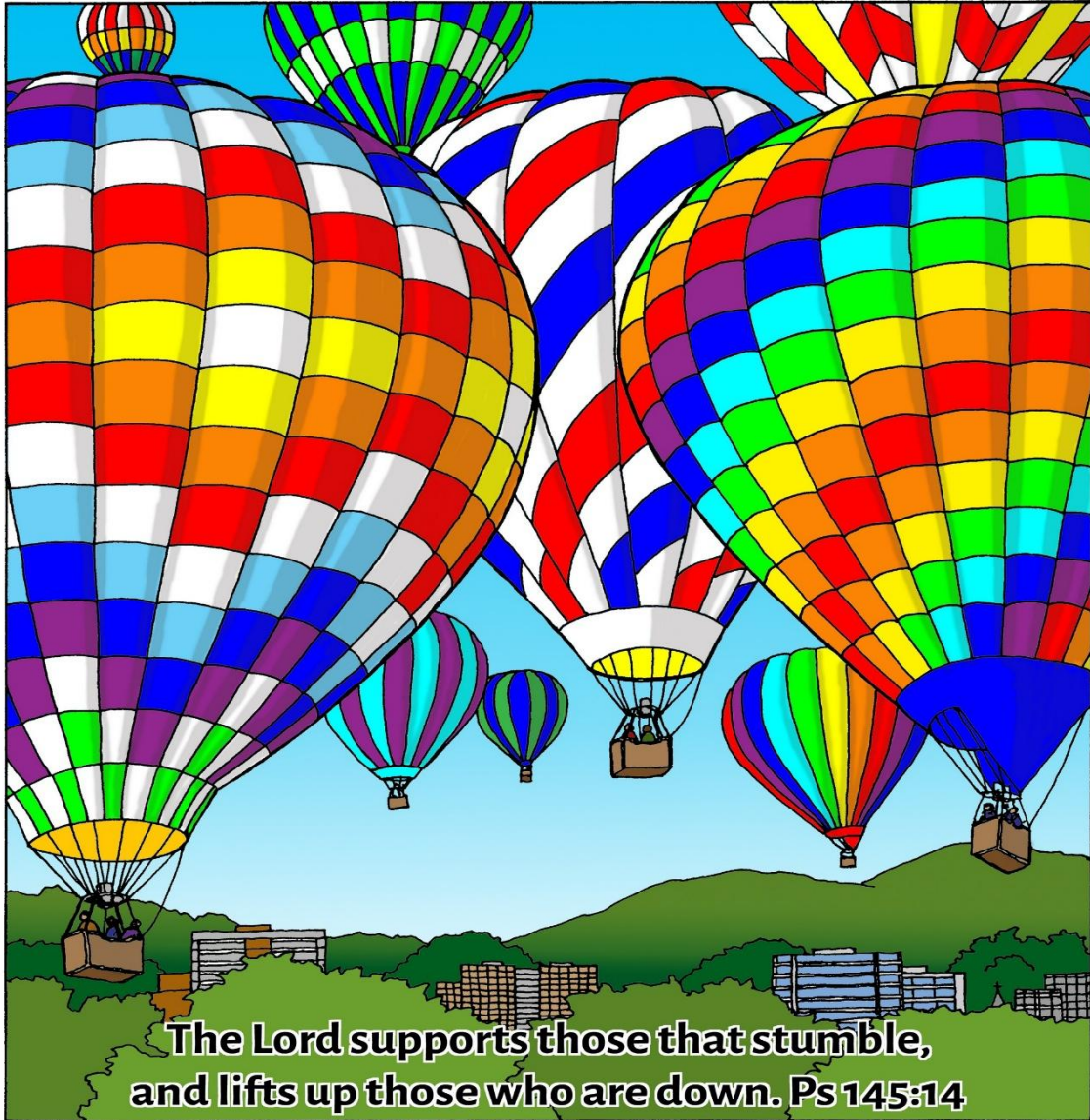


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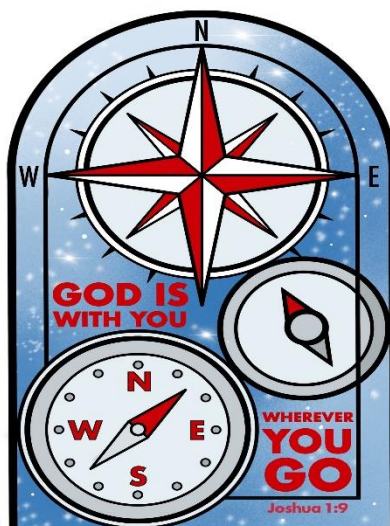
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A Reminder

