace the current non-functioning clock on the front of the hall overlooking Victoria Square. (See pages 22 and 27)

Coffee Mornings are held in St Peter's Church, usually on the second Saturday of the month from 10 am – 12 noon. There is always Coffee and Cake, Raffle and Stalls. This is a great way to raise awareness and money for a charity, organisation or club. If you would like to book a Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church for your organisation, please contact

Michèle Hole on 01749 830875 or holemiche@aol.com



Royal British Legion Breakfast Club

The June Breakfast will be at 9.00 am on Saturday 20th June. If you would like to come along for some of Abby's finest mess scoff, or to pull up a sandbag and share tales of derring-do, join in light-hearted banter with your oppo's or just want some company, please let me know.

Richard Stevens Chair Evercreech Branch
07506 272669 email: Richard.stevens3707@gmail.com

Evercreech with Chesterblade PCC

The annual meetings took place on 7th May. The reports to the meeting are on the notice board in St Peter's church. Michèle Hole and Alison Stonehouse were elected as Churchwardens for another year. Sue Deyes and Anne Sear were elected as Deanery Synod representatives for a three-year term. Belinda Canning, Liz Henderson, Clare Robinson and Emily Simper were elected as PCC members. The remaining members of the PCC, who are either ex officio members or were elected previously for a three-year term are Revd Helen Drever, Revd Jolyon Stonehouse, Sue Carden, Rob Sage, Matthew Dawkins, Geoff Hamlet, Paul Robinson, Janet Rundle, Alan Henderson, and Martin Davis (co-opted).

The next PCC meeting will be on 16th July. If there is anything that you would like PCC to discuss, please tell a PCC member or email me, ideally before Standing Committee meets on 2nd July.

Anne Sear (PCC Secretary)

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Wanted: Editor for Evercreech News

Evercreech News is currently going from strength to strength. New local adverts, more local information, new subscribers.

After more years than she can remember, Carol will be retiring at the end of this year. Now is a good time for a new editor to work with Carol for a smooth handover.

For more information please contact evercreech.news@gmail.com or speak to Carol or one of the Churchwardens.

National Emergency Briefing – a film

I have heard lots of good things about this new 50 minute film presented by Chris Packham. It concerns the climate & nature crisis that threatens all aspects of British life from national security to food supply, but solutions exist.

The National Emergency Briefing was commissioned to present the latest evidence, and build an irresistible call for the Government to stage a televised emergency briefing, the essential first step towards the WW2-scale response now required. There is more information online at <https://www.nebriefing.org>.

The film is being screened at a number of places locally, including in Shepton Mallet on 17th June, in Castle Cary on 8th July, in Wincanton on 2nd June. Please contact me if you're interested in sharing transport to see the film.

Anne Sear sear.a@btinternet.com

2026 Pride of Somerset Youth Awards

Evercreech Primary School pupil **Theo Hole** was nominated and shortlisted for a Community Hero Award at the 2026 Pride of Somerset Youth Awards, following his sponsored bike rides last year in aid of the St Peter's Church Organ & Sound appeal.

At a presentation evening on 21st May at the Mc Millan Theatre in Bridgwater, he was awarded a Highly Commended Community Hero Award Certificate in recognition of his achievement.

See photos on church notice board



St. Peter's Church Choir

Late Summer 2026 Diary

- **Sun 31 May, 09:00am** – Meet in church to sing ‘A Prayer for Peace’ in the service
- Weds 3 June – 7.00pm rehearsal
- Weds 10 June - 7.00pm rehearsal
- **Sun 14 June - 09:00am** – Meet in church to sing both ‘Lux Aeterna’ and ‘O Holy Spirit’ in the service
- **No more rehearsals after this until we meet again on Wednesday 9 September to prepare for Harvest**

**Thank you for all your hard work this year.
Have a wonderful Summer break.**

Michael 😊



Lamyatt News

Anyone looking forward to some warm June days? Gardens are starting to grow. The produce table is out and just waiting to really get going. Summer is on its way! Well, hopefully.....

This is the time of year when plans are underway for some great events. We will be holding our annual Hymns and Pimms singalong on Sunday 28th June at 4pm in the church. This year all the

hymns will be chosen from the Songs of Praise list of school assembly bangers. So put that in your diary and come along ready to take a trip down memory lane with a glassful of our special Pimms!

