

MOMSS MAGAZINE



Summer Shades

Painting by Anne Farmer

(1944-2024)

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

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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Friends,

This hot, burning summer has brought to mind vivid memories of the same weather in 1976 and 1977 – pleasant to begin with but then gradually becoming hard to bear and ultimately almost beyond endurance with no rain for many weeks which meant that fields and gardens became parched and reservoirs almost emptied. There were wildfires then as we have today – only this time they are bigger, more deadly and more difficult to control and extinguish.

With faith we all felt that we knew that rain would again come to replenish rivers, streams and brooks and that the reservoirs would again provide the most essential element for life to us all. We were rewarded by our faith and the rains came and put our lives back into motion. The same will happen again this year and we hope for gentle soothing rain to fall and not in heavy downpours that will just bounce off the land and cause flash flooding.

This final edition carries articles and reports of many events that have happened and dates and details of events to come – some of which note are up to the end of 2026 and beyond. I recommend keeping this edition handy in case you need to know essential dates, venues, contacts etc. There is so much to look forward to.

Before I close off this monthly publication the Magazine Committee (Richard Graham, Jane Stryker, Isobel Davis and I) thank everyone who has contributed articles, news, calendars, vocal advice and support over all the years that the magazine has existed. With virtually no information or support the magazine could not have survived and the benefice would not have been able to communicate with you. Thank you also for letting me be Editor.

So now we have come to the end of the life of this magazine and it is hard to say goodbye. Goodbye is the shortened form of “God be with you” and I wish you all the very best of life here in the heart of Somerset and wherever you travel.

Sincerely, Anita.

Anita Winslade, Editor momssgeditor@live.co.uk



LETTER FROM THE MINISTER



At this present time, there are changes afoot in both the Anglican Benefice and in the Methodist Circuit for which I am the superintendent minister. Geographical and ecclesiastical boundaries are shifting and we find ourselves planning for change. Perhaps it is part of human nature to be wary of change, but it cannot be avoided. It has the ability to unsettle and excite in various proportions, depending on where we are standing. Perhaps it helps to take the long view.....

Sir Isaac Newton (1623-1747) is recognised as one of the greatest mathematicians and physicists of all time and among the most

influential scientists.

He was a key figure in the philosophical revolution known as the Enlightenment, credited with discovering the laws of gravity, the invention of the telescope and realising that white light could be refracted through a prism into all the colours of the rainbow. However despite his genius, Newton was always ready to recognize his debt to those who had gone before and prepared the ground for his work.

I wonder if you know the connection between a £2 coin and Sir Isaac Newton? Around the edge of a £2 coin are the words “standing on the shoulders of giants”.

These words were taken from a letter that Newton wrote to fellow scientist, Robert Hooke, in 1676, when he modestly acknowledged that his success had been built on the achievement of others.

His exact words were, “If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants”, thereby recognising that many scientists had done great work before him and he merely took their work further.

Newton’s belief is a good reminder for us that we are part of an ongoing community of learners. Jesus said “one sows, another reaps” - which is both humbling and encouraging. It is humbling because it reminds each one of us that we are here in this place for a season – just a short time really, in the scheme of things – and anything we do is part of a much longer and bigger story in which others have played their part. That any harvest we gather was sown by another’s hand, most likely many, many years ago.

And Jesus’ words are encouraging because they remind us that the story continues. That – whilst we cannot do everything – those things that we do matter. That any seed we are able to sow will grow in God’s good time, to be harvested by another, perhaps decades from now.

“One sows, another reaps” reminds us all that we need to have a long term view of our work and service, and that God, who is the Gardener, holds all our times – of stability and of change – in his hands.

Debora Kirk, Methodist Minister



GENERAL ITEMS

CHANGE OF DATES!

A361 PLANNED ROAD CLOSURES AT BURROWBRIDGE

Somerset Council is to replace ageing traffic signals either side of the narrow bridge at Burrowbridge on the A361. The lights are near the end of their working life at over 30 years old and need to be replaced before they fail, causing long-term disruption. The road around Burrow Mump will also be resurfaced as part of the scheme. The work is part of a county-wide initiative to replace traffic signals.

From 3 August to 2 September the A361 at Burrowbridge will be closed in both directions 24/7.

From 3 September to 19 September the road will be closed between the hours of 6pm – 6am.

There will be a signed diversion route via the A372, A38 Bridgwater and A361. Crossing facilities for pedestrians and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Access for residents and businesses will be maintained. The contractor has indicated that access for Emergency Services through the site is not permitted on this occasion.

For any further information about this closure please contact Somerset Council on 0300 123 2224, quoting reference: ttr066861 IW(TD)

The Road Closure Team, Email: ttr0@somerset.gov.uk, Web: www.somerset.gov.uk

THE POLDEN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (PEN)

The Polden Environmental Network is a group of people from across the Polden villages, who got together because they wanted to do something to help people address and contribute towards actions, mitigating and adapting to the Biodiversity and Climate Crises. Its work to date includes the following broad topics.

- ◆ Improving & increasing Green Spaces
- ◆ Reducing flooding risks
- ◆ Sharing knowledge and raising awareness
- ◆ Local empowerment and community planning – financial support and advice

Open to anyone and seeking members from all the Polden villages, the group meets monthly to discuss, plan and report on actions taken towards the annual projects undertaken.