**For all who are travelling
near or far**

or those staying at home

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WHEREVER YOU GO**



FROM THE TEMPORARY VICAR

What's your favourite summer sporting event? I've had a few conversations with people in the last few weeks about lots of different events, notably the FIFA men's world cup, and as I write this the nation is waking up to a 3-2 victory over Mexico (or perhaps, some are just going to bed



after a night of partying). The tennis courts of Wimbledon have come to life and sales of strawberries and cream are rocketing. The Silverstone Grand Prix was last weekend and at least one of the ministers from the church was in attendance (I'm not at all jealous). My own personal favourite is the Tour De France and I'm looking forward to 3 weeks of glorious racing and already the pundits are wondering whether it's Tadej Pogačar's 5th victory or whether Jonas Vingegaard can beat him to it this time. If you're interested, I'm thinking Pogačar for the win.

What sort of sports supporter are you? Are you a passive type, who might politely applaud a piece of good play, someone who scoffs at poor umpiring, or are you one of those who shouts advice at the screen? I remember watching a World Cup game with my eldest child who was about 4 at the time, suddenly he yelled "Get the ball and kick it in the net!". If only it was that simple, but it was certainly a proud moment for me as a parent.

One thing that's really noticeable is the scale of encouragement people have for their national teams. Watching the Mexicans in the mighty Azteca Stadium whenever their team got the ball was phenomenal. Watching many, many thousands of orange clad Dutch supporters dancing in the streets was just brilliant and brings me back to the thoughts of encouragement.

The Bible has some fabulous examples, and advice about encouraging although none of it involves wearing an orange shirt. St Barnabas is one of my encouraging champions. According to Acts 4, his actual name was Joseph, but he was so good at supporting others that he was more commonly known by his nickname "Barnabas" which means "The encourager". In Acts 9, he bravely chose to meet with Paul who had previously persecuted the Christians, and encouraged him in his faith. In Acts 11, Barnabas was the person chosen to help the new Church in Antioch. Barnabas was the person who would be willing to inconvenience himself to encourage others. What a good guy!

How do we encourage others? Do we wear a team shirt and prance around singing songs (no judgement from me if you do). I think one of the greatest ways in a community such as West Moors to encourage others is to simply be a presence. There's always lots going on, but it's brilliant when I see people turning up, just to be

a supporter. Hebrews 10:25-26 reminds us to “consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another”. It’s a great reminder to us all that we should aim to come together regularly and often to encourage each other in life and faith and not fall for the trap of coming only when we’re doing something, or when we feel like it.



So, whether a Sunday morning is your favourite part of the week or you occasionally find yourself wondering if it is quite your thing, simply being there matters more than you might realize. Just like those fans cheering in the stands, we do not just show up for our own entertainment; we show up for those we love and the people around us.

And also, come on England!

Rev Jeff

Liberty Grace Duckhouse will be baptized

**on Saturday 15th August
at 1pm
at St Mary's**

**Everyone is welcome to join us for
the service
and for some celebratory fizz and
cake afterwards!**



Summer Fun Day at Westival

– took place on Saturday the 11th July. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us, either with the tombola or the Bring and Buy. We had nearly 100 prizes. Many thanks to everyone who generously donated good quality prizes beforehand. A big thank you to our helpers on the day who worked in extremely hot conditions (again same as last year!). Special thanks to Stuart and Nick who helped with delivering and putting up the gazebo and bringing tables for us. We raised the grand total of £230.40. (£178.60 on the tombola and £51.80 on the bric a brac).