After May's fascinating conversation between renowned theatre designer, Tom Piper and Lamyatt's own Michael Pavelka, we are now all go, making preparations for the Shakespeare productions in early July (see below).

Tickets are available now from shakespeareinlamyatt.co.uk. There's a chance this year to see locally, **TWO** professional performances, **Comedy of Errors** on Saturday 4th July and **Macbeth** on Thursday 9th July, outdoors in the fields behind the Village Hall. Support Lamyatt's Church and Village Hall at the same time. With many thanks to all our wonderful sponsors. Should be good!!

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Finally this month our usual Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, 6th June from 10.30 till 12 noon in the Village Hall, when the 100 club will be drawn. Last month's lucky winners were Diana O, Mary Claire R and John C. Winners will be emailed that afternoon all being well.

Jen Richards

An Iona Service for Summertime

Sunday 7th June
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* What three words ...explain, octagonal, debit



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Mid-Somerset Flower Club

On Friday 12th June we have our
Open Night in Evercreech Village Hall
at 6.30 for 7.15 pm.



We look forward to this annual event. Demonstration by Alison Finch, theme: "What a Sweetie", interpretive work on popular sweets . We do hope old friends and new will not miss this event, there will be light refreshments, wine and nibbles. Tickets are £18.

For further information contact Rose 07876080127 or Margaret 01749 830209

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Last month seemed to be full of reasons to celebrate! To begin we congratulated one of our altar servers on his 18th birthday, the following week we were blessed to have three young boys make their First Holy Communion during Sunday Mass. One week on and we were congratulating a young lady on her recent Confirmation. Such joy! However, all this meant cake, lots of cake, in the Parish Room after Mass, so some of us were feeling a bit indulgent.

Whilst on the subject of cake, all this wonderful fare has highlighted a hidden danger – Allergies. We now know, and understand, that ordinary ingredients can be dangerous for some people and there is a particular danger where small children are concerned. The kitchenette where we serve coffee, biscuits, cake – and savoury food on some occasions - now has a bold display reminding everyone of the risks.

As I write this. I can report one further reason to rejoice and give thanks for the persistent prompting of the Holy Spirit. We have just been told that one of our congregation, a young man named Ryan, has been accepted to train for the Priesthood - a six-year placement in Rome from next September. We offer him our heart felt prayers and hope he'll visit us at St Michael's from time to time.

Jasdy Tucker

**News from Zambia**

Douglas Kakoma, parish priest of our link church, was pleased to see the photos of their church extension in our May magazine. He sends greetings to all of us at St Peter's, he tells me that they have a fundraising event planned for 30th May involving Zambian dishes, with proceeds going to the Church construction project.

I have had an email from a previous parish priest at St Joseph's, Richard Mwansa. Some of you may remember his visit to Evercreech in 2006. He sends greetings to everyone and says that he has now been appointed Diocesan Administrator for Northern Diocese.

This year Zambia Bath and Wells Sunday 2026 takes place on Sunday 5th July – please let me have any ideas for marking this event.

Anne Sear, Link Correspondent.



Transforming our communities through the love of Christ

By Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton

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.

Manna, the monthly Diocesan newsletter, is available in electronic form, to request a copy please contact evercreech.news@gmail.com



Melon Mission

On Easter Monday, six volunteers flew to Kenya to spend 12 days at Melon Mission charity school in Nakuru. Once again, we worked alongside our Kenya colleagues to extend curriculum opportunities and develop special needs support and provision in the community. We took 299kg of donated clothes, toys, education resources, books and equipment.

The pupils and staff were keen to get involved with the all the classroom, physical and craft activities we ran. A particular highlight was painting clay hearts. Each pupil made 2 - one to keep and one to send back to the UK. Members of St Peter's congregation, who so generously support the project, were touched to receive these gifts - each one labelled with the name of the child who had sent it.



Asante sana!