In their first year, all Polden parish councils were invited to send representatives to attend a Climate Adaptation workshop in Cossington, co-sponsored by The Somerset Wildlife Trust. They discussed actions individual parishes could initiate and a Climate Adaptation Plan for the Poldens



was published. In their second year, a further workshop/seminar event was held in Woolavington Village Hall, where the topic of what can be done towards making improvements for wildlife in gardens and for landowners was discussed. This current year has seen the Polden Pollinator Days project develop and set up a stall to attend several village events across the Poldens, in order to give away free pollinator plants and seeds. The idea is to enhance the 10 mile Polden Hills corridor for wildlife. Members of PEN and others raised and potted hundreds of wildflower seedlings to distribute. Sponsored by The Somerset Wildlife Trust and the Gravity Development, PEN has and can provide financial help and support towards local initiatives and groups to study, monitor and enhance wildlife in their communities.

The PEN Group welcomes anybody who would like to help and contribute to their ongoing planning and event activities.

Polden Environmental Network is on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/380310044555052>

If you are interested in being a contact for your village or group, or to help with their work, please contact: poldensgroup@outlook.com

SKY AT NIGHT

August 2026

Sunrise Sunset

Beginning of August 5.36am-8.57pm End of August 6.23am-7.59pm

Moon Phases

Last Quarter 6th / New Moon 12th / First Quarter 20th/ Full 28th

Planets

Venus can be seen gradually heading towards the Sun's glare at sunset during August but is still a very bright object setting around 9.30pm. Later other planets start to appear in the east starting with Saturn at 10pm followed by Mars at 1.30am and Jupiter at 4.30am.

A date for your Diary!

Partial Solar Eclipse – Wednesday, 12 August 2026

If the weather is kind we will be treated to one of the best partial solar eclipses visible from the UK for many years. It is a bit of an unusual sky at night but the eclipse although not total will be the best until 2090.

The eclipse will begin at around 6.17pm, reach its maximum at approximately 7.14pm, and end at about 8.07pm.

At its peak, around 90% of the Sun will be covered by the Moon, creating a truly spectacular sight. As the Sun will be low in the western sky, you'll need a location with a clear, unobstructed view of the western horizon for the best experience.



⚠ SAFETY FIRST!

NEVER LOOK AT THE SUN WITHOUT PROPER PROTECTION AS THIS WILL CAUSE PERMANENT EYE DAMAGE OR EVEN BLIND YOU. ORDINARY SUNGLASSES ARE NOT SAFE. ONLY USE CERTIFIED SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES (ISO 12312-2) OR APPROVED SOLAR VIEWING EQUIPMENT.

FREE solar eclipse glasses will be available at the meeting of Somerset Levels Stargazers on Wednesday 29 July in Othery village Hall at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you are welcome to collect a pair afterwards from Middlezoy village hall, Middlezoy shop and The Manse in Othery, while stocks last. Collection details, together with more information about the eclipse, will be published on Somerset Levels Stargazers and local village Facebook pages nearer the time.
Paul Adamson 01823 698156

SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

Our July meeting is on Wednesday 29th at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall TA7 0QU where Mark Radice, astronomer, author and astro tour guide will be going back to basics with a talk on visual astronomical observation.

We also have a guide to observing the night sky along with all the latest news from the world of Astronomy and Spaceflight. At this meeting free solar eclipse glasses are available to collect to use to watch the partial solar eclipse on Wednesday 12 August.

Our August meeting will be on Monday 24th at Othery village hall when our guest presenter will be Josh Dury award winning night sky photographer. Our September meeting will be on Wednesday 30th again at Othery Village Hall when our guest presenter will be Hugh Allen.

£3 visitors, membership available.

Paul Adamson

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FARM DIARY

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

This is the last of these diaries as our magazine closes.

In the Field. All those on our village Facebook page will know that this year for the first time ever we are harvesting our cereals and other crops in the early hours. Starting at about 5 and finishing at about 10. This is the usual start time by when the dew has lifted. Moisture content of the grain determines all this. It should be 15% or below. It needs to be as near to that as possible otherwise one loses tonnes of weight. We are paid by weight. It has proved a successful strategy. Although this author notices that the youngsters getting up early often fail to take their siesta in the afternoon. The oil seed rape yields have been good and that is probably due to the fact that it is early to mature and had done all the growing before too many high temperature periods. On the other hand, winter wheat yields are mediocre and have suffered from the repeated high temperatures; the crops looked good for most of the season.

Crops. Someone at a desk in the middle of London has told



farmers to plant more lentils and produce less meat. The fact that most of the country's land is unsuitable for cropping has escaped these 'experts'. This author has many seed books; over a hundred varieties of wheat, fifty of barley, lots of different grasses and legumes. No mention of lentils. There are trials of chickpeas at the moment. We have flirted with soya beans.

Most of the country's land is suitable for grass. Amazingly, animals can convert this growth into a nutritious protein that we can eat. Alleluia.

Butterflies. This year is a good year for these insects. On our farm we are not short. For the record, we have used no insecticides for several years although we wish to reserve the right to do so in certain specific circumstances in the future.

Richard Graham

WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

We do not meet in August.

The next meetings after that are:

- **9 September** - Gardening in the Great War by Dr John Scanlon
- **14 October** - Automobiles in the Great War by Roy Larkin
- **11 November** - Equipment and Uniform by Tom Hill.
- The Christmas meeting is a social.
- **January 13** - The Retreat from Mons by Brigadier Mike Shaw
- **February 10** - The World Turned Upside Down by Ian Stephenson.