Our next fundraising event:- Wimborne Minster Coffee Morning (for the Minster House Boxes) is on Saturday 26th September 2026 - 10.00am – 12.00 midday. at Church House, Wimborne, with our usual stalls:- refreshments, raffle, bring & buy, cards and cakes. Your support before hand with any raffle prizes, bring and buy or cakes would be appreciated. If you are able to come and support us on the day that would be terrific.

Excerpt from a letter Geraldine received from The Children's Society Head Office after the RHS Chelsea Flower Show:-

"We were honoured by the support shown throughout the week including from our ambassadors and visitors such as Deborah Meaden, Anna Maxwell Martin, Zoe Ball and more. We were also privileged to welcome our Patron HRH The Duchess of Gloucester and Her Majesty The Queen.

Our garden generated over 90 pieces of National and International media coverage including features across the BBC as well as National press including The Times and The Guardian. Highlights included multiple features across the BBC Chelsea Flower Show coverage including a primetime evening segment with Monty Don, BBC News and Newsround interviews and appearances on BBC Breakfast.

The widespread coverage helped shine a spotlight on the urgent issue of young people's mental wellbeing in the UK, reaching audiences across the country and beyond and amplifying the voices of the young people who helped share the garden.

**O God, whose face is seen in those who ware unprotected,
search out the children who run away from home,
fearful, suspicious, and facing dangers they do not understand.
Guide them with your hand out of the way of harm,
and from the cover of the dark bring them to hope and safety.
Amen.**

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FUTURE EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

Karen Short

Harvest buffet Lunch – 04th October after the 10am Service.

Fund Raising:

BARN DANCE - Saturday 12th September in West Moors Memorial Hall.

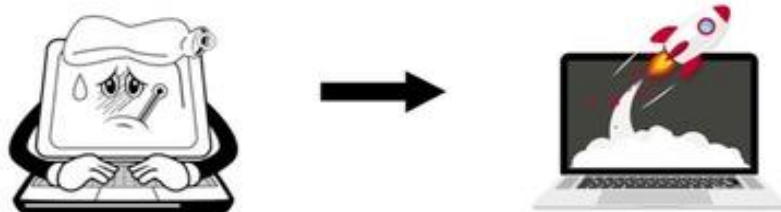
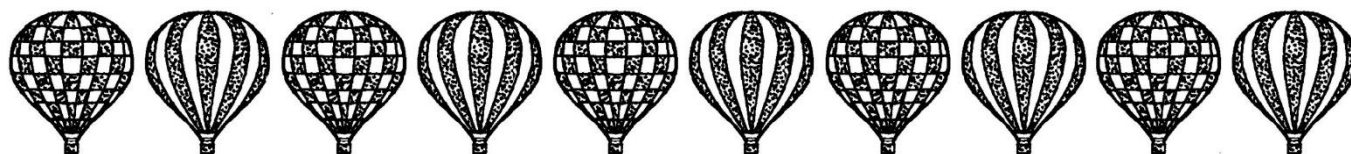
Tickets £15. Bring your own food and drink. Contact Stuart for further details.

TWO TOGETHER TALK ON DYLAN THOMAS -Saturday 31st October.

An entertaining talk on the life and work of the great poet; learn about his local connections told in words, music and pictures.

BINGO – Friday 13th November

If you have any ideas for events or fundraising, please speak to a member of the events committee so they can be discussed at the next meeting: Karen Short (Chair), Stuart Stebbing, Jan Cribben, Caryl Longland, Debbie Brown, Julie Hardman, or Steve Yeats.



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THE DISABILITY POLICY FOR ST MARY'S WEST MOORS

The 3rd and final instalment of what our PCC agreed. We've looked at who we are and what we believe. Then at our aims, all regarding disability, of course. This article looks at more practical concerns.