Elizabeth Henderson





DIARY

Tuesday 2 nd June	2.00 pm	Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall
	7.00 pm	Evercreech Parish Council Meeting, Evercreech Village Hall
Saturday 6 th June	8.30 am	Men's Breakfast, The Bell Inn
	10.30 am	Coffee Morning, Lamyatt Village Hall
Sunday 7 th June	4.00 pm	Iona Service, Lamyatt Church (see page 11)
	4.00 pm	Auditions for "The Railway Children" Evercreech Village Hall (see page 19)
Tuesday 9 th June	2.00 pm	Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Evercreech WI, Evercreech Village Hall (see page 24)
Friday 12 th June	7.15 pm	Mid Somerset Flower Club, Evercreech Village Hall (see page 11)
Saturday 13 th June	10.00 am	Coffee Morning, St Peter's Church (see page 22)
Tuesday 16 th June	12 noon	Hot Potato Lunch, Evercreech Village Hall
Wednesday 17 th June		<i>Deadline for July Evercreech News</i>
Saturday 20 th June	9.00 am	RBL Breakfast, The Bell Inn Evercreech
	6.30 pm	Family Quiz, Evercreech Village Hall (see page 20)
Tuesday 23 rd June	2.00 pm	Friendship Club AGM, Evercreech Village Hall (see page 24)
Saturday 27 th June	7.30 pm	NTL "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" Evercreech Village Hall (see page 27)
Sunday 28 th June	4.00 pm	Hymns & Pimms, Lamyatt Church (see page 9)
Tuesday 30 th June	2.00 pm	Have a Break, Evercreech Village Hall
Saturday 4 th July	8.30 am	Men's Breakfast, The Bell Inn
	10.30 am	Coffee Morning, Lamyatt Village Hall
	7.00 pm	"The Comedy of Errors" Fields by Lamyatt Village Hall (see page 10)
Thursday 9 th July	7.00 pm	"Macbeth" Fields by Lamyatt Village Hall (see page 10)

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School Easter Service – 22nd April 2026

Revd Jolyon was delighted to take his first full school service at the end of April when the school celebrated the Easter story in St Peter's church. At the beginning of the service the special 2026 Easter candle was lit, after Revd Jolyon had talked about it's first lighting at the 'Sonrise' service, very early on a rather cold Easter Day morning at St Mary's, Chesterblade. The whole school sang beautifully, the recorders and tone chimes were mellifluous, and the Easter story was read with clarity, there were also some spontaneous 'Alleluias' in response to 'Christ is Risen'!

Very special thanks to Tower Captain John Dunford, who chimed the bells as the children and staff approached the church, to Eric Deyes and his assistant Oli from the school, who took care of the sound system and all the parents, grandparents and friends who came along to the service.

The service concluded with the following beautiful poem read by Head Girl Leala and Vice Head Boy Rufus.

Easter Voices ❁

Easter comes with brighter days,
With daffodils and sunny rays.
The world wakes up, the cold is gone,
Spring reminds us life goes on.

We spot bright eggs of every shade,
Chocolate treats and games we've played.
Bunny trails and hunts to try,
Smiles and laughter drifting by.

But Easter isn't just about play,
It's a time to stop and think each day.
For some, it's sharing a special tale,
About hope and love that will not fail.

A story teaching us to be kind,
To help each other, heart and mind.
To try again, to do our best,
To choose what's right and show respect.

Like tiny seeds beneath the ground,
We grow with care from all around.
Spring shows us how fresh starts appear,
With learning, courage, and good cheer.

So whether Easter means fun or rest,
Or time together we love best,
There's one clear message we all can hear—
New beginnings start right here.



Michele Hole, Churchwarden



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COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 13th June

10:00 – 12:00

St Peter's Church, Evercreech



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providing security and comfort to sick and traumatised babies, children and young adults through quilts.

The local group meet at The Old Stores Studio, Evercreech once a month on the second Thursday from 10.00 am to 12.30pm. We all contribute £4 towards the cost of hiring the space. All you need can be provided to make quilts in your own home in your own time, wonderful fabrics to use for children from newly born to 18 years.

Towards the end of April, I delivered 37 quilts and blankets to Brainwave at Bridgewater. This is a residential unit where small children stay with their parents, who are shown how to continue at home, the exercises and therapy they use at this centre. We make slightly thicker quilts which can be used for floor exercises and also heavy knitted blankets used to cope with anxiety.

Following the reopening of the Special Care Baby Unit at Yeovil Hospital last month, I have already had a request for more supplies of assorted items, so good for local mothers to have this unit again.

Just a reminder we can always donate to a child who is ill or in crisis, this will be done without identifying the family.