We hope to have a trip to the tank museum in September contact us for details

Pat Adamson

Secretary Somerset Western Front Association

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Follow us on Facebook or <https://www.westernfrontassociation.com/branches/united-kingdom/somerset/>



IN THE POST HOUSE GARDEN, MOORLINCH

Sunday 9 August from 2.30pm onwards ...

It's back for 2026.....the party with music in Audrey's Garden at the Post House in Moorlinch.

In addition to other performers, the Mendip Swing Band will be entertaining us and encouraging a bit of happy dancing on the lawn.

There will also be a Raffle and Auction of Promises in aid of the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance and other charities.

Bring a drink and a picnic and enjoy the afternoon/evening.

Entrance £5 – Children £3

Let's Go Party.....



If you would like to perform or do a turn there is still time to book a slot just contact

Audrey on 01458 210362

GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

PARISH CHURCH

We have received the following message from the Assistant Diocesan Secretary:

“[I have been asked] to update you on the situation with regard to Greinton Church. My apologies that you have not been kept informed and thank you for your continued support for the church.”

“The Wells Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Group has approved the closure of the church of Greinton St Michael and All Angels but the formal legal process of closure has not yet taken place. We have approached the Friends of Friendless Churches to invite them to consider accepting responsibility for the building. I don't yet know the outcome of their discussions, and have written to them today to follow up. Should The Friends be interested, they would want to visit the church, and of course we will be in touch with you if that is the case.”

“Should the Friends agree to accept the building we would then begin the process of consulting on formal closure and transfer to the Friends.”

“I hope that clarifies the current status of the church. I have made a diary note to follow up in one month and will let you know then how things stand.”

About us - Friends of Friendless Churches <https://friendsoffriendlesschurches.org.uk/about-us/>



PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 15 July saw the first session of the newly-formed Greinton Community Speed Watch (CSW) taking place from 11am. CSW is a community-led initiative overseen by the Council and the Police to monitor traffic speed in recognized 'hotspots' and to encourage responsible driving in built-up areas.

Drivers observed travelling at excessive speed are not prosecuted but receive a letter from the Police explaining the circumstances and pointing out the importance of observing speed limits.

Speed Watchers in Greinton are located in the lay-by opposite the phone box and check traffic travelling in both directions.

This is one of a number of measures being put in place by Greinton Parish Meeting to help curb speeding through our village and to improve pedestrian and traffic safety for everyone.

Best wishes to all,

Toby

Toby Crispin, greintonvillage@gmail.com



MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE HALL

Middlezoy Community Project

Every Saturday afternoon cricket is on down at the Village Hall and the bar is open. So why not come down have a cold drink relax and watch the cricket.

Over the summer months we have a number of private functions and weddings being held on Saturdays at the village hall.

Notes for your diary we have the following booked.

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.

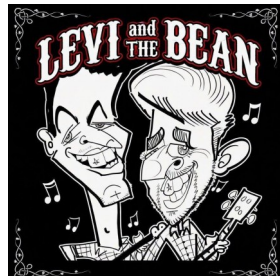
Do you need somewhere to hold a weekly class? Yoga, Pilates, dance or other?

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

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. We usually aim to finish no later than 8.30 pm.

If you can help, please contact me on 0776 0887 907.

Paul Baker MCP Chair



MIDDLEZOY METHODIST CHURCH

The Peekaboo Gang

The new term starts on Friday 4 September and mums and tots can meet again, every Friday in term time, from 10am -12 noon.

Drop by whenever you like for as long as you like.

No charge, but a small donation is welcome.

Thank you to Jean, Natalie and Zena for hosting the sessions – we really appreciate all you do.

Salads and Sweets at the Chapel

The next one will be on Tuesday 18 August, at 1pm – do come along and enjoy the delicious food with friends.

Suggested donation of £7. Raffle.

The 'Back Room'

Contact Jill Darby on 01823 698000 to hire the newly refurbished back room space.



August Services

Sunday 9th at 10am – United Service at Holy Cross church

Sunday 30th at 5pm – **Chapel Anniversary** Cream Tea followed by Songs of Praise celebration 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

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WEEKLY MONDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Come along and join us on Mondays 10-11.45am at the Methodist Chapel Middlezoy. Tea/coffee/hot chocolate/biscuits.

All are welcome.

We do welcome visiting stallholders at any time and in return ask for a raffle prize for our Christmas event.

I am now taking bookings for stallholders in the run up to Christmas. Do contact me if you would like to book a Monday.

We do have a few second-hand books and jigsaws for sale but would like to refresh them. If anyone has any paperback books or jigsaws they no longer want please let me know. Our storage is limited so we would not be able to take large quantities.

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. If you are aged 67 and above and you have not yet received an invitation please let me know.

Our next event is the Coffee Morning for MacMillan Cancer Support.

This will be in September at the Village Hall.

Please look out for posters.

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

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Three important events have occurred this July

Bell Restoration Project

Our latest application to the Lottery Heritage Fund was successful.

A grant of £82,653 has been awarded to the church. This means that, together with the grant from the Bath and Wells Association of Change Ringers and the funds raised from the village, we now have the funds secured to proceed with the project.

Due to the preferred bellhanger's workload the main work is unlikely to commence before Spring 2027. Work on installing a new opening in one of the intermediate floors in the tower will be undertaken later this year.