Practical concerns, we aim to:

- **Ensure** that assistance dogs will be permitted to all activities when requested and to provide a drinking water bowl.
- **Ensure** that all church activities, are held in fully accessible locations.
- **Where possible** have free movement around the building for someone to independently use a wheelchair or other aids as needed.
- **Gathering together** :Holy Communion: We will consider those with disabilities and consult them about preferences. -> Always ask. Never assume.
- **Provide Large print** service and hymn books at all services.
- **Provide a loop system** at **all** services/events. Maintain and annually have equipment checked.
- **Ensure** all meetings are held in accessible locations. All material for meetings should be available in large print.
- **Publish** our disability facilities on external notice boards, printed matter, church websites and any other media used, so that people know what facilities are available and that they will be made welcome.
- **Review** our activities on a regular basis ensuring our policy is working in practice; that people with disabilities have the opportunities to participate fully and monitor changing needs.
- **Do** regular access and facility audits of our buildings and implement recommendations as soon as possible. This audit will also be reviewed during the quinquennial Inspection process and whenever making plans for alterations to our buildings.

Any queries, contact **Revd Lynne**



MU theme for 2026 – “Join US and JOIN IN”.

Meeting on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Church Hall.

Dates for the Diary.

Strawberry and Cream Tea - **Saturday August 8th** at 2.30 pm in the garden of 3 Ashurst Rd.

September 16th at 11am in the Church Hall. A meeting and lunch for those wishing to be involved with World Day of Prayer next year on Friday March 5th 2027.

Our next MU meeting on September 21st at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. The speaker will be Lydia Butler speaking about her work with the ‘ John Lewis Foundation’

Saturday October 17th, Autumn Gathering to be held at Woodford Valley Village Hall Salisbury.

Frequently I see items on the news of women in their 80's and 90's doing amazing things running marathons, sky diving and whipping down zip wires and I feel a bit inadequate having done nothing so dramatic or noteworthy.

Then the other day I was reading a paperback, pure fiction, but it told of a young man who was feeling as I did. He happened to meet a nun, Sister Emily, and he expressed these feelings.

She said that people feel their lives must be dramatic and successful to achieve anything important but think of Jesus Christ.

He was born in a stable, not a very inspiring beginning, despite the rumours of wise men and angels. And then nothing heard of him for 12 years. Next we hear briefly that he ran away from his parents on a visit to Jerusalem and they find him showing off in the Temple. Another silence for 18yrs. Then this 30year old man appears. No money, no property, no transport, no job, rather odd friends, itinerant fishermen, tax collectors and ladies of dubious reputation. He is rude to his mother at Cana, he loses his temper with spectacular violence in the Temple and finally dies a criminal death, and all in 3 short years.

Yet here we are talking about him more than 2000 years later.

And loving him.

So it depends, you see on what you mean by, ‘I haven't done a lot in my life’. The nun imagined Jesus to be young, tough, and charismatic, leading people forward, making them think. She felt he would have made a good barrister.

As I said, this was from a book of fiction and I hope I haven't offended anyone with this précis of the life of Jesus.

God of mercy and love, we come before You

seeking peace and reconciliation.

Heal the wounds of division

within our hearts, families, and communities.

Teach us to forgive as You forgive,

to speak with kindness, and to listen with compassion.

May Your spirit guide leaders towards justice and unity among nations.

Calm our anxious thoughts and renew our spirits

with Your peace that surpasses all understanding.

Help us to become instruments of Your love,

building bridges where walls have stood.

May Your light shine through us,

bringing healing, hope, and harmony to a hurting world.

In Your name, we pray. Amen.

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He says: “I started messing around with AI. I began with some memory verses and was blown away with how it worked with the words,” he said. “I felt it was a calling from God.”

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West Moors Horticultural Society Illustrated Talk.

Monday 14th September 2.30pm to 4pm: "If you go down to the woods today!" by Brian Pettit.

Admission and refreshments free to members.

Non-members admission £3. Annual membership £5.00.

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SUMMER SHOW

CHILDREN'S SECTION

SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST, 2026

1.
A display of
Summer Flowers/
foliage in
a jam jar.



2.
A flower you
have grown,
with a picture
of you
growing it.



3.
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or drawing of
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ORDINARY - BUT CHALLENGING

Thomas Smith, Leysian Missioner at Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission in London

In the church year, we are now well into that long season - it seems to go on forever - variously called 'Trinity' or 'Ordinary time'. Each of those labels tells us something about the approximately six months between Pentecost and Advent Sunday.