To find out more about Project Linus please contact me:

Jaci Elliott 01749 838809 jaci.elliott@btinternet.com

News from Yeovil Street Pastors

A wonderful Commissioning Service was enjoyed last month with Bejoy Pal, the CEO of Ascension Trust, joining us. We now have two lovely new Street Pastors helping us to cover Saturday nights in Yeovil.



We have four more people interested in joining us, they will be coming out on an observation shift in the next couple of months. Anyone can come out for a couple of hours on observation, even if you don't want to join but are interested in seeing what we do. Just contact Chris on the email below.

We are in the process of arranging visits to all the churches in the area. If you wish to know more, have a chat with Eric over coffee after the service at St Peter's.

Thank you for your prayers, they are much appreciated. With love and God's blessings to you all, from

Eric (Chair), Chris (Co-ordinator) and all of us at Yeovil Street Pastors

yeovil@streetpastors.org.uk

Evercreech Friendship Club

“Wall to wall friendship making friends”



The next meeting of Evercreech Friendship Club is on Tuesday 23rd June, when we welcome one of our own members Jaci Elliot who will give a talk on “Project Linus” providing security and comfort to sick and traumatised children through quilts.

Our programme is partly set for 2026 with the Garden Party on August 25th. Entrance fees remain the same, just £1.50 for members and £2 for visitors. So if you are over 55 and would like to join our club you would be most welcome. Meetings start at 2pm in Evercreech Village Hall and include a Raffle, Greetings Card Stall, tea and biscuits, and who knows for this year **“maybe something special?”** **Visitors are always welcome!**

God Bless and KEEP SAFE!!

For more information please contact one of the following:

Edward Porter (Chairman) 830015 or Freda Boyce (Secretary) 830703



Evercreech WI

In May we had a very interesting talk from Naomi O'Neil on Kinesiology and how this can help with imbalances in hormones in the body due to the menopause, she described symptoms that we all understood and taught a useful balancing exercise to use in the morning, to help us cope and be more alert.

On 9th June we are in for a treat as one of our members, Pam Mitchell will be talking to us about "Her Crafty Life", visitors are always welcome for a small fee.

You may also like to join us on our outing to Winchester in August this year. A coach will be leaving Evercreech at 9.00 am on the morning of the 11th August, going to Winchester where your time is your own. WI members free of charge, guests are welcome for a small fee of £5 towards the cost of the coach.

Maxine Clinton (President) 07939 082521 clintonmaxine@gmail.com



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The Hall starts to be used less as summer finally gets going but there are new bookings which is always good to see as well. Welcome and you all keep a vital community asset going.

Our volunteers managed to provide more than enough desserts at May's Hot Potato Lunch with lower custard demand due to a large sherry trifle taking first place. Thanks to all those who help each month and create such a wide range of puds. Our next one is on Tuesday June 16th, we look forward to seeing you all again there.

The last NT Live play of this season is Les Liaisons Dangereuses on 27th June. Some of you will remember Aidan Turner from the more recent Poldark and Rivals. See details on page 27. We await the titles of the next season of plays starting in September.

Many thanks to the individuals and organisations who have donated to the Restoring Time at Evercreech Village Hall campaign. Your generosity has been wonderful. We presented our current thinking at the Annual Parish Meeting and hope to share them with the wider community shortly.

The Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church on Saturday 13th June will be in aid of the replacement clock for the Village Hall (see page 22). To contribute you can **scan the QR code** which will take you to our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/restoring-time-at-evercreech-village-hall>

You can also donate by contacting the Village Hall Treasurer, Richard Kewish at:

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Evercreech Show Society

A huge thank you to everyone who came to support us at Evercreech Village Hall on Saturday, 16th May, for our annual Plant Sale, and to those who donated plants and garden equipment. There was a large selection of annuals and perennials on offer, and a queue of people waiting at the door for the 10am start. Sales were brisk, with early buyers keen to grab a bargain and find some of the more unusual specimens on offer. Many stayed to enjoy tea, coffee and cakes while catching up with friends. Susan Ehmann and Faith Stevens from Mendip Community Transport were on hand to raise awareness of the valuable work the service provides to the local community and to hand out copies of the new bus timetables.