To celebrate, the official project launch will be on Monday 31 August at the church. Beginning with bell ringing from 2.00pm and followed by bellringing taster sessions from 2.30pm. The tower will be open from 3.00pm and there will be an exhibition and talks on the proposed work, children's activities and a treasure hunt. In addition there will be complimentary homemade cakes, tea, coffee, soft drinks and Pimms. We look forward to welcoming you



Coat of Hopes

The Church was honoured when asked by the Coat of Hopes pilgrimage if they could stay overnight in the church on 5th/6th July.

The Coat of Hopes is a patchwork coat on an ongoing walking journey through the UK highlighting climate and ecological emergency. Full



details of the Coat of Hope project is on www.coatofhopes.uk

This section of the pilgrimage was from Bath to Porlock included overnight stays at Glastonbury, Somerton, Middlezoy and on to Bridgwater. 10 pilgrims enjoyed the comfort of the church and were well nourished before setting off for Bridgwater via Westonzoyland.

People's Emergency Briefing

On Wednesday 22 July the Church, in association with Wild Middlezoy and Middlezoy

Parish Council, arranged for a viewing, in the Village Hall, of the *People's Emergency Briefing*. The film has been produced to encourage local communities to arrange viewings to raise public awareness of the climate and environmental risks which then, hopefully, leads to changes in government policies and business practices. Their hope is there will be a debate on national television to allow the total population to have access to the important information supplied by scientists, doctors, military professionals and economists. Further details are on www.nebriefing.org/peb. Over 50 attended the viewing.

Church Fund Raising Events Planned for 2026

Sunday 30 August Open Tower

Saturday 10 October Brunch

Saturday 21 November Brunch and Fayre

Saturday 28 November Concert

PCC Middlezoy

OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Open

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



STREET FAYRE THANKS

Our Annual Street Fayre was a brilliant day and very well supported by the community. We were delighted that Rev Simon Bale officially opened the event and would like to thank him for joining us.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped organise the Fayre, volunteered their time, donated items and refreshments, and to all who came along to support it. The day would not have been possible without the efforts of so many people.

Sadly, the future of the Street Fayre is currently uncertain. Eli and I will be retiring from the organising committee after this year's event. I have enjoyed being involved over the years and we are grateful for all the support we have received in helping to make the Fayre such a success.

Whether there will be another Street Fayre will depend on whether others are willing to come forward and take on its organisation. It would be a great shame to see this much-loved community event come to an end, and we hope that new volunteers may be encouraged to help secure its future.

Thank you once again to everyone who made this year's Street Fayre such a memorable occasion.

Anthony Betty, Chairman

HELP SAVE THE OTHERY STREET FAYRE

New Committee Volunteers Needed!

The Othery Street Fayre is a highlight of our community calendar, but we need your help to ensure its future.

After 24 years of incredible service (including 7 years as Chairman), Anthony Betty is stepping down to focus on his career and other commitments. Anthony has been an excellent chairman and will be much missed for all his planning skills, including organising and running the bar at the Street Fayre. Eli Busby is also stepping down this year from her role as Treasurer, head of the entertainments team and running the refreshments stall. We owe them both a massive thank you for their years of dedication which have been vital to the event's success and financial health.

Their departures leave massive gaps that we must fill if this wonderful community event is to survive.

The Reality We Face

We urgently need several new committee members to step forward. If we do not find more people to help, especially to take on the role of treasurer and to organise and run the bar, the Street Fayre will not return in 2027.

Attend the Critical Meeting

Your attendance at this meeting is vital to saving the event, please put the date in your diary:

Date: Wednesday 14 October

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Church Room

PLEASE SHOW UP ON 14 OCTOBER AND HELP US SAVE THE FAYRE.

With urgency,

The Othery Street Fayre Committee

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ROOM

A Coffee Morning is held in St Michael's Church Room every Tuesday between 10am and 12 noon. 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 cappuccino and latte so there is something to suit everyone's taste. We also have a selection of homemade 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.

Scilla Tempest



OTHERY BOOK GROUP

***The Other Half of Augusta Hope* by Joanna Glen**

This was one of those rare occasions when all the group enjoyed the book!

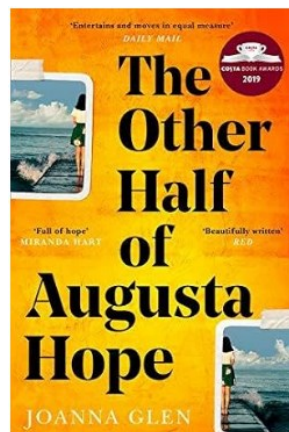
Augusta is an endearing main character, even though she's not always likeable (but then

again, who is?). She is brilliant and curious about the world, loves Burundi despite having never been there, and struggles greatly with life in her small town, despite her deep, deep love for her twin sister Julia. In parallel, the story follows Parfait, a young man from Burundi whose life is very different from Augusta's. When tragedy strikes both of them differently, each will have to work out where they belong.

Overall, this book was fairly engaging to read and definitely had some memorable characters. The group discussed these and our own memories of people we have known who had the same characteristics.

Most members found it a little hard going at the start but as the story developed they loved it and the happy ending was perfect.

Pam Coombes



OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

It's almost time for the Annual Village Hall Barbecue! In case you did not see in June's MOMMS magazine, this year the proceeds from the food and raffle are being donated towards repair costs of the flooring around the play area in the village playing field. 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.

LOOKING AHEAD - SAVE THE DATES!