'Trinity' reminds us that with Pentecost, God has made

Himself known to us in all His fullness (or at least as much as we can bear) as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 'Ordinary time' tells us that this is the season where, now armed with the insights and power of the Holy Spirit, we can revisit the life of Jesus with new eyes, new heart, see new things in the faith, see new opportunities to serve God.

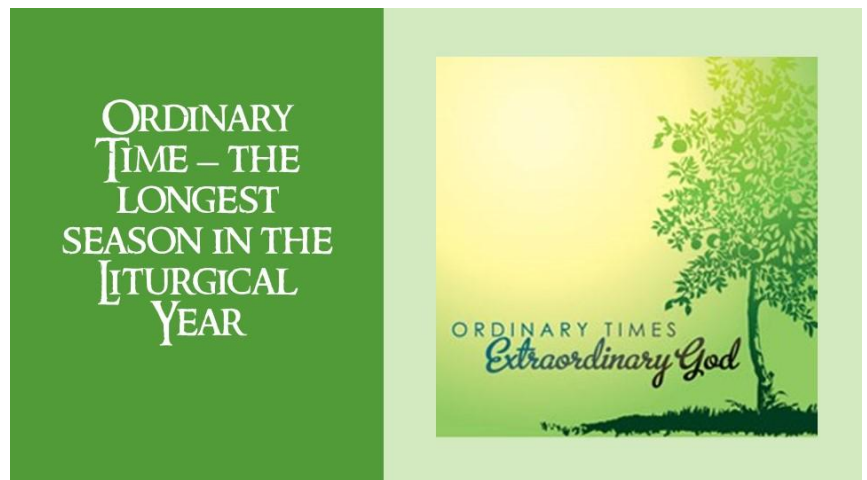
This is the time when those words of Jesus (John 15:15) 'I have made known to you *everything* I have learned from the Father' come into play. It may seem a long season, it may feel like the drudgery of 'Keep on keeping on' without the excitement of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost to lift our spirits, but it is ordinary time charged with the knowledge that we have *everything* we need in the resources of God. The love of the Father, the words and works of the Son, the power of the Spirit will energise us as we 'keep on keeping on' through this long season.

This long season up to the end of November is a reminder that working out our love for God in our community is probably more about perspiration than inspiration. Few are called to be heroes of the faith, but all are called to faithfulness, and somehow or other, with the transforming power of the Spirit, we are all able to keep on keeping on, doing little things with great love.

Here's a lovely prayer which captures some of the mindset of the Trinity season/Ordinary time; it may help you 'keep on keeping on' through the months ahead;

*Let not our soul be busy inns that have not room for Thee and Thine,
but quiet homes of prayer and praise where Thou mayest find fit company;
where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away,
and wide sweet space is kept for thee.*

Amen to that. Ordinary - but challenging!



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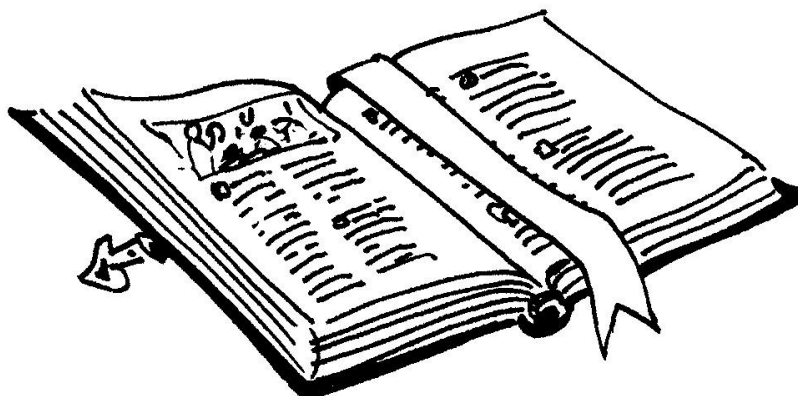
August and September