There were some great prizes on offer in the raffle, ably managed by Chris and Maggie Norris, while the sale of cakes, coffee and tea was smoothly run by Alice Cooke and Dave Newberry (known to some as the Quiz Master), allowing people to rest and relax after their shopping. Dr David and Gill Lindsay, who have long been great supporters of the show, also had a table selling garden pots and equipment, generously donating the proceeds to the Society.

All in all, it was a great success and a wonderful opportunity for people to come together through their shared love of gardening. Our thanks go, as always, to those who helped and volunteered on the day. We couldn't do it without you, and your support in raising funds to keep the Village Show going is invaluable.

Earlier this year, the Show Committee welcomed its new Chairman, John Parham; new Secretary, Mich  l   Gould-Thorpe; and new members Adam Asprey, Richard Fegan and Jake Hill. They have already proved to be valuable additions to the committee, bringing fresh ideas for fundraising events and new ways to bring the community together throughout the year. We shall keep you updated as plans unfold!

Going forward, please keep an eye on Facebook and our website for upcoming events. The next fundraising event is the Quiz, run by Quiz Master Dave Newberry, on Sunday, 31st May 7.30pm at the Bell Inn, Evercreech. It is very much a fun event with the taking part more important than the winning but that said, there are some cash prizes on offer for the lucky winners. We hope to see you there.

To contact the Society, please use the new form on our website, www.evercreechshow.uk (*note the "UK" at the end*), we shall respond as soon as possible. The new contact form allows more than one member of the committee to respond to incoming messages so we hope this will improve communication. We have also introduced an online Membership Application Form to make it easier for those who are unable to join in person, allowing more people to support the Society and feel part of the community. We always showcase photos taken at the events we run and warmly welcome your stories and photographs from years gone by to share on the website.

Moira Barber



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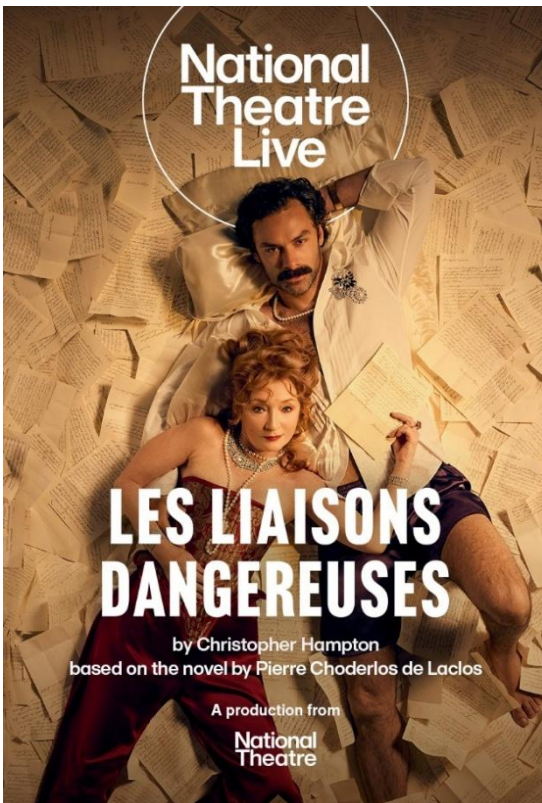
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Tickets also available on the door.

Refreshments available from the bar.



The Chilla Youth Club is open every Wednesday evening



We are continuing to get a good number of young people coming to our evenings but this is highlighting our need for more volunteers to help with their management.



Some of us are pensioners and we cannot be as active as we would like with the children. We are also experiencing younger siblings coming along, below the age of admittance into the club building, we are contacting their parents as we cannot safeguard these smaller children.

There is also a problem associated with the neighbouring playground, if the children sign in at the Youth Club we cannot supervise them in the playground.

The picture is of a chameleon brought in by a local resident to show the children.

We do need a trained enthusiastic Youth Leader; we cannot afford to pay for one. We continue to explore grant funders to make this possible for such a post. The installation of the quiet room, and what a misnomer this is, makes supervision more essential to provide good safeguarding.

We meet on a Wednesday Evening, times are:

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Evercreech Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting – Chair’s report 2025 - 2026

Councillor Parham was pleased to accept the role of Chairman for 26/27 and thanked fellow Councillors for their support.