Looking ahead – save the dates!

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

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

Website: www.OTHERYVILLAGEHALL.ORG.UK

Tel: 07456 653252

ST MARY'S CHURCH

The new pattern of services for Moorlinch, once we have moved to the United Polden Churches benefice, will be:

2nd Sunday - Holy Communion (BCP) at 8.30am 4th Sunday - Team Service at 9.30am

Sunday 13 September: First service of the new benefice, United Polden Churches, in Ashcott at 11am followed by bring and share lunch together.

To check the service rota in the benefice please either contact your churchwarden, check local social media or look on poldenwheel.co.uk and select Services.

UNITED POLDEN CHURCHES

Tuesdays Polden prayer group meets at 10am.

Thursdays Polden bible study. Afternoons.

Details can be found at poldenwheel.co.uk or call the office on 01458 210260

Monday 7 September: Joint PCCs meet at Shapwick church at 7.30pm.

Monday 5 October: Joint PCCs meet at Shapwick church at 7.30pm. Jenny Hollingsworth, Diocesan Secretary to attend.

HARVEST

Village Harvest Supper - Saturday 26 September. Joint event with the Church Hall. More details to follow.

Harvest Celebration - Sunday 4 October at 4pm. Cider, readings, poems, songs etc. More details to follow.

Auction of Harvest Produce - Monday 5 October - 7pm at the Ring O'Bells (by kind permission of Trish and Clive)

JUMBLE SALE – SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

Come and have a rumble through the jumble at the Church Hall on Saturday 31 October from 10am to 12 noon to raise funds towards the installation of a church hearing system.

Pop up café serving refreshments (bacon butties) will be available.

Check local website, village email and Facebook for further details.

Moorlinch CC

REMINDER FROM MOORLINCH CHURCH HALL

Village BBQ on Saturday 5 September plus harvest celebrations later in the month.

Halloween Bingo on Tuesday 27 October; jumble sale on Saturday 31 October; Christmas

Whist on Thursday 17 December. I'm sure more will develop but that seems like great variety so far!! We hope you'll find something you enjoy amongst our events!

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

MOORLINCH PUB QUIZ

Thursday 24 September

We had a good turnout at the July one. The donation went to the charity MIND.

The next quiz date was set for Thursday 24 September and being presented by the 'You Cannot Be Serious' team, who unsuspectingly volunteered.

Where: Ring O' Bells, Moorlinch

When: Thursday 24 September, start at 8pm.

Teams of up to 4 people, £10 per table. Tables need to be booked in advance. Please contact the Ring O' Bells, Moorlinch to book tables and food. Tel. 01458 210358.

Half the proceeds to be the first prize, the other half of the proceeds to charity.

Alex Treacher

Brain
OF
MOORLINCH

**STALL
HOLDERS
WANTED**

FOR

MOORLINCH
Christmas

CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT

SATURDAY
21ST NOVEMBER 2026

11am to 2pm
(SET UP FROM 9AM)

£10
/SMALL PITCH

CONTACT:
jennearace@yahoo.co.uk

STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Tuesdays at 10am Prayer group meets in different churches by rotation. See online Spokes.

Thursdays Polden bible study. Afternoons. Details from Alex.

Tuesday 11 August : Church committee meets at Ruth's at 5pm.

Sunday 6 September: Last service of the MOMSS & G benefice at 4pm at St Francis, Stawell followed by bring and share tea in the village hall. (See page 17)

Monday 7 September: Joint PCCs meet at Shapwick church at 7.30pm.

Sunday 13 September: First service of the new benefice, United Polden Churches, in Ashcott at 11am followed by bring and share lunch together.

Richard Graham, Churchwarden.

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 26 September: Monthly coffee morning meets at Rob and Zoe Judges from 10am till 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 August.

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 in August

Saturday 11 August - Hub Café, 10.30am - 1pm

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

Maxine Hughes, Chairperson



BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS

BENEFICE FINAL SERVICE AND CELEBRATION

The MOMSS benefice (a collection of parishes) comprised originally Middlezoy, Othery, Moorlinch, Stawell and Sutton Mallet churches and was formed in 1981. It was later joined by Greinton. The last service of this benefice is on Sunday 6 September and is being held at St Francis, Stawell at 4pm.

Afterwards there will be a bring-and-share tea in the village hall. All the clergy and Readers and others who have been supportive of us have been invited.

There will be a display of memorabilia and anyone with pictures or text in electronic form can send it to Fiona Hixon at Moorlinch church for inclusion. Alternatively, bring it on the day for display.

Don't forget that the Rev Jane Durham who has been very supportive during the vacancy is doing a sponsored bike ride around the diocese (details on the Wheathill benefice website) to help one of her churches building programme. Money can be donated via our Churchwardens.

Richard Graham



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 published in this magazine and on posters.

UB Churchwardens

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

Open Daily

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

BENEFICE/MIDDLEZOY PRAYER GROUP

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

Every prayer request is treated with confidentiality and respect.

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

The Prayer Group

Sending congratulations to Ben and Carrie Skinner on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary, July 2026

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms:

Jude Peter Paul BUTCHER was baptised at St Michael's Church, Othery on Sunday 26 July by Rev Jane Durham, Assistant Area Dean.

Weddings:

George CROSIER and Tilly SMITH at Holy Cross Church, Middlezoy on Saturday 18 July. Rev. Simon Bale officiated.