August

	1 st	2 nd	Gospel
Sunday 2nd	Genesis 32:22-31	Romans 9: 1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
Wed 5 th	1 Kings 19: 4-8		John 6 : 24-35
Sunday 9th	Genesis 37;1-4, 12-28	Romans 10: 5-15	Matthew 14: 22-33
Wed 12th	1 Kings 19:9,11-13		Matthew 14: 22-33
Sunday 16 th	Genesis 45:1-15	Romans 11 1 - 2a,29-32	Matthew 15 10-20 21-28
Wed 19th	Proverbs 9 :1-6		John 6 : 51-58
Sunday 23rd	Exodus 1: 8-2:10	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
Wed 26 th	Isaiah: 22:19-23		Matthew 16: 13-19
Sunday 30 th	Exodus 3: 1-15	Romans 12: 9-21	Matthew 16: 21-18

September

Date	1	2	Gospel
Wed 2nd	1 Corinthians 3:1-9		Luke 4:38-44
Sunday 6 th	Exodus 12; 1-14	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
Wed 9th	1 Corinth 7:25-31		Luke 6: 20-26
Sunday 13th	Exodus 14:19-31	Romans 14: 1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
Wed 16th	1 Corinth 12:31-13:13		Luke 7:31-35
Sunday 20th	Exodus 16: 2-15	Phillippians: 1:21-30	Matthew 20: 1-16
Wed 23rd	Proverbs 30: 5-9		Luke 9: 1-6
Sunday 27th	Exodus 17: 1-7	Phillippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21: 23-32
Wed 30th	Job 9: 1-12, 14-16		-Luke 9: 57-62





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We would like to say a big thank you to our school community, and we look forward to doing it all again next year!

FROM THE SIDELINES at ST MARY'S

Louise Collins, Stuart Stebbing

Church Wardens

Debbie Brown, Paul Brealey, Christine Nutland

Assistant Wardens



Loving God, Loving West Moors

Since the last magazine articles we have shared joy and happiness in church. The heatwaves have undoubtedly raised awareness how to manage with high temperatures whilst remaining composed. We start with a joyous occasion, a wedding in church! And the happy couple walked out of church with the bell ringing out. A sad occasion was the loss of a very dear longstanding member of church, Jean Samson. A large turnout of mourners filled the church on one of the hottest days of summer. Jean is now re-united with her husband in the tender loving kingdom of heaven. St Mary's is well known for its social events, more importantly those with food! We have three regular monthly occasions: Tea @3 with the customary quiz on the second Thursday. Saturday Community Breakfast on the third week and In-between services on the fourth week. Noticeably Tea&3 and Saturday breakfast draw more people from the local community. Interestingly people walk into church before going into the hall so they can feel the loving feeling of our church. Come and join us people are friendly and the food sublime!

The Pet Blessing Service has been re arranged to Saturday 25th July at 3pm in Fryer Field near the Pavilion. Do you have a pet or know of a friend or extended family who would come along? It is a 30 minute service, blessed by Rev Jeff. Refreshments available afterwards.

Rev Jeff will be taking a well-earned break for the larger part of August. The mid week and Sunday services will continue with our clergy. The church wardens, Louise and Stuart are available for general enquiries. Contact details are in the magazines and website.

The Mothers' Union are having a cream tea Saturday 8th August at 3, Ashurst Road commencing 3pm. All are welcome.

Revs Lizzie and Sam Duckhouse will be celebrating the baptism of Liberty Grace in church 1pm Saturday 15th August officiated by Bishop Karen. All are welcome, refreshments will be in the hall afterwards.

We are bringing back the Barn Dance in the Memorial Hall September 12th at 7.30pm. The Old Pull and Push live band are back to entertain and guide us through their dance routines. A joyous time. Please bring your own refreshments. We will have a raffle, anyone who can donate a prize will be appreciated. Tickets go on sale from 2nd August in church after 8 and 10 am services - please see Stuart. Dixon Kelley and online ticket sales will start 3rd August.

The church roof repairs are delayed due to the hot weather. Our contractor will be starting in August. The necessary Health & Safety procedures will be in place.

Enjoy your summer break with friends and family. Take care out in the hot conditions
Stay safe.

Blessings; Loving God Loving West Moors

Stuart

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