News from the Parish:

The village cross was finally repaired and looks so much better. The war memorial will be scheduled for attention this year. New bins have been ordered around the village. Footpaths have been reinstated/repared thanks to the diligent work of our Footpaths Officer – Cllr Sellar - thank you.

The Youth Club is up and running in their new premises, supported by the Parish Council. The building will soon be in use for other purposes.

Concerns regarding the stream at Stoney Stratton are being addressed. Loose headstones have been laid down at the Cemetery. Reminder that families are responsible for the safe upkeep of headstones. Our parks are inspected monthly and undergo a yearly inspection.

The Parish Council is using software called Parish Online and will move to this platform to track assets. Cllr working groups continue to work hard on behalf of the PC and residents. A list of roles each Councillor holds is available on the website.

Quotes are being sought to have the war memorial cleaned at the Cemetery. A professional headstone test company will be commissioned for the Cemetery.

Cllrs are looking into moving suppliers for the website and email hosting. Our local PCSO is patrolling more frequently and a request has been made to patrol after 9.00 pm. The PC 5-year plan/wish list is available to view on the website. Any other ideas are welcome.

Acknowledgements:

Thanks must go to our staff, Lynn and Julie, for their tireless work during the year. Thanks also to Cllrs for their behind the scenes work which often saves money and enhances our Parish. Thanks to all the local groups, committees and volunteers that bring us all together and make the Parish a special place to live. Reminder that the PC has a small budget that groups are invited to apply for.

We currently have a vacancy for one co-opted Councillor.

Lesley Parham Chair Evercreech Parish Council
Lesley.parham@evercreech-pc.gov.uk

Can you believe it's almost midsummer? I recently discovered the 196 Tor Bus service run for Somerset Council by Mendip Community Transport. What a little gem! Catch this minibus half-hourly service between 10-1 and 2-5 which runs EVERY DAY from April until September on a circular route to the Tor from St Dunstan's car park in Glastonbury. Return fares: Adult £5, children £2.50, family ticket £12 Free to concessionary pass holders. Don't forget you can travel to Glastonbury and Street from Shepton on FromeBus service 669 Monday-Saturday.

6-14th June is "The great big green week". Do something small to help cut emissions and catch the No.1 bus into Shepton on Saturday 13th June and celebrate 120 years of the town's amazing Collett Park. It's always a joyful day out with lots of stalls, food, entertainment and music. Once again Somerset Bus Partnership will be there so drop by, tell us about your bus needs, and pick up local timetables.

Sue Ehmman



Flowers of the Meadow

June really is the loveliest month for meadow flowers. One of the most showy flowers in a meadow is the Oxeye Daisy, also called Moon Daisy and Moonpenny; the large white petals drawing pollinators in to the bright yellow centre. Look out for a variety of vetches, members of the pea family. You may find Tufted Vetch – look out for 6-spot burnet moths on this one. Bush Vetch and Common Vetch are likely too and a great many churchyards contain Bird's-foot-trefoil also known as Eggs and Bacon because of the mix of yellow and orange on the flowers. Richard Mabey, in his fantastic book *Flora Britannica* lists many names for Bird's-foot-trefoil including Hen and Chickens, Tom Thumb, Granny's Toenails, Cuckoo's Stocking and Dutchman's Clogs.



Tufted vetch

Our churchyard meadow areas act as pitstops or cafes for insects and can buzz with life. Try and spend a little time enjoying them and seeing which pollinators are using them.

In St Peter's Churchyard we have Hamish's Patch. Here we leave flowers to grow and only mow in late summers once the seed has set, thus encouraging a range of wildflowers to flourish. We have habitat piles for small mammals and invertebrates, which help to provide a food supply for birds, and there are swift boxes on the north wall of the church.

Bruton Choral Society Summer Concert

Bruton Choral Society is very excited to be part of a special performance of Henry Purcell's wonderful opera *Dido and Aeneas* this June. We will be joining The Echoing Air and a cast including rising international star Rebecca Leggett, a baroque instrumental ensemble led by Maggie Faultless and young dancers from locally-based Danceworks. The opera tells a tragic tale of love, sorcery and betrayal; many of you will already be familiar with the intensely moving closing aria, *Dido's lament*.



It's rare indeed for a small town like Bruton to be presenting live opera: don't miss the opportunity to be there! Friday 12 June at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Bruton; tickets are available at £20 (central nave) and £15

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

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