Deaths/Funerals:

Denis LEGG, formerly of Othery, died on Thursday 11 June and his funeral was held in St Michael's Church, Othery on Wednesday 8 July.

Alec BUTLER of Othery died on Friday 10 July and his cremation took place at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Friday 17 July.



WHAT WE TREASURE REVEALS WHERE OUR HEART REALLY IS



This month, the Church will mark the feast of St Laurence. If my calculations are correct, there are seven churches dedicated to St Laurence/Lawrence in our Diocese of Bath & Wells, so happy patronal festival to all of them!

We don't know a lot about Laurence, but what we do know is impressive. He was a deacon martyred by the Romans in a particularly violent way, during a time of brutal persecution of Christians.

It's said that the Emperor ordered him to hand over all the treasure of the Church. He refused. But not in the way you might think. When he was asked to gather and display all the treasure of the Church, he called together the poor of the city to pray. And when the soldiers came to collect the treasure, and found only the poorest of the poor, Laurence declared, "These are the treasures of the Church." For that defiance in the face of tyranny, he was killed.

Laurence's worldview was in complete contrast to that of the ruling powers. Where they saw the poor as worthless and to be despised, he saw them as precious. He valued people above possessions in a way the authorities found baffling, maybe even threatening. Jesus famously taught that what we treasure reveals where our heart really is.

In our society there are so many competing demands for our hearts and minds. It can be hard to work out where to place our loyalty. If you were asked to gather all your treasure, I wonder what you'd bring and what that would reveal? If we analysed how we spend our money as individuals, PCCs, and a Diocesan Board of Finance - the body that manages the assets and finances of our diocese - what would that show about our priorities?

Those are provocative questions to ask and tricky to answer. But in an area where St Laurence is so honoured, maybe we should try.

Fiona Gibson, Bishop of Taunton



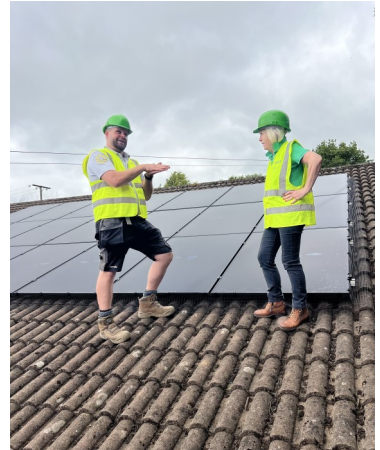
NEWS FROM OUR MPS



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

I'm saddened that this is the last article I'll write for your MOMSS Magazine. Thank you all for allowing me to update you with what's going on locally and in Parliament.

This month, the 'Sunlit Solar' team got me up on a village hall roof while MD Mike explained how the array of solar panels he and his team had installed work,



meaning that for most of the year, the hall uses self-generated electricity and earns income exporting power to the grid - rather than having to pay heating and hot water bills.

In Parliament, I asked for a debate about an extraordinary High Court decision which will allow building on flood plains, filed two amendments to the Health Bill to stop the 'postcode lottery' for patients with ME, and voted for a 'minority report' on the Courts & Tribunals Bill as I disagree with the Government's plans to remove the centuries-old right to a jury trial in many cases.

I've asked Ministers questions about:

- protecting agricultural land to ensure our food security into the future
- speeding up free court transcripts for victims
- contracting newly qualified dentists to work in the NHS for a period of at least three years
- the lack of funds for the Music and Dance Scheme which benefits young people from less privileged backgrounds
- Priddy Folk Festival's supply of water from Bristol Water and its contractor, Aquam.
- repayments of overpaid tax from HMRC which can't be cashed as they're in the wrong name
- quashing convictions for victims of child sex abuse who have been coerced into criminal activity
- the use of shell companies and flags to disguise Russian shadow fleet activities and evade sanctions
- introducing a 'right to be forgotten' to ensure that children's data footprints are destroyed on request
- a local company waiting months to be paid for defence and security work disposing of submarines
- the lack of a special 'rural' mileage allowance for mobility vehicle users who travel great distances to access health and care facilities in rural areas

My most local surgeries are listed below, but please call me for the full list:

Friday 7 August from 6pm to 7pm at The Ring O' Bells, Moorlinch

Saturday 8 August from 9am to 10am at The Bluebird Café, Wedmore

Wednesday 26 August from 5pm to 6pm at The Bird, Westhay

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

Thank you.

Tessa

You can contact me:

Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone outside office hours)

Email: 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



Ashley Fox, MP for Middlezoy and Othery.

I was pleased to welcome the announcement of £50 million of Government funding to improve Somerset's flood resilience. Securing this investment is an important step forward, but it is only the beginning. What matters now is making sure the funding is spent wisely and delivers real protection for the communities that need it most.

Since being elected, I have raised flooding issues with ministers, met with the Floods Minister, the Environment Agency and local representatives, and continued to make the case for greater

investment in Somerset.

It is vital that this investment helps protect vulnerable communities which have experienced repeated flooding challenges. But it must also address less well-known issues, such as the recurring flooding at Combwich, where targeted interventions can make a real difference.

Flood resilience must also be looked at more broadly. We need to review the Environment Agency's trigger points for action, ensure rivers and watercourses are properly maintained, including through dredging where appropriate, and make sure flood mitigation measures delivered through new developments are regularly inspected and maintained. Too often, features such as attenuation ponds and other drainage infrastructure are approved at the planning stage, but their long-term upkeep becomes an afterthought.

However, Somerset Council now has responsibility for deciding how the money is allocated and the funding must be spent within the next two years. That is why I have written to the Leader of Somerset Council asking for a clear delivery plan.

Residents deserve to know which projects will be prioritised, how decisions will be made, when work will begin and how local communities will be involved in shaping the programme. If the funding is not spent within the next two years, Somerset risks having to return it to the Government.

We cannot afford to let that happen, so work must begin without delay.

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

AROUND AND ABOUT BEYOND THE BENEFICE

THE WI - MORE THAN JAM AND JERUSALEM

Think fun and frolics, trips, treats and parties

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



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

WIs near us

Westonzoyland WI

The meeting on Wednesday 12 August is 'Mission Penguin'. An illustrated talk by an adventurer who has scoured the Southern Hemisphere to locate all varieties of Penguin. It'll lower the temperature in this summer weather. Come along and keep cool, you will be most welcome.

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

Gill Wilkinson



MUSIC ON THE LEVELS

Music on the Levels announces details of free concerts in September, October and November 2026 in St Mary's Church, Main Road, Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP.

Concerts start at 3pm and refreshments are available at modest charge from 2.15pm.

Sunday 20 September: Thunderbridge

Nick, Paul, and Jules play bluegrass, Americana, and feel-good all-acoustic music with banjo, guitar, double bass, and close-harmony singing.

Sunday 25 October: Rosafresca

Music from the Renaissance European courts is recreated by period instruments such as vihuela, viola da gamba, recorders and crumhorns.

Sunday 29 November: Joyful Spirit

Supported by its own band, this community choir combines gospel music, such as Deep River and Amazing Grace, with standards like Dancing Queen and Bridge Over Troubled Water.



Arrangements for concerts

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 f.challenger@icloud.com*

USEFUL INFORMATION

FOODBANKS

DONATION POINTS

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

Othery: St Michael's Church Porch.

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

Stawell: The Old Post Office, Stawell

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

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

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

Langport Cares a community support network and response group operating in Langport and Huish Episcopi, Somerset. Based primarily out of the community hub at The Angel, it offers essential welfare aid, a food bank, social companionship and local outreach services for residents in need. Email: langportcares/foodbank@gmail.com

The Glastonbury Community Fridge is organised by the charity Love Glastonbury. It is situated at Town Hall, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury and is open daily 9am - 4pm. Help yourself to food, there is no charge. There are no contact details, other than by Facebook.

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.

How can I access help?
No referrals are needed - just come along

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Fresh food available to all

Open 9am-4pm every day

Restocked daily

Please only take what you can use

Located in front of the town hall

Can't come in person?
Contact us on Facebook for a delivery

COMMUNITY PANTRY

Long-life food if you are in food crisis

Open Wednesday 1-4pm and Saturday 10am-1pm

Choose up to ten items

Voluntary suggested donation £2.50

End of Abbey Mews, Silver Street side

LOVE GLASTONBURY
FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY, WITH LOVE
Registered Charity Number: 1198035

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

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS

The schedules for the MOMSS & G area are:

MIDDLEZOY

Recycling Boxes, every week:

Wednesdays 5, 12, 19, 26 August; Thursday 3, Wednesdays 9, 16, 23, 30 September; 7, 14, 21, 28 October; 4, 11, 18, 25 November; 2, 9, 16, 23, Thursday 31 December.

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:

Wednesdays 12 August; Thursday 3, Mondays 23 September; 14 October; 4, 25 November; 16 December.

Garden Waste Bins, every other week:

Mondays 3, 17 August; Tuesday 1, Mondays 14, 28 September; 12, 26 October; 9, 23 November; 7, 21 December.

OTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week:

Fridays 7, 14, 21, 28 August; Saturday 5, Fridays 11, 18, 25 September; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 October; 6, 13, 20, 27 November; 4, 11, 18 December.

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:

Fridays 21 August; 11 September; 2, 23 October; 13 November; 4 December.

Garden Waste Bins, every other week:

Mondays 3, 17 August; Tuesday 1, Mondays 14, 28 September; 12, 26 October; 9, 23 November; 7, 21 December.

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

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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: 21 August, 18 September; 16 October; 13 November;

11 December.

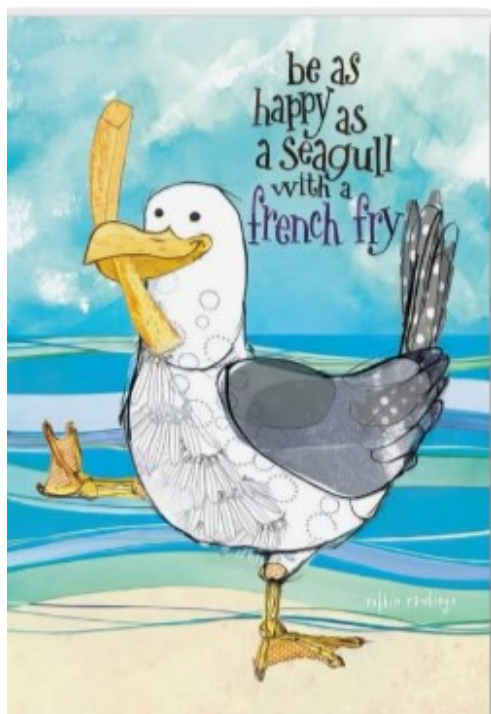
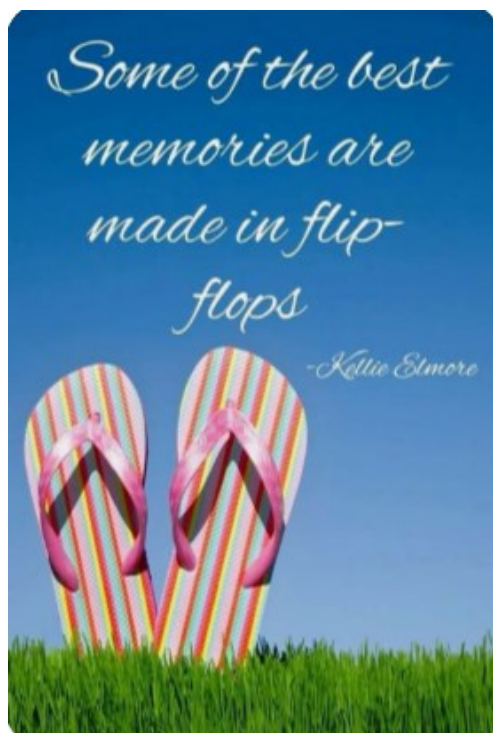
Stawell Village Hall 10.10am - 10.40am

Moorlinch Tapmoor Road Junction 10.55am - 11.15am

Middlezoy Main Road Bus Stop 12.20pm – 12.50pm

For further information about reading books online contact Libraries

Direct on 0300 123 2224 or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries



MOMSS COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

ANGLICAN CHURCH INFORMATION

Priest-in-charge: Vacancy

Contact your village Churchwarden or contact person listed below

United Benefice Readers

Pauline Davies 01278 451280 and Richard Graham 01278 722284

Parish Auxiliary Lay Minister

Ruth Peberdy (Stawell)

Churchwardens

Middlezoy: Ian Campbell 01823 698790

Othery: Anthony Betty 07801 233676

Moorlinch: Fiona Hixon 07767 763628

Stawell: Richard Graham 01278 722284

Sutton Mallet contact: Brian Lishman 01278 722579

Greinton contact: Toby Crispin 01458210277

METHODIST CHAPEL MIDDLEZOY

Minister: Rev Deborah Kirk 01823 334854

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

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

PARISH COUNCILS/MEETINGS

Middlezoy—Chairman: Paul Baker 01823 698082

Othery—Chairman: Andrew Tizzard 01823 690284

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

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

Greinton—Enquiries: Georgie Crispin email: greintonparishsecretary@gamil.com

VILLAGE AMENITIES

Middlezoy: The George Inn 01823 698215;

Shop 01823 587222 open Mon-Fri 8.30 am-1.00pm and 3.00pm-5.00pm

Sat 8.45am-12 noon;

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

Middlezoy Village Hall 07885 195418

Othery: School 01823 698464; Othery Village Hall 01823 690482

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

Stawell & Sutton Mallet: Village Hall 01278 723665

Greinton: Village Hall 01458 210277

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

CRIMESTOPPERS: 8am-10pm Weekdays 0800 555111;

NHS: Tel: 111

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

VILLAGE AGENTS

To contact a Village Agent ring 01823 331222 and they will find the most suitable person to deal with your query. Referrals can also be made via doctors' surgeries.

SERVICES CHART FOR CHAPEL AND UB CHURCHES AUGUST 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
August 2 Sun (9th Sunday after Trinity)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
9 Sun (10th Sunday after Trinity)	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Breakfast Café Joint Worship For All Morning Worship	St Mary's, Moorlinch Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Francis, Stawell
16 Sun (11th Sunday after Trinity)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Michael's, Othery
23 Sun (12th Sunday after Trinity)	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Prayer & Praise Morning Prayer Morning Worship Circuit Communion Service	St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell Methodists Chapel, M'zoy
30 Sun (13th Sunday after Trinity)	10.00 am 5.00 pm	United Benefice Communion Cream Tea, followed by a Songs of Praise celebration	St Mary's, Moorlinch Methodists Chapel, M'zoy
September 6 Sun (14th Sunday after Trinity)	4.00 pm	Final United Benefice Communion service followed by the 6 parishes Bring and Share Tea	St Francis, Stawell Stawell Village Hall

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

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
August 2 Sun	9th Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 32, verses 22 to 31 Psalm: 17, verses 1 to 7 Epistle: Romans., chapter 9, verses 1 to 5 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 14, verses 13 to 21
9 Sun	10th Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 37, verses 1 to 4 and 12 to 28 Psalm: 105, verses 1 to 10 Epistle: Romans, chapter 10, verses 5 to 15 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 14, verses 22 to 33
16 Sun	11th Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 45, verses 1 to 15 Psalm: 133 Epistle: Romans, chapter 11, verses 1 to 2a and 29 to 32 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 15, verses 10 to 28
23 Sun	12th Sunday after Trinity	OT: Exodus, chapter 1, verse 8 to chapter 2 verse 10 Psalm: Psalm 124 Epistle: Romans, chapter 12, verses 1 to 8 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 16, verses 13 to 20
30 Sun	13th Sunday after Trinity	OT: Exodus, chapter 3, verse 1 to 15 Psalm: 105, verses 1 to 6, 23 to 26 and 45b Epistle: Romans, chapter 12, verses 9 to 21 (the end) Gospel: Matthew, chapter 16, verses 21 to 28 (the end)